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Central News

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From My Perspective

As we head into our holiest days of the Christian year, several things are on my mind that I'd like to share with you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a commemoration of the Last Supper. As we have in previous years, we will find a table set for us, as we share Holy Communion around the table. Beautiful music will aid in our worship and remembrances.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Pastor Don is planning a meaningful time of worship as we come together to remember the sacrifice which Jesus made for our deliverance from sin and death. The most solemn service of the year prepares us to come together on Easter and proclaim the Resurrection.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS ABOUND: On Easter Sunday, we will offer three very unique Easter services. At 7 AM, we will celebrate Jesus's resurrection as we watch the sun begin to rise and awaken a world that is forever changed because of an empty tomb. Danny Nettleton will plan and lead us through the Sunrise Service. At 8:30 AM, our praise band will lead our worship. I will be preaching in this service. I am really excited about my sermon, which will ask the question "Why Mary?" At the 11 AM service, our choir will present its Easter cantata, entitled "Who Do You Say That I Am?" There will also be a brief version of the 8:30 sermon.

A PROUD PASTOR: This past Friday and Saturday, someone from our church was praying in the Prayer Chapel from 9 AM - 9PM. I must say that my time in the Prayer Chapel was meaningful and transformative for me, and the good spirit in worship on Sunday bore witness to the fact that our prayers were more powerful than we can imagine.

There's a lot happening. May we sense the presence of God in our lives in a powerful way as we work together to offer Christ.

What we do here matters.

Mark your Calendar

March 23

7:00p Cantata Dress Rehearsal

March 24

7:00p Maundy Thursday Service

March 25

7:00p Good Friday Service

8:00p Youth Egg Hunt

March 26

3:00p Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Rescheduled from 3/20)

March 27

7:00a Sunrise Service (Breakfast to follow)

8:30a Early Worship

9:45a Sunday School

11:00a Easter Cantata and Worship Service

March 28

6:00p Holy Yoga

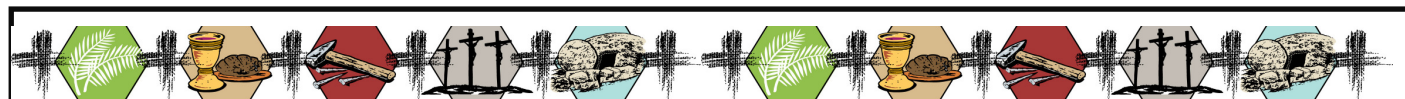
March 29

6:30p Disciple IV Bible Study

March 30

*No Choir Rehearsals

6:30p Pastor's Bible Study



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is upon us, and with it the culmination of our Lenten journey and the celebration of our Risen Savior. We hope you will join us for worship throughout the week as we recognize this important time in the life of the Church.

† **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) †

Our Sunday worship schedule continues after breakfast:

8:30a Contemporary Worship

9:45a Sunday School

11:00a Traditional Worship with an Easter Cantata

Upcoming Events

Wesley Foundation Benefit Dinner

RU's Methodist Campus ministry is hosting a fundraising event on Saturday, April 9 6:30 pm at 1022 Downey Street. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from Wesley Board Members and at weslyfdn@gmail.com or 540-529-4415. Help support your campus ministry and enjoy an evening of food, music, fun and fellowship! See board members Jerry Krebs, Pastor Dale, Donna Judy or Marcy Harless with questions or to purchase tickets.

El Salvador Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Our El Salvador Mission Team will host a Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser after the 11:00a worship on Sunday, April 17th as they continue to raise funds for their trip in July. Donations will be accepted, take-out plates will be available. Please come support our mission team!

Operation Inasmuch

The next organizational meeting for Radford's Inasmuch day will be held on April 5th at 6:30p at Freedom Fellowship Church.

CUMC Preschool Registration

Central Preschool will have registration for the 2016-2017 school on the following dates:

April 11-15 Central United Methodist Church members and active church attendees' children and grandchildren and Preschool Board members' children and grandchildren

April 18-22 Monday - Currently enrolled children and siblings of children currently enrolled.

Wednesday - Children of families previously enrolled in program (not currently enrolled)

April 25-29 Open to the community; Enrollment is based on a first-come basis.

There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee that must be included.

Registration must be done on site.

You can find more info (including a registration form) by visiting www.CUMCRadford.org/cumc-preschool.html

Children & Youth

Easter Egg Hunt

Due to weather our Easter Egg hunt originally set for March 20th was rescheduled for **Saturday, March 26th at 3:00p**. We hope you can still join us! Call the Church Office for directions if you plan to attend.

Update from the Youth Pastor

On Good Friday, the Youth Group will have its 5th Annual Extreme Easter Egg Hunt! This is one of the first events we held when I came to Central (April 1 will mark my 5 year anniversary!) Following the Good Friday service, the youth will meet for this fun event that combines an egg hunt with capture the flag. This year's theme is: BAT EGG VS. SUPER EGG: DAWN OF EASTER. Team Gotham will be taking on Team Metropolis to see who can disarm the most of Lex Luthor's exploding eggs. Needless to say, there will be a lot of teens running around in the dark with flashlights!

OPERATING BUDGET

	3/13/16	3/20/16
Needed YTD	\$106,950	\$116,672
Received YTD	\$108,770	\$121,137
Building Fund	\$1,150	\$285
Designated Gifts	\$3,326	\$3,311
Received Sunday	\$7,627	\$12,366

ATTENDANCE

	3/13/16	3/20/16
Morning Worship	100	113
Sunday School	147	164
Traditional Worship	125	179
U-Nite	76	-
Total Worship	301	292

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday March 27
Darrell & Janie Fisher
Rob & Kendall Colley
Nursery, Sunday April 3
Jenna & Laci Carroll
Terri & Beth Shelor
Meet and Greet, Sunday March 27
Faithfinders
Meet and Greet, Sunday April 3
Aldersgate/New Hope/LIFE
Van Driver - April
Roger Hollins

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Graham & Jenny
Pat Yanhko	Simmerman
Della Patterson	Umberger Family
Margaret Hammond	Bob Thomas
Emma Brown	Pat Collins
Kathleen Ratcliffe	Marcy Harless
Helen Shelor	Woods Family

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Giving Thanks

My family and I wish to thank so many members of our Central congregation for the many ways you have honored the life of my husband, Vance. Thank you for the many prayers, the trips to Roanoke Memorial Hospital, the errands run, the food prepared, the hugs and words of encouragement, the flowers, the cards, the phone calls. We have been blessed with a wonderful church family. Vance touched so many lives in Radford, some I did not even know! There has been such an outpouring of care, such an outpouring of love. We have been truly blessed.

- Jean Umberger

Notable Notes

Help Our Schools

There are many programs that help our local schools resulting in cash donations or supplies. Please consider collecting the following and passing it to any Radford school (or to Suzanne Saunders): Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, Tyson A+ labels, and Coke codes (found on caps and inside boxed sodas). Start tearing these items off and pass them along when you are ready. Thanks for enhancing our education system!

Women's Bible Study

A new women's study will begin on Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm in the New Room. We will study *James: Mercy Triumphs* by Beth Moore. This is an 8 week study. Any questions? Call Janie Fisher or Donna Judy.

Recycling

Many thanks to those who have taken on the responsibility of recycling items from the church office, kitchen, and fellowship hall! The containers are located in the hallway leading to the new classroom from the fellowship hall, and items placed there should be clean and bottles should have lids on them if available. There is also a container in the Church Office for paper and cardboard.