

Helping Our Community, One Family at a Time

central united
methr. church,

Linda and I
would like to
thank you, for
the lunches and
food pantry. its
been a real
Blessing.
God bless
Linda & John Vitt

DONATION WISH LIST

NEW DIRECTIONS CENTER, INC. 110 W. Johnson St, Suite 102
Staunton, VA 24401

items in red are needed most

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Plastic bins/totes (any size)
Towels
New pillows
Batteries (AA&AAA)
Washcloths
Twin & full bed linens
Plastic mattress covers (twin & full)
Light bulbs
Kitchenware (ex. Dishes)

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Dryer sheets
Swiffer Wet Jet Pads
Dishwasher detergent
Dish Soap
Air Freshener
Cleaning Supplies (ex. antibacterial wipes, bathroom cleaners, etc.)
Clothes hangers
Floor cleaner
Laundry detergent (for HE machines)
Bleach
Hand Sanitizer and Soap

MISC. PRODUCTS:

All paper products (paper towels, plates, toilet paper)
Plastic Utensils and cups
Hand sanitizer
Trash bags
Baby wipes
Diapers (especially 4t/5t)
3-ring binders--1" or 3"
Dividers (with tabs preferably)
Protective cover sheets
Non-perishable foods

HYGIENE:

Shampoo and Conditioner (for all hair types)
Lotion and Soaps (for dry or sensitive skin)
Hair Mousse and Gel
Hair brushes or combs
Foil and Saran Wrap

CLOTHING ITEMS:

Clothing for all sizes: for women, men and children (including scrubs)
Socks
Bras (new or like new condition)
Underwear (new/unopened)
Tennis Shoes (all sizes, all genders)

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Bus tokens
Wal-Mart or Kroger gift cards
gift cards for restaurants, movies, activities, etc. (for special nights out for our clients or birthdays)
Gas cards
Cell phones
Prepaid phone cards (including Straight Talk SIM cards)

The Central Connection

2021 March Newsletter



Art By Janet Nuckoles

March 2021 Council Minutes

The Church Council of Central UMC was called to order by Chairperson Tom Davis at 7:01 pm on March 23, 2021. Due to COVID-19, Council met electronically via Zoom. Joe Hill presented the devotion. Those present included Tom Davis, Connie Davis, Caroline Jones, John Myers, Won Un, Sandra Clemmer, Bill Bushman, and Joe Hill.

Committee Reports

Lay Leader: Connie Davis thanked Won for surveying our membership and is looking forward to the opening of our Sunday morning worship services on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Staff Parish: No report.

Finance: Joe Hill reported that the Finance Committee met prior to Council and he shared

with them the financial reports *Statement of Financial Position* and *Statement of Activities* for the month of February. During February, the total income was \$18,210.90 and expenses totaled \$21,720.65. The Finance Committee discussed that the electric bill for the past three month has averaged over \$1,150 whereas in the previous two years the average was \$655 per month. In addition, the snow removal cost for 2021 already totals nearly \$4,000, already \$1,500 over the amount budgeted. Also, for the first two months of the year, Central's income was around \$20,000 from identified givers and \$23,000 from investments including over \$8,300 which was moved from the Baylor Fund Endowment to the General Fund.

Endowment: Tom Davis reported that the church's investments have done well. The parsonage endowment began 2021 at \$432,218

A call for donations!

We have specific client needs can you help?

Household Needs:

-Microwave
-TV (40" or less)
-TV stand
-Laundry hamper (tall)
-Trash can
-Coffee grounds
-Coffee filters
-Futon (in good condition)

Clothing Sizes:

2x
3x
20
22
24

Call 540-885-7273 and ask for Kristen or email kristen.cook@newdirectionscenter.org to arrange drop off

MEMO

From the desk

of
Rev. M.J. Kim

March 10, 2021

Central Church:
Thank you so much for
providing teaching and
praying Ministry of Central
Church through Pastor Won -
It nourishes my soul
deeply.
Thank you again in the Name
of the Lord whom we serve -
M.J. Kim

and is currently \$449,853. The Schwab General endowment began 2021 at \$181,528 and is currently \$178,761. This is the account that previously held the Baylor Funds. The FirstBank endowment began the year at \$914,838 and is currently \$943,229.

Trustees: Bill Bushman reported that the thermostat in the Gathering Room has been reset to help with the electricity use. Bill recently met with the District Superintendent Jay Carey about the St. Stephens property. St. Stephens officially merged with Central in 1982 so it is no longer a separate church. However, there are issues within the will that originally gave the property in the 1800's. In order to clear the title so we can divest of the property, we need to petition the Staunton Circuit Court for a Writ of Adverse Possession. We plan to do this so we can eventually remove this property from our books. The Trustees will decide how to divest Central from this property.

Nurture/Witness: No report.

Choir/Music: Yi-Ping Chen reported via e-mail that the choir is rehearsing via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. A recording will be presented on Easter Sunday. She will be playing the organ at this service. There will be hymns sung in the parking lot following the service Easter morning.

Outreach: Caroline Jones reported that the new double door cooler for the Food Pantry has been delivered and installed. We are expecting reimbursement from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank for this cooler. Caroline reported that the number of clients at the Food Pantry has decreased somewhat but there is still much food being given out weekly. The Food Lion pickup has gone well thanks to John Myers, Millie Davis, Pastor Won and Connie Davis. Connie reported that

the Clothes Closet may be phased out if no one else takes over for the work Linda Dinsmore has been doing. The room where the Clothes Closet is currently housed may be used for additional Food Pantry storage. Caroline said that clients will likely not come in the building until September 30 due to COVID-19. Caroline also reported that after June 30, Central may have to pick up its share of the cost (25%) of the Food Bank food. Pastor Won commented that the Food Bank had contacted him about possibly picking up items from the freezers from the local Dollar General stores. He will follow up with them. Connie also reported that Soup Saturday has been going well. This coming Saturday, March 27, will be the last of the season. Nearly 1,000 quarts of soup have been given away via this ministry in 2021. Noon luncheons are going well; around 80 meals are given away each Tuesday through Saturday. This operation may move to Trinity Church in the fall. Won also reported that a Fish Fry to Feed the Feeders had been held on March 19 for approximately 30 people. Pastor Won said that we have given out over 92,000 pounds of food since last March.

Children and Youth: No report.

UMW: Caroline Jones reported that the UMW met for the first time in a year. They met via Zoom and had eleven participants and will meet again via Zoom on April 8. When it is safe for everyone to come back, they will meet in person but in the meantime will meet via Zoom.

UMM: John Myers reported that he has surveyed the United Methodist Men about resuming meeting in September, possibly on September 11.

Pastor: Pastor Won reported that he had received survey responses from 32 members. Of those, 28 reported that they will be willing to return to in-person worship services. As a result, we will have morning worship services in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 11:00. This will also be a "Soup and Sup" Sunday with the food and communion again being take-home. Won

reported that on Good Friday, the Staunton 8 UMC pastors will have a virtual service on-line. The Sunrise service is scheduled at St. Pauls UMC at 6:30 AM.

Won reported that the Staunton District office in Fishersville will remain for at least one year. The secretary will remain there when the current District Superintendent leaves for his new appointment. The Conference is in the process of creating eight districts by combining two current districts throughout the Conference. A new position called District Developer will be hired for each district. Their main job is to develop mission of the district. The Virginia Conference in June will again be virtual. Connie Davis will be our delegate and Tom Davis is the district delegate to this Conference. The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will not meet until August. There is a possibility that the traditionalists will moving at that time to create their own denomination.

Additionally, Won will be on vacation starting April 19 for two weeks.

Tom reported that Robin Powell had passed away this past week. She formerly worked at Central as Director of Christian Education.

Tom reported that the next meeting will be April 27. Bill Bushman will have the devotion. The meeting was closed at 7:53 with the Lord's Prayer led by Caroline Jones.

Respectfully submitted by
Joe Hill, Council Secretary



April

3. Sarah Melton
4. Linda Dinsmore
12. Diana Un
15. Jim Clemmer
18. Kimberly Mitchell
25. Wanda True
26. Ken Beals & Ann Hill

May

9. Augusta Markley
10. Luz Detablan
12. Sheryl Mullenax
16. Jack True
27. John Myers
30. Sybille Jobin