

### Calendar Dates

August 10-19: Staunton Music Festival  
August 15: Beulah Land trip  
August 22: Serve Trinity Lunch  
August 22: Choir meeting/dinner  
August 26: Last Faith Sharing Sunday (Wade Munford)  
August 28: Finance and Council Meeting. All reports for Charge Conference should be completed by then.  
August 29: Trinity Luncheon with Heifetz  
September 5-18: Won on vacation. On September 9 Rev. John Bernanke will provide message. On September 16 Rev. Ken Beals will preach.  
September 23: We will have a church picnic at Montgomery Hall in lieu of Sunday morning worship.  
September 25: Mary Baldwin University Spiritual Fair  
September 25: Charge Conference  
September 29: Queen City Mischief & Magic  
October 27 – 28: Staunton Music Festival at CUMC  
November 4: Soup and Sup Sunday  
November 10: Brunswick Stew fundraiser  
December 2: Christmas Luncheon  
December 8: Staunton is having an event downtown. CUMC may be providing volunteers for a live nativity scene.



August 2: Tom Davis	September 1: Josh Gutshall
August 4: Andrew Noto	Gloria McQuain
August 7: Robert Markley	September 5: Patrick Harrison
August 16: Betty Jo Obaugh	September 6: Donna Rhafiri
August 22: Arcadia Nicholson	September 7: Susan Sutton
August 23: Valerie Noto	September 17: Cheryl Kent
	September 30: Betsy Gutshall

### Queen City Mischief & Magic

WHEN: Saturday, September 29th starting @ 8 AM  
WHERE: Central's Beverly Street parking lot  
WHO: ALL HANDS ON DECK!

WHAT: Last year 10,000 people participated in this event, and restaurants were unable to accommodate this high volume. Central has the opportunity to participate. This event has the potential of meeting all of our fundraising needs for the year! Our food plan will be affordable for families, quick, & nutritious (e.g., no sugary drinks). We plan to serve 1,500 for breakfast and 2,000 for lunch.

Prep will begin at 8 AM with sales starting at 9 AM until gone. We plan to have 7 stations with 2 workers at each station at all times with additional runners. Sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Room.

Breakfast Menu: Sausage cheese biscuits & water or juice.

Lunch Menu: Hot dogs with condiments & water  
Popcorn and snow cone will be sold all day.

### Note of Thanks

"I sincerely thank you and the other Staunton area United Methodist Churches for the recent monetary donation you made to Bessie Weller Elementary School. Your donation will be of great use for buying institutional supplies and materials for our classrooms. Thank you for thinking of us and for contributing to the success of our students -- we are truly blessed!"

-Rick Fletcher  
*Principal, Bessie Weller Elementary*

### Used Printer Cartridges!

Do you have used printer cartridges at home? Bring them to Central! We collect used printer cartridges and take them to Staples for recycling. For each cartridge that we turn in, Central receives a credit on our account. Help us out by bringing your used cartridges to church and placing them in the designated box. Thank you for your help!

# *The Central Connection*

*2018 August Newsletter*



### Vision and Direction for Central Choirs

Dear Central members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make music for you that makes me feel like family in a space that feels like home. I am extremely fortunate to have your trust and support to take over a beloved music program. In this nurturing environment, I am most excited about making music that draws an emotional response to the liturgy. I would love to connect with as many people as possible through music's emotional content. When we focus on making heartfelt music, we can create ensembles that people want to be a part of.

The rebuilding process might start small with expectation of fast growth in membership and ability. We will start with adult choir since it can include musicians of all levels. The adult choir will become the voice that gives the congregation confidence and inspire them to deepen emotional connection to the sermon through music. This choir will perform weekly starting in September. After the adult choir gets off the ground, the bell choir will start in October. The bell choir will foster community building among the musicians due to the co-dependent nature of the ensemble make-up. Since I have the least amount of experience in bell choir, I would love to have input from previous bell choir members. Once we have established a core group for bell choir, we can perform bi-monthly starting with the Christmas program. I would also love to see the children/youth choir perform during the Christmas program. This program will be used as an opportunity to introduce the joy of music-making to younger people. The children/youth choir rehearsals will create a safe environment for them to express themselves while having fun making music with peers. By the end of spring next year, I hope to have established three functional choirs with new and returning members who enjoy making music together.

My vision would be much easier to accomplish with your help. Let us start making music together with the first choir rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 at 6pm with a 7:15pm dinner social provided by the church. This will be a sight-reading party where we sing through as much familiar and unfamiliar music as possible. If you have not been to a sight-reading party, you are in for a treat. It is extra fun since we do not have to work hard to perfect any music yet. We are especially looking for new members, and previous choral experience is not necessary. Please come share this fun experience with us so we can get to know each other as musicians and people. (If that is not enough, the church promises to provide yummy food as a reward for showing up. =)) Looking forward to making music with you.

Sincerely,  
Yi-Ping Chen

**United Methodist Men**

Greetings from the United Methodist Men of Central United Methodist Church! It has been awhile since we last updated everyone on our activities. Typically (except perhaps in the summer months), we meet the first Saturday of every month for a fellowship breakfast. And we do enjoy our breakfast meetings! After the very full and filling breakfast, we attempt to work off some of the calories gained with work around the church. Many hands make work light is our mantra, but the work accomplished is rewarding. That imagery belies the fact we undertake various activities on behalf of Central and its many missions through other programs, projects, and sponsorships.

We have helped other Mission-related groups at Central by contributing our funds and labor. As I indicated previously, at Central, our UMM group has served and is serving by doing specific tasks such as:

- periodic grounds cleanup around the church;
- providing physical labor and means to help decorate, clean, declutter, and relocate material within the church;
- supplementing resources needed to make improvements and procure equipment (e.g., kitchen equipment and supplies);
- undertaking and support fundraising activities of the church (BBQ & Brunswick Stew sales);
- donating money and labor to mission trips;
- providing physical assistance to members’ homes that would otherwise not be possible;
- donating financial support to the Society of St. Andrew;
- and many, many other activities and projects currently and in the past.

The one area in which we would like to do better is increasing the number of Central UMC men who participate. Our monthly meeting participation is around 10-12. We recognize Saturday, particularly with young families, is a very busy day. Getting out with a packed agenda to enjoy fellowship around a breakfast table may be ‘a bridge too far,’ to borrow a phrase. We would welcome your participation even if it is irregular. If you have guests, grandkids, etc., they will be welcomed, too. We promise the experience will be uplifting and mind expanding. Please watch for our monthly notices of our meeting opportunities.

As the future unfolds for us all at Central, the United Methodist Men will also endeavor to be the supportive, collaborative group we have been. Our UMM provides another way to understand how the work of Central United Methodist Church is important to our ministries, locally and beyond, and that we can all contribute in our own ways, fulfilling the Mission of the United Methodist Men: ***To Help Men Grow in Christ, So Others May Know Christ.***

If there are any questions or comments or requests, please let me, Jim Printy, Jim Clemmer, or Won know.

-Bill Bushman, UMM President  
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**Children and Youth Ministry**

As our students prepare to embark on a new school year, the Children/Youth Ministry is also looking to and planning for the year ahead. During the last season, we have lost valuable teachers and volunteers in our Sunday School, Nursery/Primary, and Activities programs. As Centralites, we all agree on the importance of supporting our youth programs and 'training up our children in the way they should go.'

Our children and youth here at Central are bright and active and look forward to participating in fellowship and learning experiences together. However, in order to build a viable and meaningful program for them, there must be enough of us willing to share our precious time and abilities with our children and youth.

We are currently in need of Sunday School teachers, Primary Room Nurturers (ages 5 & up, during worship) for the first, second, and fourth Sundays, and Special Activities Volunteers as events are scheduled. If you find that you can volunteer any time at all to help guide and nurture our children and youth, please contact Mary Douglas at [deaconmed@aol.com](mailto:deaconmed@aol.com) or leave your name and number with Sarah Russell in the church office.

Thanks and God Bless our efforts.

-Mary Douglas

**Treasurer Position**

When Jeff and Ellen DeLong moved from Staunton in July, not only did CUMC lose two faithful members, we also lost our church treasurer. Fortunately, we have a solution that we all are very pleased with. Sarah Russell, our office manager and administrative assistant, has added the position of treasurer to her list of Central jobs. Jeff has kindly assisted Sarah in learning her new duties and former treasurer Jim Clemmer will also be able to help as needed. The church treasurer is in charge of writing checks, paying bills in a timely manner, maintaining records of contributions from the congregation and other sources, reconciling accounts with bank statements, managing the church payroll, producing reports to

Council, producing a year-end final report for church and tax purposes, and providing financial records for the annual church audit. I am happy to report that, just as she did when she became our administrative assistant, Sarah is rapidly learning the skills necessary as our treasurer.

The Finance Committee asks that you assist her by always completing the appropriate form any time you wish to have a check written from a church account and indicate on the form the budget line for the expenditure. We are indeed fortunate to have Sarah Russell!

-Joe Hill, Finance Committee Chairman

**Finance Committee Announces Plans for 2019 Budget**

The CUMC Church Council has been working on our spending plan for 2019. Council was presented preliminary figures at its July 24 meeting and will approve the final budget at the August 28 meeting. At the July 24 meeting the apportionment figures had not been released; they were finalized on August 3. The plan will be presented at the Charge Conference on September 25. Highlights of the proposed budget are shown below:

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$ 42,987.00	\$ 40,266.00
STAUNTON DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS	\$ 11,101.00	\$ 9,900.00
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 137,305.00	\$ 147,591.32
FINANCE / ADMIN EXPENSES	\$ 10,570.00	\$ 8,620.00
TRUSTEE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 53,200.00	\$ 48,940.00
TRUSTEE PURCHASES AND RENOVATION	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
MISSION / OUTREACH	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
WITNESS	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
WORSHIP	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
MUSIC	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 850.00
NURTURE	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,745.00
EDUCATION	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 2,700.00
TOTAL	\$ 265,178.00	\$ 268,412.32

The proposed budget for 2019 represents a 1% increase from the 2018 budget. It includes a raise for our Pastor for the first time in his six years here. It also includes monies for our church treasurer which had previously been a volunteer position. Note that our apportionments have been lowered for both Conference and District. If you would like details for any of the categories shown above please contact Joe Hill, Finance Chair.

As you consider your personal budget for 2019, please keep Central in mind and help us fully fund this plan.

-Joe Hill, Finance Committee Chairman



## Central United Methodist Endowment

Endowments are special funds or accounts that are maintained to provide benefit to others in the future. Generally, an endowment fund is never completely depleted or spent, but is managed in a manner that assures it will still exist in the future. Usually a portion of an endowment is spent each year to support the purpose for which it was created. Endowments may be established for many reasons and many schools, hospitals, or charitable organizations have endowment funds. For example, an endowment might provide a college scholarship, or supplies for a Food Bank. Central United Methodist is blessed to have a functioning endowment fund that supports many critical areas of the Church's ministry.

The Endowment itself is made of several funds, with each directed toward a different aspect of ministry. The Manse account or "parsonage fund" represents the past proceeds from the sale of the church's parsonage years ago. This fund now supports the housing allowance we give Reverend Un so that he and Diana can have a home of their own.

The Trustees have a portion that is dedicated to their efforts to maintain the building or perform capital improvement projects. The cost of elevator repair and replacement is taken directly from these funds. Otherwise, we would have to do a huge special fundraiser for elevator repair and replacement. No doubt we would be without an elevator much longer than we have been without the Trustees' management. The renovation and repair of the sanctuary with its nice fresh, intimate, and inviting appearance would not have been possible without a special gift to the Endowment. Not long ago, Endowment funds supported a team of brick masons as they "repointed" the 100 and 125 year old brick exterior of our sanctuary.

However, the Endowment is not just about buildings and capital projects. Income from one fund is specifically directed to missions. The Mission and Outreach Committee can tell you about the great work for Jesus Christ that they are doing. Income from the largest portion of the Endowment provides funds for daily expenses and part of our United Methodist apportionments. Through these supported initiatives we are able to minister locally, regionally, and to the world.

Anyone can support the future of Christ's ministry at Central United Methodist Church through endowment giving. Although the largest gifts have come from annuities, trusts and wills of persons that have gone on to heaven, you can support the Endowment with any gift of any amount. Memorial and Honorary gifts are a favorite way to give a gift to honor someone we love or someone who has passed. When you prepare your will or the beneficiaries of an insurance policy, first make sure your family and loved ones will be OK, then consider a portion for the Central Church Endowment. Others may be able to give a gift of real estate, stocks or securities without concern for a tax penalty and still others may wish to make a transfer from their retirement or 401k plan.

Any amount, any gift, is a blessing to Christ's work here at Central. Just as in the story of the Servant with Many Talents, we will try to manage it, to put it to work, and assure that it is a blessing to Our Master who is in Heaven.

-Edward Pickett, Endowment Fund Chair



## June Church Council Minutes

The Church Council of Central UMC was called to order by Chairperson Tom Davis at 7:03 pm on June 26, 2018 in the Wesley Fellowship classroom. Won Un presented the devotion. Minutes from the April 24 meeting were distributed. Those present included Tom Davis, Connie Davis, Jim Clemmer, Bill Bushman, Sandra Clemmer, Won Un, and Joe Hill.

### Committee Reports

**Lay Leader:** Connie Davis reported that the DeLong reception had gone well and we will sorely miss them. The gift presented to them was very appropriate. Sandra Clemmer and Barbara Snyder had presented Bibles to the children at the June 24 service.

**SPRC:** Sybille Jobin reported that the SPRC met on May 24 with the purpose of evaluating our pastor. This is called a formative evaluation that is supposed to optimize the relationship between the pastor and the congregation. We worked from a handout called Characteristics of Effective Clergy and we all agreed that Won had pretty much all of them. However, we decided the top three were Integrity and Authenticity, Servant Leadership, and Adaptability. The second task was to decide on areas of growth with an action plan on how to improve these areas: 1) To have a better youth program, maybe even to apply for a grant to be able to pay an intern to work with the youth program. 2) To reestablish a top notch music program, which hopefully has been achieved in hiring Yi Ping Chen. The next SPRC meeting is July 10.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jeff DeLong provided the May 2018 balance sheet. For the month, our income was \$19,323.61 and the expenses were \$23,527.73. Thus far we have paid 33% of our apportionments. Tom reminded Council that there was \$125,000 of the Endowment funds earmarked for apportionments investments. Each quarter, \$1,000 of this fund (4% of the running annual average in the future) will be given toward apportionments. Also aiding our apportionment will be the July fundraiser for World Missions.

**Trustees:** Bill Bushman reported on behalf of Jim Printy that the HVAC service contract had been

reviewed and quotes were sought but no responses were received. The issue with the security system has been resolved. A video doorbell is being considered. The elevator is working properly now except there is an issue with the communication between the elevator and the monitoring service in Roanoke. The outside of the church will be painted this fall by Buck Fitzgerald. The trees on the Willson parking lot were trimmed. A roof leak was fixed and drains cleaned out. New signage has been installed (sign made by Ed Smith and Susan Black). A new issue is that a home school group, *Classical Conversations*, (ages 4 – 12) wants to meet at CUMC using several classrooms on the third floor, fellowship hall, and possibly Eagon Hall, once per week for twelve weeks. The Trustees are considering this proposal. Won brought up the issue that certain groups are charged for using our facilities but there is no standard procedure. The Trustees will be tasked with developing guidelines for charging groups who wish to use the church on a regular basis.

**Nurture:** Sandra Clemmer reported that Susan Black worked with the children to make gifts for the mothers and fathers for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. The Bibles were presented to rising third graders. A baby shower is being planned for Sarah Russell.

**Outreach:** Connie Davis reported that the Food Pantry received two new computers from the Food Bank, intake volunteers are being trained, and will go "live" on July 11. Judi Jones and Connie Davis attended a cooking class, which enables us to receive a \$50 food credit. Judi will demonstrate cooking on selected Wednesdays as a way to encourage clients to broaden their meal planning. To that end, we purchased an induction hot plate, which came with one pan, and purchased an additional wok. She held her first cooking demo last Wednesday when she prepared a delicious sweet potato and apple dish. Cooking demonstrations will be done each month with the hope that we will reach a different client group using that strategy. Beverly and Sam Richardson are helping with the Agape Basket program. Currently we are sending meals for 8 children. As happens in the summer, we will send enough food for 2 meals/5 days rather than 2 weekend days. Direct deliveries are made to Farrier Court.

Anita Jackson reported that we are preparing meals for breakfast and lunch for the Agape children seven days a

week. There are three families, seven children. Some of these families have great needs.

Connie reported that a fund raiser for the district mission trailer was held raising \$900 for the trailer. July 13-14 there is a fund raiser scheduled at The Meating Place. Volunteers are needed. The profits will go towards Guatemala and other world disaster-relief efforts.

Won reported that CUMC is considering buying a wood splitter so we can provide wood for those in need.

Family Fun Day at Elizabeth Gardens is scheduled on Friday, August 3. A lunch will be provided. The cost may be split between the Housing Authority and CUMC.

As part of the Mischief and Magic Festival, on Saturday, September 29 we are providing breakfast and lunch for 1,500 and 2,000 people, respectively. The money for the items needed will come from the Kitchen Fund.

**Children:** Mary Douglas sent a report that the Children's Sunday School class will not meet in July or August. The children's participation in Morning Worship on June 24 went well. Mary is requesting a parents' council meeting to discuss the future of youth at CUMC.

**UMW:** Won reported that Anita Jackson has agreed to take over the presidency of the UMW since Ellen DeLong is moving.

**UMM:** Bill Bushman reported that as a result of the Guatamala volcanic eruption, UMM agreed to donate \$500 to UMCOR to support the relief efforts. Brunswick Stew is being planned again for the fall. Tentatively the next meeting is planned for July 7.

**Pastor:** Won Un reported that 150 people had stayed at Central June 24 on their way to a Mission Project in West Virginia. Won announced that the order of service will be changing somewhat. We are not doing a Meating Place fundraiser in September. Won proposed having a church picnic sometime this fall.

### July Church Council Minutes

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#### Committee Reports

**Lay Leader:** Connie Davis reported great pleasure that the children have been actively involved in the worship service. They will continue to assist on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

**SPRC:** Sybille Jobin reported that the committee has been working on salary recommendations for 2019. Janet had shown some concern that the food pantry has taken much of her time on Mondays – Wednesdays. The Committee recommended that she not assist with the project on Mondays and Tuesdays. SPRC also recommended that Sarah Russell be hired as the CUMC Treasurer for a salary of \$2,000. Sarah has requested six weeks maternity leave.

**Finance:** Joe Hill shared the June 18 Financial Statement which showed the income for June was \$17,511.81 and the expenses were \$18,776.24. The Finance Committee also presented the draft budget for 2019 which will be finalized once the Conference has determined Central's apportionments for 2019. This budget proposal is for \$272,234.32, which is a 3% increase from the 2018 budget of \$265,178.00. This proposal includes a \$6,500 raise for Pastor Won and a \$500 addition to his accounts reimbursement. There has been no raise in pastoral salary since Won started at Central. Since the budget cannot be finalized until the apportionment figures are provided, a vote will be taken for budget approval at the August 28 Council meeting.

**Endowment:** Tom Davis reported that the total endowment funds were approximately \$1.3 million.

**Trustees:** No report. Won reported that Jazzercise

may be returning to Eagon Hall. There is another group possibly interested in renting our kitchen.

**Nurture:** Barbara Snyder reported that a special gift for Sarah Russell is planned based on her registry. Money will be collected for the next several Sundays. Barbara Snyder asked about the idea of creating a display for Gypsy Hill at Christmas time. Caroline Jones is believed to be working on this with assistance from Leslie Artley.

**Outreach:** Connie Davis reported that the Meating Place fundraiser had gone well with profits approximately \$1,500. She thanked those who volunteered. On July 23 the International Students from Heifetz were treated to a Korean dinner which had gone exceptionally well. Approximately 40 students attended. Jeff Kiser, who was on the Florida Mission Trip, is setting up another mission trip during the week of October 14. The location has not been finalized yet. Helping Hands will be held again this year at Covenant Presbyterian. There are more than 75 students coming plus counselors and workers. Family Fun Day at Elizabeth Gardens is scheduled on Friday, August 3. A lunch will be provided. The cost may be split between the Housing Authority and CUMC. As part of the Mischief and Magic Festival, on Saturday September 29 we are providing breakfast and lunch for 1,500 and 2,000 people, respectively. Connie requested that everyone volunteer for this event. Profits from this event will go to the general fund. Anita Jackson reported that we are still preparing meals for breakfast and lunch for the Agape children. There are three families, seven children. Barbara reported that plans are made for the July 25 Trinity luncheon. Connie added that CUMC is purchasing a wood splitter so we can provide wood for those in need.

Caroline Jones reported that there has been an issue with the online data entry associated with the Food Pantry though it is getting better. Participants are only supposed to receive USDA food once monthly. Caroline also reported that Judi Jones has conducted two cooking demonstrations thus far with the goal to help clients add and expand nutritious foods in their diets.

**Children:** Mary Douglas reported that she hopes

the children's program will be back on track when the fall comes. Additional teachers are always needed and more students are also needed. An August 12 meeting is planned on building the program. Also, the primary program needs coverage during the morning worship. Mary reported that the young families at Central have requested that we consider hiring a youth pastor.

**Pastor:** Won Un thanked those who assisted with the disaster relief fundraiser at The Meating Place. The September 29 Mission and Magic fundraiser will be another major fundraising opportunity for CUMC. Won pointed out he has switched the order of worship somewhat. Announcements will still take place at 11:00. Communion for VIP's will resume in August. August 15 we will visit Beulah Land Retirement Home in Raphine where Sally Draper lives. Won reported that the August 12 meeting involving children and their parents will help identify what the young families want from Central. Won also reported that an effort is being made to better retain our guests. The Lay Leadership Committee is in the process of obtaining a slate of officers for 2019. Won proposed that we will have a church picnic at Montgomery Hall on September 23 in lieu of Sunday morning worship. Council voted to approve this idea.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 28. Devotions will be provided by Connie Davis. The meeting concluded by reciting the Lord's Prayer at 8:45 PM.

#### Upcoming Events...

- \* Central Picnic is Sunday, September 23rd at Montgomery Hall Park. Worship service at 10:30 AM with a pot-luck to follow.
- \* Soup and Sup Sunday will begin the first Sunday in November and the following months. This was an early church practice where Christians gathered for a meal and communion.
- \* Central will begin a Wood Ministry this winter. A generous family has donated funds to purchase a wood splitter for this purpose. This ministry is for needy families who heavily rely on wood to heat their homes. More information will follow.

