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Central News

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From My Perspective

We can't escape the images on our televisions or our computer screens. We've seen so many natural disasters recently that it is easy to become numb to all that we have seen. We wonder what our little efforts can possibly do to help persons who have experienced winds and floods of unimaginable proportion.

A recent article in USA Today reported that of all the relief that had been funneled into the Texas disaster, eighty percent of the relief came through faith-based organizations. That's right. People of faith have responded with a sense of compassion and a sense of urgency so remarkable that we're giving and giving to help improve others' lives.

So, how about our church? How are we doing? I'm proud to report that we have gone above and beyond any level of support that I might have dreamt. When all is said and done, our generosity is going to look something like this: We will have donated over \$5000 in cash, buckets, and supplies. Not only will we send over 100 flood buckets, but we also helped the Wesley Foundation put together nearly 40 hygiene kits. A poverty meal last week also sent funds through another relief organization. At the end of the day, you have opened your hearts and your wallets to make a difference, and to let others know of your love and support for them. I'm proud of you!

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21.

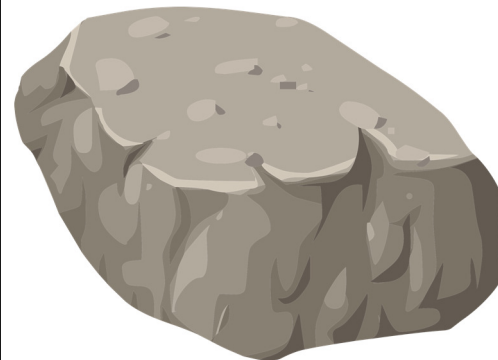
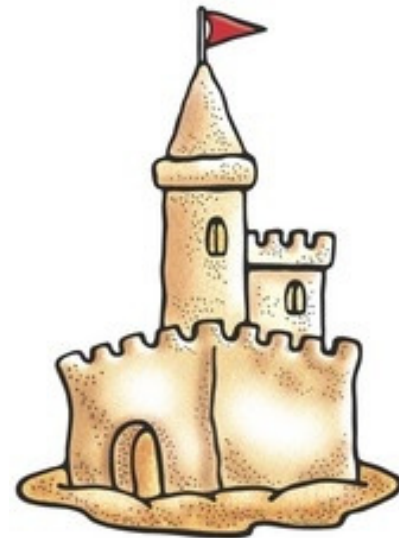
See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

F5 & U-Nite

Our new design for F5 continues on **October 8th** when our theme will be *Solid Rock*. We will read the parable of the wise and foolish builders and kids will learn the importance of building your life on the solid rock of Jesus!

Children can be dropped off at 4:00p.

Parents should return at **5:30p** to join their children for dinner, followed by our monthly youth-led **U-Nite service at 6:00p**. Worship will be led by our youth praise band, *Crossfire*, and the message will be delivered by a member of the Youth Leadership Team. Join us!



Mark your Calendar

October 5

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

October 8

12:15p El Salvador Info Meeting
4:15p F5
5:30p Fellowship Dinner
6:00p U-Nite
7:00p Nominating Committee Meeting

October 10

6:30p Disciple Bible Study
7:00p Missions Meeting

October 11

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 12

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

October 13

Newsletter Articles Due
12:00p Kitchen Angels
Project Crossroads Woodcutting Trip

October 14

10:00a Choir Retreat

October 15

1:00p CFAA Concert in the Park
6:00p Youth Group - Junior High
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

October 16

6:30p UMM

October 17

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Meetings

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

- *El Salvador Information*, Sunday, October 8th at 12:15p
- *Nominating Committee*, Sunday, October 8th at 7:00p
 - *Missions Team*, Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00p
 - *SPRC*, Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30p
- *All Hands On Deck*, Monday, October 23rd at 6:00p
- *Endowment Committee*, Monday, October 23rd at 7:00p
- *Administrative Board*, Sunday, October 29th at 6:00p

El Salvador Interest Meeting

A meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 12:15p for all those interested in learning more about the 2018 El Salvador Mission Trip. This meeting is for those who are interested in going on the trip and those who would like to participate in the preparation for the trip even if you cannot go. Lunch will be served.

Project Crossroads Woodcutting Trip

What you choose to do one weekend this fall, may make a huge impact on someone else this winter. The Project Crossroads Woodcutting Trip is scheduled for October 13-14. Join others from Central to help cut, carry, and load firewood for Project Crossroads. Come for one day or both. Stay in the mission house in Marion Friday night or sleep in your own bed. This is open to men, women, and youth over age 13. Particularly needed are people with chain saws! All you need is a willing heart to serve the Lord. See Jerry Krebs or Martha Kincaid or contact the church office to sign up.

Chancel Choir Retreat

Chancel Choir is asked to attend our annual Choir Retreat on Saturday, October 14th from 10a-1p. Lunch will be provided. Please see Alice with questions.

CFAA Concert in the Park

Central Fine Arts Academy invites you to their annual Concert at the Bissett Park Gazebo on Sunday, October 15th at 1:00p. Bring a picnic lunch and chairs and come enjoy the sounds of the season!

UMM

United Methodist Men will meet for a potluck dinner on Monday, October 16th at 6:30p. All men of the church are invited. Tommy Meredith will be our speaker.

WEOs

WEOs will meet on October 19th at noon for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring items for Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes for Christmas. The program will be fellowship time.

OPERATING BUDGET

	9/24/17	10/1/17
Needed YTD	\$385,153	\$395,034
Received YTD	\$340,956	\$355,605
Building Fund	\$430	\$540
Designated Gifts	\$660	\$450
Received Sunday	\$4,702	\$14,649

ATTENDANCE

	9/24/17	10/1/17
Morning Worship	88	71
Sunday School	120	116
Traditional Worship	130	124
Total Worship	218	195

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday October 8
Laci Carroll
Scott Kincaid
Nursery, Sunday October 15
Amber Hollins
Scott or Casey Hamblin
Meet and Greet, Sunday October 8
GYFT
Meet and Greet, Sunday October 15
Pairs & Spares/New Spirit

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Giving Thanks

Dear Members of CUMC, All of us here at the Clothing bank: the Officers, Board, Volunteers and Clients would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generosity and support in our efforts to serve our many clients in the New River Valley through our August Kids Program. Your contribution of \$1,315 is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. The monies will be spent for our August Kids Program as you have requested. We could not accomplish our objectives without continued support from our community both financial and through volunteering. A special thank you for your contribution and volunteers.

Notable Notes

Dinner for 7

An opportunity for Christian fellowship and to get to know others of our Church. The Evangelism Team is suggesting a type of dinner club involving adults who are interested. After signing up you will be placed in a small group. The first month the assigned leader will determine whether you have a pot luck dinner, go out to eat, or a prepared meal. Leadership switches each month within your group so each have an opportunity to decide where and how the meal happens. After the meal, hopefully you will spend some time getting to know each other either through games, discussion, etc. After each in your group have had an opportunity to be a leader, we will change groups. If you have any questions you may talk with Debby Sutphin or Becky Jo Masters. Please prayerfully consider this! We are so excited to be able to have a way to connect with others in our Church Family!

Canning Items Needed

A church member is looking for donations of canning jars and lids. If you have any you would be willing to part with, please contact Pat and Mike Yahnko.

Welcome to our New Nursery Workers!

You may have seen some new faces in the building! Our process to hire two consistent, paid nursery workers is complete. We are happy to have Victoria Diez and Ashlee Isom on board. Both Ashlee and Victoria are currently Juniors at Radford University. Ashlee studies Early Childhood Education and Victoria is a Sports Management major. Both ladies have experience working in childcare and preschool settings. We will continue to have a small volunteer rotation to assist when needed and for Sundays when Victoria and Ashlee are home with their families. We are thankful for the experience these ladies bring to our nursery and for the love and care they will give to the youngest members of our church family. Please say hi and welcome them when you see the nursery door open.