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### Mark your Calendar

#### August 18

12:00p WEOs  
1:30p Grief Group

#### August 20

10:00a CFAA Open House  
& Car Wash Fundraiser

#### August 21

12:15p Mission Prayer Team Meeting

#### August 22

6:00p Holy Yoga

#### August 24

2:00p Fellowship Team Meeting  
6:30p Handbell Choir  
7:30p Chancel Choir

#### August 28

*Promotion Sunday*  
12:15p Youth Group Orientation

#### August 29

6:00p Holy Yoga

#### August 31

6:30p Pastor Bible Study  
6:30p Handbell Choir  
7:30p Chancel Choir

#### September 1

1:30p Grief Group

#### September 2

*Newsletter Articles Due*

# Central News

Central United Methodist Church

## *From My Perspective*

I still remember shaking my head at the news. Michael Phelps had been arrested for DUI.

"What a waste," I thought. "How could a young man with his talent keep making headlines for all the wrong reasons?"

That was a few years back. After the past week, I found myself cheering on a man who seems to have gotten his life together. Watching his skill in the swimming pool was exciting to say the least. At this point, his Olympic career is without a rival. Phelps now has enough gold medals to fill a bank vault.

Phelps grew up. He also became a father. He recommitted himself to returning to world-class conditioning. And the other part of the story is what happened in his spiritual development. He found great inspiration in "The Purpose-Driven Life." He learned to live for a lifetime instead of just for the moment.

We talk about that most every Sunday at Central. We talk about what God wants from us and for us. We talk about what God has given to us that we can share with others. I don't expect to win Olympic medals, but I do hope that at the end of my life, I will earn more than a medal.

I hope to hear Him say, "Well done!"

See you Sunday. What we do here matters.



## **Worship in the Park**

Come Worship in the Park with us on  
September 11 at 10:30a!

We will enjoy outdoor worship in Bissett Park at Shelter # 1. The weather will be ideal. Then we will share lunch together and a time of fellowship. BBQ and fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

A service will be held at Central at 8:30a for those who cannot join us in the park. There will be no Sunday School that day. We hope you will join us!

# Upcoming Events

## Upcoming Meetings

Please take note of the following scheduled meetings:

- Mission Prayer Team, Sunday, August 21st at 12:15p
- Fellowship Team, Wednesday, August 24th at 2:00p

## CFAA Open House & Car Wash Fundraiser

CFAA will host an Open House Registration on August 20th from 10:00a - 1:00p. Register your children for fall classes and lessons, and meet the staff. While you're there, help support the Academy and get your car washed!

## NRV Diabetes Awareness Chili Cook-Off

The newly formed NRV Diabetes Awareness group will put on a Chili Cook-off Fundraiser on Saturday, August 20th at 12:00p in CUMC's Fellowship Hall in order to raise awareness for diabetes. \$20 entry fee for anybody who would like to participate. There will also be a raffle for door prizes. Participants should arrive at 10:30a. Email questions to [NRVdiabetes@gmail.com](mailto:NRVdiabetes@gmail.com).

## Choirs Resume for Fall

It's time once again to ring and sing for the Glory of God! Our new church year is quickly approaching and lots of new music, activities and fellowship await. Consider making the music ministry of Central a priority this year. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 24th. Handbells for 7th grade to adult will rehearse from 6:30 - 7:15pm, and Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7:30-8:30p. See Alice with questions.

## Operation Inasmuch

On Saturday, October 1, local churches will come together to provide free services for the community, assisting community service providers and agencies, as well as individuals. With over 50 projects happening around the city, there are a variety of ways you can get involved in this community endeavor. Central will host lunch for volunteers, as well as the Free Yard Sale for the community. Participants will need to purchase an Inasmuch t-shirt to wear for the event. You can sign up now at [tinyurl.com/inasmuch16](http://tinyurl.com/inasmuch16), questions can be directed to Becky Masters or Sandy Hill. Sign up soon to make sure you get on the specific project you desire!

*As always, you can see these and all upcoming events on the calendar on our website.  
Check it out today at [www.CUMCRadford.org/church-calendar.html](http://www.CUMCRadford.org/church-calendar.html)*

# Children & Youth

## Youth Group Orientation

Youth Group Orientation will be held on Sunday, August 28th at 12:15p, lunch will be provided. It is especially important that rising 6th graders and their parents attend this orientation but it is open and available for all youth and parents. We will discuss our youth program for the coming year and the philosophy behind what we do and how we do it. A calendar will also be provided with important dates and a teaching schedule so you can see the major themes your teen will be exploring this year.

## Wonderful Wednesdays begins September 28th!

Wonderful Wednesday begins September 28th for K-5th graders in RCPS. Students will be picked up at school each week and brought to Central for an afternoon of fun and learning about God. We meet each Wednesday until 5:00p. Registration will begin online on August 24th. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this program. Please contact Wendy if you're interested in helping!

## OPERATING BUDGET

|                  | 8/7/16    | 8/14/16   |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Needed YTD       | \$311,126 | \$320,849 |
| Received YTD     | \$303,582 | \$311,585 |
| Building Fund    | \$940     | \$1,305   |
| Designated Gifts | \$2,442   | \$85      |
| Received Sunday  | \$13,710  | \$8,002   |

## ATTENDANCE

|                     | 8/7/16 | 8/14/16 |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Morning Worship     | 97     | 108     |
| Sunday School       | 121    | 134     |
| Traditional Worship | 114    | 110     |

## Total Worship

211      218

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**Nursery, Sunday August 21**  
Darrell & Janie Fisher  
Scott & Casey Hamblin, Karen Radford

**Nursery, Sunday August 28**  
Matthew & Suzanne Saunders  
Darren & Sharon Oliver

**Meet and Greet, Sunday August 21**  
Pairs & Spares/New Spirit

**Meet and Greet, Sunday August 28**  
Spirit Seekers

## PRAYER REQUESTS

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| April Salvant      | Family of          |
| Pat Yanhko         | James Shelor       |
| Emma Brown         | Family of          |
| Kathleen Ratcliffe | Mary Dunn          |
| Helen Shelor       | Johnny Crews       |
| Nancy Brooks       | van Kamp           |
| Kirby Lewis        | Graham & Jennie S. |

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

# Giving Thanks

CENTRAL IS AWESOME!! Many thanks to each of you who helped resupply our food pantry. It is well stocked at this time and ready to offer help to those in need. We will let you know about future needs.

# Notable Notes

## Chess Club Leader Needed

Love chess? Love working with children? We are looking for an adult to teach our children's Chess Club during the school year. Chess Club is for children grades 1-5, and typically meets once a week. If you are interested, please contact Betty Overdorf.

## Discipleship Bible Studies

Discipleship Bible Studies will resume in September. Get a sign-up sheet at the Church Office, where you can learn about the available studies and indicate your preferred study and days/times you prefer to meet. All of our study groups need approximately 10 people in order to begin. For more information contact Judith Dodson.

## Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

## Church Library

At this time, due to limited space we can no longer accept donations of books for the library, except for study books.

## Construction Work at CUMC

The initial work to prepare for our new building project has begun! Please exercise caution when driving and walking around the parking lot and back porch door as we enter into this period of construction.

