



Central Life

Central Presbyterian Church

November 20, 2019

Community Thanksgiving Service



Sunday, November 24
6:00 p.m.

**Featured speaker is
Pastor Ann Aichinger**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
700 Cumberland St
Bristol, VA



Offering taken for
The Salvation Army

Come, Ye Thankful People ...



Special Organ Music during Advent



Beginning December 1, which is the first Sunday in Advent, there will a longer than usual organ *Prelude*. The prelude will begin at 10:50 and will include Advent and Christmas music. I will continue playing longer preludes through the 4 Sundays of Advent. Over the years I have collected more Christmas music than I could ever play, so this will provide an opportunity to play and hear more Christmas music, and hopefully be an extra incentive for you to get to church early!

I hope that you will come and use this time to prepare for the coming of Christ, Our Lord, which is the reason for Advent. Since Central Presbyterian Church has one of the best (if not **THE BEST**) organs in the Tri-cities, it makes sense to use it to the fullest extent to bring glory to God and to provide inspiration, comfort, and peace to those who have the opportunity to hear it. Who doesn't love to hear the carols at Christmas? As in the past, both the hand bell choir, hand chime choir, and the brass will also play during Advent. We hope that the *extra* music being offered during this special season leading up to **Christmas** will be accepted as a special gift from the musicians at Central.

If you arrive after the music has begun, do not hesitate to quietly come in and take your seat.

Joy Briggs



The Angel tree is up for this Sunday. Please help us support this Prison fellowship by taking an angel tag from the tree to purchase a gift for a child from a parent that is incarcerated.

Please sign the list that is placed by the tree. The date to have the wrapped gifts back to the church is Dec. 11. The gifts will be distributed on Dec. 14.

Thank you so much for your support of this program.

Vicki Wilson, 423-646-3174

Thanksgiving Offering for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

On Sunday, November 24, as a part of our offering time, we will be taking a special gift for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville. This is an opportunity to assist them in caring for children and youth who need a safe place to live. Your gifts go to make a difference in this vital ministry in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Checks may be written to Central Presbyterian with a memo of "Children's Home."





2020 Vision Update

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to support the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church in 2020. The Session and leadership appreciate everyone's efforts to increase the giving for 2020. As of Monday, November 18, we have received 56 pledges with \$ 218,431 pledged. This is a wonderful beginning. If you have not gotten your pledge in, please do so as soon as you can.

If you need a card or 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.

Also an update on the Gutter Fund: In November, \$40,000 was sent in to help lower the principal owed.



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.

November 20: Stump the Pastor - bring your questions and wonderings. We will work on them together.
• November 27: No Wednesday night dinner and program—Enjoy time with family and friends.
December 4: Making Christmas Ornaments to give away
• December 11: Caroling and Christmas questions
December 18: Dinner and a Movie: Come have dinner and we will watch The Star together as a church family.
December 25: Merry Christmas!!
January 1: Happy New Year!

Menus:
November 20—Egg casserole, pancakes, bacon, fruit
December 4—Chili beans, Mexican corn muffins, salad bar, dessert
December 11—Baked spaghetti, bread, salad bar, dessert
December 18—Deli night, salad bar, cookies

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





Coming up...

The Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group meets each Monday, 7:00 a.m. at Shoney's.
(Note—Dec. 30 will be breakfast at Central.)

Technology Committee - Monday, November 25, 12:00 PM

The church will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.

PW Coordinating Team - Tuesday, December 3, 11:00 AM

Committee Chairs - Tues, December 3, 6:30 PM

Church Committees - Tues, December 3, 7:00 PM

Meals on Wheels - Thursday, December 5

The "Central Life" Newsletters will be published December 4 and 11. A "Central Life Lite" will be put out on December 31 or January 2.



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

- Nov 27: Christ the King Sunday
- Dec 1: First Sunday of Advent:
A season of Waiting and Watching
- Dec 8: Second Sunday of Advent:
A Season of Waiting and Declaring
- Dec 15: Third Sunday of Advent:
A Season of Waiting and Asking
- Dec 19: The Longest Night Service (7:00 pm)
- Dec 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent:
A Season of Pondering
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services at 5 and 7
- Dec 29: Be the Church Sunday (9:30 am)
Unity Service at 11:00 am

**COME
JOIN US**

Forever Young (55+ and friends) Trip

Mark your calendars, for the next trip which will be Friday, December 6, to Pigeon Forge. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return late afternoon. Lunch will be at the Apple Barn.

Sign up on the bulletin board across from Room 114, near the church office. Contact David White if you need more information (276-696-1931).





BACKPACK BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS 2019

The Session has approved us to furnish 30 families (of the children who receive backpacks each week) with a box of food at the Christmas break. We ask the Congregation to support us in this mission, doing some shopping for the items listed below.



Items still needed are:

- * Little Debbie Christmas cookies or desserts
- * Egg noodles—family size package
- * Mac and Cheese individual cups
- * Cereal Bars (eight count boxes)

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.

A big THANK YOU
to everyone who
has already made
donations for the
food boxes.

HELP NEEDED!



Strong backs and long arms are requested for help with putting up the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary. Good balance is an asset too. Branch fluffers welcome also.

Men, women, young, older—please come and help with this preparation.

Contact Robert Campbell (276-623-3050) if you can help on Sunday, November 24, after 11:00 a.m. worship.

Session Notes

November 19, 2019

- Received Presbytery report from Ed Whitehead
- Reviewed ideas from the October Session retreat and picked three to work on through February
 - ⇒ Website and marketing
 - ⇒ Grandparenting group update
 - ⇒ Getting to know the church family better
- Bristol Together Thanksgiving Worship service: Sunday, Nov 24, 6 p.m. Emmanuel Episcopal
- Transfer of Lea and Rush Powers to First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN
- Approval of the expansion of the Columbarium to add 16 spaces
- Approval of the marriage of Paul Mullins and Laurie Brooks (an APPLE family) in the chapel on December 31, 2019 by Rev. Jack Stevens
- Received the first report of the Stewardship campaign: 56 Pledges received as of Nov 18 with \$218,431 pledged for 2020.
- Approved signers for the New Covenant Fund
- Approved to open a new account for the Shopping for Good project (watch for more on this)



Please pray for these folks on their birthdays.

- 1 - Carol Duhaime
Rob Hollo
- 2 - Madison Campbell
Terry Eckley
Harper Lewis
- 3 Christina Zochowski
- 4 - Lauren Calloway
- 5 - Jack Wagner, Jr.
Colby Vaughn
- 6 - Joan Keith
- 7 - Callie Eckley
- 9 - Jean Thomason
- 11 - Robert Campbelle
Bernice Hagaman
- 16 - Travis Campbell
Megan Stanley
Sandy Wilson
- 17 - Ruby Brown
- 18 - Allen Harris
- 20 - Mike Barnes
Kaeden Mitchell
- 21 - Nancy Norman
- 25 - Merrie McInnis
- 26 - Archer Parsons
- 27 - Bill English
- 30 - Barret Blevins
- 31 - Cathy Moss





Thank you to Ann, the youth, and parents who volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank on Saturday, November 16!

Over the course of two days, Second Harvest welcomed hundreds of volunteers during five shifts to pack 5,500 Thanksgiving meal boxes for the community. Our group joined the assembly line on the last shift making boxes, packing food, and organizing the boxes at the end of the line. It was a fast paced day, and our efforts helped feed hungry families in Northeast Tennessee. I'm so proud of our group for showing up and participating in this wonderful time of service!

Josie



Youth Events for 5th-12th graders

Wednesday, Nov. 20

5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

5:30 p.m.-7:00p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15

3:00 p.m. is the Youth Christmas Party



Josie Russell, Youth Director

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Parents of Youth

It is time to sign up for our 2020 trips.

There is a **\$50 non-refundable** deposit for each event.

Winter Retreat, January 24-25, in Pigeon Forge (Total cost \$100), then we will help with worship on Sunday, January 26.

Montreat Youth 1, June 7-13, in Montreat, NC (Total cost \$150)

Montreat Middle School (completed 5th-8th grade), July 15-19, Maryville College, Maryville, TN (Total cost \$150)



We will have a meeting to discuss dates and place to go for the Summer Mission Trip. Watch for this soon.



Mark your Calendars:
Friday, Dec 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Parents' Night Out

Drop your children off at the church in the care of our youth, and head out to go Christmas shopping or to dinner, or however you want to spend your evening. (Please feed your children before coming.)

Cost is \$15 per child with a discount for larger families. We will care for children from 6 months-4th grade. This is a Youth fund raiser.

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

Volunteers

For Sunday, November 24:

Coffee helpers - Trish James & Lois Clarke

Greeters

9:00 - Debbie Wagner, Casey McComish

11:00 - Diane Abbey, Lynn Butcher

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

Head Usher for November – Glenn Myers

For Sunday, December 1:

Coffee helpers - Don & Bernice Hagaman

Greeters

9:00 - Trish James, Archer Parsons

11:00 - John Barker, Connie Bullock

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

Head Usher for December – John Barker

For Sunday, December 8:

Coffee helpers - David & Cathy White

Greeters

9:00 - Carolynn Anderson, Gena Prince

11:00 - Linda Fisher, Dick Gordon

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

Head Usher for December – John Barker

Food Pantry Volunteers on December 12 -
Laraine Williams, Laurel Broadfoot, Diane Abbey

Attendance:

November 3, 2019 - 139 in worship

November 10, 2019 - 145 in worship

November 17, 2019 - 141 in worship

Thanksgiving church-wide dinner on November 13 — 140 meals were served!



News for the Church family

Congratulations...

To Laura & Chauncey Solinger on the birth of a son, Noah Wolf Solinger, on November 20, 2019, in Ft. Myers, FL. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

His siblings are Oliver, Sydney, and Sophia. His proud grandmother is Ann Aichinger.



Continue in prayer for...

Ruby Brown, Charles McChesney (Christian Care Center), Randy Broyles, Jim Matson, Darla & Jonathan Vandyke, Jackie Phillips (Elmcroft), Sara Burleson (Oakmont), Daphne McCord, Bobby Davis, Duke James, Hugh (Dominion Senior Care) & Linda Wise, Candy Ellis, Patsy Wampler (Elmcroft), and Bill English.

Sympathy...

To Christy Blevins on the death of her aunt and to Diana White on the death of her aunt in NC.

Memorial Gifts...

To the Children's Fund for Hannah Marie Roosen by Caroline Jones, Ann Aichinger, and Jean Thomason;
To the Gutter Repair Fund for Hannah Marie Roosen by Mike & Terry Parks;
To the Service Fund for Frank Aichinger by Bob & Becky Ingram.

Honorary Gifts...

To the Service Fund for Ann Aichinger by Bob & Becky Ingram;
To the Backpack Ministry for Mr. & Mrs. Fred Binder, Mrs. Carol Griffith, and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Norris by Archer Parsons.



Thank You...

The Caldwell and Roosen families send their sincere thanks for all the prayers, calls, gifts, food, and cards of sympathy at the time of Hannah Marie's death.

The church family is such an important source of strength at this sad time. We could feel God's blessings through you all.

Patty & Tommy, Susan & Ryan

Healing Services

There will be a healing service after each worship service on Sunday, November 24. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, for healing the body, mind, or spirit, join Pastor Ann in the Chapel.



If you would like to order a poinsettia to be placed in the church for Advent, please send \$9.00 with info for the bulletin to the church office by Wed, December 4.

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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, November 23, 10-11:30 a.m.** at the church in Room 100. We will look at Lesson 12: Complete Surrender in *Experiencing the Spirit* by Henry and Melvin Blackaby.

All women are welcome to be a part of this event. Come see how the Spirit is working in our church and in our lives together.

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	6:20 p.m.
Children's' Choir, Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Central Brass	
Various times, ask Robert Campbelle	