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# Central News

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## *From My Perspective*

If confession is good for the soul, then I need to confess something. As I move about Radford and the surrounding area, I always take notice of the people who are wearing hats, jackets, or orange shirts with a big white "T" on them. I notice them, because there just aren't that many of them in Hokie territory. I always exchange our secret greeting, which I can't divulge to fans of a team which eats its own mascot and dances the Hokie Pokie.

This past weekend, I've been teaching at the Conference Center in Alcoa, TN (close to the Knoxville Airport). On Friday afternoon, while on break, I stopped by a grocery store and greeted the first Vols fan I saw. Then I saw another, and yet another. Suddenly I realized, Tennessee fans were everywhere. There were hundreds of them. Then it occurred to me that you see lots of Tennessee fans in Tennessee.

We expect to find Hokie fans in Southwestern Virginia. We expect to find Kentucky fans in Kentucky, and Florida Fans in North Korea. "Birds of a feather..."

What do we expect to find in Church? Perfect people? People whose lives are pulled together? People who never have troubles?

No! In our Church, we have people who know that we desperately need God, and we seek with other Christians to find God and live under his grace and guidance. Not perfect? No way! Amazed by grace and carried by God.

See you Sunday. I'll be amongst the saints and the sinners, just where Jesus expects us all to be.

What we do here matters.

## Mark your Calendar

### February 11

6:15p Lenten Bible Study

### February 12

12:00p Kitchen Angels

6:00p Knitted Together

### February 15

6:00p Holy Yoga

7:00p Visitation Committee

### February 17

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday

### February 18

12:00p WEOs

1:30p Grief Group

6:15p Lenten Bible Study

### February 19

*Newsletter Articles Due*

6:00p Knitted Together

### February 21

12:15p Care Shepherds Meeting

4:30p F5

6:00p U-Nite

### February 22

6:00p Holy Yoga

### February 24

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday

## ***Building Fund Needs Not Met***

The giving estimates we have received thus far do not permit proceeding with the proposed new family life building that would also serve as a youth center. However, only about a third of our "giving units" have responded with an estimate of giving for the three year period. If you have not turned in your giving estimate yet, and would like to support this needed addition to our church, please complete and turn in a commitment card within the next week.

The plans for the addition are displayed in the hall outside the church office. If completed, this building project would provide much needed space for our great youth program and for the families of our church. It would also bring many community activities into our church, and in doing so support the growth of our congregation.

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*Bill Cook, Building Committee Chairman*

# Upcoming Events

## Lenten Devotional Materials

Last week at CUMC we began distributing our Lenten Devotional materials from the Society of St. Andrews, entitled *While Still Far Off*. Join your church family this year by adding the practice of reading, reflection and prayer for this season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, February 10th. If you did not get to pick up a copy of the booklet, you can do so this Sunday. Or, you can get an electronic copy for your e-reader, or sign up to have the daily devotions e-mailed to you by visiting [endhunger.org/lent](http://endhunger.org/lent).

## UMM

Join the United Methodist Men on Sunday, February 21st at 7:30a for breakfast before worship. We will be joined by Rick Cormany and the Radford High School Basketball team.

## WEOs

WEOs will meet for a Potluck at 12:00p on February 18th. Program TBD.

## Jubilation

Jubilation 2016, a retreat for older adults sponsored by the Holston Conference, will be held April 17-19 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Last year this retreat filled up quickly, so register soon! If you plan to attend Jubilation and would like church provided transportation, please contact the Church Office. If you have questions, contact Doris Morgan. Brochures can be found on the table outside the Sanctuary.

## Lenten Bible Study

Come together to experience a season of spiritual growth and renewal in Adam Hamilton's DVD and study series *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. This 6-week study, starting Feb. 11, will meet on Thursdays from 6:15-7:45PM at the Church. Cost of the book will be \$10. If interested contact Becky Jo Masters or the Church Office.

# Children & Youth

## F5/U-Nite

Join us on February 21st for F5 and U-Nite! Children (K-5) are invited to join us for activities starting at 4:30p. Dinner for the whole family begins at 5:30p, with a Youth led worship service following at 6:00p.

## Youth Update from Danny

This month, I thought I'd highlight my favorite program we have for our youth. It's our "homework-free" Bible Study, Café Logos. Every Wednesday night the Youth House is transformed into a coffee house. Our rotating panel of baristas serve up espresso drinks and hot chocolates, and we provide a warm inviting environment for kids to read the bible then discuss it. It's pretty simple. Each week, I pick a portion of the Bible, usually 3 or 4 chapters (last week it was 1 John) and the kids spend time sipping their lattes and reading it with a pencil in hand to make notes about things that surprise them, things that they have questions about, and things that spoke to their heart. We then use the things the kids picked out to guide our conversation. I love seeing the teens read scripture for themselves and make deep connections between what they read and what God is doing in their lives. It's what I live for. Thank you for your continued support of our teens and their spiritual growth!

Your Youth Pastor too, Danny Nettleton

## OPERATING BUDGET

	1/31/16	2/7/16
Needed YTD	\$48,614	\$58,336
Received YTD	\$45,524	\$63,630
Building Fund	\$475	\$2,565
Designated Gifts	\$825	\$452
Received Sunday	\$10,843	\$18,106

## ATTENDANCE

	1/31/16	2/7/16
Morning Worship	99	88
Sunday School	136	155
Traditional Worship	136	168
Sunday Funday	61	-
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>256</b>

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

<b>Nursery, Sunday February 14</b>
Emily & Lisa Dignan
Scott & Martha Kincaid, Mary Simms
<b>Nursery, Sunday February 21</b>
Jenna & Laci Carroll
Terri & Beth Shelor, Linda Lawson
<b>Meet and Greet, Sunday February 14</b>
GYFT
<b>Meet and Greet, Sunday February 21</b>
Pairs & Spares/New Spirit
<b>Van Driver – February</b>
Roger Hollins

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

# Giving Thanks

Our family wanted to say thank you for the delicious lunch you provided after the Memorial Service for my mother, Peggy Hurt. It was nice to see old friends and fellowship with them. We appreciate your hard work and thoughtfulness.

May God Bless,  
Fran Wood

# Notable Notes

## Church Wide Visitation

It is time again for our annual every member visitation which will conclude with a prayer vigil scheduled for March 18 & 19. We had many good visits last year and the good news is that we were able to visit half of our church. The bad news is that we did not have enough volunteers to visit the other half. Our goal is to visit or contact everyone in the church for the sole purpose of finding out how their family is doing and recording their prayer requests for the prayer vigil. We need many people to volunteer for this effort in order to accomplish this goal and ask for your help to visit our church families. The visitation is beginning now so please call the church office, contact someone on the visitation team, or speak to the pastors if you are willing to help. If you do not feel comfortable visiting, then you will still have an opportunity to pray during the prayer vigil. A sign-up is located at the back of the sanctuary for time slots that you may select to pray during this vigil. Let us care for one another. Thank you

## Offering Envelopes

Envelopes are available in packs of 12 in a basket outside the sanctuary for those who would prefer to prepare their offering at home. There are also envelopes in the pews. It helps the counters greatly if you will place your cash or check in an envelope and write your name and the amount on the envelope. Also, if you are making gifts to be used for more than one designation, please use separate envelopes. Thank you!

## Mission of the Month - El Salvador Mission Supplies

This month's mission offering goes to support the ministries/projects that our El Salvador Team will work with on their trip in July. Offerings will be used to purchase materials for VBS and much needed supplies and medicines for the clinic in Ahuachapan, which is currently experiencing a shortage. If you have questions about the trip or the ministries we'll be supporting, please see Mandy Preedom or Pastor Don. If you would like to give towards this special offering, please note the designation on your offering envelope.