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July 4, 2017

Mark your Calendar

July 6

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

July 9

6:00p Church & Society Meeting

July 12

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

July 13

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

July 14

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

July 17

6:30p UMM

July 19

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

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

Central News

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From My Perspective

“Mrs. Gilbert,” the Doctor asked, “Does your husband appear to be behaving normally?”

I'm a fortunate man, because she didn't take that question and run with it in several different directions, none of which would have been very flattering to me.

It all started late Sunday evening. I was bringing the dogs up from the parsonage basement, when something went wrong. I had gotten about halfway up the stairs, carrying our 20 pound dog, and I lost my balance. The dog and I went tumbling backwards. The first thing that I hit was my head. I hit it on one of the steel support posts in the basement. Then my elbow found the floor, followed by my hip. When all was said and done, I had come away bruised and sore, but nothing was broken, and I passed all the head injury tests. The dog is OK too, but she no longer climbs the stairs with me.

Back to the question the Doctor posed: “Does your husband appear to be behaving normally?” Angela was able to assure her that I was, in fact, behaving normally. She knows that because we have been married over 35 years. She knows what normal looks like for me. That's a blessing, to be known so intimately that someone else knows who you are and what normal is like.

In one of Jesus's stories, he talks about knowing some and not knowing others. We have a lifetime to build a relationship with Jesus. How wonderful to know beyond a doubt that he loves us so deeply that he knows what is normal for us, and what is not. We really don't want to hear him say, “I never knew you.” How tragic that would be.

See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

A Note from Wendy

At the beginning of May I sat in Pastor Dale's office and told him and Pastor Don that, after weeks of asking, we had 3 total volunteers for VBS. Three. "What should we do?" I asked, "We can't have a VBS without volunteers!" The encouraging and calm Pastor Dale said, "Well I think we need to have a VBS." So back to the emails, phone calls, texts, praying, and announcing (ok, pleading and bribing with candy bars) I went.

Fast forward 2 months and we have just finished the last night of my fourth Vacation Bible School at Central.

1 *slightly* strange super villain, 1 A-man, 1 sound board operator, 1 computer operator, 1 "keep Wendy sane volunteer," 1 church secretary (who also fits the "help keep Wendy sane" title), 4 snack leaders, 4 nursery volunteers, 6 station leaders, 7 youth band members, 20 crew leaders, many floaters, decorating helpers, registration assistants, dinner volunteers, hospitality room volunteers, substitutes, "do whatever is needed" volunteers, a clean up crew, a de-decorating crew, parents and 112 KIDS made up these amazing 4 nights of Hero Central VBS. That's over 112 chances to point kids towards Jesus.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells a parable. A Master is going on a journey. He entrusts his wealth to his servants. Upon his return the Master settles accounts with the servants. The Master was pleased with the servants and said, "You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!" 112 different kids walked through our doors this week. The parents of 112 kids walked through our doors this week. You can attribute that to the Facebook advertising, the banners out front, or to word of mouth but I attribute it to the Master being pleased with his servants and trusting us with many.

To ALL who helped with VBS: Your feet may still hurt, your back may still be tired, your head might still be pounding from the noise of A-Man and Dr. ~~Weirdo's~~ Verdoux's shenanigans, but I hope you can all hear what God is saying to you at the conclusion of VBS 2017. I hope you can still hear the laughter and excitement of children who can't wait to come back to church each night. I hope you can still hear the echoing of over 100 kids singing there is Power in the Name of Jesus at the top of their lungs. And in your hearts I hope you hear God gently whispering, "*Well done good and faithful servants.*"

Upcoming Events

UMM

United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, July 17th at 6:30p for a potluck. Our guest speaker will be Bill Fleisher.

WEOs

WEOS will meet Thursday, July 20th at 12:00p for potluck lunch and fellowship time.

Pages Camp Meeting

Save the date! The 2017 Page's Camp Meeting will be held August 6th and 7th. The Rev. Charles Maynard will be our guest speaker. We'll have family friendly activities and dinner provided each day. Stay tuned for more details!

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.

OPERATING BUDGET

	6/25/17	7/2/17
Needed YTD	\$256,707	\$266,587
Received YTD	\$227,647	\$240,540
Building Fund	\$600	\$1,385
Designated Gifts	\$520	\$420
Received Sunday	\$3,770	\$12,893

ATTENDANCE

	6/25/17	7/2/17
Morning Worship	92	83
Sunday School	133	128
Traditional Worship	126	139
El Salvador Team	-	18
Total Worship	218	240

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday July 9
Darrell & Janie Fisher
Rob & Kendall Colley
Nursery, Sunday July 16
Amber Hollins & Martha Kincaid
Jackie Hester, Terri & Logan Shelor
Meet and Greet, Sunday July 9
Choir
Meet and Greet, Sunday July 16
Youth

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

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

Giving Thanks

I want to express my appreciation to all who planned and prepared a birthday celebration for me and others who attained the age of ninety years or more in 2017. Thanks to those who brought food, cards, and expressed kind words and best wishes. This will be a memorable occasion for the rest of my life. - Frank Agee

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A big thank you to all the people who came out to help with the local mission project earlier this month! We had 22 different people who helped with prepping, priming and painting, replacing windows, patching siding, pressure washing, fixing gutters and facia boards, and trimming trees. Some days we had 12 workers and others we had 5, but each day it was the perfect number for what was needed to complete the task for the day. God blessed us with safety, good weather and good fellowship. We hope to put an additional coat of paint on the rear of the house in the next few weeks, if you would be interested in helping please contact Jerry Krebs or Martha Kincaid. Thanks also to those who sent cookies and other goodies for the local mission team, the snacks were greatly appreciated!

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Prior to memorial Day, new American and Christian flag sets were presented to our sanctuary by WoodmenLife Virginia Chapter 14. This was coordinated by Don and Margarete Dobbins who are officers and we certainly appreciate them!

Notable Notes

Red Cross Blood Drive

CUMC will host a blood drive for the Red Cross on Friday, July 21st. You can schedule your donation time by visiting redcrossblood.org

El Salvador Team 2017

July 1-8 - The team will provide a medical clinic, help with construction, distribute food packages, and hold daily Bible School. Please keep us your in your daily prayers that we will follow God's will and plan, share His love, and be safe.

Kayla Calfee	Payton Hollins	Dawson Martin	
Austin Dangerfield	Roger Hollins	Wendy Martin	Jonathan Preedom
Keagan Henegar	Charles Judy	Aaron Miller	Mandy Preedom
Amber Hollins	Elijah Judy	Danny Nettleton	Sharon Taylor
Breanna Hollins	Scott Kincaid	Norah Nettleton	