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Mark your Calendar

April 29-30

Youth 30-Hour Famine

May 1

6:00p Junior High Youth Group
6:30p Senior High Youth Group

May 2

6:00p Holy Yoga

May 3

6:30p Disciple IV Bible Study
7:00p Building Committee Meeting
8:00p Mission Team Meeting

May 4

7:00p All-Choirs Concert

May 5

1:30p Grief Group
6:30p Women's Bible Study

May 6

Newsletter Articles Due

May 8

6:00p Junior High Youth Group
6:30p Senior High Youth Group

May 9

6:00p Holy Yoga
7:00p Evangelism Team Meeting

May 10

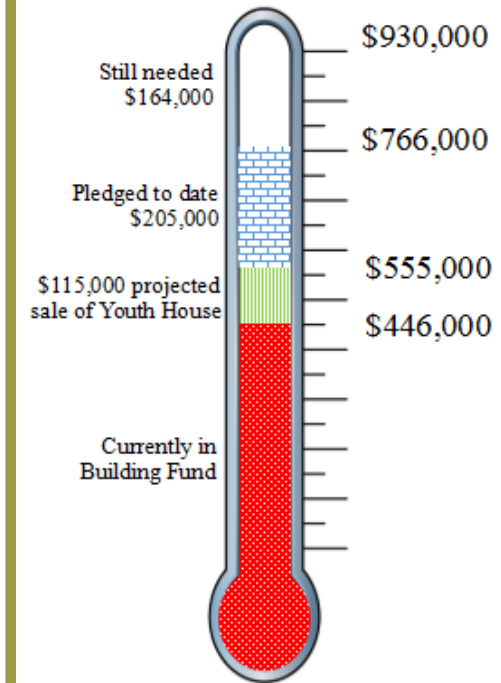
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7:00p El Salvador Team Meeting

Central News

Central United Methodist Church

Building Campaign Update

GOAL!



We all know there are many churches whose membership is in decline. As a Gideon, I get to visit lots of churches and I have seen many in this situation. If you look around the sanctuary of these churches on a Sunday morning, all you see is older folks. There are few if any young people there. These churches are literally dying as more and more senior members pass on as the years go by. There could be other possibilities, but I think the main reason so many churches are in this situation is that years ago they chose not to give priority to children, youth, and young families. They chose to "keep what we have" and not build with a vision for the future. Central is at a point

now where we need to decide about our future and God's kingdom in Radford. I hope you will help us build for a prosperous future by sending in your blue pledge card during April. It is always the sacrifices of the past that provide for the future. Please call or email me if you have questions about our building campaign.

- Joe Hester jhesterradford@yahoo.com

New Building/Impact on Scouting - from Holly Moore

I am the Cubmaster of Pack 244, which meets here at Central. Cub Scouting is an important outreach of the church. We are making an impact in these boys' lives. How would the new building benefit us? Currently, we hold our monthly Pack meetings in Fellowship Hall, and twice-a-month den meetings in classrooms downstairs. We have activities and games at our meetings. Sometimes, we finish early and there isn't a place currently where rowdy boys can work off some crazies. We don't want to cause disruption to classes in other rooms. We also want to "DO OUR BEST" to respect the building and not run in the halls. We often can't use the playground because the older boys are too big, and sometimes weather prevents outdoor play. So the addition of an enclosed gym would be really fabulous for us!

Please think of us when you consider the ways this new building would benefit Central.

Central United Methodist
presents a

Spring Concert

May 4, 2016

7:00pm

Join us for an evening of music from
our choirs, Praise Team, and other
talented members at Central!



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Meetings

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

- **Building Committee**, Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00p
- **Mission Team**, Tuesday, May 3rd at 8:00p
- **Evangelism Team**, Monday, May 9th at 7:00p
- **El Salvador Team**, Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00p
- **Administrative Board (RESCHEDULED)**, Sunday May 15th at 4:00p

Project Crossroads Mission Trip

The time for our Spring mission trip is quickly approaching! No experience needed, just the willingness to serve God's people. Join us for our adult mission trip **May 15-20**, which 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.

UMM

United Methodist Men will gather at their new meeting time, Monday, May 16th at 6:30p for a cookout at the Church. All men are welcome to attend. A program by Dr. Judy will follow the meal.

Walk for El Salvador Fundraiser

The El Salvador Team is hosting a Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, May 14th to raise money for their July mission trip. The walk/run is approximately 2 miles, and begins and ends at Central. The event begins at 10:00a, registration will start at 9:30a. Registration cost is \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a couple, and \$20 for a family. You can pre-register with a team member at Central after services the next two Sundays.

You can see these and all upcoming events at Central by visiting the calendar on our website:
www.CUMCRadford.org/church-calendar.html

Children & Youth



VBS is June 12-16, 2016

Mark your calendars and get ready for Deep Sea Discovery - where kids will know that God is always with them!

Register at CUMC beginning May 1st!

What The Youth Are Up To...

This month, Youth are collecting donations for 30-Hour Famine, a ministry of World Vision, which raises money to combat global hunger. This is one of my favorite events of the year because it gives students the chance to learn about how the rest of the world lives while making a real difference. Since our Youth Group started doing the Famine, we've raised over \$16,000. That's over 50 children fed, clothed, and supported for an entire year. That's a real impact! During the Famine, the youth will be fasting for 30 hours. This helps them experience a fraction of what people who are malnourished go through every day. As a youth pastor, it is always satisfying to see the empathy that develops in our teens throughout this amazing weekend. I believe this empathy will motivate our youth to be life-long advocates for "the least of these." Please pray for our group as they participate in this event April 29-30, and consider donating to this cause. Donations will be accepted through May 8th.

Your Youth Pastor too, Danny

OPERATING BUDGET

	4/17/16	4/24/16
Needed YTD	\$155,563	\$165,286
Received YTD	\$157,144	\$163,894
Building Fund	\$122	\$3,478
Designated Gifts	\$12,288	\$450
Received Sunday	\$8,991	\$6,750

ATTENDANCE

	4/17/16	4/24/16
Morning Worship	112	105
Sunday School	156	147
Traditional Worship	188	136
Sunday Funday	-	49
Total Worship	300	290

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday May 1
 Laci & Jenna Carroll
 Keith & Kari Fender
Nursery, Sunday May 8
 Matthew & Suzanne Saunders
 Lisa & Jessica Ninnis
Meet and Greet, Sunday May 1
 Choir
Meet and Greet, Sunday May 8
 Pathfinders
Van Driver - May
 Roger Hollins

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Horton Family
Pat Yanhko	Marcy Harless
Della Patterson	Woods Family
Margaret Hammond	Graham & Jenny
Emma Brown	Simmerman
Kathleen Ratcliffe	Johnny Crews van
Helen Shelor	Kamp

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ryan Haynes - California
 Kerry Keys - South Korea
 Jeffrey Kincaid - Hawaii
 Elizabeth Venegas - North Carolina

Giving Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards, get well cards, and especially your prayers while I was in rehab. Your continued love and support along with my family's has gotten me through this and for that I am forever grateful.

I am very blessed to be a member of such a caring church. May God bless each and every one of you with His love and grace. - Margaret Hammond

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Thank you to the people who came to help with sprucing up the flowerbeds.

Many hands make the work so much easier!

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Another year of Wonderful Wednesday is on the books! We had a great semester learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. Thanks to everyone who supported the program, and a special thank you to our weekly volunteers.

Without you this program could not succeed.

Ready or not, here comes Vacation Bible School!

Notable Notes

Recognizing Graduates

If you have a High School, College, or other graduate in your family, please send the following information to the church office ASAP: Name, school graduating from, future plans and picture if available.

Food Pantry Needs

Our food pantry is getting low! We are in need of all items except for corn. We would especially appreciate canned meats, soups, pastas, snacks, packets of biscuit mix, and dried milk. Thank you for your support!

Jubilation Recap

The name describes the event well. Christians with a greater length of years coming together with much joyful praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This was my first year attending, but Lord willing, it won't be the last. We had fun, we ate out, and we even had free time to do a little shopping, but Jubilation was so much more than that. One program I really enjoyed was the history behind and the singing of the top ten favorite hymns of people all around the world. I found it to be inspiring and uplifting. The most helpful piece of advice that I have ever received concerning witnessing to others about Christ came from one of the speakers. He said that since we are all Christians, just tell your story and in the telling of your story, tell God's story. Whether it was the love, example, and training you received from family and church, or if it were some other person or circumstance in your life path that led you to Christ, you have a story. Tell your story.