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Mark your Calendar

May 12

6:30p Women's Bible Study

May 13

12:00p Kitchen Angels

May 15

9:45a Building Committee Meeting
12:15p Care Shepherds Meeting
4:00p Administrative Board Mtg
6:00p Youth Group - Jr. High
6:30p Youth Group - Sr. High

May 15-20

Project Crossroads Mission Trip

May 16

6:00p Holy Yoga
6:30p UMM

May 17

6:30p Disciple IV Bible Study

May 18

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

May 19

12:00p WEOs
1:30p Grief Group
6:30p Women's Bible Study

May 20

Newsletter Articles Due

May 22

6:00p Evening Worship

Central News

Central United Methodist Church

From My Perspective

He ran into me again. I believe that after the second time, it may be becoming a habit. That worries me a bit, not for myself, but for him. I'm a lot bigger than he is, and I worry that one of our chance encounters in the church is going to end up hurting him.

The first time he ran into me was back in October. We were in the midst of our Meet and Greet on a Sunday morning. I had just poured a cup of coffee fresh from the warmer. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, an elementary-aged boy came crashing into me. He was running in one direction while looking in another. And there I stood, with my hot cup of coffee in my hands. I couldn't avoid what happened next, as my hot cup of coffee spilled all over him. Somehow he managed to survive without any burns.

Fast forward to yesterday. I was standing in the hallway after the early service, when it suddenly occurred to me that I needed something from my office. As I rounded the corner in the hallway, I heard trouble coming, and before I could react, the same boy had come barreling into me again. This time, the impact was worse, but there was no coffee involved.

You know what he said? He said, "At least this time you don't have any coffee in your hands. I'm getting better!"

Church is a good place to practice getting better. It's a place where we acknowledge the last time we messed up, and hope to do better the next time something is about to run us over.

We Methodists speak of sanctification. In reality, our best understanding of sanctification is that we continue to grow in grace, and continue to learn both from our successes and our failures. We slowly mature in our faith and become conformed to the image of Christ who is living in us. So, my young friend is getting better at church. And so are we.

See you Sunday. I'll be the guy carefully carrying a cup of coffee, and hoping that a little guy continues getting better.

What we do here matters.



VBS is June 12-16, 2016 - Register now!

Mark your calendars and get ready for

Deep Sea Discovery

- where kids will know that God is always with them!

Grab a registration form from the bulletin board outside the sanctuary, or register online by visiting www.CUMCRadford.org



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Meetings

If you serve on the following committees or teams, please make note of the upcoming meetings:

- **Building Committee**, Sunday, May 15th *during Sunday School Hour*, New Wing Downstairs
- **Care Shepherds**, Sunday, May 15th at 12:15p
- **Administrative Board**, Sunday May 15th at 4:00p

VBS Volunteers Needed!

VBS is June 12-16th and we are in need of adult volunteers to help lead the activities for the week. This is an important ministry for our children, and it cannot be successful without a team of committed adult leaders! If you are able to help in any way, please contact Wendy ASAP.

UMM

United Methodist Men will gather at their new meeting time, Monday, May 16th at 6:30p for a cookout at the Church. All men are welcome to attend. A program by Dr. Judy will follow the meal.

WEOs Lunch

WEOs will gather on May 19th at 12:00p for a potluck and program by Bob Thomas.

Evening Worship

Join us Sunday, May 22nd at 6:00p for a special evening of worship and music. Various groups will be sharing their talents, please join us!

Graduate Recognition Service

On May 29th we will gather at the 8:30a service to celebrate our 2016 graduates, with a special message for them and a presentation of their engraved Bibles. We hope you'll join us!

5th Sunday Event

May 29th all adult Sunday School classes are invited to remain in the Fellowship Hall after Meet and Greet for a presentation by the Project Crossroads Mission team. Seventeen members from Central will travel to Marion May 15-20th to help with home repairs and share the love of Jesus with our neighbors. Thank you for your prayers during this time, and come learn about the mission on May 29th.

Collection for El Salvador

The El Salvador team is collecting items to take with them on their July trip. Can you provide any of the following? Sheets (double and twin), white pillowcases, towels, laptops, children's clothing/shoes, trumpets/band instruments, toothbrushes, reading glasses. Drop off donations in the suitcases located in the fellowship hall. Contact Amber Hollins with questions.

Giving Thanks

Kitchen Angels is a ministry of our church. We provide meals to those suffering a loss, illness, or disability requiring someone to show them God's love. We provide a meal every 2nd Friday of the month, which is prepared by several women from our church and delivered by many who volunteer to be the hands and feet of God. This ministry started with the sharing of God's gift of two good cooks. He has provided for this ministry to continue with funding, more good cooks, and always enough servants to deliver to the homes. We have received word of many blessings we have provided and compliments on the good meals. The Kitchen Angels want to thank everyone for the support of this ministry and we hope to continue to be a blessing to our community and our church family.

OPERATING BUDGET

	5/1/16	5/8/16
Needed YTD	\$175,009	\$184,731
Received YTD	\$173,306	\$186,293
Building Fund	\$577	\$815
Designated Gifts	\$609	\$1,390
Received Sunday		

ATTENDANCE

	5/1/16	5/8/16
Morning Worship	93	104
Sunday School	137	153
Traditional Worship	128	122

Total Worship

	221	226
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday May 15
Britney Green, Amber Hollins
Scott & Martha Kincaid
Nursery, Sunday May 22
Darrell & Janie Fisher
Rob & Kendall Colley
Meet and Greet, Sunday May 15
Youth
Meet and Greet, Sunday May 22
Faithfinders
Van Driver – May
Roger Hollins

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Yahnko	Graham & Jennie
David Beck	Simmerman
Margaret Hammond	Johnny Crews
Emma Brown	van Kamp
Kathleen Ratcliffe	Beamer Family
Horton Family	Helen Shelor
Kirby Lewis	Nancy Brooks

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Notable Notes

Graduate Info

If you have a High School, College, or other graduate in your family, please send the following information to the church office ASAP: Name, school graduating from, future plans and picture if available.

Home Buckets for Zimbabwe

Help us with our mission of the month as we join the rest of Holston conference in packing buckets to provide help for the Ishe Inesu Project for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe. Lists for the specific items needed can be found on the table outside the sanctuary, money will also be accepted to purchase the items. The goal for Central is Home Buckets. See Marcy Harless or Jerry Krebs with questions.

Dinner Groups coming to CUMC!

At CUMC we are being transformed through worship, prayer, and service. Being in relationship with others is another way of being transformed. The central goal of dinner groups is getting to know one another on a deeper level. Eating with family and friends around the table does something special in our spirit. It is a time to bond, to feel support and love, to encourage, discuss, and find strength. It is a time to share, care, and encourage! This fall, Central will begin a new program of forming dinner groups. It will be a time for all of us to come together in small groups for a time of Christian fellowship. Small groups will be formed and centered around a meal. Your time together could also include family story-telling, enjoying a time of prayer and devotion, activities or games, or planning a night of serving others. The sky is the limit! The biggest item on the agenda is getting to know one another. Information and sign-up sheets will be available soon. If you would like to help plan this exciting new program, please contact Debby Sutphin or Doris Morgan.

Congratulations to Tommy Meredith!

The City of Radford has honored Tommy Meredith as the 2016 recipient of the Robert Allen Hall Humanitarian Service-Above Self Citizenship Award.

This award recognizes unsung heroes that contribute to make the City of Radford a better place, who extend benevolence and kindness by putting others before themselves.

"...the Radford City Council does hereby honor Tommy Meredith for cheering for Radford through the good and bad times and showing the community how to overcome adversity..."

The City recognized Tommy for his loyal membership to Grove and Central, for blessing the community with his vocal talents, for his faithful support of the Radford Bobcats, and for his participation and cheerleading for all things Radford.

Congratulations, Tommy!