

Calendar Dates

April 10: Lenten Luncheon @ Christ UMC
 April 7: Soup & Sup after worship
 April 14: Palm/Passion Sunday
 April 18: Maundy Thursday service @ 7PM
 April 21: Easter Sunrise service @ St. Paul's UMC @ 6:30AM, breakfast following
 May 15: Socialite @ 6PM
 May 18: Church Yard Sale @ 8AM-1PM



2019 Lenten & Easter Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Location	Speaker
April 3 rd	Noon	Lenten Luncheon	St. John's	Sarah Locke
April 10 th	Noon	Lenten Luncheon	Christ	Sarah Payne
April 14 th	11 AM	Palm/Passion	Central	
April 18 th	7 PM	Maundy Service	Central	
April 21 st	6:30 AM	Sonrise Service	St. Paul	Norman Ramsey
	11:00 AM	Easter Service	Central	

Teens Group

Central Church is excited to announce Teens Group (a.k.a. Sunday School). It will begin May 5th and finish July 28th. The theme is *We Believe*.

We will begin our lesson at 9:30 on Sundays for one hour. The participants will be given a journal to keep your thoughts and reflection. I hope and pray we will have great many participants. Bring your friends.

Schedule

May 5	Why Church?
May 12	We are the Church
May 19	The Book of Books
May 26	God the Father
June 2	God the Son
June 9	God the Holy Spirit
June 16	God's Church Grows
June 23	We Worship God
June 30	The Church Celebrates
July 7	God's Plan for Our World
July 14	Faithful Disciples
July 21	We Live the Christian Life
July 28	Are You a Christian?



April

3: Sarah Melton
 4: Linda Dinsmore
 12: Diana Un
 13: Sam Ambrogi
 15: James Clemmer
 18: Kim Mitchell
 25: Wanda True
 26: Ken Beals

Ann Hill

May

9: Augusta Markley
 10: Luz Detablan
 Suzanne Peeler
 12: Sheryl Mullenax
 16: Jack True
 20: Vicki Printy
 27: John Myers
 28: Rebecca Eakin

The Central Connection

2019 Spring Newsletter



Dear Centralites,

United Methodism is currently undergoing an identity crisis while trying to determine whether we are an inclusive church or an exclusive church. If you ask me, my answer is very clear: inclusive church.

United Methodism held a special General Conference last month and voted to be an exclusive church by upholding the current Book of Discipline (¶ 304.3: *The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church.*)

This month, the Judicial Council will meet to discuss the constitutionality of amendments that were attached to the traditional plan. The new law will take effect January 1st, 2020.

We are living in uncertain United Methodist times, and for that reason we will hear many voices from a variety of theological spectrums claiming to be the true voice of God. The true voice of God is Jesus the Christ and He only. You will find His voice in the four Gospels of the New Testament.

Dear Centralites, there is no need to lose heart or

get confused by the ever-changing winds of teachers and preachers claiming to be the true voice. What the high-level leaders are doing is trying to define orthodoxy (right teaching). Yes, it is important to establish orthodoxy; but, as history taught us, it seems that right teaching changes with time. Examples of shifts in orthodoxy involve slavery, divorce, and other disputes.

However, orthopraxis (right practice) has not changed with time. For example, it is always right practice to love our God and neighbors, welcome and care for others, and lay down our lives for Jesus.

My point is this. Let us carry on God's will for His people despite the uncertain future of our denomination. Let us feed and love the lost, the least, and the last despite what our denomination says as to who we are. Let us be Jesus's people, "Christianist", before we call ourselves traditionalist, progressivist, or centralist.

We are in the midst of Lenten season. I pray you are keeping up with prayer, fasting, and penitence to ready ourselves to experience the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

-Pastor Won

Children and Youth Ministry: Teen Division

Central's Teen Ministry is coming together with enthusiasm and purpose. The group has met three times so far to organize and exchange ideas, looking forward to opportunities to learn, serve, and fellowship. Many plans are presently in the works at this time.

In the immediate future, the teens are working with the Easter Bunny to sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children on Easter Sunday morning. Members are asked to help in this effort by bringing goodies to stuff the eggs. The teens will also be presenting a skit on Easter Sunday titled "Jesus Was, Jesus Is."

The teens are making good use of their newly established meeting room as they plan for summer events such as the Lake Junaluska Retreat and the mission trip in June.

This group is presently comprised of 4 families and is excited about their new fellowship.

-Mary Douglas

Easter Lilies

As Easter approaches and we look to a time of new birth and renewal, we will again be offering members the opportunity to place lilies on the altar in honor and/ or memory of loved ones. We will be purchasing the lilies from Rask's Florist as they have been our resource for flowers this past year. I think we can all agree that they have done a beautiful job. At this time, they are awaiting the final cost from the distributor. As soon as I have the information I will be sharing it with each of you.

A special thank you to those of you that have provided flowers for our worship services so far this year. If anyone is interested in providing flowers for future Sundays, the flower calendar is now located in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall, just above the water fountain. Just sign up and I will be in touch with you. And if you happen to be in Rask's Florist, please extend an extra special thank you to Lynn for her excellent work to add beauty to our worship services.

-Kim Mitchell

UMM Report

The Central United Methodist Men have been active recently, despite the weather that has cancelled several planned events.

We recently completed our Spring fundraiser/ Brunswick Stew Sale. Important to the success of the project was the leadership of Project Leader Tom Davis and the Kitchen Crew. Preparations started early and culminated in the effort which began VERY early Friday morning, March 15. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and membership, we were able to sell out of the production run of 102 quarts over the weekend. We had good, brisk sales to the general public Saturday morning as well. Preliminary reports from members as to the quality of this year's stew effort are very good. There have been a few ideas floated as to how to enhance the product as we look ahead to this November, when we start the process, again. These ideas include a 'Taste Off,' where various, submitted, recipes are tried. The "winner" being the recipe used in our project. Also, it has been suggested we include (4?) corn muffins per quart as an (optional?) addition to the stew. This would make the purchase a true meal opportunity. Let us know your thoughts; we are always open to new/better ideas.

This Spring's project has raised approximately \$670, after expenses. It will be used for advancing projects that Central UMMen have traditionally done, like the Staunton Rotary Christmas Gift program and the Society of St. Andrew, as well as facilitating purchases of a more immediate nature. For example, we funded procurement of several large heavy duty cook pots for the kitchen. This past January, we gave \$500 to the Church for our broader programs.

Our next regular meeting will be Saturday, April 6, beginning at 8:30A. It is planned for a usual breakfast meeting. We will discuss projects going forward, as well as look at any chores around the church for which many hands can make quick work. On May 18, UMMen will be assisting with the church Yard Sale. Pending approval, we hope to also sell BBQ during the event. As we've said before, there is no formal membership requirement—just show up and have fun.

-Bill Bushman

Finance Committee Puzzled

As the chart below shows, Central's income for the first two months of 2019 was considerably below last year's. The Finance Committee does not have a good explanation of why this has happened and, of course, is concerned about the trend. What can you do to help? Please consider giving generously including our annual Easter offering which is designated to help our mission and ministry.

January - February	2018	2019
Offering Income	\$32,192	\$28,188
Investment Income	\$16,938	\$14,897
Rental/Building Use Income	\$500	\$417
Designated Funds Income	\$2,372	\$2,981
Total Income	\$52,002	\$46,483

Central Yard Sale

I'm excited to announce that Central Church will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 18th from 8AM-1PM. We will have the yard sale rain or shine.

This will be a fun morning of bargains, food and fellowship! BBQ, hot dogs, chili, popcorn, soft pretzels, and of course Central's famous baked goods will be available for purchase.

In order to make the yard sale a success, we need everyone to share their gifts. We can use people to help prepare for the sale by pricing and sorting items, setting up the day of the sale, during the sale, and also clean up. Remember, many hands make light work.

Want to clean out your gently used items? We'd love to have your donations for the church to sell. (Please NO adult clothes or shoes). Contact the church office for drop-off information or if your items need to be picked up. Last day to bring your items is May 14th.

Want to make some extra money? We have spaces to rent for just \$15.00 and we provide the table!

I look forward to seeing everyone either selling, buying, eating yummy food or just enjoying some great fellowship. Please call me with any questions or to volunteer.

-Linda Dinsmore
(540) 294-3408

Gathering Room

At the last Trustees Meeting there was a discussion about upgrading our Gathering Room, and as a result of the discussion, a committee was formed to research the costs and the possibilities of making this important room functional and beautiful.

Diane Baker, Martha Bushman, Diana Un and I have been busy gathering estimates and information that will result in a much needed facelift in our Gathering Room.

We are so excited about the possibilities this wonderful space offers for Central and our community at large.

What a joy it is to walk into the Gathering Room to be greeted by smiling faces and laughter as our members share fellowship and refreshments (Methodists always eat at Church!!) together in the new seating arrangement.

We are thrilled to hear all your positive comments about the few changes that have been made so far. Diane, Diana, Martha and I very much appreciate your encouragement. This is a work in progress, so please stay tuned!!

On a personal note, I wish to thank our Historian Thelma Depriest for coming along on our adventures and keeping us straight on how long this and that have been in the Gathering Room that at one time was called the Cave!

With Gratitude for the opportunity to serve this amazing Church,

Connie





Central UMC Food Pantry

February 2019 marked the tenth anniversary of the opening of Central's Food Pantry. During its ten-year history, it has morphed from food distribution via a tiny closet to a popular walk-through, self-select program. As part of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, we are able to offer both USDA and non-USDA food, including a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. We also partner with the Staunton Kroger to receive bakery items on a weekly basis.

On average, 18 client families visit Central's Food Pantry each week. For individuals and families who are food insecure, having a local food pantry is vital in that it often makes the difference between putting food on the table, paying rent or getting medications.

No food pantry will succeed without the support of volunteers. Without question, Centralites are key to the success of this vital mission! It is our faithful members who pick up food from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank every week, stock the shelves, manage the computer intake process, greet and escort clients each Wednesday morning, and run our extremely popular clothes closet. Thanks to the on-going generosity of Centralites, we have never once lacked funds to purchase food or upgrade our program. Because of you, we have a program that not only feeds and clothes our neighbors, we have become a place of friendship, mutual respect, and love.

-Caroline Jones

Easter Cantata

This Easter we will involve everyone making music in the celebration of Christ's rebirth. The bell choir will be performing the prelude That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright. Then, they will accompany the children's choir in Alleluia. They will conclude the service with Ode to Joy, joined by the congregation. The central music selection will be Glory to the Risen King, a musical drama sung by adult choir, narrator, and the congregation. Four familiar hymn tunes help narrate the story of Easter morning, starting with women coming to the tomb, to Jesus' appearance to his disciples, ending with Jesus' commandment to spread the good news to all nations. We hope you will all join us in making joyful sounds on this special day.

-Yi-Ping Chen

2019 Kits for Conference

Moving Forward in God's Mission
Roanoke, Virginia



Friends,

While other types of kits have been received in the past, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is currently focusing its efforts on **Cleaning Kits** (aka Flood Buckets), **Hygiene Kits**, and **School Kits**. See attached PDFs for specific item listing and assembly instructions as well as our Kits for Conference logo for use to promote your efforts.

Collection of the kits will begin Wednesday, June 19 from 4—8 p.m. and continue Thursday, June 20 from 8 a.m.—7 p.m., and Friday, June 21 from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Contact Kit Collection Coordinator, the Rev. Morris Fleischer (Newport-Mt. Olivet UMC/ Roanoke District), at (540) 544-7183 or morrisfleischer@vaumc.org with any questions. A volunteer sign-up page will be available soon!

If you prefer to make a financial contribution to enable UMCOR to purchase relief kits, you can contribute \$75 for each cleaning kit; \$12 for each health kit; and \$11 for each school kit. Additionally, UMCOR asks for \$1 per kit (\$1.50 for cleaning buckets) to cover processing and shipping and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit. Please do NOT bring checks to Annual Conference. All checks (for processing and shipping, for toothpaste, and in lieu of providing kits) should be made payable to "Virginia Conference UMC," earmarked for "kits" and mailed to Treasurer, Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA, 23058 any time prior to Annual Conference and no later than August 31.

Grace and peace,
Morris V. Fleischer
Pastor

Newport-Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church
311 Blue Grass Trail/Rt. 42
P.O. Box 133
Newport, VA 24128

Central Cookbook

We are so excited about this ongoing fundraiser for Central!! To make this successful, we will need everyone involved, so we are calling on all Centralities to send in as many recipes as you would like to share. If you would like to share your recipe in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to add that to your recipe.

We have included a format we would like for you to follow when submitting your recipe.

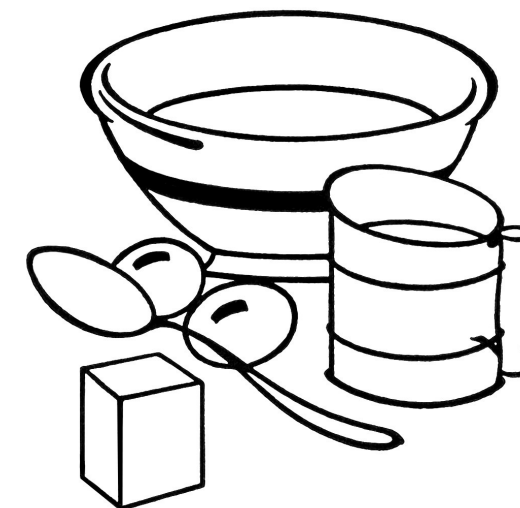
The debut for our new cookbook will be on October 6th. The deadline for all recipes is July 29th. Send all electronic recipes to Sarah Russell and all hand written recipes to Diana Un.

Thanks in advance for your help in making our new cookbook!

-Connie Davis

Recipe Format

Recipe Name
Ingredients
Oven Temperature
Directions



Recipe Example

Five Flavor Pound Cake

Ingredients:

1 cup butter
1/2 cup shortening
3 cups sugar
5 large eggs
3 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup whole milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. lemon extract
1 tsp. rum flavoring
1 tsp. coconut flavoring
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup water
1/2 tsp. almond extract

Directions: Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Cream butter and shortening. Gradually add 3 cups sugar, beating well at medium speed with electric mixer. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Stir in vanilla, lemon, rum and coconut flavorings. Pour batter into greased and floured 10 inch tube pane. Bake at 325 degrees for 80-90 minutes, until toothpick comes out clean. Leave cake in pan for 10 minutes. Remove cake from pan and cool on wire rack.

Glaze: Combine 1 cup sugar and 1/3 cup water in small saucepan and bring to boil. Remove from heat and add almond extract. Pour glaze over warm cake, and finish cooling.



IMMIGRATION 101 & INTRODUCTION TO JUST NEIGHBORS

An easy-to-understand overview of the immigration system presented by a Just Neighbors Staff Attorney, facts about legal statuses, and what low-cost legal assistance we offer. We'll also learn about fostering mutual understanding between immigrants and the larger community in which they live, as well as ways you can be supportive.

**DINNER AND PRESENTATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**EMBRACE WAYNESBORO, A CENTER FOR COMMUNITY
932 FIR STREET, WAYNESBORO, VA 22980**

**REGISTER AT: [TINYURL.COM/STAUNTON101](https://tinyurl.com/staunton101)
Contact Chad Beck at chadbeck@vaumc.org or
(434) 907-7202 for questions**

LOVE OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED

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Staunton District
of the United Methodist Church

with a phone call expressing concern. Won also reported that he had received a letter of thanks to Central from Louisa and Doris Dixon for the food we had provided to them. They also made a donation to CUMC. Won reported that \$100 was spent helping those in need from our Samaritan Fund. He noted that we received three certificates of recognition from the District: Distinguished Outreach to the Community, Exemplary Global Mission, and Receiving New Members. Won challenged Central to find ways to serve the community including fund raising projects to assist in our ministry. He also led a lengthy discussion on the ramifications of the United Methodist Church adopting the Traditional Plan.

The April meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on April 23. Devotions for this meeting will be provided by Joe Hill. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 PM led by Sam Richardson.

Socialite

Due to inclement weather, we postponed our February Socialite dinner.

Our next dinner will be on May 15th at 6pm. Sgt. Katherine Shifflett and a colleague of hers from the Crime Prevention Unit of the Staunton Police Dept. will be presenting a program on how to identify risks in our daily lives and while we are at church. They will address ways to prevent and deal appropriately if we should ever be faced with a situation that puts us at risk.

Thanks goes to Jim Printy for arranging our program for April.

We would love for our members to present or invite someone to present programs for future dinners. Contact the office if you have a topic you would like to share.

-Socialite Team

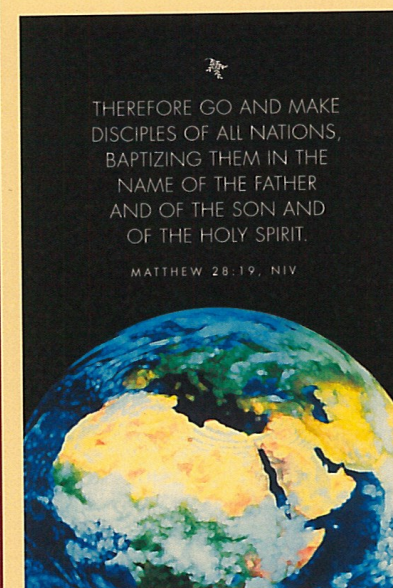


Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded to:

**Central
United Methodist Church**

In Recognition of Exemplary Global Missions in 2018



David J. Rockford

District

3/22/19

Date

Sam Richardson

Signature

3/22/19

Date

March Council Minutes

The Church Council of Central UMC was called to order by Chairperson Tom Davis at 7:00 pm on March 26, 2019 in the Wesley Fellowship classroom. Sybille Jobin presented the devotion. The minutes from the February 26, 2019 meeting were approved. Those present included Tom Davis, Won Un, Connie Davis, Bill Bushman, Sam Richardson, Sybille Jobin, Jim Printy, Jim Clemmer, Sandra Clemmer, Linda Dinsmore, and Joe Hill.

Committee Reports

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: No report.

Finance: Joe Hill distributed the February 28, 2019 financial statement and expressed concern for Central's financial picture. The February statement showed income for the budget was \$12,030.29. As a means of comparison, for 2018 the income was \$14,299.18. 2019 expenses were \$24,557.18 compared to \$22,568.50 in 2018. For January-February, the 2019 income was \$46,483.49 whereas the 2018 income was \$52,001.73 for the same period. The 2019 expenses for this period were \$50,011.86 and the 2018 expenses were \$43,619.52. The Finance Committee recommended that the Easter offering be designated for the general mission and ministry of Central. This motion was approved unanimously by Council.

Endowment: Tom Davis reported the endowments are still strong.

Trustees: Jim Printy reported that a college group from Bowling Green State University stayed at Central the previous weekend. This group was very appreciative of our hospitality. Trustees will meet again on April 2.

Nurture: Sandra Clemmer reported that they will be helping with the yard sale in May. Volunteers are still needed for the Agape Refreshments.

Outreach: Connie Davis reported that we still do not have a family for the Agape meals yet. A load

of wood for the wood ministry has been picked up and is available for distribution. There is a scheduled Socialite in May where there will be a program from the Staunton police about safety in the church. Connie reported that the food pantry has been going well. They are considering revamping the clothes closet. They have applied for a grant for a new refrigerator and freezer. Trinity luncheons are going well. Mary Baldwin has been generous in providing food for our ministries. Connie thanked Diane Baker, Millie Brown, and Sandra Clemmer for helping make the Lenten Luncheon at Central a success with 71 people present.

Choir/Music: No report.

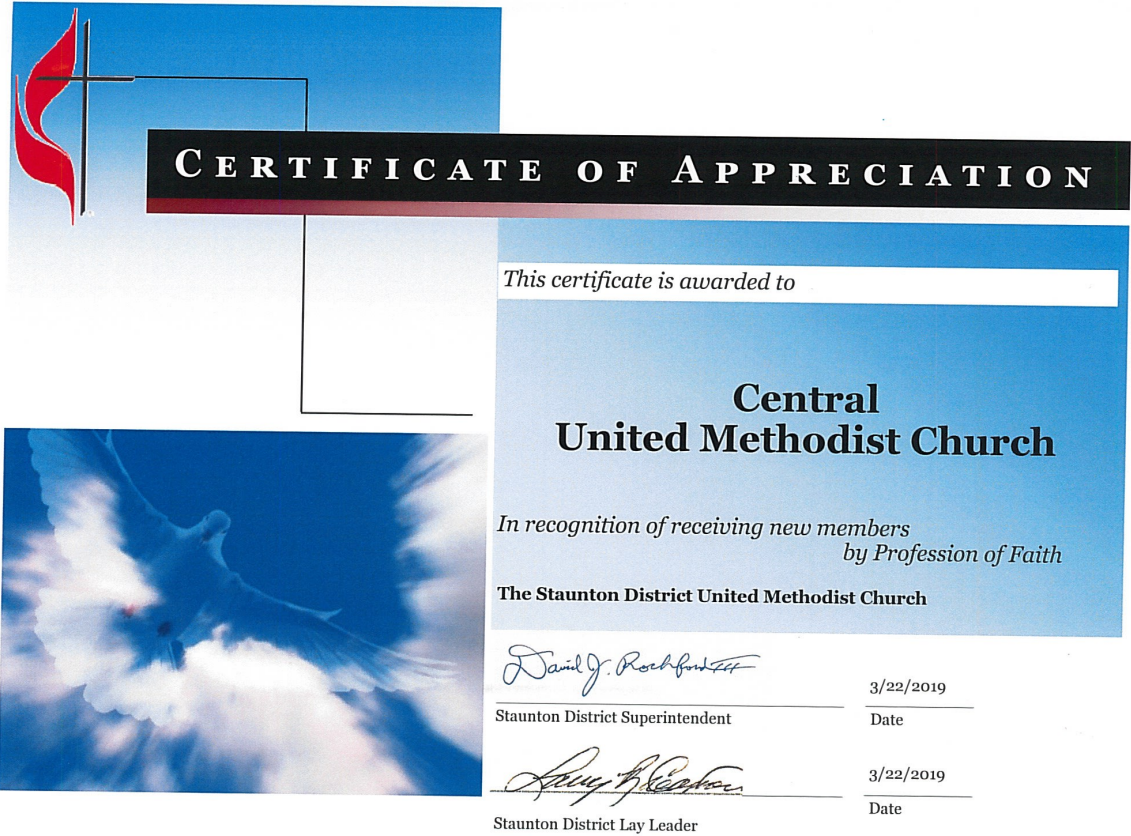
Children and Youth: Mary Douglas reported that the teens are rehearsing for an Easter play. They are collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. They are considering taking the youth to Lake Junaleska. Nursery volunteers are still needed. A teen Sunday School class will be meeting starting in May. A youth room on the 3rd floor has been prepared for them to meet.

UMW: The UMW celebrated 150 years of service at a meeting in Covington. Anita Jackson, Caroline Jones, and Susan Obaugh attended this meeting.

UMM: Bill Bushman reported that 102 quarts of Brunswick Stew had been made and sold. The net income was approximately \$678. He thanked the members of the UMM who worked on this project which was led by Tom Davis. Many UMM members helped. The UMM will be helping with the yard sale in May and may possibly sponsor the sale of BBQ at this event.

At Large: Linda Dinsmore reported on the visitations she, Beth Blackmer, and Sybille Jobin have been making to our VIP members. Linda is in charge of the yard sale and requests volunteers.

Pastor: Pastor Un reported that a letter had been sent to the District Superintendent signed by Tom Davis, Council Chair, about our withholding of apportionments as approved by Council in February. The District Superintendent responded



February Council Minutes

The Church Council of Central UMC was called to order by Chairperson Tom Davis at 6:00 pm on February 26, 2019 in the Wesley Fellowship classroom. Connie Davis presented the devotion. The minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting were approved. Those present included Tom Davis, Won Un, Connie Davis, Jim Printy, Mary Douglas, Mike Melton, Sybille Jobin, Jim Printy, Virginia Buchanan, Sandra Clemmer, and Joe Hill.

Committee Reports

Lay Leader: Connie Davis asked everyone to attend the briefing by Beth Christian on Sunday, March 3 at 9:30.

SPRC: Sybille Jobin reported that all employees had been interviewed and each expressed pleasure with their current position. Yi-Ping is currently taking organ lessons at \$60 per lesson. SPRC suggests that she be given \$300 for 10 lessons, she should pay the other half of the cost. This issue can be revisited if more lessons are needed. Yi-Pin will be absent from May 27 to June 20. Two of these absences will be covered by her two weeks' vacation. In addition, Yi-Ping has six absences during which the church pays for her absence. However, she is to make arrangements for subs for this time. If she needs additional vacation she will need to take an unpaid leave of absence. Also SPRC recommended that the following changes be made to the employee handbook: 0-2 years of service--2 weeks vacation earned; 3-4 years of service--3 weeks of vacation earned; 5+ years of service--4 weeks of vacation earned.

Finance: Joe Hill distributed the January 31, 2019 financial statement. This statement showed income for January was \$35,118.20. Expenses were \$25,204.68. Sarah Russell reported that she is working on moving some items from the monthly reports which appear as if they were budgeted items when they are actually not. For example, the Food Pantry is self supporting and is not part of the annual budget. Likewise the trustees durable equipment purchased should not be included in the budget report as is the kitchen fund. The Finance Committee also reported that there will be an Easter offering and that Council could decide the purpose of that offering at the March 26 meeting. Considering the current upheaval in the

United Methodist Church attributed to The Way Forward, the Finance committee recommended to Council that apportionments for the upcoming months not be paid except for the Active Clergy Benefits and Pension Liability Assessment.

In April, Judicial council will meet to discuss constitutionality of motions and amendments that just passed in Feb., at Special General Conference.

In June, when the General Conference meets and a decision as to what Virginia UMC churches will do, we will decide about subsequent apportionment payments. Bill Bushman amended the motion to say that an escrow fund be set up to hold apportionment funds in the interim. The motion passed unanimously.

Concerning the 2019 General Conference which met from February 24-26, Pastor Won explained that four plans were proposed (One Church Plan, Connectional Conference Plan, Traditional Plan, Simple Plan) and confirmed that only one had been accepted, the Traditional Plan. He noted that all of Virginia's delegates had been in favor of the One Church Plan which was not adopted.

By Parliamentary rule, what the Special General Conference decided (with some still pending as to the constitutionality) is now the new policy of the United Methodist Church therefore, there will be no vote as we move forward other than 2020 General Conference.

Endowment: Tom Davis reminded Council that the value of our investments at the end of 2018 had lost value but the endowments have rebounded nicely thus far in 2019. Tom reported that he had considered developing a brochure about endowment but has decided to wait until the current UMC issues have been decided.

Trustees: Jim Printy reported that the sound system has been repaired and greatly improved. The phone lines and internet access are being evaluated for a potential upgrade. The family bathroom is also being improved. He reported that a safety plan is being developed in conjunction with the Staunton Fire Department. The May 15 socialite dinner will feature speakers from the Staunton Police Department.

Nurture: Jim Clemmer reported for Sandra that Nurture received a note of appreciation from Tom and Kim Mitchell for the reception provided for Connie's memorial service. The Committee noted that the special refreshments will be on the second Sunday of each month instead of the first Sunday. Volunteers are in place through June of this year; others are invited to participation. A cake and punch reception was held on February 17 to celebrate Hattie Eakin's Baptism. They discussed the Lenten Luncheon services including March 20 when Central will host. Linda Dinsmore and Sybille have kept up their visitation to VIP's. Perhaps children and youth will join in these visitations. Judi Jones, Diana Un, Susan Obaugh and Beth Blackmer have been joining the VIP visitation team.

Outreach: Connie Davis reported they met on February 13. Food Pantry is going well though the numbers are lower. The computer system is working well. One of the home extension agents will be coming to show clients how to fix healthy meals. There are currently no clients for the Agape basket program at the current time. Concerning the wood ministry, Won reported that churches in Augusta County will be contacted via the District Newsletter to seek clients who could benefit from this service. A District UMCOR trip is planned in Selma, VA, mainly for youth. All Gods Children camp will be on the eastern shore this year. Jim Printy added that there may be an upcoming mission trip to Danville VA. The Trinity luncheons are going well though the numbers are down there, also. Outreach is planning on having a spot in Gypsy Hill Park this upcoming Christmas. Outreach also is reviewing ways to contribute to SACRA such as Soup Sundays. April is Food Pantry month. Caroline Jones is preparing an article for the newsletter. A group is coming to Central March 16-23.

Choir/Music: No report.

Children and Youth: Mary Douglas reported that a teen ministry is being developed for older children. There are 11 possible youth in this age group. There was a meeting with these families on February 17 which discussed possible activities. A second meeting was held on February 24 and a follow-up

meeting is scheduled for March 10. Possible activities for this group include Sunday School or Bible study classes, 4th Sunday worship participation, possible holiday presentations; participation in church mission and ministries; District and Conference events; helping with church projects; various fellowship activities such as lock-ins, sports teams, hiking, camping, fishing bowling, skating, attending concerts, etc. Also discussed was a Lake Junaluska Retreat during June/ July. Steve and Rebecca Eakin have agreed to oversee this event. The group plans to meet on the second or third Sundays after church monthly. Kelly Peters reported (via e-mail) that she was hoping to get another kids night in for March set up. She is also helping with the Helping Hands camp for kids. We are also looking at having the kids do something with the adult choir for Easter. A need to have nursery volunteers was discussed.

UMW: No report

UMM: Bill Bushman reported that the men were forced to cancel their pancake breakfast on February 16 and the socialite dinner on February 20 due to inclement weather. They will have another Brunswick Stew fundraiser on March 16.

At Large: Mike Melton reported that he will anchor the cabinets that were recently located in the gathering room once their final destination has been decided.

The March meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on March 26. Devotions for this meeting will be provided by Sybille Jobin. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 PM led by Mike Melton.

