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February 23, 2016

Mark your Calendar

February 25

6:15p Lenten Bible Study

February 26

6:00p Knitted Together

February 28

12:15p Mission Prayer Team Mtg

4:30p Confirmation Class

6:00p Evening Worship

February 29

6:00p Holy Yoga

7:00p Visitation Team Meeting

March 2

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday

March 3

1:30p Grief Group

6:15p Lenten Bible Study

March 4

Newsletter Articles Due

6:00p Knitted Together

March 6

4:30p Confirmation Class

March 7

6:00p Holy Yoga

March 8

7:00p El Salvador Team Meeting

Central News

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From My Perspective

“It’s just as good as the original.” How many times have you heard that line? The purpose of that line is to get you to buy something that costs less. Sometimes it makes sense to buy a copy, but other times it is worth the extra dollars to buy the good stuff.

Cubic zirconia is often passed off as “just as good as a diamond. After all,” the salesperson says, “who is going to know the difference?” At the grocery store, the store-brand cookies sit next to the originals, often with shelf tags showing how much money you save by not buying the original.

When I was away a couple of weekends ago, I stopped by the store to pick up some cookies, chips, and crackers for my students to munch on when we gathered in the evening. I was looking to buy the “just as good” stuff, but the store where I stopped didn’t have the generic brands. So I bought real Lay’s Potato Chips, real Fritos, and real Oreos.

Since I don’t have these treats very often, I decided to try one of the Oreos. It has been years since I’ve bought the real Oreos. I have typically bought the ones that are cheaper, but “just as good.” The taste and texture of the real Oreo got my attention right away. I tasted what I had been missing, and the taste was wonderful! The other cookies are not “just as good.”

Sunday, I’m going to talk about how we buy into versions of Christianity that seem to satisfy, but ultimately they don’t. It’s easy to try to live out our faith with expectations that carry less demands than the real thing. It’s easy to back away from a deep commitment to Jesus, arguing that our half-heartedness is “just as good.” But it’s not.

See you Sunday. I just might be the guy eating an Oreo.

What we do here matters.



Save the Date for VBS!

CUMC will dive into a life-changing adventure that leads kids deeper into God’s love with Vacation Bible School

June 12-16, 2016

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

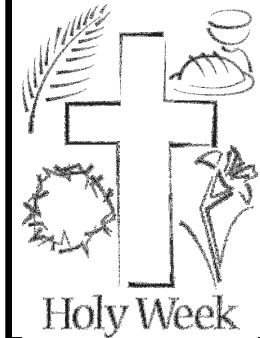
Upcoming Events

Evening Service February 28th

Join us Sunday, February 28th, at 6:00p for an evening of worship. We will have special music from two children's choirs from Central Fine Arts Academy, and a family-oriented sermon by Pastor Don.

Operation Inasmuch

Operation Inasmuch is a national nonprofit that helps churches organize events and projects to benefit the people in their communities. CUMC is joining 13 other local churches and RU students to put on a day of service projects on October 1, 2016. The next organizational meeting will be held on March 8th at 6:30p at Unity Christian Church. If you are interested in helping plan this missional endeavor to our city, please attend!



Holy Week Schedule

As we continue through this season we look forward to the culmination of our Lenten journey in Easter. Here is our planned schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday:

- ◆ Maundy Thursday Service, March 24 at 7:00p ◆
- ◆ Good Friday Service, March 25 at 7:00p ◆
- ◆ Easter Sunrise Service, March 27 at 7:00a (Breakfast to follow) ◆

(We will continue our regularly scheduled services on Easter Sunday following breakfast)

Children & Youth

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will meet on Sundays at 4:30p throughout Lent in the Youth House. These classes are for anyone, 6th grade and up, who have not yet been confirmed. If you have questions, please see Pastor Don or Danny.

Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars for Central's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20th. Bring your family for an afternoon of fun. Cookies will be needed for this event. If you can provide some, please let Angie Hill know.

Camp Dickenson

Summer at Camp Dickenson is just around the corner! There are many weeks available, however, our suggested week is **June 19-24** when Danny Nettleton hopes to be the "MiR" (Minister in Residence). When you are ready to register, please call the church office to obtain the church sponsorship code.

Central Celebrates 21st Year with the Care Shepherd Ministry

"Tend the flock of God that is your charge..." 1 Peter 5:2-3

We take part in an Equipping Seminar, are given flocks to care for, and we PACE them.

P - PRAY for each one regularly **A** - are AVAILABLE

C - CONTACT each one on a regular basis **E** - provide a Christian EXAMPLE

This ministry is based on Dr. Mel Steinbron's book *Can The Pastor Do It Alone* copies of which are in our church library. Emphasis is placed on confidentiality between flock and Care Shepherd and on accountability, setting it apart from other caring facets of church life.

You can learn more about this ministry model at www.laypastors.com

If you'd like to learn more about Care Shepherding at CUMC, talk to Gayle Miller or Kathy Hall.

OPERATING BUDGET

	2/14/16	2/21/16
Needed YTD	\$68,059	\$77,782
Received YTD	\$68,792	\$76,598
Building Fund	\$105	\$425
Designated Gifts	\$2,678	\$3,273
Received Sunday	\$5,161	\$7,806

ATTENDANCE

	2/14/16	2/21/16
Morning Worship	82	95
Sunday School	132	124
Traditional Worship	137	127
U-Nite	-	78
Total Worship	219	300

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday February 28
Matthew & Suzanne Saunders
Amy & Todd Shrewsbury, Margarette Dobbins
Nursery, Sunday March 6
Justin & Amy Price
Jess & Lisa Ninnis
Meet and Greet, Sunday February 28
Spirit Seekers
Meet and Greet, Sunday March 6
Pathfinders
Van Driver - March
Roger Hollins

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Kathleen Ratcliffe
Pat Yanhko	Bill Goode
Becky Ritter	Nick Pappas
Margaret Hammond	Della Patterson
Graham & Jennie	Emma Brown
Simmerman	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Giving Thanks

We would like for you to know how much Mother appreciated your cards, calls and most of all your prayers.
- The Family of Peggy Hurt -

Notable Notes

Family Life Center Commitment Cards

We are still accepting commitment cards for the building fund as we prayerfully consider our plans for a new Family Life Center building. If you have not yet filled out a commitment of giving card, please do so as soon as possible.

Radford Clothing Bank Need

The Radford Clothing Bank is in desperate need of Children's winter clothes. If you have clothing that your child or youth has outgrown, please consider dropping them off at the Clothing Bank (2000 West St, Radford). Thank you!

Paint Help Needed

We are in need of some indoor painting on some doors and trim in the hallways at Central. If you are able/willing to assist, please call Sandy Hill or the Church Office.

Attention Musicians

We are looking for someone who would be willing to devote 15 minutes to lead our younger children in music at the beginning of Sunday School. If you are interested, please see Bill Lacy.

Staff E-mails

Don't forget that the staff has transitioned to new e-mail addresses. Please make sure you have them saved as the old ones will soon expire!

Pastor Dale: dale@cumcradford.org

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