



# Central Life

*Central Presbyterian Church*

*October 16, 2019*

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## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

We are so thankful for the service of Pastor Ann at Central Presbyterian Church. To show our appreciation, the Session recognized her at their recent retreat and will make a contribution to the Evangelism Fund in her honor. If you would like to join the Session in showing your appreciation by also contributing to this fund, or a fund of your choice please send it to the church office by October 31. **Thank you Ann for all you do for Central.**

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## Notes from the October Meeting

The Session had a good retreat on Sunday, October 13, for about 3 hours. We considered ideas about engaging more of the congregation as well as the local community, and how to work on getting to know people better in our church family.

The items that were approved are:

- APPLE Fall fundraiser on November 23
- Add to the Church website a new page: "Shop for Good" which will include a link that contributes a percentage of every purchase back to Central Presbyterian Church. Watch for more information about this, and participating online stores.
- Collection of food items for the Backpack program for the Holiday Food Boxes
- Longest Night Service to be on Thursday, Dec 19, 7 p.m.
- Change of time for the December Session meeting on Dec 17 to 7:30 p.m.
- Transfer of Disaster Relief Restricted monies back to the Endowment (the originating fund for this from 2011)

## Session Meeting



The Session gave Ann Aichinger a lovely card and made a contribution to the Evangelism Fund in her honor for Pastor Appreciation Month.



## 2020 Vision Challenge

This year's Stewardship Challenge is to increase your giving to Central Presbyterian Church by \$20 a month (or \$240 extra for the year). This comes out to \$5 a week which is the equivalent to purchasing a coffee out or a quick lunch. It may not seem like much, but if everyone is willing to participate in this challenge, we will be diligently working on decreasing the deficit of the budget. Maybe you are thinking that you could do more. That is great. How about increasing your giving \$40 a week which would help to cover a contributor who is unable to make that kind of extra gift?

If you are not pledging, we do ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge this year as a part of your commitment as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Take the first step and make a pledge. If you already pledge, prayerfully consider how God is calling you to meet the 2020 Vision challenge. If you have any questions, please visit the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings and talk with one of the members of the Finance Committee. Remember: November 17 is Commitment Sunday. Come prepared to make your commitment to Central and the work of God.

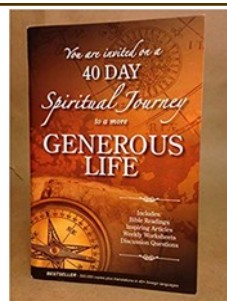
## Coming up...

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

**Healing Service** - Sunday, October 20, following both worship services. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer for body, soul, or spirit, join Pastor Ann in the Chapel.

**Forever Young** has two upcoming trips: November 8 to Riverfront Restaurant in Kingsport and December 6 to Pigeon Forge. Mark your calendars and look for details in the next newsletter.

The next "**Central Life**" newsletter will be published on Wednesday, October 31, and will include the calendar and birthdays for November.



## Central's 2020 VISION

**Have you picked up your Stewardship Devotional yet? It is not too late.**

From October 9-November 17, the Session is asking that all of the church family read this booklet together and learn about *Living a Generous Life*. There are daily readings, but there are also articles about stewardship and worksheets for you to use as a family in considering your tithe and gift to the church for 2020. You can pick up a copy in the office, or on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk in the entry area.

## Holston Habitat for Humanity: House for the Mays Family



Central is helping build a house with Summer and Richard Mays and their family. This house is being built at 110 Lilly Street, Bristol, TN which is across East State Street from First Presbyterian Church. We are volunteering on our week of work, which is **October 16-19** (morning and afternoon shifts). 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](http://www.holstonhabitat.org). To sign up for the Central Work Week, October 16-19, the password is **central**. 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.)

We are also providing lunch for each of the four days. If you would like to provide lunch or deliver it to the site, contact Ann Aichinger. Lunch needs to include the food, drinks, and paper products.

**Looking Ahead.... Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3.**



## 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](mailto:fsekora@yahoo.com) or Diane Abbey at [abbey.diane@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Thursday, 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.







Faithful Friends

Faithful Friends is a small group experience open to all women. The group meets to discuss the study book (*Experiencing the Spirit*) and to have prayer and fellowship. They meet once a month on Saturday morning. The next gathering will be on **Saturday, October 26, 10-11:30 a.m.** at the church in Room 100. They will look at Lesson 11: A Life Filled to the Full in Experiencing the Spirit by Henry and Melvin Blackaby. All women are welcomed to be a part of this event. Come see how the Spirit is working in our church and in our lives together.

## Youth Events for 5th-12th graders

Wednesday, Oct. 16 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 5:30 p.m.-7:00p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27 **Corn Maze at Fleenor Farms**

Meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. We will return by 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for people 12 and under \$9 for people 12 and over

Wagon ride is \$2/ride There are concessions available.

Saturday, Nov. 16 **Volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank packing boxes for Project Thanksgiving**

Meet at the church at 10:45 a.m. if you are riding with Josie.

Volunteer from 11:30 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Lunch after volunteering

I will be asking for commitments on this soon because Second Harvest needs an accurate number of volunteers for planning purposes. This is open you anyone age 10 and over. Parents and friends are welcome.

Josie Russell, Youth Director  
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## Upcoming Worship

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

- Oct 20: Stewardship 2020,  
*What Are You Seeking?*  
Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34; 7:7-12
- Oct 27: Rev. Brian Alderman preaching,  
*The Ground of Community*  
Jeremiah 31:27-34
- 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

### CENTRAL STAFF:

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

## Volunteers

### 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

### For Sunday, October 27:

**Coffee helpers** - Trish James, Lois Clarke

#### **Greeters**

9:00 - Barbara Oakley, David White

11:00 - Nancy Kiser, Casey McComish

#### **Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

**Head Usher for October**— Casey McComish

### For Sunday, November 3:

**Coffee helpers** - Don & Bernice Hagaman

#### **Greeters**

9:00 - Caroline Jones, Jean Thomason

11:00 - Randy & Phyllis Morris

#### **Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

**Head Usher for November**— TBD

## Attendance:

October 6, 2019 - 142 in worship

October 13, 2019 - 126 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, Candy Ellis (Encompass Healthcare), Summer Mays (gallbladder surgery), Alice Blanton (hip surgery), and Michelle Mercer (back surgery).



### Memorial Gifts...

To the Memorial Fund for Tom Love by Jean Thomason and Teresa Hagy; for Jim Roswall and Curtis Burnette by Robert W. Smith; and for Jake Faulkner by Jim & Barbara Davis.

## Missing you...

Dear Central Family,

We thank you for all the well wishes! It is with heavy hearts to leave "home" and the church where we served Christ together for so many years. We pray for you each day and hope our paths cross again.

Blessings, Glenn and Grace Himstedt

## Opportunity...

On Sunday, October 6, World Communion Sunday, Central received the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. You may still contribute to this offering of which 25% goes to the local Abuse Alternatives Agency and 75% to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own country and across the world.

## 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 16:	Jesus and the Issue of Money
October 23:	Guest speaker: Rev. Bill Wing on a Time for Stewardship
October 30:	Rob Hollo and Ken Hale: Wills and Estate planning
November 6:	Guest Speaker: Orlanda Carr, from the Presbyterian Foundation
November 13:	Living Thankfully and Generously, Stewardship 2020 Celebration party

Menus:	Oct. 16—Chicken Enchiladas, rice, salad bar, dessert
	Oct. 23—Salisbury Steak Casserole, green beans, salad bar, dessert
	Oct. 30—Potato Soup, grilled cheese sand "witches," salad Bar, Brownies

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



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## Grandparents raising Grandchildren

Are you a caregiver for your grandchildren? On a fulltime basis or part-time? Then you are invited to be a part of a small group to offer support and resources for those who are finding themselves as a part of a Grandfamily.

In our local area, 25% of children are being cared for by someone other than biological parents, and often this responsibility falls on grandparents. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, November 14, 11:30-12:30 at the church. We will begin looking at topics and issues in the book, [The Grandfamily Guidebook](#).

Everyone is invited to join us---please bring your own lunch, and we will provide drinks and cookies. If you have any questions, please talk to Casey McComish or Diana White or Ann Aichinger.

### 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	6:15 p.m.
Children's' Choir, Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Central Brass	
Various times, ask Robert Campbelle	