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Central News

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From My Perspective

A young couple needed a night away. The new baby had brought joy to their home, but the new Mom and Dad were, at times, overwhelmed. Enter Madolyn Henry. Madolyn was in her early seventies, recently widowed, and wanted to help the young couple. They left their baby in Madolyn's capable hands, and enjoyed a rare evening away. The couple, as you have probably figured out, was Dale and Angela Gilbert.

Madolyn helped us out on many occasions. Madolyn was in our Church family, and taking care of babies became her ministry. This wasn't something she did for a year or two. In fact, she kept the nursery at our church in North Carolina for 52 years. Fifty-two years! During her tenure as nursery coordinator, Madolyn rocked, diapered, and fed three generations of babies.

Madolyn is a living example of someone who found a ministry she loved, and she did it out of a love for God and all His children. She was faithful in her ministry until health issues finally slowed her down. She inspires those who know her, and acts like her years of service are no big deal. But it's a huge deal. And it's a huge deal when you use your talents and I use mine.

I saw Madolyn over the weekend. She's about to turn 97. She sits in church now and gets to be a part of the worship service. She is faithful to tell her pastor that he preached a good sermon. I think her 52 years of service is a better sermon.

I'll see you Sunday. What we do here matters.

Family Game Night ***Saturday, March 18 at 5:00p***

Join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship! Spend your Saturday night with Family Feud, board games, pizza, and your church family!



***Look inside
for more details!***



Mark your Calendar

March 9

6:30p Experiencing God Study

March 10

12:00p Kitchen Angels
7:00p Knitted Together

March 12

12:15p El Salvador Team Meeting
4:15p F5
4:30p Confirmation Class
6:00p U-Nite

March 14

6:30p Women's Bible Study
6:30p Disciple I Bible Study

March 15

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday
5:00p Children's Choir
6:30p Pastor Bible Study
6:30p Handbell Choir
7:30p Chancel Choir

March 16

12:00p WEOs
1:30p Grief Group
6:30p Experiencing God Study

March 17

Newsletter Articles Due
7:00p Knitted Together

March 18

5:00p Family Game Night

March 19

12:15p Care Shepherds Meeting
4:30p Confirmation Class
6:00p Youth Group - Junior High
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

March 20

6:30p UMM

March 21

6:30p Disciple I Bible Study
6:30p Women's Bible Study

Upcoming Events

F5/U-Nite

Join us Sunday, March 12th, for F5 & U-Nite! Drop off your K-5th grade child in the Fellowship Hall at 4:15p for F5 small groups. Dinner for everyone begins at 5:30pm, followed by our youth led U-Nite service at 6p. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to see the amazing gifts and leadership in our youth group. Join us!

WEOs

Join WEOs for lunch on March 16th at 12:00p. **This month is *not* a potluck, food will be provided.** Robin Sutphin will be our guest speaker. Please wear green for St. Patrick's day.

Family Game Night

Join us for a game night on Saturday, March 18 at 5:00p! Bring \$10 for your family's choice of pizza (we will order upon arrival) and your favorite games! Sides, drinks and dessert will be provided. We will begin the evening with our own version of the popular game show Family Feud hosted by ~~Steve Harvey~~ Don Shelor with teams made up of members of our church family, eat dinner together and play your favorite board games. Join us for an evening of fun fellowship and a little bit of friendly competition.

UMM

All men of the church are invited for a potluck dinner on March 20th at 6:30p. Irvin Clark will be guest speaker.

Make Me a Blessing!

This is the theme for Jubilation 2017, a Holston Conference retreat for older adults in Pigeon Forge May 1-3. We all have been richly blessed! Come join us at Jubilation as we explore ways we can bless others. It's a great mix of spiritual sessions as well as workshops on various "senior" issues. Plus lots of music! Brochures are available at back of sanctuary or in the office. A group from Central is going. Contact Joe Hester with questions. **Registration deadline is March 29th.**

CFAA Broadway Showcase

We are excited to inform you that CFAA will host their first ever Broadway Showcase performance on Saturday, April 8th at 7:00p in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a delightful show featuring a variety of old and contemporary musical theater selections. Please save the date and tell your family and friends! Tickets will be \$5 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!

CUMC Preschool Registration - Save the Date

Central Preschool will have registration for the 2017-2018 school year on the following dates:

Week One March 27-31	CUMC members and active church attendees' children and grandchildren and Central United Methodist Preschool Board members' children and grandchildren.
Week Two April 3-7	Monday- Currently enrolled children returning for another year and siblings of children currently enrolled in program. Wednesday – children of families previously enrolled in program (not currently enrolled).
Week Three April 10-14	Open to the community. Enrollment is based on a first-come basis.

Registration forms will be put into cubbies the week of March 20th. They will also be available on registration day.

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee must be included. Registration must be done on site by a parent.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis until all available spots are filled.

Thank you for your continued support of Central Preschool!

OPERATING BUDGET

	2/26/17	3/5/17
Needed YTD	\$88,738	\$98,619
Received YTD	\$74,464	\$16,484
Building Fund	\$1,275	\$1,590
Designated Gifts	\$890	\$698
Received Sunday	\$5,086	\$16,484

ATTENDANCE

	2/26/17	3/5/17
Morning Worship	111	103
Sunday School	141	143
Traditional Worship	152	139
Total Worship	263	242

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday March 12
Darrell & Janie Fisher
Linda Lawson, Margarette Dobbins,
Trudy Eastridge

Nursery, Sunday March 19
Matthew & Suzanne Saunders
Karen Radford, Lisa & Jess Ninnis

Meet and Greet, Sunday March 12
Choir

Meet and Greet, Sunday March 19
Youth

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Karen Wayt
Pat Yanhko	Charlie Speed
Kathleen Ratcliffe	Johnny Crews
Doyle Lyons	van Kamp
Nick Pappas	Graham & Jennie
T.G. Gearheart	Simmerman
Dot Sowers	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Notable Notes

Mission of the Month - Gideons

Gideons International has been distributing God's Word here and abroad since 1908. We are organized in over 200 countries, and print bibles in 95 languages. To date, we have placed over 2 billion bibles around the world. We believe that if we plant the seed, God will do the rest. Our sole mission is to help the lost come to know Jesus Christ. In addition to keeping Bibles in all the usual places we traditionally support such as hotels, hospitals, doctor offices etc., we do annual distributions each year in the Radford area which include the two elementary schools, the Radford July 4 Celebration and Radford University, as well as the local fire/police/EMT departments. Last year we placed over 2130 bibles in the Radford area. Additionally we teach a weekly bible study at the New River Valley Regional Jail and supply bibles and devotional materials to the inmates throughout the year. We have also supplied bibles to the CUMC El Salvador mission teams the past several years. All donations go to pay for bible printing and distribution costs. Thank you in advance for your support.

Lenten Devotional

We hope you've been enjoying the Lenten devotional put together by the staff and members of Central for this church season. Physical copies are still available at the church, or you can find the devotion for the day posted every morning online at either www.CUMCRadford.org, or [Facebook.com/CUMCRadford](https://www.facebook.com/CUMCRadford).

Prayer Vigil

The past few years, we have conducted a visitation and prayer vigil during the Lenten season. Though we did not have enough volunteers to visit everyone in our church, attempts have been made to reach every member to collect their prayer concerns and praises. This year, with limited volunteers to visit and the reorganizing of the Care Shepherds program, we want to try another approach. Through bulletin inserts and Central's website, we are providing this simple form to write what items you want us to pray for during the prayer vigil. Like we have done in the past, we will compile these prayer requests into a book that will be placed in the Prayer Chapel during the Prayer Vigil for your brothers and sisters in Christ to use. If you do not feel comfortable having your name next to these requests but want prayers, then just write only your request and it will be entered into the book without a name associated to it. The important thing is to pray for each other as a body in Christ, so please send in your prayer requests and participate in the upcoming Prayer Vigil.

Prayer requests forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary, or you can submit your request by visiting our website, CUMCRadford.org