



Central Life

Central Presbyterian Church

October 2, 2019



Ponderings from a Rocker

Have you ever thought about your many blessings that you have received from God? How about the many things to be thankful for in your life? Have you said thank you to the people who have made a difference in your life and faith? Gratitude is a spiritual discipline for Christians. We are to live our lives in response to the amazing grace that God gives us in Jesus Christ, for the new life offered by Jesus, and the opportunities for service in this world provided by the Holy Spirit.

We will be having our Stewardship Season this year from Wednesday, October 9, through November 17, which will be Commitment Sunday. I don't want you to be surprised when you receive your commitment card for 2020. Now is the time to start working on how you will respond to the Work of God in your life, to the ministry and mission of Central Presbyterian Church, and your gratitude to the life you are able to live.



On October 9, we will have a kickoff event as our Wednesday night program. This is a chance to hear about the theme which is Vision 2020, and how you can be a part of the on-going work of the church in our community and world. I will lead on Wednesday nights about Jesus and Money and also some practical ways to live thankfully and generously. We hope to have someone from Presbyterian Foundation come and share about the difference Generosity makes in our everyday life. Rob Hollo and Ken Hale will present on October 30 about how to leave a legacy for the future through will and estate planning.



There will be a devotional for you to use through these 40 days, and you can pick up a copy either on October 9 or on Sunday mornings, starting October 13. This devotional is entitled, 40 Day Spiritual Journey to a More Generous Life. There are Scripture passages for you to read and reflect on as well as articles and worksheets to help you consider your many assets and blessings, and how you can use them for the work of God in this world.

My hope is that you will begin now prayerfully considering how you will respond to the church's request to be a part of the work and ministry here at Central. Please don't be surprised when you get a commitment request card, but be prepared to make your response and to make your commitment on Sunday, November 17, as a part of our worship experience. I also hope that you will use this devotional as a family, talking together about how you can respond. It is important for our children and our grandchildren to learn to be generous in their lives, and the best place to learn this is within the family.

Sunday morning worship themes as well as Wednesday night programs will be focused on our spiritual journey of living a generous life. So make a decision now to come and be a part of the conversation on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings to grow with your Central Presbyterian Church family as we seek to live a generous life together.

May God begin now to grow us as a church family in our generosity to God's work in our life as followers of Jesus. Hope to see you on Sundays and/or Wednesdays!!

Ann Aichinger



**Grandparents raising Grandchildren:**

The Evangelism Committee has realized that there is a need to support and connect grandparents who are a part of the care and nurture of their grandchildren. We see this in our local schools as well as in our church family and at Apple Preschool. So everyone (not just grandparents) interested in being a part of the conversation and starting a group are invited to join us for lunch on Thursday, **October 10, 11:30-12:30 at the church**. Vickie Clark will be sharing about her experiences as well as telling about resources in this area for such a group.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING****OCTOBER 8, Tuesday, 11:00 AM**

We are having a special program day, featuring our beautiful banners in the church, with Ed Whitehead narrating the history and meaning. These banners were designed and constructed as a gift to the church by Ruby Brown, Daphne McCord, and Jean Pacholski, and we will be celebrating them on Tuesday..



Our meeting will begin in the Sanctuary at 11:00, then move to the fellowship hall for the second part of the program.

Our Bible Study, led by Reverend Ann Aichinger, is #2, "Words of Love, Don't Trivialize My Name."

Lunch will be served following the Bible Study at a cost of \$7.00.

We will be hosting the Abingdon Presbytery Women on Saturday, October 12, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Hopefully you all will be here too, please mark your calendars!

Your Co-Chairmen, Thais Sikora and Mary Ann Blevins

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands**Wytheville, VA**

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, PCHH celebrated 100 years of ministry, "giving children hope and purpose for the future." Central Presbyterian was represented by several members who came forward to stand by as the new Garden of Hope monuments were dedicated. Central was inducted as an honoree on the "Peace" column for our support in the recent campaign.

Coming up...

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

Meals on Wheels - Thurs, October 3

Presbyterian Women - Tuesday, October 8, 11:00 AM, program, study, and lunch - see page 2 for details.

APPLE Committee - Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 PM

Finance Committee - Wed, October 9, 12:00 PM

Session Retreat and Meeting - Sunday, October 13, 2:30 to 8:00 PM

Next newsletter - info due on Tuesday, October 15, by noon, for publication on Wednesday



Peace & Global Witness Offering Sunday, October 6 (World Communion Sunday)

Since 1940, World Communion Sunday has been an Ecumenical Celebration bringing churches and people together in Christian Unity. This offering is shared to bring peace and unity to our neighbors near and far around the world.

A 25% portion of our offering here at Central is designated locally for Abuse Alternatives. The remaining 75% portion of our offering is used in our region and around the globe in our Presbyterian efforts to promote peace and reconciliation. Please remember to consider this special offering on October 6.

Holston Habitat for Humanity: House for the Mays Family



Central has agreed to be a part of the building of a house with Summer and Richard Mays and their family this fall. This house is being built at 110 Lilly Street, Bristol, TN which is across East State Street from First Presbyterian Church. We need volunteers to help as a part of our week of work, which is **October 16-19** (morning and afternoon shifts). We will need people who are willing to learn a new skill or to help out on the site. You do not have to know how to do any construction; you will be taught on site. You can register as a volunteer on the website: www.holstonhabitat.org. To sign up for the Central Work Week, October 16-19, the password is **central**. You can see restrictions in ages for youth on the website under the Youth policy. So make plans now and come be a part of a great experience this fall in helping to build a house with a family. (Of course you can volunteer anytime on this project. Be sure to register online and complete the waiver.)

For our work week, we also need to provide lunch for each of the four days. If you would like to provide lunch or deliver it to the site, there is a signup sheet on Ann Aichinger's office door. Lunch needs to include the food and drinks as well as paper products.

The key dates for events are:

October 16-19: Central Presbyterian Church work week - Wednesday-Saturday



Notes from the Session Meeting on September 24:

After a time of sharing about joys in our life, we heard about several different events and projects coming up.

- Mike Vollmer reported on the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands 100th Celebration Weekend.
- Ann Aichinger reported on Abingdon Presbytery's Leadership event called Mountain Top.
- The Session will have a Retreat at Jubilee House in Abingdon on Sunday, October 13, 2:30-8 p.m. which will include the October stated meeting.

Actions of the Session:

- Approval of the Youth Schedule
- Approval of the new Christmas Nativity wooden characters (a Donkey and a star)
- Approval of Parent's Night Out on December 6, 6:30-8:30 as a Youth Fundraiser
- Approval of a Community Luncheon on Thursday, October 10, for Grandparents raising Grandchildren (more information, see the article on page 2).
- Approval of sending \$2,500 from the reserved fund for Disaster Relief to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the most recent hurricane impacted areas.

THANK YOU to Laurel Broadfoot for restoring the church's website. All the newsletters and videos are back online. Check out the information at www.CentralPresBristol.org.



OCTOBER IS
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH



Wednesday Night Activities

Join us each week for Wednesday Night Supper and Activities.
Supper is at 5:30 PM (\$5.00 donation) with prayer and programs starting at 6:00 pm.

There will be informative and fun activities for all ages, including Children's Choir, and a nursery for under 3 year olds.



October 2:	A Quick Look at the letter to Philemon
October 9:	Stewardship 2020 Kickoff presentation
October 16:	Jesus and the Issue of Money
October 23:	Guest Speaker
October 30:	Rob Hollo and Ken Hale: Wills and Estate planning
November 6:	Living Thankfully and Generously
November 13:	Stewardship 2020 Celebration party

Menus:

Oct. 2—	Baked Spaghetti, bread, salad bar, cookies
Oct. 9—	Kielbasa & Vegetables, brown beans, corn muffins, salad bar, ice cream
Oct. 16—	Chicken Enchiladas, rice, salad bar, dessert

Don't miss this great time of good food (from Trish & crew), fellowship, and fun!

Rada Knife Sale: now until October 13

The fall fund raiser for Central is selling RADA products. These knives and kitchen tools are high quality, made in America, and there are also food items and cook-books available.

Books and order forms are available in the office and there will be someone at the welcome center on Sundays to pass out books and order forms and answer questions. Please take a book and a few order forms and share with your family, colleagues, and neighbors. We only have 50 books, so please return the book with your completed order forms.



These make great gifts and are a great long lasting product! Don't wait. Now is the time to get your order in.

Thanks for supporting the mission of our church!

David White, Donnie Spurell, and the Mission Committee



BACKPACK BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS 2019

We are nearing the time to collect and pack our yearly Christmas Boxes for the families of the children we prepare backpacks for each week. The Session has approved us to furnish 30 families with a box of food at the Christmas break. We are asking the Congregation to support us in this mission, doing some shopping for the items listed below. These will be for the month of October and another list of needed items will be published in November.

The Backpack Committee appreciates all the support given during the year and at this special time for these families.

Items requested during October:

- * Canned vegetables—16 oz.
- * Progresso Soup with meat—family size
- * Egg noodles—family size package
- * Cans of Spaghetti O's with meatballs—16 oz.
- * Rice Krispie bar treats—individually wrapped

Look for a special box in the entry area for your donated items.

If you have questions, please contact either Thais Sikora, at fsekora@yahoo.com or Diane Abbey at abbey.diane@yahoo.com.



Candy and Goodies for Halloween

On Thursday, October 31, we will be handing out candy and goodies to Trick-or-Treaters (and their parents) who are out on Euclid Avenue and in the neighborhood. But we need your help. We need lots of things to hand out, such as individually wrapped candy, popcorn packets, chips, packs of crackers, school supplies, juice boxes, and bottled water (for the parents). There is a big green box outside of Room 118 (Ann Aichinger's Office) where you can drop off items.

If you do not have trick or treaters come to your neighborhood, and you want to set up your own Trunk with treats, you are invited to come to the church parking lot/alleyway and give out candy to our neighborhood kids and meet our neighbors. So get your decorations ready, your basket of goodies in place, and come be a part of a fun-filled evening.

If you would like to help staff the Central Presbyterian table (on Euclid Ave), and meet our neighbors, then make plans to come and help out. Dress up if you want. We will be handing out goodies from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, at the end of the church driveway on Euclid. You can stay as long as you want. Also you may park your car in the church parking lot and wander the neighborhood for Trick-or-Treats.





Jason Harrod, Monday, October 14:

9:15 a.m. – King Memorial Chapel

7:00 p.m. – Birthplace of Country Music Museum

Since its inauguration in 2008, the King Institute for Faith and Culture has sought to foster conversation about things that matter, joining town and gown as they bring guests who work at the intersections of Christian faith and culture: artists and ministers, scholars and writers, politicians and prophets.



Performing songwriter, Jason Harrod, has lived and worked in Boston, Brooklyn, and North Carolina, both touring and serving as musical director in a church on the Lower East Side.

His songwriting and performance are heralded: he has won MerleFest's Chris Austin Songwriting competition for bluegrass and the North Carolina Songwriters Co-Op contest; he has been selected as a spotlight performer at the annual Healdsburg Guitar festival, and he was awarded a fellowship by the International Arts Movement. In 2012, Jason received a Fulbright grant to teach songwriting to students in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Image journal says of him, "What singer-songwriter Jason Harrod does best is turn daily moments numinous. Quite simply, Harrod's imagination is for this world; he finds deep secrets in ordinary places."

For more information, contact Ivy Ritchie, Administrative Assistant, Peeke School of Christian Mission, 423-652-4157.



Youth Events for 5th-12th graders

Wednesday, October 2

5:30-7:00 at the church

Sunday, October 27

CORN MAZE OUTING

Wednesday, October 9

5:30-7:00 at the church

Contact Josie Russell

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Upcoming Worship

**9:00 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m.**

- Oct 6: World Communion Sunday
Children's Choir will sing at 9 & 11
- Oct 13: Stewardship 2020,
Vision, 2 Chronicles 29:14-16
- Oct 20: Stewardship 2020,
Ask, Seek, Knock Matthew 7:7-12
- Oct 27: Rev. Brian Alderman preaching
- Nov 3: Stewardship 2020,
Gratitude Leads to a Legacy
- Nov 10: Stewardship 2020, *What Are You
Going to Do with What You Have?*
Matthew 25:14-30
- Nov 17: Stewardship 2020,
Where Your Treasure Is Luke 12:33-34
- Nov 27: Christ the King Sunday

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

Volunteers

For Sunday, October 6:

Coffee helpers - Don & Bernice Hagaman

Greeters

9:00 - Trish James, Archer Parsons

11:00 - Caroline Jones, Dick Gordon

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

Head Usher for October— Casey McComish

Food Pantry volunteers for October 10 -

Laraine Williams, Ed & Betty Whitehead

For Sunday, October 13:

Coffee helpers - David & Cathy White

Greeters

9:00 - Carolynn Anderson, Gena Prince

11:00 - Mary Geiger, Linda Fisher

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

Head Usher for October— Casey McComish

For Sunday, October 20:

Coffee helpers - Cindy and Ken Hale

Greeters

9:00 - Shereé Taylor, Bernice Hagaman

11:00 - Allen & Retta Vance

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

Head Usher for October— Casey McComish

Attendance:

Sept. 22, 2019 - 112 in worship

Sept. 29, 2019 - 131 in worship



News for the Church family

Continue in prayer for...

Ruby Brown, Charles McChesney (Christian Care Center), Darla & Jonathon Vandyke, Jackie Phillips (Elmcroft), Sara Burleson (Oakmont), Daphne McCord, Bobby Davis, Duke James, Hugh (Dominion Senior Care) & Linda Wise, and Candy Ellis (Grace Healthcare).



Sympathy...

We offer our Christian sympathy

- To Nick Fuller on the death of his grandfather, Donald Fuller, on September 25, 2019 and
- To Nancy Arnold on the death of her brother, Tom Love, on October 1, 2019.

Memorial Gifts...

To the Memorial Fund for Frank Tilden by Jim & Barbara Davis.



We sincerely appreciate all the prayers, cards, and kindnesses extended to us at the loss of our beloved Jake Faulkner.

David & Patty Faulkner

Dear Central Friends,

Thank you to the Session for the card and especially for sharing my pending retirement in the newsletter.

I heard from a number of the Central members who were there in the mid-80's when I was the DCE. Even though it was just a short time, I learned so much from George Fitzgerald, Dick Copeland, Morris Warren, and Dent Davis. We also formed many close friendships

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Your friend, Bruce Harvey



Recycling Opportunities at Central Presbyterian Church



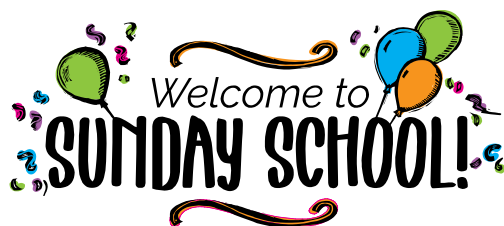
Central offers a variety of ways for helping people and for recycling your used items:

- ♦ **Aluminum Cans** - Even though there has been a price drop, we continue to recycle cans. Please put them in the container under the canopy. 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.
- ♦ **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.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 10:00 a.m.

Discussion Class with Allen Harris & Monica Alderman
Room 107 (Small Dining Room)

Contemporary Issues with John Dodge, facilitator
Room 100 (Session Room)

God's Politics (Why the Right Gets It Wrong & the Left Doesn't Get It)

Bible Class with Lois Clarke & Donnie Spurell
Room 106 (Parlor)

International Standard Commentary

Preschool: Terry Parks, Terri Davis, Linda Waldron
Room 203 (The Café Room)

Elementary: Sandy Wilson Sub: Ivy Ritchie
Room 205 (Tent Commandments Room)

Youth: Josie Russell, Mary Wampler
Room 8 (The downstairs Youth Café)

Schedule of Services & Rehearsals:

Sunday:

Coffee Time	8:45 and 9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages	10:00 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Activities:

Supper	5:30 p.m.
Programs for all ages	6:00 p.m.

Youth Group (5 to 12 graders):

Wednesday Night	5:30 p.m.
Special Events as scheduled	

Music Rehearsals:

Praise Team, Sunday	7:45 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir	
Wednesday rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sunday warm-up	10:30 a.m.
Handchime Choir, Wednesday	5:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir, Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Children's' Choir, Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Central Brass	
Various times, ask Robert Campbelle	