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### Mark your Calendar

#### April 14

6:30p Women's Bible Study

#### April 17

7:30a UMM Breakfast  
12:00p Spaghetti Luncheon  
Fundraiser for El Salvador  
*Jubilation Conference Begins*

#### April 18

6:00p Holy Yoga

#### April 19

6:30p Disciple IV Bible Study

#### April 20

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday

#### April 21

12:00p WEOs Potluck  
1:30p Grief Group  
6:30p Women's Bible Study

#### April 22

*Newsletter Articles Due*

#### April 24

12:15p Mission Prayer Team Mtg  
4:00p Sunday Funday  
7:00p Administrative Board Mtg

#### April 25

6:00p Holy Yoga

# Central News

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## *To My CUMC Family about our Building Campaign*

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter to you about our building campaign. I ended it with the words "**Central always comes through.**" I have said that before and have always found it to be true, Central does come through. Recently I talked to Pastor Dale about the Building Campaign fundraising effort and he told me that we have raised about \$205,000 from 43 pledges, which is approximately 55% of our goal. To be totally honest, my heart sank. I thought our full goal would be reached with no problem, but I was wrong. While I am truly appreciative of the support that has been given, it does fall short of being able to build the building that would more completely meet our current as well as future needs. Listed below is what I feel could be possible reasons that we have come up short.

1) Some people could have thought "**\$375,000 is much less than the goals we had in the past, so I'm sure they can raise that much without me,**" or, "**They can raise that much with a lot less than I gave last time.**" Well, now you know the numbers. We do in fact need your help. **We have attained over 80% of our goal, we are oh so close!** We can do this if everybody pitches in! No amount is too small! Even \$27.77 per month would equal a pledge of \$1000.

2) Some could have thought "**We are fine where we are, we don't need the space, it's just not necessary.**" Well, ask Danny how this new building would benefit the Youth Ministry. Ask me or the pastors to explain the vision. We are outgrowing our facilities and our ministries are being limited. Better to plan and build now for the future, the CUMC of 2025 and 2035. We are called to bear fruit and grow, not stay the same.

3) Some could have thought "**Where did this new building program come from?**" If you are fairly new to Central this could be a possibility. To make a long story short, this is not new. We have been hard at work on this program ever since 2005. The Family Life Center was and always has been the centerpiece of the project we began with Pastor Lockerby back in 2005, finally it is now time to add this remaining piece, **but unless we are able to raise some additional funds, it will not contain the expanded youth facilities nor will it be connected to our current building.** Those features will have to be added sometime in the future. If we wait to finish the entire plan in two steps instead of one, it will certainly end up costing more. Let's have the faith to move forward in one step!

**Central always comes through! Together, we can do this!**

Joe Hester, Chair, Administrative Board



## It's Sunday Funday Time!

**Our Spring Sunday Funday will be held on April 24th!**

**4:00p Fun & Fellowship:** Come spread the love by making butterflies for Spirit FM's Project, "Butterfly Hugs." Spirit FM will send the butterflies made by adults and children to encourage cancer patients across VA, NC and WVA. Also, plant a flower to keep for yourself or share with a friend. These activities are a great way for church members of all ages to connect with your church family and share God's love with those in the community.

**5:15p Potluck dinner:** Bring your favorite spring dish to share!  
(Warmer available for those who come for Fun & Fellowship at 4:00)

**6:00p Family Worship**

Following worship, join us for a **Dessert Fellowship and Bake-Off.** Along with your dish for the Potluck, bring along a dessert to enter in our first ever CUMC Bake-Off! Everyone will have a chance to taste and vote for their favorite dessert, with a special prize for the winner crafted by your very own church staff - you won't want to miss it!



# Upcoming Events

## El Salvador Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Our El Salvador Mission Team will host a Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser after the 11:00a worship on Sunday, April 17th as they continue to raise funds for their trip in July. Donations will be accepted, take-out plates will be available. Please come support our mission team!

## Building Campaign Question & Answer Sessions

Q&A's will be held after each service on Sunday April 17 in the New Room. Building Committee representatives will be present to answer any questions you might have about our building campaign.

## Upcoming Meetings

If you serve on the following committees or teams, please make note of the upcoming meetings:

- **Mission Prayer Team**, Sunday, April 24th at 12:15p
- **Administrative Board**, Sunday, April 24th at 7:00p
- **Mission Team**, Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00p
- **Evangelism Team**, Monday, May 9th at 7:00p

## WEOs

WEOs will gather April 21st at 12:00p for a potluck meal and a surprise program by Alice Armentrout and Danny Nettleton. Hope to see you there.

## UMM

The UMM monthly breakfast will be held April 17th at 7:30a. Dr. Ken Gray will be our guest speaker. The program is "Changes in the Orthopedic Field." All men of the church are invited to attend.

## Care Shepherds

There will be no Care Shepherds meeting on the 17th of April. See Gayle with questions!

# Giving Thanks

Betsey and I chose the right church! We returned to CUMC at a time when Betsey needed support for her cancer fight. Then, I appreciated the support when she was gone. Recently, my leg operation required being confined to my apartment for six weeks, and the prayers, food, love, and visits made that tolerable.

CUMC has been a Godsend for us, and I can't begin to express my gratitude for everyone who helped my recovery and cared! - Bob Thomas

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On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee we would like to thank everyone who contributed money toward the purchase of a laptop computer for Wendy Martin, Central Children's Coordinator. Your gracious donations will help Wendy as she continues to develop and expand this very important ministry of our church! As always, your willingness to help the children of this church and community are greatly appreciated.

- Darrell Fisher SPPR Chair

## OPERATING BUDGET

	3/27/16	4/3/16	4/10/16
Needed YTD	\$126,395	\$136,118	\$145,841
Received YTD	\$126,061	\$140,535	\$148,153
Building Fund	\$350	\$600	\$500
Designated Gifts	\$1,015	\$401	\$828
Received Sunday	\$4,924	\$14,473	\$7,617

## ATTENDANCE

	3/27/16	4/3/16	4/10/16
Morning Worship	128	98	122
Sunday School	163	142	173
Traditional Worship	236	124	144
U-Nite	-	-	64
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>330</b>

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Nursery, Sunday April 17

TBD

Angie Hill, Mary Simms

### Nursery, Sunday April 24

Justin & Amy Price

Linda Lawson, TBD

### Meet and Greet, Sunday April 17

Pairs & Spares/New Spirit

### Meet and Greet, Sunday April 24

Spirit Seekers

### Van Driver - April

Roger Hollins

## PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant

Pat Yanhko

Della Patterson

Margaret Hammond

Emma Brown

Kathleen Ratcliffe

Horton Family

Graham & Jenny

Simmerman

Marcy Harless

Woods Family

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ryan Haynes - California

Kerry Keys - South Korea

Jeffrey Kincaid - Hawaii

Elizabeth Venegas - North Carolina

# Notable Notes

## Preschool Fundraiser

Thank you for everyone who has tied their Kroger cards to Central Preschool. Each time the card is used, the preschool received a percentage of your total bill. If you have not enrolled in the Community Rewards program for the Preschool, you can do so by visiting [Kroger.com/communityrewards](http://Kroger.com/communityrewards) and clicking on "Enroll." Our organization number is 88763. If you have questions about how to enroll, call the Preschool at 731-1871 or Martha Kincaid.

## Lost & Found

Please check the lost and found outside of the Church Office! Items not claimed this month will be donated.

## Cub Scout Project for the Women's Resource Center

Our Cub Scout troop's current service project is collecting food, toiletry, and other items for the NRV Women's Resource Center. You can help the Scouts with this project by placing donated items in the box outside the Church Office through April 19. A full list of suggested donations can be found at the Church Office or on the WRC website. There is a particular need for laundry detergent at this time. Thank you for your support of our Scouts!

## Project Crossroads Mission Trip

The time for our Spring mission trip is quickly approaching! Project Crossroads in Marion, Virginia, is a mission serving the needs of God's children through home repair, new home construction, firewood delivery, emergency assistance, medical care and an opportunity for the faithful witness of Christ's presence through love in action. There is always something that you can do! We need carpenters, cooks, laborers, etc. No experience needed, just the willingness to serve God's people. Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and service! Our adult mission trip, scheduled for **May 15-20**, will most likely involve home repair or handicap ramps of some kind. We will go to Marion late Sunday, on May 15. Others may join us later if they can only work a partial week or a day or two. The only expense is covering the cost of food (\$10/day or \$50 for the week) and we will even cover that if it is a problem. Contact Jerry Krebs or Pastor Don if you are interested. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating. This will help in planning and coordination with the staff at Project Crossroads.