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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 Maryvale District and current Associate Pastor at Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville.

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



July 18, 2017

Mark your Calendar

July 20

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

July 21

10:00a Red Cross Blood Drive

July 23

6:00p Youth Group - Bowling Night

July 26

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

July 27

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

July 28

Newsletter Articles Due
9:00a Youth Group - Geeky Friday

July 30

6:00p Admin Board Meeting

August 1

6:30p Pastor Bible Study

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

5:00p Page's Camp Meeting

August 8

August Kids

August 9

6:30p Pastor Bible Study

August 10

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

Central News

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From My Perspective

The temperatures have been heating up recently, although I've been reminded that it's not nearly as hot as it could be. That fact notwithstanding, I've been plenty hot the past few days. It's mid-July and that's simply the way it is.

Then the Hallmark Channel rides to the rescue. This past weekend, Hallmark featured Christmas in July. For hours on end, Hallmark aired Christmas movies which always included snow, hot chocolate, cookies, Christmas pageants, Christmas parades, Santa Claus sightings, ugly sweaters, and tortured young adults who are either too busy to appreciate the season, or have fallen in love with someone who is too busy for the season.

As the TV played "Joy to the World," it was hot and humid in Radford. But on the screen, it was snowy and beautiful. Snow never accumulates too deeply on a Hallmark movie, but is always deep enough to build a snowman and accommodate a horse-drawn carriage. Oh, and people always go ice skating, and the young woman always falls into the arms of the man she'll eventually realize she loves. It's quite the escape from reality.

Meanwhile, real life goes on. Not all bad either, mind you. I love the fresh vegetables, dips in the swimming pool, and leaving my socks at home during warm weather. And ice cream. I love ice cream. But some parts of real life we could do without. So we escape for a couple of hours into Hallmark Utopia.

Back here in the real world, it's humid and the heat can be oppressive. Here in the real world, the boy doesn't always get the girl. Here in the real world, people make bad decisions that make life harder for everyone. Here in the real world plots play out that are worse than any writer can concoct.

Here in the real world, life can be really hard sometimes. Then we learn that no matter how bad things get, the people who love us are real. They're there when we can't go it alone. They're there when we start to give up. And they're there, reminding us that love never fails. I've seen it happen too many times.

So, we never lose hope. See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

Upcoming Events

Red Cross Blood Drive

CUMC will host a blood drive for the Red Cross this Friday, July 21st. You can schedule your donation time by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-733-2767

Daily Bread Benefit Concert

You can support Radford/Fairlawn Daily Bread by attending their benefit concert this Saturday, July 22nd from 12-6 pm at 501 2nd St (the old 7th Day Adventist Church). Lots of great local bands will perform and all proceeds will go to support RFDB. Bring a cash donation or a check made out to Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread (suggested \$10) or bring canned goods.

Undie Sunday

Undie Sunday is here again on July 30th! School is just around the corner, so we are collecting children's underwear to help our local children get ready for the school year. Please bring new boys and girls underwear of all sizes on July 30th to fill the buckets and serve those in our community.

El Salvador Presentation

The 18 members of the 2017 El Salvador mission team, representing all of CUMC, want to thank everyone for their prayers and donations that allowed the trip to be a great success. We continued construction work on the church started last year, visited with and gave food to 50 families, played with and taught over 50 children through VBS, and treated 596 patients in the medical clinic. There is much we want to share with everyone, so please attend the 5th Sunday presentation during the Sunday School hour on July 30th for a time of sharing and fellowship.

Admin Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet on Sunday, July 30th at 6:00p in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 Wednesday 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.

OPERATING BUDGET

	7/9/17	7/16/17
Needed YTD	\$276,468	\$286,348
Received YTD	\$255,086	\$260,942
Building Fund	\$860	\$405
Designated Gifts	\$782	\$975
Received Sunday	\$14,546	\$5,855

ATTENDANCE

	7/9/17	7/16/17
Morning Worship	86	102
Sunday School	112	121
Traditional Worship	138	113
Total Worship	224	215

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday July 23 Matthew & Suzanne Saunders Scott Kincaid, Martha Dignan
Nursery, Sunday July 30 Brittney Green, Abby Dangerfield Angie & Michael Hill
Meet and Greet, Sunday July 23 Faithfinders
Meet and Greet, Sunday July 30 Missions

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Johnny Crews
Pat Yanhko	van Kamp
Gary Young	Phyllis & Don Simpson
Nick Pappas	Graham & Jennie Simmerman
Dot Sowers	
Karen Wayt	
Charlie Speed	
Becky Nester	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Giving Thanks

More - that best describes your response to the needs of the Women's Resource Center. "Exceeds Expectations" would be on your evaluation if you were employees of Virginia Tech. As Pastor Dale would say, "What we do here matters." That's because we represent Christ and I believe Jesus would say, "Well done, good and faithful servants." The Church and Society Committee simply wants to say thank you!

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Lori Wills and I would like to praise God for his hand in leading us to start our Relay for Life Team here at Central. Our church came together and did an awesome job and raised \$6,553.00 to date, well over our goal of \$1,500.00. The Pulaski County/Radford City area made \$77,628.65 and went over their goal of \$65,000.00.

Our team became part of Evangelism as we were able to reach out to the community.

We felt blessed to share time with each other.

- Donna Skinnell

Notable Notes

Mission of the Month - Radford/Fairlawn Daily Bread

RFDB was started 25 years ago by a group concerned about the problem of hunger in Radford and Fairlawn. Two free meals programs operate serving approximately one hundred people in need each weekday. Volunteers deliver about 35 meals to home-bound neighbors. Another 65 individuals are served a meal as guests in a friendly dining room, no questions asked. Last year 21,764 meals were served, an increase of 20% over 2015.

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.

New Faithfinders Study

The Faithfinders Sunday School class will start a new study on August 6th, Max Lucado's "Out Live Your Life." We are located in the New Classroom. Contact Debby Sutphin if you need a book.