



AUGUST
LAMPLIGHTER



DEAR PASTOR JEN

*Dear Pastor Jen,
Watching Pastor Curtis' ordination raised a
lot of questions in our house:*

*What's the difference between being
commissioned and ordained?*

*What's the difference between deacon and
elder?*

*What are the titles associated with all of the
terms/positions above?
Nicole & Sean Andreas*

Dear Andreas Family,
Last month I answered a couple of your questions and said that I would answer your final question from your letter this month. This time I will share with you the differences between an Ordained Elder and Ordained Deacon. Deacons and elders both have important yet distinctive responsibilities in the life of the church. The ministry of the elder involves word, sacrament, order, and service, while the ministry of the deacon involves word, service, compassion, and justice. Elders are administrators of the church and deacons help to guide people along the bridge between the church and the world. Elders serve primarily within the church walls (though some serve in extension ministries) and deacons can serve in the local church or beyond. Deacons empower people to serve as Christian ministers in their everyday lives such as at

home, in the community, and in their workplace. Deacons can also help to lead worship, assist with the sacraments, conduct weddings and funerals, and work towards making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. While deacons are not itinerate like elders, deacons are still under appointment of the Bishop and responsible to the Annual Conference. In order to help those that are part of a church serve the world, deacons need to seek to better understand the world and the people that live in it. It is also part of the ministry of the deacon to communicate the needs, concerns, and hopes of those in the local community, country, and the world. Deacons, together with elders, can help the mission of The United Methodist Church come to fruition with their distinguishing calls in ministry. Thank you for submitting your questions. I look forward to answering more questions in the future!

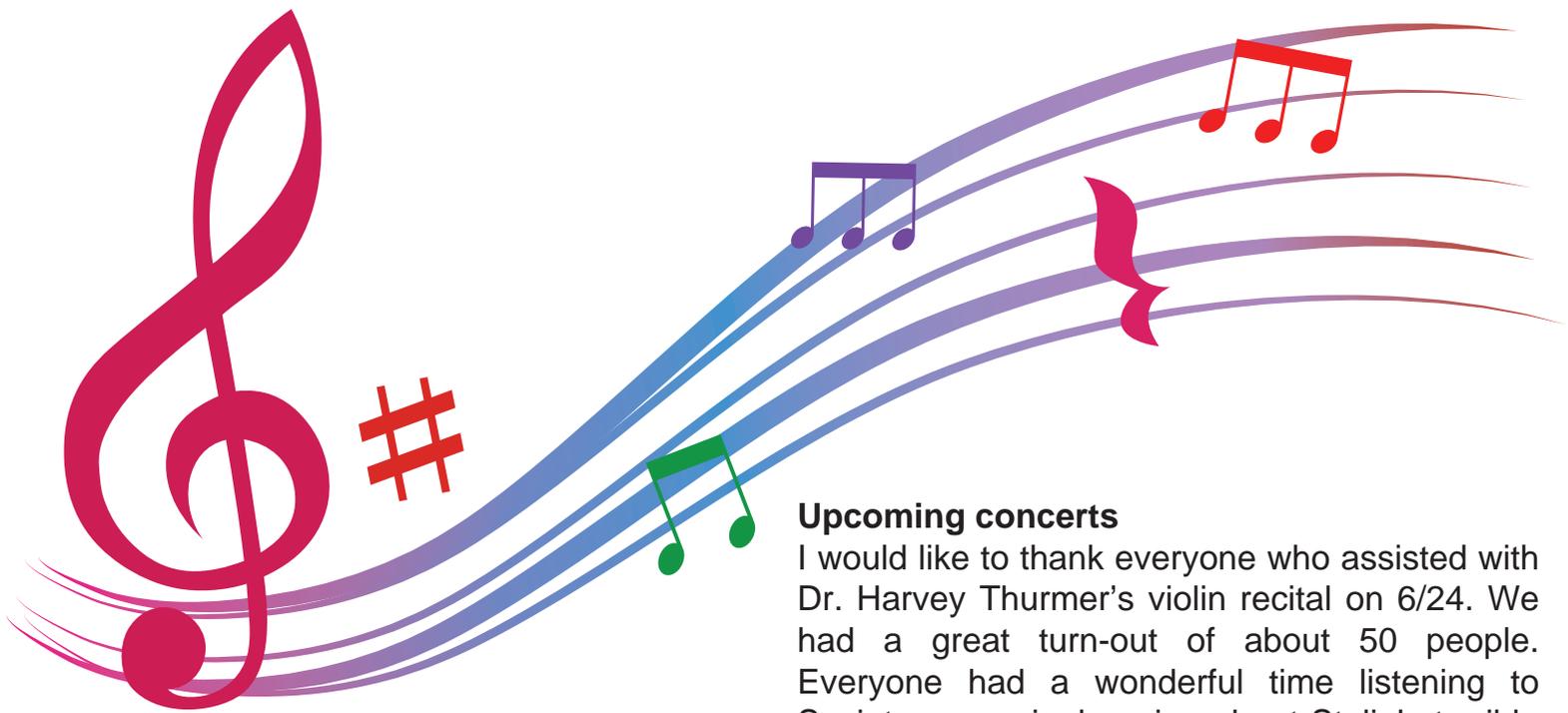
Peace,
Pastor Jen

August 5th Worship

Blessing of the Backpacks and VBS Celebration Sunday. Wear your VBS t-shirts (adults included) and bring your backpacks!

August 12th Worship

Milestones Celebration – Look for an email soon with more information!



Dear members of Central United Methodist Church,

I hope that you are doing well and enjoying this pleasant summer weather we are experiencing! The music program has been working on a number of exciting projects that I would like to share with you.

Choral/bell music database project

As some of you may know, Central owns roughly 1,180 boxes of bell and choral music. At roughly 25 copies per box, that comes to a total of 29,050 pieces of sheet music! The boxes are numbered and arranged alphabetically but are not accessible through a searchable database. I have been working with an amazing group of volunteers to go through all of the music, take inventory and enter it into a digital database. I want to sincerely thank the people who have stepped up to help with this task: Ann Cashner, Springer and Maryann Smith, Louise Macintosh, Barb Harper, Debbie Shake. Thank you all for volunteering your time and energy to help the music department in this way. You are a blessing! If there are any other people who would like to assist with the database project, please contact Madeleine at madeleine@richmondcumc.com.

Upcoming concerts

I would like to thank everyone who assisted with Dr. Harvey Thurmer's violin recital on 6/24. We had a great turn-out of about 50 people. Everyone had a wonderful time listening to Soviet-era music, learning about Stalin's terrible regime and enjoying fellowship opportunities at the post-event reception. I have recently been in contact with a number of musical groups/musicians who have interest in presenting concert programs here at Central. Stay tuned for more information on these upcoming events!

August potluck meal

On Sunday, August 12th at 11:30am, there will be a potluck meal following worship! This event is for current members of Central's music ensembles as well as anyone who wishes to learn more about the music program. There will be a brief informational session about Central's music program, a history of music's impactful role within the United Methodist Church, and a hymnsing at the end. All are welcome!

Choir Rehearsal start dates

The Chancel Choir and Wesley Ringers will resume regular rehearsals on Wednesday, August 29th. Bells and Chancel will rehearse at the regular times of 5:30pm and 6:30pm downstairs in the music room. Stay tuned for information on the Joy Singers and Cantus Choir Fall 2018 start dates.



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Sierra Leone

The Ministers from Sierra Leone will be arriving back in Richmond at the beginning of August, and it is our hope that more and more of our congregation can meet and have the opportunity to build a relationship with these wonderful friends. We had the blessing of being able to serve as a host for Solomon Rogers, and we are planning to host again as he is here from August 2018 until December 2019. While we were initially perhaps a bit apprehensive about the arrangement, we quickly found that Solomon is warm, gracious, and so grateful for this opportunity to serve God and be earning his degree, that we quickly became not just acquaintances, but friends. We celebrated birthdays and graduations, shared a Bible Study, and frequently discussed the ever changing lives of our 8 combined grown children. We learned so much about humanity, Methodism, differing cultures, faithfulness, and God's work in all of us, from all three Ministers from Sierra Leone. It was truly such a blessing.

However, as with any arrangement, there sometimes needs to be a backup plan! There will be occasions, when there may be a need for drivers, dinners, or overnight accommodations if any of the host families are out of town. If you are able to serve in any of these capacities, please email Jackie at jacrahescott@comcast.net, or feel free to call with any questions at 765-220-0150.



July 29 - Sept 16

Sept 23 - Oct 28

Nov 4 - Jan 20

Jan 27 - March 17

John 1, 2, 3

Galations

James

Colossians

All of these studies are on Right Now Media, so feel free to follow along with us even if you aren't able to join us on Sundays.



United
Methodist
Women

UMW IS PLANNING AN EXCITING FALL!

UMW unit meetings will begin again in September. Our first gathering will be an evening meeting, at 6:30, on Thursday, September 6. Our speaker will be Felicia Stewart from Terre Haute who specializes in the field of Child and Maternal Health. This meeting is for women of all ages. Felicia will give us valuable tips on how to help women in our church and our community achieve and maintain physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Please bring an offering of socks or underwear for children ages 5-14, which will be donated to Communities In Schools. Snacks will be provided by the Monday Morning Connection. ALL women are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for Saturday, September 8, for our UMW Fall District Meeting in Yorktown, Indiana. There will be a memorial service to remember all the UMW members from our district who have died in the last year. Members may contact Ann Cashner (962-8458) to join a carpool to attend this meeting.

Creative Hands

Creative Hands will meet on August 9th and 23rd. Come be a part of what we're making for the fall pop-up. Creative hands meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for fellowship, fun, and food from 9 thru noon.

UMW Pop-Up

Yes, we are having a fall pop-up. What will it feature? - so many items as you move into the fall season (and winter). When is it? We will pop-up September 29th, 10 til 2. Watch for the signs.



Central United Methodist Preschool

is now enrolling children ages 3-5 for our 2 and 3 day classes. Come play, learn and grow with us. To learn more about our preschool or to schedule a tour contact Tiffany Cullers at tiffany@richmondcumc.com or 765-373-3108.

*Bring in this article to get a discount on enrollment. - Rebecca Lafuze

Preschool and Childcare Board Vice Chair

Primetimers

Join us Wednesday August 15th at noon in Fellowship Hall. You must reserve a seat to attend. To reserve your spot, please call the office at 765-962-8543

Box Tops

Thank you all for contributing soup labels and Box Tops for Education through the years. Campbells has discontinued their soup label promotion.

However, we are still accepting Box Top for Education labels for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky and used stamps. Aluminum tabs are also collected for the Ronald McDonald House as well as used glasses for Lions' Club. They can all be left in the boxes near the office (by the drinking fountain). United Methodist Women

Calendar of Events

8/1	Preschool Open House	6:00pm
8/7	Preschool Board Meeting	6:00pm
8/9	Creative Hands	9:00am
8/9	Soup Kitchen	9:00am
8/13	Medical Monday	1:00pm
8/15	Primetimers	12:00pm
8/18	Disciple's Hand	8:30am
8/21	Bread Basket	4:30pm
8/21	Trustees Meeting	6:30pm
8/23	Creative Hands	9:00am
8/23	Ad Council	6:30pm
8/29	Lamplighter Assembly	10:00am

Greeters

8/5	Clint & Stacy Bolser
8/12	Rick & Kathy Eyer
8/19	David & Sharon Miles
8/26	Springer & Mary Ann Smith

Scripture Readers

8/5	Anna Claire Ream
8/12	Ann Cashner
8/19	Jim Puckett
8/26	Joyce Relly

Ushers

8/5	Rick Eyer, Phil Scott, Jackie Scott, Roger Clark, Beryl Wesler, Ned Toms
8/12	Rick Eyer, Phil Scott, Jackie Scott, Roger Clark, Beryl Wesler, Ned Toms
8/19	Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett, Philip Weimer
8/26	Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett, Philip Weimer

Altar Guild

Jennifer & Bob Hall

Tribe

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY

Sunday, August 5

7-9pm

Municipal Pool

All area youth groups invited

TRIBE FALL KICK-OFF

Sunday, August 12 at Central

"ARE YOU CEREAL?!"

Join us for a cereal bar, pillow fight, and sheet races as we kick-off the school year. Bring a box of your favorite cereal and I will have the milk. Don't forget your pillow! (You can wear your pj pants if you really want to be festive!)

TRIBE

will meet regularly from 5-7 each Sunday night at Central UMC unless otherwise noted. All students in 6th through 12th grade are welcome!

MISSION TRIP 2019

It's time to plan! All parents and students are requested to join this meeting. We will vote on a destination and date so BE THERE! Sunday, September 16 at Central UMC at 5pm.

COMING SOON

Mission trip 2018 Video and Special Music

THANK YOU to all those who supported our youth as they went on mission. We went to Bluffton, IN to work for the Forgotten Children center and the Grace and Mercy Transitional Housing Center. We sorted and packed clothing for overseas donation, painted a free apartment, stripped tile, cleaned thoroughly, dug a trench and placed a playground barrier, and mulched the playground area. SPECIAL THANKS TO : Fred Chatfield, Austin Shadle, and Amanda Williams for taking personal vacation time to join us and lead the students by example!