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Mark your Calendar

September 9

12:00p Kitchen Angels

September 11

10:30a Worship in the Park

6:00p Nominating Committee Mtg

6:00p Youth Group - Junior High

6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

September 13

6:30p Discipleship I Study

6:30p Women's Bible Study

September 14

5:00p Children's Choir

6:30p Pastor Bible Study

6:30p Handbell Choir

7:00p Café Logos

7:30p Chancel Choir

September 15

12:00p WEOs

1:30p Grief Group

6:30p Experiencing God Study

September 16

Newsletter Articles Due

September 18

7:30a UMM

12:15p Care Shepherds Meeting

4:15p F5

6:00p U-Nite

September 20

6:30p Discipleship I Study

6:30p Women's Bible Study

Central News

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From My Perspective

Joe was holding on the phone for me. What was I going to say to him? Joe and his wife Ann were both alcoholics. They would stay sober for a few weeks, then one of them would relapse, and then the other was not far behind. They would almost certainly get into a fight when they started drinking, and then the same script would play out. The police would come, arrest one or the other, or sometimes both, and in a few days, it would all be forgiven and forgotten between Joe and Ann.

I knew the story well because I was their pastor. They tried. They really, really tried. Yet all their efforts just seemed to underscore that they needed something more than I could offer. They were committed to Christ. They prayed for forgiveness and practiced forgiveness, but alcohol held a death grip on both of them. Ultimately, they separated and then divorced. They were bad for each other.

I answered Joe's phone call. "Dale," he said, "I'm just a hopeless drunk." I tried to assure him that he was not hopeless. But I knew in my heart that he needed professional help to go along with his Christian hope.

Last week, I went to visit a church that is helping people like Joe and Ann. They are preaching the Gospel, while offering support groups to help people silence the demons and find peace in Jesus. The church is Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville, TN, and it sees as many as 700 people come together and worship and support one another on Thursday evenings.

I'm excited because Cokesbury is helping other congregations begin recovery ministries throughout the Southeastern United States, and they are willing to partner with us in order to help us tap into a ministry that is changing lives and changing family histories. I met a guy at Cokesbury who had the strong smell of alcohol on his breath. He had that same hopeless look that I had seen in Joe and Ann. But this guy heard the Gospel on Thursday. He heard that there is a way out. He joined in singing songs about freedom. Because of the church in his community, there's hope. I want us to do this. I want to help the next Joe and Ann. Pray for us as we take the necessary steps to become a place for recovery.

See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

Worship in the Park

Join us at Bisset Park Shelter #1 September 11 at 10:30a!

Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy an outdoor service with your CUMC family!



After worship, join us for lunch! BBQ, fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share!



A service will be held at Central at 8:30a for those who cannot join us in the park.
There will be no Sunday School that day.

Upcoming Events

UMM

UMM will have a breakfast meeting on September 18th at 7:30a. All men of the church are invited. Our special guests will be Matthew Saunders and the Assistant Coaches of the Bobcat football team. Please come out and support.

WEOs

WEOs will meet on September 15th for a potluck lunch followed by Bingo. Please bring a dollar prize.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Join us during the Meet & Greet time on September 18th to celebrate the beginning of our building project with a groundbreaking ceremony.

Fish & Chicken Fry

The UMM will host a fish and chicken fry fundraiser on Sunday, September 25th after worship. Tickets will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Lunch will include catfish, chicken, cole slaw, hush puppies, fries and dessert! Tickets on sale now. See Brad Angell or visit the Church Office to purchase.

Operation Inasmuch

On Saturday, October 1, local churches will come together to provide free services for the community, assisting community service providers and agencies, as well as individuals. With over 50 projects happening around the city, there are a variety of ways you can get involved in this community endeavor. Central will host lunch for volunteers, as well as the Free Yard Sale for the community. Participants will need to purchase an Inasmuch t-shirt to wear for the event. You can sign up now at tinyurl.com/inasmuch16, questions can be directed to Becky Masters or Sandy Hill. Sign up soon to make sure you get on the specific project you desire!

Notable Notes

Adam Hamilton Study Available

The Pathfinders Class just completed the study "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton and would like to recommend it for other classes. A lot of good discussion and insights that we had not previously considered came out of this study. There are about 12 participant's books, a DVD, and a Leader's Guide, and these will be available in the church library.

Playground Closed

The playground at CUMC is currently closed as we wait for new mulch and equipment. We will reopen ASAP!

Holy Yoga Discontinued

Due to the schedule of our instructor, unfortunately Holy Yoga has been discontinued at this time.

Fall Women's Bible Study

We will begin our Fall Women's Bible study on September 13. We will be studying Beth Moore's Believing God. Based on Isaiah 43:10, Beth explores what it means not only "to believe in God" but "to believe Him." The bride of Jesus Christ in our generation is nearly paralyzed by unbelief. God is calling His bride to a fresh and lavish anointing of faith. Through studying the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others as examples of persons who believed God, Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him. This is a 10 week study and we will finish up before Thanksgiving. We will meeting Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the New Section upstairs. Please let Janie Fisher or Donna Judy know if you are planning to attend.

OPERATING BUDGET

	8/21/16	8/28/16	9/4/16
Needed YTD	\$330,572	\$340,295	\$350,017
Received YTD	\$318,796	\$324,229	\$338,722
Building Fund	\$2,190	\$480	\$580
Designated Gifts	\$100	\$25	\$2,145
Received Sunday	\$7,211	\$5,433	\$14,492

ATTENDANCE

	8/21/16	8/28/16	9/4/16
Morning Worship	102	113	110
Sunday School	140	146	132
Traditional Worship	136	142	99

Total Worship

238	255	209
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday September 11
Britney Green

Nursery, Sunday September 18
Rob & Kendall Colley
Andrew & Rachel Waff, Amy Shrewsbury

Meet and Greet, Sunday August 21
Pairs & Spares/New Spirit

Meet and Greet, Sunday August 28
Spirit Seekers

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Johnny Crews
Pat Yanhko	van Kamp
Billy & Janet Angell	Graham & Jennie
Ann Helms	Simmerman
Kathleen Ratcliffe	Family of
Kirby Lewis	David Shrewsbury
Nancy Brooks	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Giving Thanks

On August 16, many wonderful Central folks came out in force to serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall to 84 McHarg and Belle Heth school employees- some teachers, some principals, the school superintendent, people from the school board office, custodians, and secretaries. We even did two "take-outs" for those who could not leave their post!

Yes, we have a motive in doing this. "Children In Poverty" has been a theme at Annual Conference, and we hope that if these same people who attended the luncheon see a need for one-on-one attention with a student, they will remember that we want to help meet that need, and give us a call!

"It takes a village to rear a child," well, it takes set up and clean up crews, cooks, servers, a gifted person who does table decorations and makes bookmarks for each place setting, a beverage coordinator and his helper, and a group that is available to "do whatever is needed" to have a luncheon for school employees!

Many thanks to each person who helped in any way!

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The Radford Clothing Bank Board of Directors would like to thank the volunteers from Central who staffed the Clothing Bank during the month of August. There were 43 members of Central who came to help and some of them came more than once. They worked hard and got so much done. Thank you, thank you!

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Hello everyone. Just want to let you know how things are going for me in Florida. As you know, Hermine came through this week! Our area was not greatly affected by the storm. I am still unpacking and dealing with business. I am adjusting to the heat. I stay inside with the AC! Neighbors are friendly and interesting. I have met people from many different states and countries. Last Sunday, I visited Oviedo's UMC. People are friendly, and there are many projects in areas that need servants, just like Central! I think of you every day. I pray for you and miss you. You have been a great blessing for me.

Thank you for the many cards, calls and deeds of assistance and kindness. I am sorry there wasn't more time to visit and say goodbye before I moved. Please keep in touch. - Doris Morgan

Children & Youth

F5 & U-Nite

F5 begins on September 18th for children in grades K-5. Children can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall at 4:15p. Dinner for children and their families begins at 5:30p followed by our monthly youth-led service, U-Nite, at 6p. Join us!

Wonderful Wednesdays begins September 28th!

Wonderful Wednesday begins September 28th for K-5th graders in RCPS. Register online by September 15th! Contact Wendy if you're interested in volunteering. We are also in need of Capri Suns. If you can donate a box, please label it "Wonderful Wednesday" and leave it in the church kitchen.