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Mark your Calendar

August 3

10:00a Thursday Bible Study
1:30p Grief Group

August 4

9:00a Youth Group - Geeky Friday

August 6

5:00p Page's Camp Meeting

August 7

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August 8

August Kids

August 9

6:30p Pastor Bible Study

August 10

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

August 11

Newsletter Articles Due
9:00a Youth Group - Geeky Friday
12:00p Kitchen Angels

August 13

5:00p Conversational Spanish Class

August 16

6:30p Pastor Bible Study

August 17

10:00a Thursday Bible Study
12:00p WEOs
1:30p Grief Group

August 18

Youth Back to School Lock-In

August 19

10:00a CFAA Open House Car Wash & Bake Sale

August 20

7:30a UMM Breakfast

Central News

Central United Methodist Church

From My Perspective

If asked by someone "How would you describe what your faith is all about," what would you say? That one's always been tough for me, but read on..

This past Sunday, we took a long look at Jesus's parables about the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus explained what the Kingdom was like, not with a long definition of what the Kingdom is, but rather with short parables that tell us what the Kingdom is like.

Jesus said that the Kingdom is like yeast and mustard seeds, images people would have known and understood. The point of these two parables is simply to say the same thing we say with one of our English-language proverbs: "Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow."

Jesus said that the Kingdom is like buried treasure, and like a very rare, expensive pearl. For folks who have understood the value of the Kingdom, the true worth in following Jesus, nothing can exceed its value. How much is something worth? Whatever somebody else is willing to pay for it.

Jesus said that the Kingdom is like a big fishing net. It draws in all kinds of fish. Turns out some are good fish and some are bad fish. That reminds us of the fact that not everyone approaches faith with a pure motive. Some are in it for what they can get out of it.

So, what is the Kingdom like? All these things and many, many more! The seeds we plant, the values we teach, the faith we stir up in others is always allowing us to glimpse the Kingdom. And the Kingdom grows in us, and grows from us into others.

See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

PAGES CAMP MEETING - AUGUST 6 & 7

at Page's Meeting House on Hickman Cemetery Road

Join us each day!

5:00p - Activities for kids and families provided by churches from around the district, including crafts and an inflatable!



6:00p - Dinner and fellowship for all.

6:30p - Engaging music and worship with Central's Youth Band, *Crossfire*, on Sunday and award-winning gospel singer Lauren Talley on Monday!



7:00p - Teaching by Rev. Charles Maynard, former District Superintendent for the Maryville District and current Associate Pastor at Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville.

Call 540-639-3529 or visit CUMCRadford.org for directions and information.



Upcoming Events

Camp Dickenson Golf Tournament

We invite you to be a part of the 23rd Annual Camp Dickenson Benefit Golf Tournament Wednesday, August 9 at Draper Valley Golf Club. The funds raised through the golf tournament will support our Camp Dickenson year round ministries. Camp Dickenson shared the love of Christ with over 400 campers in 2016. That number will be even higher in 2017. A week at camp changes the life of campers. We invite you to be a part of changing lives. Team sign-up sheets are available at the Church. We are also in need of both sponsors and prizes. Contact the Church Office for more information.

Spanish Class

Join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, August 13th at 5:00p for a light dinner and conversational Spanish class. RSVP to Aaron Miller or Pastor Don so we can plan for food.

WEOs

WEOs will meet Thursday, August 17th at 12:00p in the Fellowship Hall for a picnic lunch. Everyone is invited. Sign-up in the fellowship hall with what you're planning to bring.

UMM Breakfast

All men of the church are invited for breakfast on Sunday, August 20th at 7:30a. Radford High School Coach Matthew Saunders, Assistant Coaches and the football team will be our special guests.

Giving Thanks

My fellow Centralites, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for all your prayers, well-wishes, phone calls, gifts, visits, and concern during my recent hospital/rehab sojourn. It all worked! I'm back at home now and the healing continues. I hope to be back among you soon, maybe next Sunday.

Sincerely, Gary Young

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I have very lucid dreams which often linger for a long time. One such dream was of me running through back yards of my childhood. Even though I had not been in those yards since I was twelve years old when we moved to a different neighborhood, it seemed familiar. Recently Pat Krebs and I visited our friend Linda to see her house which just had home improvements completed. This consisted of a new roof, new windows, insulation, and painting among other things. The work was done by volunteers from Central UMC, and Linda worked along with them. Others made monetary donations for materials.

Her house is friendly, neat as a pin with beautiful hardwood floors, and holds pictures and furniture from her childhood. We went out on the back porch and looked down on her back yard. It had a bird bath under a nearby tree and a cross under the tree. It was cool and peaceful on a warm summer evening. This was much like the backyard where I grew up two houses down from Linda's home. When I was thinking about my visit after I went home, I had a revelation that it was one of the yards from my dreams, and I had been dreaming about a place that still exists! Thank you, Linda, for the visit, and thank you, God, for revealing that the foreshadowing of my dream was a visit to Linda's home.

- Sylvia Lloyd

OPERATING BUDGET

	7/23/17
Needed YTD	\$296,229
Received YTD	\$268,489
Building Fund	\$1,655
Designated Gifts	\$160
Received Sunday	\$7,547

ATTENDANCE

	7/23/17
Morning Worship	80
Sunday School	133
Traditional Worship	138

Total Worship 218

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday August 6

Jenna & Laci Carroll
Scott & Casey Hamblin

Nursery, Sunday August 13

Rachel & Andrew Waff
Jeannie & Brooke Quesenberry

Meet and Greet, Sunday August 6

Aldersgate/New Hope/LIFE

Meet and Greet, Sunday August 13

GYFT

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Nick Pappas
Pat Yahnko	Graham & Jennie
Johnny Crews	Simmerman
van Kamp	Karen Wayt
Phyllis & Don	Dot Sowers
Simpson	Family of
Gary Young	Rebecca Miles

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Logan Haynes - Poland
Ryan Haynes - Florida
Kerry Keys - South Korea
Elizabeth Venegas - North Carolina

Children & Youth

Wonderful Wednesdays

What a wonderful opportunity we had to reach the kids in the Radford community we had during VBS. The opportunity continues as we approach the fall and we plan our Wonderful Wednesday program. There is no shortage of children, but we will need plenty of volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Wonderful Wednesdays will take place for 10 weeks during the Fall semester and 10 weeks in the Spring semester. Please pray about your role in this ministry at Central. Contact Wendy if you have any questions or if you are ready to commit.

Notable Notes

Clothing Bank Volunteers Needed

August is Central's turn to staff the Radford Clothing Bank. We need volunteers for all Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during August from 10:00a - 12:00p, and Thursday evenings from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Please look at your calendar and see when you might be able to spare two hours to come and help, then e-mail or call Beth Cassell at 540-230-2852 or Eacaggie90@gmail.com to get on the schedule.

Disciple Bible Studies

Discipleship Bible Studies will resume in September. Below is a description of the possible studies. Get a sign-up sheet outside the Sanctuary to indicate your preferred study and times you'd like to meet. Each group need approximately 10 people in order to begin. For more information contact Judith Dodson.

DISCIPLE I – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
Foundational study covering the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments), following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

DISCIPLE III - Remember Who you Are
Old Testament prophets and letters of Paul. Connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Themes include call to remember, repent, and renew community.

DISCIPLE II – Into the Word Into the World
Deeper examination of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, emphasizing rhythm of coming to God and going for God, opportunities for faithful witness and service.

DISCIPLE IV - Under the Tree of Life
The Writings: Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations and Daniel. Gospel of John, 1,2,3 John, James, Jude, Revelation