



July



“To all in Richmond who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son is my witness over how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.”

~Romans 1:7-10

This slight paraphrase of Paul’s introduction hits home for where I am right now. I ran into so many people over the past few months who have shared about Richmond. Just a few weeks ago at Annual Conference, I heard reports from many who have found time at Central and in the community to be some of the most formative moments of their lives. Yet, the time for my arrival lay in the distant future.

The slow march of time has proceeded. We have moved to Richmond! What a wonderful place to live – our list of places to visit and things to do extend past the days left in the summer. The kids are eager for the adventures ahead. Jennifer and I are excited to finally get to know this community. Conversation at the parsonage bubbles over with plans for what we will do here in Richmond. We know Jesus has been orchestrating a good work here and we are blessed to be joining its continuation. Yet, just like Paul’s journey to Rome was not in a straight line, so also we have found ourselves already but not quite yet fully here.

We have moved, but moving is unsettling. That one tool always in that one place before could now be anywhere. We had a good team move us in, but they could not always decipher our markings on the boxes. Expeditions are now afoot with the search radius

including all of the parsonage (which by the way, is wonderful, thank you to all of you for providing it and for the many of you who took time to clean it – such a welcoming act of hospitality). Boxes pulled and pushed in the process of the search now crowd the corners of the parsonage. Even when enough is enough, a quick trip to the hardware store becomes an expedition into a new city with new offerings in strange places. Seeking advice closer by we find neighbors are still strangers we have not yet met. Old habits in new lands become daunting tasks in short order.

There is so much more to share, and we will come July 1. There are also so many joyous surprises every day (thank you for paper goods, the stocked pantry, the cookies – the list goes on and on!)

These ‘frustrations’ have brought some needed perspective for the years ahead.

1) The space we left does not match exactly where we have arrived. Boxes marked Living Room, Study, etc. are being strewn out in various places. This can be frustrating when trying to get the boxes unpacked but dreaming about how this new space will better suit our lives has been invigorating.

2) What we put in is not the same as we are pulling out. Excitement teams with every swipe of the utility knife. What’s inside? We have been surprised at how our expectation does not always align with the reality we encounter. Our memories, over even such a short of span as packing, have been stressed by the pressure and foreign nature of moving. Recollection comes after the revelation, but we also have come to see the once treasured possessions in a new light (maybe you can see it as well at the local Goodwill)

3) Not knowing where or how or who, shakes you from self-assured confidence. How many around us feel this every day? Yet in this dislocation there is such peace in trusting the goodwill of others and leaning into those everlasting arms.

Friends, these days ahead will bring about new spaces and the emptying of boxes for all of us. Our prayers for you as you receive us. We will not fit exactly as Pastor Tom and his family did. We may spill out in unexpected ways. Please pray for us as we will not fit here exactly as we did in West Lafayette. God is good and good things are ahead. Let us join in expectation of God’s unfolding will, as we transition together over the coming months for the future years of ministry from Central in Richmond.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S." with a stylized flourish at the end.



Donations Welcome for Childcare Ministry

Kleenex, plastic disposable spoons, Clorox wipes, batteries (AAA, AA, C, D), plastic storage bins/totes, and bleach. Thank you for supporting this ministry of the church!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Call for database project volunteers

Central's music library presently contains over 1,200 boxes of bell and choral music. That comes to a total of over 29,000 pieces of music! The boxes are numbered and arranged alphabetically but not accessible through a searchable database. Last summer, I began a project to create a digital, searchable database of Central's entire music library. I am in need of volunteers to go through all of the music, take inventory and enter it into the computer database software. If you are interested in assisting with the database project, please contact me at madeleine@richmondcumc.com

Call for summer musicians/creative persons:

If anyone is interested in offering special music, poetry or liturgical dance this summer, please contact me at madeleine@richmondcumc.com

Call for God's Way musicians:

Next Fall, God's Way Praise Band will be in need of a guitarist as well as a bass player. Please let me know if you are that volunteer that we are looking for, or if you know anyone who may be interested in helping with this important (and fun) ministry! Email me at madeleine@richmondcumc.com. Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful summer!

God's grace and peace, Madeleine Demetriades

The following is one of the trusts that was established to benefit
Central United Methodist Church



The Iola Buesching Weitemier Memorial Fund was established in memory of Iola Buesching Weitemier by her husband, Dr. Ray Weitemier, M.D. The principal is to be held in perpetuity to endow a fund for camping scholarships.

How to Give

There are many ways in which you can donate to Central United Methodist Church Endowment Fund:

Cash Gifts,

are the easiest and most popular form of gift, and provides a tax deduction equal to the full value of the gift.

Stock Gifts,

may provide even greater tax benefits, this is especially true of securities that have appreciated in value.

Life Estate Gifts,

a gift to Central United Methodist Church of a home, land or farm in the future without giving up the current use of the property.

Life Insurance,

can also provide a tax deduction. and if arranged properly, can be removed from a donors estate for probate purposes.



52 Week Challenge

Pastor Jen challenged our congregation to have 52 different people share something with children during a children’s moment on Sunday mornings. You can read a book, share a talent, tell a story, etc. Pastor Jen can even help you by providing you with a children’s moment to read. We want to show the children of Central and their families how much we care about them. Are you up for the challenge?

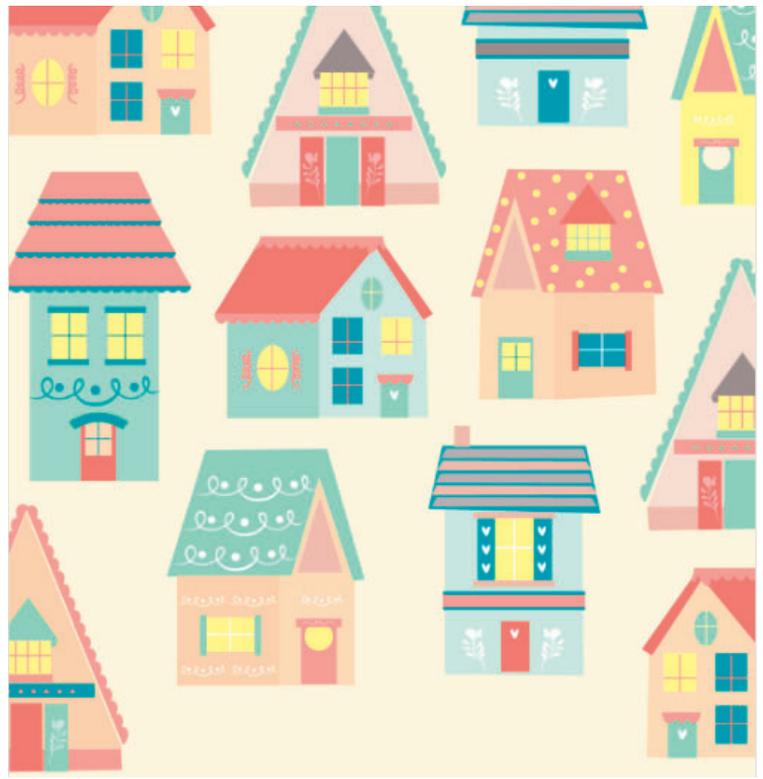
Creative Hands

will meet on July 11th and 25th from 9 thru lunch. Come join us as we get ready for more pop-ups. Look for UMW CREATIVE HANDS to POP-UP at the Richmond FARMERS MARKET!



BIBS Program

UMW will be collecting items for babies to be taken to Mission u this July for the BIBS program of Indianapolis. Local mothers can go to BIBS to receive free help and supplies for their young children. Ann Cashner will be collecting: diapers newborn to size 6, wipes 70-100 count, bottles 5 oz BPA Free, onesies, new clothing in sizes newborn, 6, 9,12 months, baby blankets, booties, socks, baby lotion, baby shampoo, and new, small baby toys. Catch Ann at church or call/text her at 765-994-1979. Ann will need your donations by Sunday, July 14th.



The Huff Family invites you to a Service of Baptism for

Arianna Ray

Elijah Dean

and *Kenzie Grace*

and an Adoption Blessing for their Forever Family!

Saturday, August 3, 2019 • 10:00am
Lunch Reception to Follow
Carmel United Methodist Church
621 S. Rangeline Rd.
Carmel, IN 46032

Please RSVP by July 19th to Jen at jennifer.huff@inumc.org or 630-696-6437

Your presence is the children’s present. You need not bring a gift, but we know some will insist. If you must shower them with more than hugs and love, please feel free to donate to their new college fund.

TRIBE NEWS

"For where two or three gather in my name, I will be with them" - Matthew 18:20

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE SHOWN FOR OUR STUDENTS!

Please be in prayer as we prepare our hearts to minister to whomever God sends our way. We will be gone from June 30 to July 7. Pray also that the students would grow spiritually and become more servant-hearted through this experience.

When do TRIBE gatherings start back up?

I'm so glad you asked!
 Sunday, August 11th at 5pm
 YOU WILL GET WET!

Are you in high school?

Want to have a part in deciding what TRIBE Sunday gatherings will look like for you? Please put this retreat on your calendar!

AUGUST 16-17

Hiking, exploring, and "planning"

JOIN US!!



Join us in July for Praise and Play!

July 14, 21, and 28 at 6PM

We will gather at 6PM outdoors (indoors if it's raining) for a time of praise through song with guitar. Children will then have the opportunity for a short lesson and playing on our playground or indoors in one of our classrooms or gym, while the rest of us join together for a short devotion and discussion. This will be a great opportunity for the Seger family to get to know our church family a bit better. We hope you will join us!

Calendar

7/4	CHURCH CLOSED	
7/8	Medical Monday	1:00pm
7/11	Creative Hands	9:00am
7/11	Soup Kitchen	9:00am
7/16	Bread Basket	4:30pm
7/16	Trustees Meeting	6:30pm
7/17	Meet Ad Council	11:30am
7/24	Garden ReConnect	3:30pm
7/25	Creative Hands	9:00am
7/25	Ad Council	6:30pm
7/31	Lamplighter Assembly	10:00am

Greeters

7/7	TBD
7/14	TBD
7/21	TBD
7/28	TBD

Scripture Readers

7/7	Kathy Eyer
7/14	Dana Reihman
7/21	Sally Sayre
7/28	Jan Hibner

Ushers

7/7	Rick Eyer, Phil Scott, Jackie Scott, Roger Clark, Beryl Wesler
7/14	Rick Eyer, Phil Scott, Jackie Scott, Roger Clark, Beryl Wesler
7/21	Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett
7/28	Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett

Altar Guild

Pat Harris