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Save the Date!

Sept. 24th— Children's Sabbath
Oct. 1-3— Mathews Chapel Revival
Oct. 29th— Trunk or Treat 4-7:00pm
Nov. 17th— FINS at Mathews Chapel
Dec. 3rd— Charge Conference at Salem UMC-3:00pm
Dec. 17th— Christmas Pageant



Pastor Lisa's Surgeries & Meet our new Treasurer/Adm. Assistant!

Pastor Lisa has had quite a month with surgery on both arms for carpal tunnel relief. We send her our thoughts and prayers that she will be feeling better soon with a complete recovery!

We welcome Melanie Miles to the position of Treasurer/Administrative Assistant. She resides at Port Haywood where she has an accounting company and serves as Treasurer at St. Pauls UMC. She will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We'll put Melanie's picture on the website soon, since one was not available when this edition went to press!

Mathews Chapel Revival!

We will be having a Revival on October 1st-3rd! On October 1st we will have a covered dish dinner at 5:30pm with services beginning nightly at 7:00pm. Pastor Lisa will announce the speakers in the next few weeks. Monday and Tuesday nights cookies and drinks will be served after the services. The nightly offering will be given to UMCOR for disaster relief in Texas.



Upcoming Worship & Church Activities

September 15th—FINS at Macedonia Baptist Church

September 17th—Promotion Sunday; Pennies from Heaven

September 24th—Children’s Sabbath; lunch following the service

September 26th—Missions Committee- 6:00pm; Council-7:00pm

October 1st-3rd—Mathews Chapel Revival (see page 1)

October 3rd—Fiber Arts will resume meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

October 7th—District UMW meeting in Williamsburg.

October 14th—UMW provides lunch to Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic.-

October 15th-Cookies for Kairos

October 20th—FINS at Central UMC

October 29th— Trunk or Treat!-4:00-7:00pm; Best Trunk Prize! Candy donations are needed! Please call Martha Frame for details (804-725-3037).

November 5th—All Saints Sunday: We will have a burial of any bibles that are not able to be used. A Covered Dish lunch will follow.

November 17th—FINS at Mathews Chapel

November 26th—Decorate the Chrismon Tree starting at 4:30pm. A Soup & Chili Dinner will follow. Come bring a Covered dish to share after the decorating is finished and enjoy the fellowship!

December 3rd—Charge Conference at Salem UMC at 3:00pm

December 9th—District UMW Prayer Breakfast at Fox Hill UMC in Hampton.

December 17th—The Christmas Pageant will be performed at the 11:00am service.

The title is “The Nazareth Evening News”. If you would like to help, please call Willis Ann Ward (804-725-5871) or Katie Dutton (804-725-2227).



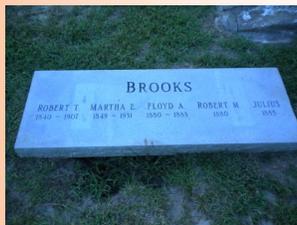
A First Responders/Firefighters Recognition Service was held on September 10th at the 11:00am service for the Cobbs Creek Fire Station volunteers. Pictured from Left to Right are:

Keith Morgan, Chase Buchanan, Junior Member, Noah Lewis, County Chief, Ronnie Lewis, Donnie Lewis, Danny Howlett, Ricky Callis, Dale Fitchett, Daniel Howlett and Sammy Dutton. Members not pictured are: Chris Helbig, Jason Powell, Jason Rowe, Dickie Clements, Rob Love, Keith Atherton,

Charles Allen Buchanan, Trey Heywood and Brian Dehnert.

Grave Identification & Relocation Project

The Grave identification and relocation project has been completed with the engraving of new granite markers identifying those persons and families that did not have identifiable markers. The project began with the requirement for the land needed for any future expansion or construction at Mathews Chapel. Originally it was believed that 10 graves would be relocated but removal and internment discovered an additional grave located in the "Cray" plot. Graves were identified and researched through both remaining family contacts and archival documents in the Gazette-Journal historical microfiche. Remains were relocated to places approved by family members and to family owned plots where requested. Mr. & Mrs. Owens (and Headstones) were relocated to a family plot in H.C. Smithers Cemetery and Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Brooks (and headstones) were relocated to a family plot in Haynes Cemetery. All others were relocated to the Mathews Church Cemetery on the west side of the building. Where possible family members were present during the relocation of their family members. All work was completed under the supervision of Morey Alexander and the Tri-County Vault Company of Saluda. Pastor Lisa and members of the Trustees were present to offer blessings and scripture readings to begin the process. The Tri-County Vault Company donated granite markers to identify those remains that were not previously marked. The Church Council approved funding to have the stones engraved by Bishop Stone & Metal Arts, LLC out of Hanover, VA. The new grave relocation information is being updated on the internet websites to ensure that they are properly located for future information requests. For further information on the project, please feel free to ask Morey Alexander.



FINS Activities



The 3rd year of FINS came to a close in May with a fun FINALE to cap off a great year! Locust Grove was kind enough to allow us to use their pavilion. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship! The kids enjoyed the dunking booth, tug of war, crafts, bounce house, water balloons, DJ and of course food! Mathews Chapel sponsored FINS in November and February. In February the Young Adult Sunday School class assisted with FINS and we packed over 30 Valentine packages for the nursing home residents. We continue to move forward with our 4th year of the FINS project. The schedule for fall 2017 is as follows:
September 15-Macedonia Baptist Church
October 20-Central UMC
November 17-Mathews Chapel UMC
We will not have
You may contact Alda Barnett or Wendy Glasco for more information!



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Blessings &
 Joy!



Thank You

 for your kindness

I would like to thank my loving church family for all of their prayers, visits and delicious meals provided during this second, complicated, knee replacement. One never knows how these acts of kindness mean until they are really needed. Peace, love, and blessings to all. I'll be back as soon as DR gives the green light to walk again.

Mimi Kleintop



Fiber Arts News...

Fiber Arts will resume meetings on the first Tuesday of the month on Oct. 3rd . There are many projects that do not require knitting, crocheting or sewing skills. But we can provide instruction in these crafts if interested! Join us for the fellowship.

United Methodist Women News...



Hello from UMW! We continue to be a small but mighty group. We would like to welcome Carrie Thompson to our group. Some upcoming dates that you might be interested in are: October 7 will be the district meeting in Williamsburg , October 14 we will be taking lunch to the volunteers at the Mataponi Free Healing Clinic, and the December prayer breakfast will be December 9 at Fox Hill United Methodist Church in Hampton. If you are interested in attending any of these events please talk to Lynda Alexander or Alice Dennis. Recently we had a snack pack assembling event at St Francis De sales. In about 45 minutes we assembled around 250 snack packs and will be delivering the packs to school starting September 15. In case you aren't familiar with the snack pack program, the qualifying students will take home a pack on Friday's, full of food that may be the only food they have for the weekend. Several churches in Mathews participate.

Reflections of Summer Mission Weekend...

