



CENTRAL News

Central United Methodist Church Newsletter

September 27, 2011

EACH SUNDAY

Morning Light
8:30 am

Meet and Greet
9:30 am - FH

Sunday School
9:45 am

Traditional
Worship
11:00 am

Youth Group
6 pm

Youth Bible Study
6:30 pm

Evening
Worship
7 pm

EACH MONDAY

6th Grade Youth
Group
3:00pm

EACH WEDNESDAY

Wonderful
Wednesday
3:15pm

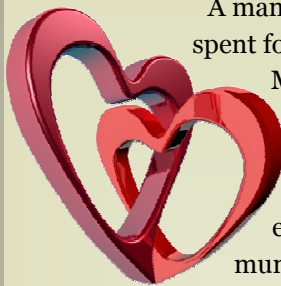
Youth Choir
3:15pm

Children's Choir
5:00pm

Handbell Choir
6:30pm

Chancel Choir
7:30pm

Pastor's Study
6:30 pm



A man named Jeff McMullen spent four years playing 'Ronald McDonald' in Arizona and Southern California for McDonalds Corporation. Once a month, he traveled to visit as many community hospitals as possible, bringing a little happiness into children's lives who suffered from incredible illnesses. There were restrictions placed on people working as 'Ronald McDonalds'. First, both McDonalds and hospital personnel must accompany them on their visits. That way if they frighten a child upon entering a room, someone would address the issue immediately. Second, they were not to physically touch anyone within the hospital. This prevents the transmission of germs from one patient to another.

Jeff understood the "no touch rule" even though he didn't like it. Breaking either of these rules meant he would lose his job. Toward the end of his fourth year as he was headed down a hallway on his way home, Jeff heard a little voice, "Ronald, Ronald". The soft little voice was coming through a half-opened door. Pushing the door open, he saw a five-year-old boy lying in his father's arms, hooked up to more medical equipment than he had ever seen. Mom was on the other side, along with Grandma, Grandpa and a nurse tending to the equipment. Jeff could tell by the feeling in the room that the little boy's condition was grave.

He asked the boy his name. It was Billy. Jeff performed a few simple magic tricks for him. As he prepared to leave, Jeff asked Billy if there was anything else he could do for him. "Ronald, would you hold me?" asked Billy. Such a simple request, but running through Jeff's mind was the fact that he could lose his job if he fulfilled this request. "Hold me." It was such a simple request, and yet Jeff searched for any reasonable response that would allow him to leave. He could not find one, except that if he lost his job he would also lose his car and possibly his home. Still, he finally decided he could not pass up the

opportunity to bring a little happiness to a dying boy. He sent all the people in the room out except for the nurse who was tending the medical equipment. Then he picked up this little wonder of a human being. Billy was so frail and so scared. They laughed and cried for 45 minutes, and talked about the things that worried him. Billy was afraid that his little brother might get lost coming home from kindergarten next year, without him to show the way. He worried that his dog wouldn't get another bone because Billy had hidden the bones in the house before going to the hospital, and now he couldn't remember where he put them.

These are the problems of a little boy who knows he's not going home. On his way out of the room, with his make-up streaked all over his face, Jeff gave Billy's mom and dad his real name and phone number (another automatic dismissal from McDonalds) and said if there was anything McDonald's Corporation or he could do, give him a call and consider it done. Less than 48 hours later, he received a phone call from Billy's mom. She informed him that Billy had passed away. She and her husband simply wanted to thank him for making a difference in their son's life. Shortly after Jeff left the room, she said, Billy looked at her and said, "Momma, I don't care if I see Santa this year, because I was held by Ronald McDonald".

Jeff McMullen could have settled for playing it safe. He could have kept his distance. Sharing the love of Jesus always carries risk with it. The homeless person may take the five dollars you gave him and buy some wine rather than food. The foster child you take in might turn around and steal from you. The teen you try to counsel may laugh in your face. Or like Jeff, you may have to risk your job to meet somebody's need. Jesus didn't do anything foolish, but he didn't play it safe; and he risked more than a job. He knew you and I needed an everlasting hug! Someone in your world probably needs the same.

See you Sunday, at the place where hugs and risk-takers abound. *Mike*

Record of Faithfulness

Attendance	9/18/2011	9/25/2011
Morning Light	110	91
Sunday School	157	159
11:00 am Worship	159	160
Evening Service	20	21
Total Worship	289	272

“They gave not only what they could afford, but far more; and I can testify that they did it because they wanted to.” II Corinthians 8:3

2011 Operating Budget: \$458,203

	9/18/2011	9/25/2011
Needed YTD	334,856	343,668
Received YTD	311,135	315,448
Received Sunday	10,002	4,313
Building Fund	190	635
Designated Gifts	430	35

Upcoming Volunteer Schedule

Nursery, Sunday, October 2

Eric & Diana Grayson, Amber & Breanna Hollins, Trudy Eastridge, Casey Frye

Nursery, Sunday, October 9

Matthew & Suzanne Saunders, Scott & Martha Kincaid, Nancy Wallace, Brittany Caldwell

Meet and Greet, Sunday, October 2

Pathfinders

Meet and Greet, Sunday, October 9

Faithfinders

Acolyte, Sunday October 2

Breanna Hollins, Kenny Woods

Acolyte, Sunday October 9 & 16

Keeleigh Cormany, Ashley Fisher



DISCIPLE II STARTING SOON

DISCIPLE II: INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD is the second study in the four-phase Disciple program and is prepared for those who have completed DISCIPLE: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY... This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture for the purpose of changing habits and transforming lives. The study emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world. INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

The 2 ½ hour sessions of Disciple II start at 6:00 pm, Thursday, September 29 at Central and will run through June 14, 2012. At the first meeting, we will discuss the start time for future classes. The schedule allows for breaks at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Maundy Thursday and a snow date. Rebecca Masters will facilitate the sessions. Please phone Becky Masters on 731-1777 or Kathy at the Church Office on 639-3929 to register.

MINI-JUBILATION 2011

*Jubilant– thrilled, ecstatic, delighted, euphoric, glad.....*A senior adult event sponsored by the Wytheville District of the United Methodist Church Nurture Team will be on Thursday, October 31 at Independence First UMC. The cost is \$5.00 per person (includes lunch). Registration begins at 9:30am.

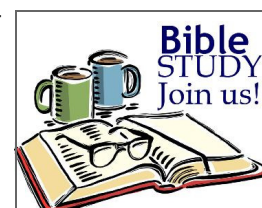
UMM MEETING



Join us Sunday, October 16th at 7:30am. Ed Jones and Jerry Krebs will be sharing about the recent Project Crossroads mission trip in Marion. **ALL MEN ARE INVITED!!!**

NEW STUDY

Please come join us! On Sunday, October 2, the Pathfinders Class (room 117) will be starting a study/discussion of Max Lucado's newest book, "Out-live Your Life". He says we are made to make a difference. This is a short study that will last approximately 8 weeks, and since it is not a time sensitive study, you can come on any Sunday if you can't start on October 2! If you have questions, you may contact Betty Overdorf @ 639-1376



Tailgate Party

COME SHOW YOUR SPIRIT! Join together for a Tailgate Event prior to the Radford-Patrick County football game on Friday, September 30th. We will meet at the King Center at 4:30 for set-up and feast and fellowship from 5-6:30 PM. Barbecue sandwiches and drinks will be provided. You are asked to bring one of the following: slaw, baked beans, chips and desserts. After wards, attend the game and sit together to show our support of the team. Be sure to reserve the date on your calendar!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Entries for the activity booths are well underway; we could still use a few more! Additionally, there will be a Chili Cook-Off; if you're a "hot-shot", please consider entering this contest. For those who are more mild-mannered, soups are needed to warm the body, as well. Sign-ups for these activities will be available during Meet-and-Greet for the next several Sundays or you may call the Church Office. We invite all to come and be a part of this "family affair". It's going to be a good, good night!

THANK YOU

On behalf of my family, I wish to thank all those who called, sent cards, visited, prayed and attended Bonnie's service. Thanks for the food served to our local family and those from out of town. Thanks to Mike for the fine service he provided. Bob Benson

"Share with God's people who are in need."

Romans 12:13

With the help of so many, Central has filled a total of 25 cleaning buckets to be sent to the District for emergency relief. Some of you prepared complete buckets, others purchased needed items, and many offered generous financial contributions. Your response has been wonderful. We know that when disaster strikes, immediate help is needed, and this is one small way we can be of service to those in need. Bless you.



Thank you to all who helped staff the Radford Clothing Bank during the month of August. A total of 25 members of Central came down to help. Many came more than once. A special thank you to Marcy for washing donated sheets and to Tom and Vance for heavy hauling. If you've never been down, go sometime, and you will be surprised at the bargains to be found; many are new, still with tags attached.

Thank you to Frank and Gwenn Gearheart for painting the porch on the new addition.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH HOUSE

The youth house needs some items to help get organized: a couple of book shelves to hold our curriculum and Bibles. A couple of silverware drawer organizers, and a drying rack for dishes. Please contact Erik if you are able to help.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church has started for the Fall! We welcome kids in the K-3rd grade age range to join us in the Chapel after the Children's Sermon. If you would like to volunteer to be a leader or youth helper, please contact the church office.



PAINTERS NEEDED

It will soon be time to paint the inside of the new addition and we are in need of several volunteers that are willing to help paint. If you are willing and able to help please contact Pastor Don or Kathy in the church office 639-3529





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CARE CORNER **September 27, 2011**

Current Care
**A new concern with-
 in the last two weeks**

Cindy Vinion
Charlotte Shrewsbury
 ♥*Jaxon Routt*
 grand-nephew of Doris
 Reece
Pat Collins
T.G. Gearheart
James Brennan
Tim Channell's mother

Prolonged Care
**A concern that has
 lasted between two
 weeks & a couple of
 months**

Brian Taylor
Becky Ritter
Andrew Taylor
Vivian Ellis
Bobby Abercrombie
Eloise Brown
 (Sharon Taylor's Sister)
Bill Crowe
Clyde
 (Carolyn King's father)
Connie Hoover
Jeff Lambert
 (Tina Cox's brother)

Bob McNeel
 (June Hazelton's brother)
Liz Mills
Eddie Smallwood
Betty Wilson
 (Connie Hoover's
 sister-in-law)
Ida Brown
 (Karen Smith's
 Grandmother)
Zach Villanueva
 (Tina Cox's nephew)
Bill Goode
Sherril VanDyke
Peggy Hurt
Charlotte Leslie
Doyle Lyons

Carolyn Hallett
 (Mike Dangerfield's
 aunt)

Constant Care
**A concern that is
 ongoing**

Walter Case
Troy Hampton
Mark Lynch

**PRAY FOR OUR
 ★★★★★
 MILITARY**

Ryan Haynes
 Georgia
Kerry Keys
 Washington
Isaiah King
 Hawaii
Jordan King
 Iraq
*Parker
 Simpson*
 Iraq
Scylar Woods

Please contact the church office at 639-3529 or office@centralmethodistchurch.com to give updates, reports of recovery or to move into the next category.