



September
Lamplighter



There is so much happening amidst the changing months. Back to school becoming early testing, Friday night lights ushering in cooler weather, events celebrating the end of summer, families grasping final trips together - and still our own lives take turns adding unique challenges week after week. Relationships demand our daily attention while our vocations call us in several directions. Pile on the unrelenting news, bottomless feeds, and endless entertainment choices...it's no wonder so many feel so stressed.

With Labor Day kicking off the month of September, we find rest and labor competing for allegiance. The words of Jesus, as always, speak to such moments: *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. The mere repetition of them is a cool drink of water for my soul. I find myself drawn into and wanting more of Jesus, yet, this is not often what we do.

How often do we turn from these words? The pressure surrounding our next performance beckons us in directions far from the deep Sabbath rest God offers to us. Only a couple more hours on this project becomes a few more days on this assignment leading to a month or two on that promotion allowing for a year or two pursuing that accomplishment. The tasks we choose may be rewarding and good, but over time it's as though we cannot stop. Just a little step can sometimes lead us far afield.

Even when we dwell on Jesus's words how often do

we turn and twist the meaning of them? Claiming rest we allow ourselves time doing what we want because the work of God would be too much. We say we need 'me' time and turn from the rejuvenating embrace of Christ. Or vice versa. We sometimes feel unworthy to rest because we have to work and work at taking up the yoke. In false humility we claim we have not worked enough.

Jesus calls us to so much more. He asks us to both rest and work in a continuous walk with Him. It may sound strange from a distance, but as we come to Him, the picture clears. This involves daily proximity. John Wesley called these the ordinances of God. Prayer - public and private, Scripture reading, small groups, devotionals, serving others, fasting, and loving our neighbors. So much to be about, yet in God's economy - these actions bring rest for weary souls. It may seem hard to fathom, but this truth is learned in the doing not the observing. Taking the yoke opens us to the learning. The learning brings wisdom, humility, easy yokes and a lightness of being.

So how does it go with your soul? Are you weary and heavy laden? Over scheduled and entertained? Joyful and expectant? Bearing the easy yoke or straining at one from a different master? Somewhere else? Wherever you are, know you are only a confession and prayer away from beginning to find a new or renewed peace in following the way of our Lord Jesus. Know also you are not alone. Here at Central we have prayer groups, studies, lunch gatherings, Sunday Schools and more. If you are searching for new spaces to take up this yoke, feel free to check out the new Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10, the upcoming Thursday evening study on the Jesus Creed, or stop by my office to discern other new gatherings.

I look forward to many years of rest and labor for our Lord with you.

In Christ,
Pastor Joseph



Lola Buesching Weitemier Memorial Fund

The Lola 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.

TRIBE NEWS

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

VIP MEETING

VERY IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 8

4-5pm

God's Way will rehearse during this time and youth not in that group will be in the gym

Please bring your calendars, athletic schedules, etc. We will be planning out most of the year. Mission trip dates and place, large fundraisers, etc.

TRIBE GATHERINGS

We meet every Sunday from 5-7pm at Central (unless otherwise noted)

We are currently studying a series titled: "You Can't Take It With You!?"

**We have been having brief stories/testimonies from adults regarding things they sought after that turned out to be temporary rather than eternal. If you have a story to share, please contact Sheri or Pastor Ted!

Please also be in prayer for the need of a new small group leader for our high school females.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We will be surveying you at TRIBE to find a time when you can get together for fellowship, outside of Sunday nights. Please be thinking on this!

DON'T FORGET

I would love to come see your student in their "element"! Please email or send in a hard copy of their athletic schedule so that I may be aware of home games and matches. Thanks!

FALL BREAK DAY TRIPS

Watch your parent emails for details on daytrips for Richmond, Northeastern, and Centerville schools!



Creative Hands

Creative Hands will meet on September 12th and 26th from 9am thru lunch. Come join us for crafts, laughs, and fellowship. We are also getting ready for more pop-ups! If you have any questions or creative ideas, contact Shanron Rider.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet at 10:00am in the Parlor on Thursday, September 19th. Please join us.

Preschool Donations

The preschool room has a new sensory area for when children need a break from their routine. There are so many emotions that children experience in their young lives, that it is good for us to teach them when to take a moment for themselves. We hope to add to the area and invite you to come see the preschool room! If you would be interested in helping to finish develop this space, we are looking for donations of gift cards to Big Lots. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Spiritual Experience at Church Camp Long Ago, Yet Not So Long Ago



At the age of 16, in the summer between 10th and 11th grade in school, I went to the Methodist church camp at Lake Webster. There were cabins near the lake where all of us slept at night. On one night when I could not seem to sleep, I tried to put myself into a prayerful state of mind so that I would be able to wait patiently until dawn. Yet, in the hour before dawn, I felt moved to get up quietly and leave the cabin by myself. I walked down to the docks in the dark, got into one of the boats, and somehow managed to row to the middle of the lake. Gradually the lake and the surrounding land began glimmering in the early light of sunrise. At that moment—all alone and, at the same time, not all alone—I felt the power of eternity and the presence of God. I had a real sense of timelessness, so it would have been hard to say how long I was there . . . After rowing back to the shore and going back to the cabin, I did not tell about what I had done, because it might have been thought foolish. Still, from that time on, I have been sure that God is with me—with all of us—always.

Peggy Schafer Cobine,
a member of the Methodist church for eight decades
(as told to her son Gary)

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place an order for Sunday altar flowers, please call the office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com. Each order costs \$25 and is billed through Jack Daggy Flowers. We are looking to fill some spots through the rest of the year.





GIFT ITEMS

**FALL • HALLOWEEN
CHRISTMAS**

*Complimentary Tea with
Styles by Secret Ingredient*



**FAMILY FALL
FESTIVAL**

October 27th, 5pm - 7pm

Food, Games, Trunk or Treat!
(Trunk or Treat from 5pm - 6pm indoors)

Central UMC
1425 E. Main St.

We are looking for many volunteers to help pass out candy to our visiting neighborhood kids and their families! You are not required to dress up but we encourage you to have fun! We are also looking for a few volunteers to help cook hotdogs, serve food, and greet our guests as they come and accepting donations of candy to pass out to our visitors. These donations can be dropped off in the office workroom during our normal business hours. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions please call the office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com





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Information and Reminders

Church Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs.: 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 5pm

Friday: 9am - 12pm

Deadline for Bulletin announcements is on Tuesday by 5pm.

Deadline for Newsletter announcements is by the 15th of the month at 5pm.

Do you have a prayer request or have something you would like the church staff to know about? We now offer a space for comments and prayer request, online through our website richmondcumc.com!

Sunday Greeters

8/4 Dan & Shirley Hester

8/11 Dan & Shirley Hester

8/18 Kathy Eyer & Aurelia Clark

8/25 David & Mary Jane Sheets

Sunday Ushers

9/1 Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett

9/8 Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett

9/15 Electa Berk, Larry Parker, Linda Witter, Jim Robinson, Lester Robinson

9/22 Electa Berk, Larry Parker, Linda Witter, Jim Robinson, Lester Robinson

9/29 Rick Eyer, Phil Scott, Jackie Scott, Roger Clark, Beryl Wesler

Sunday Scripture Readers

9/1 Jim Puckett

9/8 Gayla Parker

9/15 Donna Jurgens

9/22 Mary Alice Bolser

9/29 Alisa Clapp-Itnyre

August Altar Guild

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COME WALK WITH US!

Join the new
CUMC Walking Group
Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Saturdays at 9:00am
Glen Miller Golf Course

Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends!
Questions? See Jim Puckett





Ministry Partner Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to serve at Central? Below are some ministries looking for partners.

Sunday Greeters

Sharon Enright

Acolytes

Elizabeth Holmes

Children's Message / Children's Ministries

Pastor Jen

Scripture Readers

Christin Hampton

Ushers

Lowell Robinson

Communion Servers

Pastor Jen

Office Greeters

Christin Hampton

Music Ministries

Madeleine Demetriades

Audio and Projection

Jack and Krissi Hughes

Youth Ministries

Sheri Koyles

Altar Guild

Ann Cashner

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN September

9/1	God's Way	4:00pm
9/2	CHURCH CLOSED	
9/4	Men's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/4	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
9/4	Chancel Choir	5:30pm
9/5	Joy Singers	4:00pm
9/5	UMW Dinner	6:00pm
9/8	Piano Recital	3:00pm
9/8	God's Way	4:00pm
9/9	Monday Morning Connection	9:00am
9/9	Women's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/9	Medical Monday	1:00pm
9/9	Parlor Conversation	1:30pm
9/11	Lunch Bunch	11:30am
9/11	Men's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/11	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
9/11	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
9/12	Creative Hands	9:00am
9/12	Soup Kitchen	9:00am
9/12	Joy Singers	4:00pm
9/15	God's Way	4:00pm
9/16	Women's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/16	Parlor Conversations	1:30pm
9/17	Bread Basket	4:30pm
9/17	Trustees Meeting	6:30pm
9/18	Meet Ad council	11:30am
9/18	Men's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/18	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
9/18	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
9/19	Friendship Circle	10:00am
9/19	Joy Singers	4:00pm
9/22	God's Way	4:00pm
9/23	Women's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/23	Parlor Conversations	1:30pm
9/25	Lamplighter Assembly	10:00am
9/25	Men's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/25	Garden ReConnect	3:30pm
9/25	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
9/25	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
9/25	Creative Hands	9:00am
9/25	Ad Council	6:30pm
9/28	UMW Pop-Up	10:00am
9/30	Women's Prayer Group	12:00pm
9/30	Parlor Conversations	1:30pm