



CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church
January 6, 2021

Reflections From a Rocking Chair

In years past, we have started the new year with a Food Challenge as part of the Souper Bowl. We have collected somewhere between 3500-5000 food items or the equivalent in money. But this January will be different as most of last year has been. I want to encourage you to be a part of this year's food challenge in a new way.

As holidays pass and the new year and winter sets in, we tend to forget that the needs in our community continues. Families are struggling with food insecurity; people are not able to go to work or even draw a paycheck due to the reduction of available work; children are having to learn at home where there are family struggles and squabbles, along with empty pantries and low access to books and reading materials. As the new year begins, these problems seem to be enhanced due to the continuing rise of virus cases and deaths.

But, as the church and as the Body of Christ, we are to respond to the needs around us. We cannot simply hang out in our homes doing our work or living our lives while ignoring those in need. As scripture tells us: "the King said to those on his right hand, 'When you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me.'" *Matthew 25:40*

My challenge for you, and your household, is to be a part of the 2021 Food Challenge. It is easy to do and really makes a difference in the lives of many. You can purchase non-perishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, rice and pasta, canned meat, sauces, hot and cold cereals, snacks, and crackers. Then, drop the items off at the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry at 21 Washington St., Bristol, VA. The pantry hours are Monday-Friday 1-3 p.m., and you can also drop food items off at the church. There will be two food barrels inside the hallway to the office.

What a great way to include your children or grandchildren and to help them to become aware of the needs in our community! Invite them to pick out a few items that they would want to have if they were hungry. It is always a teachable moment when we help our children to understand the difference good food makes in how their bodies and brains work. Though cookies and candy are tasty, they do not satisfy hunger.

Another way to help out is to make a financial contribution. In fact, those who work at the Food Pantry can purchase food in larger quantities and at cheaper costs which means that your dollar will feed more people. Please consider this option and send your contributions to the church. We will be happy to send your gift to the Pantry for you.

We might not have a running total of the amount of food and money collected this year by Central Presbyterian Church as a part of our Food Challenge, but we can make a difference in our community. Personally, I am sending a financial gift as well as picking up food at the grocery store; I need to physically be a part of the project. I hear Jesus' charge to his followers to care for the poor among us. It is our way to bear witness to the blessing and goodness of God in our lives, and to share that blessing with others.

Will you join me in this effort to care for those in our community? Will you give generously? Will you engage over the next 5 weeks in working toward the CPC Food challenge? Together we can do so much more. Thank you for your continued generosity, and your compassion.

Grace and peace,
Ann Aichinger

Congregational Joys and Concerns...

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At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram, Mary Kay English, Bob Stuart, Bessie Kitts, Jean Bane, Allen Vance, and Bill English.

At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime and Jean Thomason

At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise

At Elmcroft: Jackie Phillips

At Broadmoor: Patsy Wampler

Jim Butcher who is recovering from knee replacement surgery and is at home;

Gale Thompson got a good report from his six month follow-up;

Paige Thompson's mother as she is dealing with health concerns;

Jean Thomason is at Brookdale for rehab;

Bill and Mary Kay English as they are at home;

Mary Kay English as she continues to struggle with the injury to her back;

Candy Ellis was readmitted to the hospital and is improving slowly;

Becky Ingram as she is dealing with health issues;

Bob Ingram as he is dealing with pneumonia and other health concerns;

Joy Briggs' husband, Guy, is continuing to deal with health concerns and is home;

Joy Briggs, as she deals with Guy and his care while continuing her music work here at Central;

Don Miller, as he continues to deal with health concerns;

Josh and Brie Kite's 13 year old niece, Kiera, is having some heart conditions.

Patsy Wampler who has been ill recently (she is at Broadmoor Care Facility);

Robert Campbelle as he is having some follow-up tests for his health, and will be traveling to Winston-Salem several times in January;

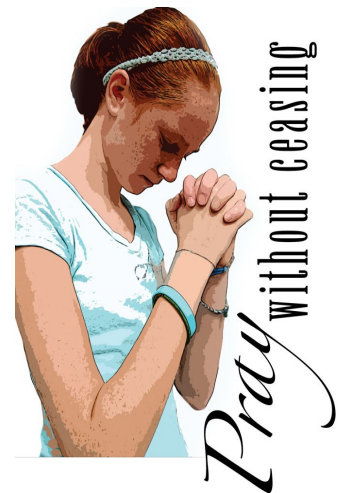
Doris Crabtree as she is struggling with her health, especially her arthritis;

Courtney Reese as she continues to seek help with her MS;

Don Miller, as he continues to deal with health concerns.

Audrey Dalton (who is on staff at APPLE Academy) and her husband, Randall, who is in the hospital dealing with serious symptoms of Covid-19.

Lynn Gilbert's daughter, Sharon Navarre, is a nurse in Ohio and has tested positive for Covid-19.



We Extend Our Deepest Christian Sympathy to...

Mike Ellis, Mark and Rachel Ellis, John Ellis and Todd, and Sasha Ellis in the death of Candy Ellis on December 24, 2020.

The memorial service for her was Thursday, December 31, 2020. The recording is available on the church website at: CentralPresBristol.org under the Sermons tab, and DVDs are in the church office.

Mark McCord, Ben, Missy, and Savannah McCord, Corrine Bloom, and family and friends in the death of Daphne McCord on December 30, 2020.

A Memorial Service and Celebration will be held in late Spring or early Summer 2021.

Rachel Ellis in the death of her father, Kenneth E. Fugate on December 18, 2020.

Vickie Salyer in the death of her niece, Megan Potter on December 31, 2020.

In Memory Of...

We wish to take this time to remember those in our church family who passed on before us in the year of our Lord, 2020. We are saddened that they have gone, but they will live on forever in our hearts and thoughts. “Blessed are those who die in the name of the Lord; they will rest from their labors and their deeds will follow them.” Revelation 14:13



Ruby Brown	January 6, 2020
Sara Burleson	February 11, 2020
Jonathon Van Dyke	May 22, 2020
Darla Van Dyke	August 8, 2020
Betty Watson	September 10, 2020
Frank Sikora	October 23, 2020
Casey McComish	November 23, 2020
Candy Ellis	December 24, 2020
Daphne McCord	December 30, 2020

To the APPLE Scholarship in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Emily Gildea.
To the Backpack Fund in Memory of Frank Sikora, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Bristol Faith in Action and Bristol Food Pantry in Appreciation of Central's Staff, Session, and Volunteers, given by Scott and Connie Bullock.
To the General Fund in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Glenn and Grace Himstedt.
To the General Fund given in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Sara Burleson, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Gene Caldwell, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Margaret Leonard, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Ruby Brown, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Lillian Helton, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Frank Sikora, given by Eugene and Linda Waldron.
To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Ralph and Terri Davis.
To the General Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Jack and Sandee Woolley.
To the General Fun in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Jim and Karen Warren.
To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Jim and Karen Warren.
To the General Fun in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by David and Harriet Ellis.
To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Gene and Kathy Kistner.
To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Charles and Rebecca Jones.
To Habitat for Humanity in Memory of Joe and Betty Watson, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Memorial Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Jack and Jean Malcolm.
To the Music Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Ralph and Terri Davis.
To the Music Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by David and Patty Browning.
To the Service Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Service Fund in Memory of Sara Burleson, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Service Fund in Memory of The Van Dyke Family, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Service Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Service Fund in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Service Fund in Memory of Donnie Alderman, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.
To the Service Fund in Honor of Patty Caldwell's Retirement, given by Juanita Large.

Continue in Prayer for renewed health and strength for...

John and Linda Barker and their family, Bobby Davis, Alice Owenby, Coleen Wheeler, Randy Broyles, and Jim Matson.

Thank You...

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I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all of the calls, cards, and kind prayers that were sent to me in the passing of my mother, Lee Sutherland, and Casey McComish. I appreciate the love and kindness from everyone! Thank you so much. Diana White

Thank you to all those who braved the weather for our Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service held in the church parking lot! Though the snow was heavy and the wind was strong, we had 18 cars and 41 people attend. Thank you to Rob Hollo for providing music, Mike Vollmer for his ability to broadcast the service on the radio, to Donnie Spurell who was parking coordinator, and to Ann Aichinger for leading the service. Thank you to Lynn Gilbert, Barbara Mann, Diane Abbey, and Marguerite Buckley for assembling the service worship bags. Thank you to Robert Campbelle, Ann Aichinger and Ed Updyke for taking last year's Candlelight service and revamping it for this year.

Thank you so much for the love and support I've received this past year. The phone calls, prayers, and well-wishes are truly appreciated. May God bless, Doris Crabtree

Address for Daphne McCord's daughter
Corrine (Corrie)

Corrine and Bud Bloom, and son Spencer
1129 5th Place
Mukilteo, WA 98275
cbs.muk6@gmail.com



Please update your church directory
with Mark and Rachel's new address.

Mark and Rachel Ellis
1700 Timothy Lane
Bristol, VA 24201



Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays in January on ZOOM. We will have time to chat and catch up on life as well as spend time in prayer and have time of discussion and study.

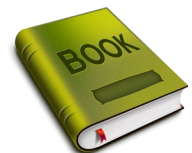
On January 6, we will conclude the study *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, and begin a new study on January 13. The invitation and access for each of the Wednesday gatherings on Zoom is:
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89657603909?pwd=ZXcyakYrYUYxcm84aGxKTWJ4SGhrQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 5760 3909 Passcode: 252722

(If you have trouble getting into the meeting each week, please text Pastor Ann.)

Cleaning out books and need a place to put them? Why not bring them to the *Little Library* at the top of the Parking lot. This was Peter Morison's Eagle Scout project and it is well used by people in the neighborhood. All kinds of books are welcome to be shared. And, if you see a book you want to read, feel free to take it and enjoy!



Reminders...

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Do not file your federal income tax return before you have received your contribution summary from the church. Donors may not be able to deduct individual contributions of \$250 or more if they file a tax return before receiving a qualified contribution receipt from their church.

2021 "I'm In" Campaign

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to support the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church in 2021. The Session and leadership appreciate everyone's efforts to increase the giving for next year.

Remember that the Gutter Fund pledges were for a three year period. We appreciate that some people have been able to pay their full pledge in two years. This allowed the church to make several large payments to reduce a portion of that debt. The campaign runs for one more year, and your gifts are still needed to help pay the remaining loan amount.

If you need a pledge card, have questions about the finances or your giving options, please contact Mary Moffatt, Finance Director, at finance.cpc@bvu.net or 276-669-3157, or Rob Hollo, Finance Chair.

Updated Finance Report: 2021 Pledge Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to financially support the work of Central Presbyterian Church in 2021. We are greatly appreciative of everyone's gifts. We also know that many of our church family are struggling with financial uncertainties and difficulties due to the pandemic, with the economic downturn, and the unknown of what 2021 holds. But, we hope that 2021 will be a better year for everyone. It also means that we must all seek to care for one another and continue to maintain the connections with our church family. And part of this is our financial support of the work of the church.



So far, we have received 78 cards returned for a total of \$245,229. We had 30 pledges meet or exceed the \$20 per month challenge along with several commitments from those not pledging last year. At this time, we are about \$32,242 below last year's giving. At the January stated meeting, the session will approve the 2021 budget.

If you are still planning to make a financial commitment, we ask that you please do so as soon as possible to Mary Moffatt, Finance Director. We are appreciative of the year end gifts that people made to the mission and ministry of Central. If you have any questions about the work of the church, please contact Ann Aichinger or any of the elders. If you have questions about your giving statement, please call and speak with Mary Moffatt.

If you ordered a Central Presbyterian Facemask, please stop in and pick them up. If you are not able to stop in, please call the church office (276-669-3157) or email us at office.cpc@bvu.net and we will make arrangements to get them to you.

Also...if you are still interested in purchasing a Nativity from our fundraiser, please stop, call the church office, or send an email and we will make arrangements for you as well.



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Epiphany is the season that follows Christmas. It starts on January 6 which celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men who visited Jesus, and concludes on Mardi Gras or Fat

Tuesday, which is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday this year on February 17.

During the season of Epiphany, worship services focus on the revealing of God's son to the world. So, we will look at the passages about Jesus being baptized, calling disciples, and his first events in ministry of healing and caring for people.

Epiphany is also a time to have a *Star Word* for you to live into through the year. The idea is that a list of words, intention or guiding words, are written or printed on paper stars. These paper stars are then arranged and participants are encouraged to trust the word they have written and not to replace the word. Then, you are invited to place the star word where you will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

Because we cannot do this in person this year, you are invited to go online to <http://wordoftheyear.me/> and press the "Show Me My Word" button. Then live into that word. If you do not have access to the online option, then open your Bible and read one chapter and see what word gets your attention. That is your Epiphany Star word! Feel free to share your Star word with the church family on the church Facebook page.

Online Worship and DVDs are available as we seek to continue to worship as a faith community.

Each Sunday morning you can engage with worship on CentralPresBristol.org under the "Sermon" tab. If you do not have access to online worship, there are DVDs of the worship services in the box in the church portico for you to take home.

We are continuing to work through the Common Lectionary, Year B which focuses mainly on the Gospel of Mark.

Sermons...

January 10	Baptism of the Lord	Mark 1:4-11
January 17	The Invitation to Come and See	John 1:43-51
January 24	Calling disciples	Mark 1:14-20
January 31	A New Teaching with Power	Mark 1:21-28

Presbyterian Women Bible Study

We will be gathering by Zoom on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 11-12 noon.
We will be looking at Lesson 4: *Lamenting Death*, by looking at John 11:28-37.

The Zoom information is: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89575029504?pwd=UIJKVlhLb0FCdERGdWwxM3J6M2lVQT09>



Meeting ID: 895 7502 9504 Passcode: 858189

January Birthdays



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Doris Hall	1	Jackie Helms	22
Bessie Kitts	1	Dennis Meade	24
Jamie Meade	2	Linda Baker	24
Sawyer Meade	3	Shelby Quesenberry	25
Allen Vance	10	Vickie Salyer	25
Linda Brittle	13	Dillon Vaughn	25
Scott Bullock	13	Will Broadfoot	26
Jeanne Kiger	13	Sandy McGlothlin	27
Christy Blevins	14	Jackson Williams	28
Ivy Ritchie	15	Woody McGlothlin	30
Janis Davis	19	Banner Ellis	30
Diana White	20	Savannah McCord	31
Theresa Kalb	20		

Happy birthday!

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Epiphany - Twelfth Night Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany also known as Three Kings Day or Twelfth Night.

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How to Keep in Touch:

www.facebook.com/CPCBristol: You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click “not now” and the site will pop up. Scroll down to find the latest message.

www.CentralPresBristol.org: Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Pastor Ann’s videos for each day.

Options for giving to the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian:

- * You can give in a check, or cash, in the offering plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to:

Central Presbyterian Church
301 Euclid Avenue
Bristol, VA 24201-4013
- * You can give through your online banking to Central.
- * You can set up an automatic deposit from your account; please talk with the Finance Director on how to do this.
- * You can TEXT to **CentralPres** (no spaces and Capital C and P) to **73256**. You will be directed to make your donation through Realm.
- * You can give one time, or regularly, through your **Realm Connect** profile.



Reminder: Please continue to send in your pledges and financial support for Central Presbyterian. Although the church building may not be fully operational, the work and ministry is still happening.

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