

# HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN

at Central UMC

14 N. Lewis Street

October 28, 10am-Noon



Stop by for fresh popped  
Popcorn & hot Apple Cider.

Restrooms available inside.

Call (540) 886-3441 for more  
information.

## Announcements & Events

- October 18: Socialite @ 6pm, "Secret Boutique"
- November 5: All Saints Sunday. During our service, we will be honoring Evelyn Butler, Jo Ann Black, & Jean Nicewander.
- November 11: Central Men's Brunswick Stew sale, 10am-2pm
- November 13-27: Pastor Won will be in Korea for the 1 year anniversary of his mother's death. Our thoughts and prayers go with him.
- November 27: Downtown Christmas Parade @ 7pm. Central will be providing cookies and hot chocolate.
- December 2: Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 1-9pm
- December 8: Serving Christmas Dinner at the Valley Mission by Downtown ministers
- December 17: Christmas Pancake & Sausage Lunch, immediately after service



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**Office Hours- 8:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**Monday-Friday**

## The Central Connection

*2017 October Newsletter*

### Socialite Dinner

*Connect :: Food :: Learn*

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Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm  
@ Central UMC

Speaker: Jenelle Watson  
on Secret Boutique

For more information  
about how get involved visit:  
[www.secretboutique.org](http://www.secretboutique.org)  
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### Secret Boutique

**How to weave a network of support for  
marginalized students in your community:**

Each school day, 160,000 students across the United States skip classes – not because they want to stay home and play video games, hang out with friends, or avoid taking tests, but because they want to avoid being bullied.

Why are they bullied? Their appearance. Eighty percent of these students say they are tormented because of things like their clothing, body odor, hair style. This stems from a lack of essentials,

such as personal care products, fashionable clothing, and basic school supplies.

Secret Boutique wants to change that by providing essentials for the students most at risk - those in middle and high school -- and meeting their basic need for compassionate relationships.

You can help equip a generation of students put a stop to the scourge of bullying and help their peers find success at school and fulfillment in life.

#### How it works:

Through Secret Boutique and its sister organization, The Green Hanger Project, churches form networks within the community to support middle- and high-school students who are bullied and to help change the hearts of those who choose to bully others. These networks collect fashionable clothing, school supplies, and personal care products which are then used to stock boutiques that are hidden in area churches and businesses.

Educators issue invitations to students who are known to be in need or are being bullied by peers. These invitations are then used shopping club memberships for admission into the boutique. Once registered, students may come to the boutique as often as necessary to get the things they need.

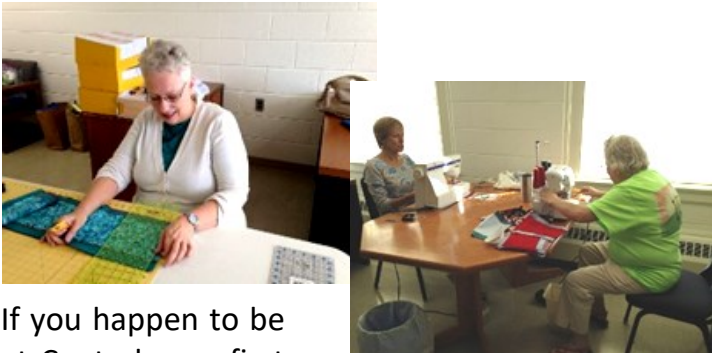
Managed by teams of adults and teens, these boutiques are kept out of the public eye in order to protect the dignity and identity of the students who "shop" there at no cost. This means no media coverage or other forms of publicity. Churches and civic organizations form the backbone of our support, and public collection efforts are managed through The Green Hanger Project in order to keep the Secret Boutique secret.



Based on the gifts and skills of those who support them, individual Secret Boutique ministries can be expanded to include laundry services, salon services such as hair care and basic manicures, after-school tutoring, etc.

During the 2016-17 school year -- its first full year in operation -- Secret Boutique served more than 100 middle- and high-school students in two Augusta County school districts. A second location will open in Staunton during the 2017-18 school year. ministry, The Big Yellow Bus Project, is beginning to meet the needs of younger students.  
-- **Jenelle Watson, Secret Boutique Sponsor**

**United Methodist Women**  
**Sewing Room News**



If you happen to be at Central on a first or third Tuesday of the month, consider venturing to the third floor to check out the UMW Sewing Room. That’s where you’ll find a group of ladies – not all from Central and not all UMW members – huddled around sewing machines or over cutting boards creating parts of sustainable personal hygiene kits for women and girls around the world. To quote the Days for Girls (DfG) organization: “Every girl and woman has inherent worth and dignity. Days for Girls celebrates this by providing sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education. When girls and women have health, education, and opportunity, communities and our world are stronger.” Thus far, DfG has reached more than 800,000 girls and women in more than 110 countries. The organization’s vision is to provide **every** girl and woman with ready access to feminine hygiene by 2022. Central UMW is delighted to be a part of this important program and desires to persevere until the DfG vision is

achieved! We would love for you to join us. Sewing skills are not required! Feel free to contact Ellen DeLong or Caroline Jones for more information.

-- **Caroline Jones**

**Pictures:** Top left--Betsy Daughtrey, Staunton District UMW Vice President. Bottom left--Ellen DeLong, Staunton District UMW Secretary; Marilyn Blagg, Staunton District Social Action Coordinator, Highland Area Leader, and Mission Encounter Assistant Dean.



**Agape Baskets**

As we have done for a number of years, Central continues to participate in the Backpack program, which we call Agape Baskets. Currently, we provide weekend meals (breakfast and lunch) for 13 children. In the month of September that amounted to 286 child-friendly meals! Our goal is to provide nutritious food options such as a variety of cereals, dried milk (non-perishable shelf milk), canned fruit, boxed mac and cheese, rice, noodles, peanut butter, crackers, canned soups and stews, and healthy snacks. While most of the food is supplied through Central’s Food Pantry (non-USDA only), we also rely on donations, especially when supplies run low – as they are at the present time. Partnering with the Agape Basket program can be painless if you would consider adding an extra jar of peanut butter, a box of crackers, a box of cereal, or some other healthy food in your grocery cart. Then, label it for Agape Baskets and bring it on Sunday morning. Place it in the Food Pantry tub in the hall and we’ll do the rest. That’s all there is to it! Thank you on behalf of 13 youngsters whose nutrition will be better because of you!

-- **Caroline Jones, Food Pantry Coordinator**

**Community Rewards**

Central currently has 10 households participating in the Community Rewards Program at Kroger. Between June & August, those participants earned \$62.27 for Central just by shopping at Kroger! Imagine what that amount could be if every member at Central linked their Kroger Plus card to Central’s Rewards account and shopped at Kroger just once a month.



**Staunton Downtown Discount Card**



Help support local businesses by signing up for a SDDA card. This card entitles you to discounts at many Downtown businesses. Let’s help shop Staunton first! Cards can be obtained at the Visitor’s Center or online.

**The Lay Servant Academy**

**Saturday, October 21, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Fishersville UMC (1600 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville VA 22939)**

**\$25 per person (covers materials, lunch, and snacks)**  
There will be three classes: **Basic Course** (This course encourages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the church. Emphasis is in the areas of leading, caring, communicating and spreading the love of Christ into the world.), **Spiritual Gifts** (This class will help you discern the gifts for service that god has given you. You will learn how to use these gifts in the Church.), **Connect: Creating Relationships That Matter** (An advanced course that is open to all interested persons, this is an exploration of Phil Maynard’s new book *Connect: Creating a Culture of Relationships that Matter*. A fundamentally different approach to community outreach and faith sharing, this is designed for each church or team to find the processes that express who they are as Disciples and honor their core values as believers in Christ. **Contact the District Office for reservations.**

**Birthdays**



- October 6: Jackie Beals
- October 11: Lizz Coltrane
- October 12: Paul Obaugh
- October 13: Susan Obaugh
- October 18: Eugene Blackmer
- October 30: Janet Nuckoles  
Arthur Reid
- October 31: Vince Ennis  
Fred Ergenbright



- November 3: Joe Hill  
Jean Smith  
Barbara Snyder  
Virginia True
- November 8: Elinor Hutchison
- November 9: Henry Gutshall
- November 17: Catherine VanFossen
- November 18: Susan Black
- November 26: Sally Draper