

# Fundraiser for Russell Family



**Menu includes BBQ Pork, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and Chips**  
**Free Will Offering**

**Sat. Aug 29th - 10 AM - 2PM**

**@ Central UMC Curbside (pick-up only)**

## *The Central Connection*

2020 August Newsletter

### July 2020 Council Minutes

The Church Council of Central UMC was called to order by Chairperson Tom Davis at 2:03 pm on July 28. Due to COVID-19, Council met electronically via Zoom. Susan Black presented the devotions. The minutes from the June 23 meeting were approved. Those present included Tom Davis, Connie Davis, Sybille Jobin, Bill Bushman, Susan Black, Won Un, Yi-Ping Chen, Maddie Buttitta, Beverly Coltrane, Sandra Clemmer, Caroline Jones, and Joe Hill.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Lay Leader:** Connie Davis reported she and Tom delivered a gift basket to the new District Superintendent, Rev. Jay Carey, and his wife.

**SPRC:** Sybille Jobin reported that the SPRC held a Zoom meeting on July 22 to complete our pastor's annual evaluation. The committee commended Won for his flexibility in adjusting our ministry and mission to the pandemic needs. In ministry, the committee especially praised the beautiful online Sunday services, the continuing of communion, and the availability of the church for individual prayer. Our ministry increased as the need of the community increased through the Food Bank, the Soup Ministry, and the Clothes Closet. The committee also praised Won's efforts to foster an inclusive church and to stay in touch with our church family in numerous ways. The committee voiced concerns that Won, who is at the center of all our efforts, does not have enough time for his own rest and relaxation, especially since more is being done with fewer volunteers. As we envisage a time when our congregation comes together again, we will need to consider how to involve the laity in ministry and mission

again and to decide which missions have the most important impact on our work for Christ.

**Finance:** Joe Hill reported that the June income from all sources was \$14,732.60 and the expenses were \$15,308.03. No apportionments were paid during June; however, the Finance Committee today approved paying of 50%, approximately \$4,500, of the apportionments for Retired Clergy Health Benefits and Pension Liability Assessment. These two apportionment categories, plus Active Clergy Health Benefits, are the three apportionment categories which we have regarded as highest priority. Central has recently received a \$15,000 anonymous donation for general expenses in memory of two of our former members.

**Endowment:** Tom Davis reported that

- the Schwab Pastor's Housing endowment balance was \$387,525 as of June 30. This account had a low of \$334,684 in March and was \$388,053 at the start of the year. \$6,500 has been distributed from this account in 2020.
- the Schwab General endowment balance was \$157,176 as of June 30. This account had a low of \$126,208 in March and was \$158,166 at the start of the year. \$7,000 has been distributed from this account in 2020.
- the First Investment General Endowment account balance was \$818,500 as of June 30. This account had a balance of \$805,800 in May and was \$843,712 at the beginning of the year. \$31,452 has been distributed from this account in 2020.

**Trustees:** Bill Bushman reported that the Trustees have dealt with another leak in the condensation line which has been repaired. They have approved a request from a couple who are bluegrass singers to use Central's council room as a venue to practice and produce videos. The Trustees are anticipating

the awning installations in August.

**Nurture/Witness:** Susan Black reported that some of the at-large members of Council haven't been able to attend the Zoom meetings since they are working.

**Choir/Music:** Yi-Ping Chen reported that many people have contributed to the music recently. She is working on a music project using the sanctuary which will be shared in the future.

**Outreach:** Connie reported that the Trinity Luncheons have been resumed on Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly. All churches who are part of this are using our Connections Classroom for lunch preparation and distribution until further notice. Central will be providing two lunches in August and two in September. Caroline Jones reported that due to COVID-19, Central's Food Pantry continues to operate under special conditions. All volunteers wear masks, use hand sanitizer, practice social distancing to the fullest extent possible, and regularly check temperatures. Food distribution continues via pre-packed boxes and a no-touch setup. New income eligibility guidelines make it possible for nearly every client to receive both USDA and non-USDA products. In addition to pre-set boxes, clients make on-the-spot selections from products such as frozen meats, dairy products, fresh vegetables, and laundry and dish detergents. In addition to fresh items from the Food Bank, many pounds of fresh vegetables have been donated by local gardeners. Personal hygiene bags, including hand sanitizer, are available for those who want them. These bags are available because of financial support of Central's Food Pantry and a community outreach program.

CUMC welcomes new pantry volunteers George Sproul (Food Bank pickup driver); Carol Lasher (Wednesday volunteer and coordinator for personal hygiene bags); Deborah Kushner (Monday volunteer); and Yi-Ping's husband and daughter, Foster and Ami Beyers (Monday volunteers).

Through donor generosity, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank has covered all costs for food ordered since mid-March.

They expect to continue to cover all costs through December 31, 2020. It follows that between pre-packed boxes and on-the-spot selections, Central's clients go home with a generous amount of nutritious food.

A modified Clothes Closet has opened under the leadership of Linda Dinsmore. Clients select items from a list and Linda then fills the order. This system has allowed us to distribute many seasonal items to those in need in the community. Connie reported that on July 31 a meal will be provided for the medical testers in the community. Won added that we are considering having a BBQ fund raiser for Sarah Russell and family on August 29. Connie added that October 9 and 10 there will be a fund raiser at The Meating Place.

**Children and Youth:** No report.

**UMW:** Caroline Jones reported that due to COVID-19, United Methodist Women has not held in-person meetings in recent months. Consideration of a Zoom meeting with both the Rebekah and Susanna Wesley circles continues. A donation to Prayer and Self-Denial was made by the unit, and several members recently watched the free stream of the movie, *Just Mercy*, which falls under one of the Social Action Campaign categories. She will check with Beth Blackmer about making a contribution for Kits for Conference.

**UMM:** John Myers is now President of the UMM.

**At Large:** No report.

**Pastor:** Won has made a grant request to the conference for a new video camera for recording our services. Won announced that he is going to start the Zoom Bible study on August 1 at 11:00. The book of Matthew will be studied. At 10:00 on August 1 there will be a drive-thru communion including a wafer and grape juice. Concerning CUMC members, Jennifer

Fitzpatrick reported to Won that Audrey Bocock would like for more members to connect with her. Randy Lindamood is doing well. John Un has received good reports after his surgery. Won reported that facial shields have been purchased for those who serve food.

Tom reported that there is a District steward meeting on August 11. The district annual conference is scheduled for August 31 and will be virtual.

Susan Black shared with the Council statistics about COVID-19 in Staunton, Augusta County, and Waynesboro. A discussion of whether Council should meet in person or not. It was decided to keep the August 25 meeting in Zoom format though move the starting time to 7:00 so those who are working can take part. Discussion of when to meet in-person will continue in August.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Mary Douglas will provide devotions for the August meeting.

Respectfully submitted by  
Joe Hill, Council Secretary



<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
2: Tom Davis	1: Gloria McQuain
2: Beth Huffer	1: Joshua Gutshall
4: Andrew Noto	5: Patrick Harrison
12: Debbie Foster	6: Donna Rhafiri
13: Audrey Bocock	7: Susan Sutton
16: Betty Jo Obaugh	17: Cheryl Kent
16: Ann Spotts	
19: Eve Beals	
21: John Bauman	
29: Ruth Hall	



Thank you  
so much  
for the wonderful  
lunch and thinking  
of us !! Gina

Thanks for the  
Terrific food!  
That was an  
amazing gift!  
- Kiefer

Thank you!  
Michelle

Thank you!  
So much!  
Gloria

Thank you guys  
for the food!  
Danielle

Thank you!  
- Gracie

Thank you so  
much!  
We enjoyed  
lunch and  
the cakes  
were amazing!!  
Stan

Audrey

Thank you for  
your wonderful act  
of kindness!!

Waynesboro Outpatient Center

Please forward  
this card to these  
wonderful individuals!

Won Un  
Millie Brown  
Connie Davis

Thanks!

## Words of Thanks



16 July 2020

Pastor Won Un  
P.O. Box 953  
Staunton, Virginia 24402

Dear Pastor Un,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 on June 23 in support of the Solstice Celebration and Matching Challenge Campaign! Your contribution was part of our overall success where we raised over \$22,730.00 to sustain farm-based education, food access and public health advocacy efforts through Project GROWS.

We are living in an extraordinary moment. Our mission and work in public health, food access, food justice and sustainable food systems is greater now than ever. With you we are engaged and making a positive impact across our communities. With your sustaining support we will remain resilient and continue to grow, educate and advocate for the best of health and the future for our children, youth and families.

This letter is documentation of your donation for tax records and confirms that, as part of this donation, you did not receive any goods or services in return for this gift.

Thank you again for your generous support!

Team GROWS