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### **Mark your Calendar**

#### **October 19**

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

#### **October 22**

6:00p Youth Group - Junior High  
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High  
7:00p Nominating Committee Meeting

#### **October 23**

7:00p Endowment Committee Meeting

#### **October 24**

6:30p Disciple Bible Study

#### **October 25**

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday  
4:00p Youth Choir  
5:00p Children's Choir  
6:30p Pastor Bible Study  
6:30p Handbell Choir  
7:00p Café Logos  
7:30p Chancel Choir

#### **October 26**

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

#### **October 29**

6:00p Youth Group - Junior High  
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

#### **October 31**

6:30p Disciple Bible Study  
Youth Group - Monster Mash

#### **November 1**

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday  
4:00p Youth Choir  
5:00p Children's Choir  
6:30p Pastor Bible Study  
6:30p Handbell Choir  
7:00p Café Logos  
7:30p Chancel Choir

#### **November 2**

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

#### **November 3**

*Newsletter Articles Due*

# Central News

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## *From My Perspective*

Ten years ago, I showed up to officiate a football game, and learned that I would not be working at my normal Umpire position. When I'm in my normal position, I stand in the middle of the field, and watch the big guys to make sure they're not doing anything illegal. I think of myself as the "safety officer" in the middle of the field. If guys are doing wrong things, usually somebody gets hurt. I'm comfortable in the middle, even though there's a lot of action going on around me. On this particular day, however, the assigner had sent two Umpires to the game. One of us would have to work as the Head Linesman. I was elected to work that position.

Since I was somewhat a fish out of water, I was a little bit anxious at this unusual position. I had to ask myself, "What do I do next?" Five plays into the game, I forgot what to do next. Instead of getting out of the way and observing a play on the sideline, I found myself entangled in a bunch of football players who all were pushing in different directions. After everybody was unpled, I knew something was wrong. Turns out I was right. Something was wrong. My leg was broken.

Ten years later, I still remember the silence in the stadium as they helped me off the field. I also remember how badly it hurt, and how badly the rehab hurt. Then one day, it didn't hurt anymore. I went back to officiating football, but one thing was certain: I would never work as a Head Linesman anymore. For ten years since that incident, I have worked as an Umpire, and while I've taken a few hits, it's always been from big guys who aren't going very fast.

Then this past Friday, I had to face my past. There were not enough games for every Umpire to get a game. Did I want to work as a Head Linesman? I took the game, and I told myself that I had learned a lot about staying out of the way of a pile over the last ten years. I'm happy to announce that I emerged from the game without ever being touched by a football player. It was an important personal victory for me. I learned from my mistake, and I did better.

The Bible is full of stories of people who messed up, and people who were hesitant to face their mistakes and move on. But with the help of God, they moved forward. We all think of Simon Peter. We all think of King David. We all think of Moses. They're the prominent ones, but there are plenty of others. Bottom line? Failure is not fatal. Never, ever is failure fatal in God's eyes.

See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

# Upcoming Events

## Upcoming Meetings

If you serve on the following teams, please plan to attend these scheduled meetings:

- *SPRC*, Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30p
- *Nominating Committee*, Sunday, October 22nd at 7:00p
- *Endowment Committee*, Monday, October 23rd at 7:00p
- *Worship Committee*, Monday, November 6th at 7:00p
- *Administrative Board*, Sunday, November 12th at 6:00p
- *Evangelism Team*, Monday, November 13th at 7:00p

## WEOs

WEOs will meet October 19th at noon for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring items for Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes. The program will be fellowship time. Wear a costume to participate in the "Best Costume" Contest!

## Clothing Bank Fundraiser

The Radford Clothing Bank will host a Fashion Show and catered lunch at 12:00p on Saturday, November 11 in Central's Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will help support the long-serving mission of the clothing bank. Buy your ticket for \$15 from Wendy Gaby, Martha Kincaid, or Marcy Harless.

## Family Paint Night

Mark your calendars for our third annual Advent themed Paint Night on Friday, November 17. Everyone (singles, couples, families) is invited to this fun time of creativity and fellowship. Each family will work together to create a masterpiece! We will eat together before we begin painting. A \$10 donation per family is encouraged to help offset the cost of materials. Watch for more details including the exact time and a sample painting.

# Family Life Center Progress



The kitchen is starting to look like a kitchen!

## OPERATING BUDGET

	10/8/17	10/15/17
Needed YTD	\$404,914	\$414,798
Received YTD	\$364,907	\$371,395
Building Fund	\$3,230	\$235
Designated Gifts	\$1,498	\$268
Received Sunday	\$9,302	\$6,488

## ATTENDANCE

	10/8/17	10/15/17
Morning Worship	90	97
Sunday School	135	119
Traditional Worship	151	115
U-Nite	75	-
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>212</b>

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

<b>Nursery, Sunday October 22</b>
Jenna Carroll
Jeannie Quesenberry
<b>Nursery, Sunday October 29</b>
Suzanne Saunders
Linda Lawson
<b>Meet and Greet, Sunday October 22</b>
Spirit Seekers
<b>Meet and Greet, Sunday October 29</b>
Missions

## PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Johnny Crews
Pat Yahnko	van Kamp
Karen Wayt	Graham & Jennie
Dot Sowers	Simmerman
Joanne Lineburg	Willard Family
Phyllis & Don Simpson	

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

# Giving Thanks

"My cup runneth over" with the many kindnesses shown my family and me at the passing of our Nicholas. We have been showered with cards, visits, food, prayers and much love. Thank you, Church Family. I feel privileged to be one of you. Pamela Pappas and family.

# Notable Notes

## Mission of the Month - Elf Shelf

It's again time to be gearing up for Elf Shelf, the Radford Christmas Store. It is a community-wide effort involving many churches and organizations to spread Christmas joy to many. The store will be open to registered clients to shop Dec. 1-2 at Grove UMC. Money given through the Mission of the Month is wonderful, but there are other ways you can help. A box will be put in the back of the sanctuary for donations of new toys. You could also volunteer to help setup or cleanup or even be an elf to help shoppers. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Cheryl Loving at [cat47loving@gmail.com](mailto:cat47loving@gmail.com) or call her at [540 449 8706](tel:5404498706).

## Operation Christmas Child

**It's time to start packing those shoeboxes!** Once again Central will participate in Operation Christmas Child. Between now and Nov 26<sup>th</sup> we will collect shoeboxes filled with gifts to deliver to children in need around the world through Samaritan's Purse. On **Friday, December 1, we will take a team of 25 to Charlotte** to volunteer in the processing center. If you would like to be part of that group, please let Marcy Harless or Martha Kincaid know.

**What to pack in a shoebox:** A "wow" toy (a quality toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal). Then fill the box with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Next, pray for the child who will receive the gift, and will participate in the evangelism programs that go with distribution. Add \$9 to cover shipping and project costs. NOTE: there are some new regulations for this year-no toothpaste or candy. Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) for more info!

## A Note from Michelle

I have to share a bittersweet piece of news - my husband has accepted a new call to be the University Pastor at Capital University and Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He will start on November 27th. We are very excited for this new opportunity for ministry, and for the chance to be closer to both of our families. It does, however, mean saying goodbye to Radford and the wonderful people we've been privileged to know and work with here. I have loved being a part of the staff here at CUMC, and will be sad to say goodbye to this place. I appreciate the opportunity you have worked alongside y'all for the past two years, and hope I get the chance to greet each of you before I depart!