

Central Life

Central Presbyterian Church

June 19, 2019

As I was working on this edition of Central Life, I realized how different things will be in the church office, in our life together, and in my own personal life. As one person commented on Sunday saying, “You dealt with the elephant in the room in your sermon.” How could we not deal with the death of Frank, the loss of a leader for this congregation and for Abingdon Presbytery, the loss of my best friend, my Co (as he called me), as well as one who was loved by so many. So I thought I would give you some encouragement about how we are going to grieve in this time.



First of all, there will be those who have the “formula” for grief, telling us as a community and as individuals the steps to our grief. But as I have worked with people these 29+ years, there is no one way to grieve, and there is no handbook on how to do it well. Yes, there are phases of grief, and we may go through them, but not necessarily in a nice orderly fashion. And that is ok.

Second, please do not avoid talking about Frank with me. I want to hear your stories and how he impacted your life. As co-pastors, we knew that people in congregations connect with each of us in different ways. Some felt more comfortable talking with Frank, and others have sought me out when they needed to talk. I recently have received several letters telling me the difference Frank made in people’s lives, in his encouragement and checking in as well as his concern for families. I didn’t know some of those encounters, but I’m not surprised. So please don’t tiptoe around me or worry that by talking to me about Frank or that your sadness will only make me sadder. Yes, I will be talking about Frank and wondering how he might have done something. I will celebrate those special dates in the year that were markers for our life together. Don’t worry about saying the wrong thing or even just giving me a hug in silence, because that is how we will go through this together. That is how we can support and encourage one another.

Third, Frank and I were very clear that both of us could do all that is needed in church leadership as a pastor. (Remember I served as pastor in various churches for about 6 years.) But we loved working together which allowed us to work to our strengths and passions. I will do my very best in stepping into new levels and areas of leadership. I still have my passions and still want to be a part of things in the area of Mission, and Christian Education, and Pastoral Care. But I am going to have to do some catching up in the areas of Finance, and Administration, and get back into the rhythm of writing a sermon each week. So please be patient.

So in this time, we as a church and as individuals are journeying into unknown land. We will make mistakes. We will not get everything done. We will occasionally stumble. But the key to this time is to continue together---in relationship with one another and with our God. It is ok to cry. It is ok to laugh. It is ok to simply be.

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Things will continue on because that is what our faith calls and challenges us to do. In good Presbyterian fashion and style, we are stronger together. We need everyone here and involved. Don't hesitate to let me know how you are doing. I will let you know also how I am doing.

As the Lord said to Joshua when they were preparing to enter the Promised Land, the people were reminded to follow the Ark (the presence of the Lord), "so that you may know the way you should go, **for you have not passed this way before.**" Joshua 3:4 Let us keep our eyes on God to see where we are to go, our ears open to hear the prompting of the Spirit, and our hearts open to the places where Jesus is calling us to serve.

Grace and peace to you all,
Ann Aichinger



Summer Mission Trip to Nashville, TN Cancelled

At this point, the youth summer mission trip has been cancelled, but our hope is to offer it next summer. If you paid your deposit, you will get that back.



Gospel Choir — Sing for the Fun of It!

The Gospel Choir will sing in summer worship again this year.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

You don't have to have a lot of experience singing in church choirs and you don't have to audition: just show up for a couple of short rehearsals. First rehearsal will be after Sunday morning worship on **June 23, at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary**. We'll rehearse a few minutes and still have plenty of time for Lemonade in the Shade. We'll sing a couple of times in both traditional and contemporary worship services this summer.

Call Robert Campbelle at **276-623-3050** for more information or to let me know you'll be joining us. ***Or just show up!***

Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Coming up...

The Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group meets each Monday, 7:00 a.m. at Shoney's. All men welcome.

Committee Chairs - Tues, July 2, 6:30 pm

Church Committees - Tues, July 2, 7:00 pm

Evangelism Committee - Wed, July 3, 7:00 pm

Meals on Wheels - Thurs, July 4

Finance Committee - Wed, July 10 (Time TBA)

Session - Tues, July 16, 7:00 pm

"Central Life" summer schedule - Wednesdays:
June 19, July 10, July 31, and August 21
(with a Tuesday noon deadline each time)

Community News

"Bristol Together"



Community Worship

postponed

This is the newly formed group of pastors who are meeting regularly for support and care, but also to bring our churches together in this community. A community worship was planned for Sunday, June 23, at First Baptist. But at this time, it has been postponed until later in the summer. So watch for that, and come and let us join with others in our community to worship our God.

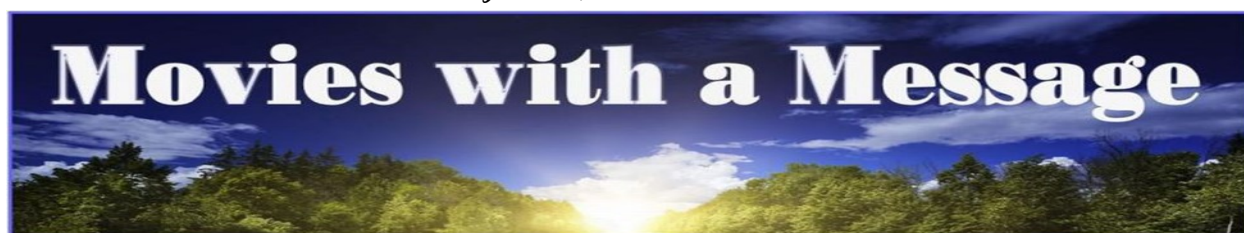
The Giving Wall will remain up until July 31.
Please help us meet this goal.

SESSION NOTES

The Session met on June 18, 2019. Excused were John Barker, Nancy Kiser, and Monica Alderman.

Session Actions:

- Transferred Melanie Buhls to State Street United Methodist Church.
- John Barker will be commissioner to the rescheduled Abingdon Presbytery meeting on August 10 at Glade Spring Presbyterian Church.
- Ann Aichinger will be taking the Middle Schoolers to Montreat Middle School Conference and will be away on July 21.
- The Class of 2019 Elders will remain active on the Session through July 31, 2019 in order to examine the new class of elders.
- Approved Patty Caldwell to attend the APA Conference in Charlotte, NC in October.
- Approved Central's participation in the Communities in Schools' Christmas in July program.
- Discussed moving forward and next steps in this process.



Food For Thought

Want a great night out each week for the whole family?

On Thursday nights we will feature contemporary movies that make us think about our faith. We do not necessarily agree with all of them, but we think they ask us valid questions as we seek to live in our twenty-first century culture. Each night will also have a children's rated film in the Theater Room. There will be nursery. We are working to have a food truck at the church each week. And there will be popcorn and drinks.

Date	Movie	Kid's Movie	Food Truck
June 20	Facing the Giants A losing coach with an underdog football team faces their giants of fear and failure	Monsters, Inc. Things get hectic for the Scare Team when a boy wanders in.	Opie's Pizza Pizza in 90 seconds
June 27	Pay It Forward 12-year-old Trevor McKinney's launch of a goodwill movement	Bridge to Terabithia Two middle schoolers trade their dull rural town for a magical kingdom	TBA
July 4	NO MOVIE		
July 11	Amazing Grace Wm Wilberforce works to stop slave trade in England	Inside Out When Riley moves to a new city, her Emotions help her through the transition	Baked and Loaded Sandwiches and Potatoes
July 18	On The Basis of Sex Ruth Bader Ginsberg works for gender equality.	The Star (Christmas in July)	Botanas
July 25	The Shack A father's spiritual journey after the death of his daughter	Coco A boy embarks on a journey to uncover the mysteries behind his past.	Baked and Loaded

The Travels of Flat Jesus

Flat Jesus has been on the move this summer. He has been to several camps and adventures, and to several different states as well as to the Montreat Youth Conference. Everyone is invited to take Flat Jesus with you, wherever you go. Take a picture of you and Flat Jesus, and then send that picture to us so we can see where you are taking Jesus into this world (directions are on the back of Flat Jesus). You can email it or send it by Facebook or print it when you get home. But the key is to tell us where you are, and what you did. Then watch the bulletin board outside of Pastor Ann's office to see the many places that Flat Jesus is traveling. If you want to pick up a Flat Jesus, they are outside of Pastor Ann's office.





*Please say a
prayer for each
person on their
birthday.*

JULY

- 1 Bethany Lewis
- 2 - Christian Dodson
Vicki Wilson
- 3- Caroline Jones
Greyson Meade
- 5 - Clark Wilson
- 6 - Allison Estes
Jennifer Estes
- 8 - Becka Reese
Emily Ann Thompson
- 10 - Carolynn Anderson
Frank Sikora
- 11 - Madeleine Harris
- 12 - Diann Daggs
Winnie Hendricks
Kim Moore
Jim Poore
- 13 - Ann Aichinger
- 14 - John Barker
Michelle Mercer
- 15 - Eugene Waldron
- 18- Barbara Oakley
- 19 - Mary Moffatt
Collin Waldron
- 20 - Madalyn Arnold
Lindsey Hale
Jessee Wagner
- 21- Dante Daggs
Meredith Dimino
Morgan Hale
David White
- 22 - Sam Scott
- 25 Emma Prince
- 28 - Mike Dodge
Jenna Wagner
- 29 - Jeanie Franklin
- 31 - Alice Blanton
Bob Ingram

Christmas in July Make a difference in a child's life.

Communities In Schools of Southwest Virginia is hosting the "Christmas In July" project for the at-risk students living in poverty in the city of Bristol, Virginia. This program is to assist students enrolled at the 4 elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school to have new clothes for the new school year.



Central folks have really embraced this project, helping more kids each year for the past three years. The students each received 2 pair of shorts or pants, 2 shirts, underwear and socks! What a tremendous blessing to the children and their families! AND...what excitement for those students "having new clothing to wear" on the first couple of days in August for a new year!

We will be participating again this year and if you would like to shop for a child, you may get a child's name and information at worship or from the church office. In the next few weeks there will be a table set up for you to choose your children. You may return the bag of clothes to the church any time, but the firm deadline to return the clothes is **Sunday, July 21**.

If you prefer, a donation may be made so that the high school students can purchase their own new clothes.

Recycling Opportunities at Central Presbyterian Church

Central offers a variety of ways for helping people and for recycling your used items:

- ♦ **Aluminum Cans** - Even though there has been a price drop, we continue to recycle cans. Please bring your cans inside the church and put them in the container at the end of the office hallway. The proceeds go to help Habitat for Humanity.
- ♦ **Cell phones** - These are given to either Abuse Alternatives or the Bristol VA Police Senior Resource Center to use as 911 phones. There is a container in the church office.
- ♦ **Box Tops for Education** - Save those "box tops" to help the schools. These are also collected in the church office.
- ♦ **Printer/Toner Cartridges** - Bring any type of these and place them in the brown bin at the end of the office hallway. The proceeds from recycling these go to Bristol Faith in Action.
- ♦ **Eyeglasses and hearing aids** - We collect all eyeglasses and hearing aids for donation to the local Lions Club. The members send them to be re-fitted for people who are unable to afford these vital items, here and abroad. There is a box in the brown bin for these.
- ♦ **Sewing supplies and fabric** that you might no longer need are wanted for the Little Girls Dresses and Little Boys Shirts and Britches that are sent overseas, and for Stuffed Animals that are sent overseas to give to children who are receiving their vaccinations. Place these in the brown bin in the hallway.
- ♦ **Used postage stamps** - we are still saving these although this program may soon be ending. The container is in the church office. Commemoratives and large stamps are needed—no flag stamps.



During the summer we have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 am. We alternate between the Sanctuary with the Choir or special music and Central Hall with the Praise Team. There is Children's Church and nursery. We have Lemonade in the Shade after worship on the portico.

June 23	Sanctuary	Healing Service <i>The Polyphonic Harmony of the Church</i> Galatians 2:23-29, Luke 9:18-27 Lemonade: Property and Maintenance
June 30	Central Hall	<i>The Shape of Your Life</i> Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139 Lemonade: Fellowship and Dining
July 7	Sanctuary	Communion <i>Christmas in July</i> Luke 2:1-20 Lemonade: Praise Team
July 14	Central Hall	<i>Children, Go Where I Send Thee</i> Luke 10:1-9, 17-20 Lemonade: Worship Committee
July 21	Sanctuary	Guest Preacher (Ann Away at Montreat Middle School Conference) Lemonade: Mission and Outreach
July 28	Central Hall	Healing Service <i>Detours in Life</i> Luke 10:25-37 Lemonade: Finance
Aug 4	Sanctuary	Communion Lemonade: Evangelism
Aug 11	Central Hall	Youth Service Lemonade: Christian Education
Aug 18	Sanctuary	Race Weekend Lemonade: Pastor Ann
Aug 25	Central Hall	Healing Service Lemonade: Fellowship and Dining



Welcome New Elders

At the Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 2, we elected new elders to lead the congregation for the next three years. They are:

Laurel Broadfoot
Don Hagaman
Rob Hollo
Mike Vollmer
Sandy Wilson
Jenna Wagner (two year term)

They will be examined by Session at the July meeting and will be ordained and installed after that.

The congregation also voted to reduce the number of active elders to 15 going forward.

CENTRAL STAFF:

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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 to 4:30, Monday-Friday

Volunteers

For Sunday, June 23 (Sanctuary):

Coffee helpers - Trish James, Lois Clarke
Greeters

10:00 - Dick Gordon, Rich Williams

Children's Church Leader

10:00 - TBA

Head Usher for June - Casey McComish

For Sunday, June 30 (Central Hall):

Coffee helpers - Missy McCord
Greeters

10:00 - Trish James, David White

Children's Church Leaders

10:00 - TBA

Head Usher for June - Casey McComish

For Sunday, July 7 (Sanctuary):

Coffee helpers - Don & Bernice Hagaman
Greeters

10:00 - Casey McComish, Lynn Butcher

Children's Church Leaders

10:00 - TBA

Head Usher for July - TBA

Food Pantry volunteers for July 11- Jim & Joan Keith, Laraine Williams

For Sunday, July 14 (Central Hall):

Coffee helpers - David & Cathy White
Greeter

10:00 - Gena Prince

Children's Church Leaders

10:00 - TBA

Head Usher for July - TBA

Attendance:

June 2, 2019 - 119 in summer worship
June 9, 2019 - 139 in summer worship
June 16, 2019 - 120 in summer worship

News for the Church family

Hospital... Duke James, BRMC, Rm 3006

Sympathy...

We are sad to announce the passing of our Pastor Frank Aichinger. He died on June 6, 2019. A memorial service was held at Central on June 11. The congregation offers our Christian sympathy to his wife, Pastor Ann, and his son, Chauncey, and family.

The church has received condolences from McIver Presbyterian Church in Bristol, VA, from First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC, and from Appalachian Sustainable Development in Abingdon, VA. Those cards are on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Our Christian sympathy is also offered to:
The family of Ralph Horne, former Central member, who died June 13, 2019 in Dacula, GA;
to Jim Keith & family on the death of his sister, Alice;
and to Patty Caldwell and family on the death of her uncle, Marvin Phillips, on June 18, 2019.

Continue in prayer for...

Ruby Brown, Charles McChesney, Darla & Jonathan Vandyke, Jackie Phillips, Sara Burleson, Daphne McCord, Betty Watson, Bobby Davis, Hugh (at Dominion Senior Care) & Linda Wise.

Congratulations on your baby boy!

Lincoln Wallace Parks was born on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz., 21 inches long. His parents are Lindsey and Chris Parks of Knoxville, TN and proud grandparents are Terry and Mike Parks. He has one sister, Sutton, age 3.



Memorial Gifts...

To the Aichinger Memorial Fund for Frank Aichinger by Jean Thomason, Doug & Laraine Williams, Beth W. Patterson, John W. Dodge, Jackie Phillips, Maxine Howell, Glenn & Grace Himstedt, James L. Matson, George & Beth Parks, Caroline Jones, Carol J. Propst, Tyler & Jeanie Franklin, State Street String Band, Elizabeth Parks, Robert W. Smith, Patricia Neel, Pat Harenberg;

To the Service Fund for Frank Aichinger by Whit & Jane Morison;

To the Giving Wall for Frank Aichinger and Kathy Story by Joe & Janis Davis;

To the Meals on Wheels Fund for Kathy Story by Scott & Connie Bullock;

To the King Scholarship Fund for Kathy Story by Bruce & Debra Gillingham, Robert W. Smith, Frank & Ann Aichinger, and Nancy Kiser;

To the Music Fund for Kathy Story by Ralph & Terri Davis.



A LETTER TO THE CHURCH

Dear Central Presbyterian Church,

It was a pleasure talking to Mary Moffatt and Patty Caldwell today and sharing about the love my father had for the people of your church and the physical building itself. I am pleased to make this donation to the gutter/steeple repair fund in honor of my father, Don Shields, a gift from me and my family.

I remember both my father and stepmom, Peggy, talking about the steeple and it is good to hear that my father's beloved boiler is still up and running!

God bless, Holly Furtner, Bakersfield, CA

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All youth (5th-12th graders)

All Youth are invited to come on Thursday nights for the Food Trucks and Movie Nights. Bring money for your dinner and then join us to watch a good movie. Popcorn and drinks are also provided.

We will also have some Wednesday evening and/or Sunday afternoon youth gatherings and events this summer. Watch for information in texts or on Facebook and then come and be a part of this great group.

Schedule of Services & Rehearsals:

Sunday:

Coffee Time	8:45 & 9:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Summer Worship	10:00 a.m.

Thursday: Movie Night

Food Truck Available	5:30 p.m.
Movie	6:30 p.m.

Youth Group (6 to 12 graders):

Meet together for Thursday Movie Nights or Special Events as scheduled

Music Rehearsals:

Praise Team, Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir	
Sunday warm-up	9:30 a.m.

