



October

6: Jackie Beals
 11: Lizz Burket
 12: Paul Obaugh
 13: Susan Obaugh
 17: Shannon Mowery
 18: Gene Blackmer
 Kelly Peters
 30: Janet Nuckoles
 Billie Quigley
 Jim Reid

November

3: Virginia Buchanan
 Joe Hill
 Barbara Snyder
 9: Henry Gutshall
 18: Susan Black
 19: Deb Atno-Shelton
 20: Sherry von Oeyen
 21: Rev. Jim Harris
 26: Sally Draper
 28: Pamela Mowery

The Central

2019 October

Potluck Noon Lunch

As you know, my ministry philosophy is:

*The more the merrier,
 and the first order of the day is,
 "Feed my sheep" (John 20:17).*

Here is a new way to serve our Noon Lunch families. I would love for our Central to try a new way to feed. A new way is for our Centralites to bring a dish to share on the morning of, or a day before, in a plastic container with a lid provided by the church (see photo to right).

Once a month, on the fourth Wednesday, Central provides a meal for Trinity Noon Lunch families (25-35 people).

Central has a small number of dedicated members cooking this meal. But I would like all Centralites to experience feeding the Noon Lunch families with homemade food; and in turn, the Noon Lunch

Holly Jolly Christmas Market

presented by Central United Methodist Church

November 16th, 10-3
 14 N. Lewis St. Staunton, VA
 Unique, handmade gifts
 from local artisans
 Vintage Boutique
 Mulled cider and more!

Interested in being a vendor? Contact:
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clothes that have been worn by middle- and high-school students or those that would be purchased by or for teens. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities in Staunton to sort and distribute adult and children's clothing at this time.)

- Encourage your youth group or teens to collect gently-used clothing from their peers. (We can help them start a public collection drive through The Green Hanger Project, our sister organization.

- Take up a special offering for Secret Boutique. Money will be used to pay our utility bills, and buy operating supplies and store fixtures as well as clothes or other items for hard-to-fit students, and items that we have a hard time keeping in stock (i.e., boys shoes, underwear). Checks can be made out to Staunton District UMC and must be earmarked for Secret Boutique, then mailed to the Staunton District UMC Office at 26 Orr Drive, Fishersville VA 22939.

We're almost there, friends. With your help, the Staunton Secret Boutique will be bursting at the seams with the joy of the Lord for many years to come!

Thank you for your continued prayerful support of this ministry that has already changed the lives of hundreds of students and their families in our communities. If you have questions or would like information to distribute to your congregations, please let me know. (I have included the basic FAQ, below).

Your sister in ministry,
Jenelle Watson
(540) 649-7149



Holly Jolly



The Holly Jolly Christmas Market needs many Helpers. Available? Email hollyjollychristmasmarket@gmail.com or talk to Diane Baker, Barbara Buckingham, Beth Blackmer, Sherri Huffer, Barbara Snyder, or Diana Un. Thanks! This event helps pay our bills.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your hospitality this August in offering us space in your church to spend the night on our long journey to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We are so grateful (and really enjoyed the playground) and we hope to see you again next year!

Blessings,
The Red Bird Mission Team
from Simsbury UMC in CT

Help provide aid to Bahamas through UMCOR

As Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc on the Bahamas, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) awarded a solidarity grant to Bahamas Methodist Habitat, the Disaster Ministry of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church. This grant provides immediate, emergency short-term funding to address the basic human needs of those affected by this catastrophic storm. You can join with UMCOR by donating to our disaster response and recovery funds. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

from one of our investment accounts, the Baylor account, in September. He also presented the Finance Committee's recommendation for the 2020 budget which totaled \$268,691.01 which was basically the same as the 2019 budget of \$268,691.32. Changes in the budget which were highlighted included an increase of over \$2,000 (4%) in apportionments and a decrease of nearly \$2,000 in Mission & Outreach and \$1,000 in Trustee expenses. The reason for the decrease in Mission & Outreach budget is that special non-budgeted offerings will be taken for mission and outreach projects. The pastor's salary and benefits were held the same while other staff is to receive a 2.6% cost of living increase. Council voted unanimously to approve this budget. Also, Sarah Russell has completed the third quarter statement of giving for each family which will be distributed beginning October 6.

Endowment: Tom Davis reported that all endowment accounts have increased despite the payouts that have been made from them toward the budget.

Trustees: Jim Printy reported that the upper half of the Willson parking lot has been rented at \$450 per month. He also reported that Trustees had approved the Mitchell Memorial Bench pending approval by the fire marshall.

Nurture: Sandra Clemmer reported that following Elinor Hutchison's memorial service a reception was served. On September 22 the Church picnic was well attended at Gypsy Hill Park. On Saturday October 26 downtown Staunton has its trick-or-treat. We will provide popcorn and apple cider.

Choir/Music: Yi-Ping Chen reported that the Choir robes have been washed. A hymn sing was held in September and was so successful that it is being repeated monthly. The bell choir is rehearsing weekly and will be performing monthly beginning on October 6. Yi-Ping is continuing her organ lessons and will play it once per month. The children's choir has been sporadic in attendance.

Outreach: Connie Davis reported that the Food Pantry has been going well. The Blue Ridge Food Bank is partnering with Augusta Health and will be color coordinating the Food Bank food so that clients can choose healthy food. The Clothes Closet is likewise going well. Outreach is pursuing Central having a display at the Gypsy Hill Celebration of Lights. Barbara Snyder and Blair Sullenberger will be constructing the display. A mission trip scheduled in Danville had little interest from the Staunton District. Jim Printy reported that there will be some Habitat for Humanity projects started in Staunton in 2020. Tom Davis reported that he had talked with Cindy Easterling from Staunton City about Central assisting those whose property is in need of various improvement in lieu of receiving a citation from the city. Concerning our wood ministry, if clients cannot be found who need wood then perhaps we will be able to help with electric bills. Billie Quigley, Susan O'Baugh, and Connie have been working with Secret Boutique which will open on October 22. The response for the Last Days of Summer picnic was good; it will be repeated next year on August 29, 2020. Connie, Barbara Snyder, and Judy King have been involved in preparing food for the Trinity noon luncheons. Won reported that perhaps in the future this could be done by a much larger group in a potluck style.

Children and Youth: No report.

UMW: The next meeting will be on October 8. Over \$300 was raised to benefit SACRA from the after-church potato bar. Kits are still being put together.

UMM: Jim Printy reported that the UMM will meet on October 5 to discuss several upcoming projects including the annual Brunswick Stew fund raiser set for November 9. They will also elect officers for 2020.

At Large: Mike Melton reported that he has been working on getting speaker wire into the kitchen.