

# Central Life

*Central Presbyterian Church*

*March 11, 2020*



**Church Leadership**

On Sunday, March 1, the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church met to elect an Officer Nominating Committee. Those recommended by the Administrative Committee were elected by acclamation and will begin their work soon.

Please take time to pray for the Nominating Committee and to pray for guidance as to who God wants as an elder and to pray for the members who are asked to serve to follow God's will in their decision.

Below is a form on which you can make recommendations for elders for the Class of 2023.

## **Suggestions for New Officers**

The Nominating Committee is seeking wisdom concerning the recommendation of five elders for the Class of 2023.

**The Nominating Committee for 2020** is Nancy Kiser and David White from the Session, and Lynn Butcher, Jay Hall, Alisa Harris, Tim Landis, and Gena Prince from the congregation.

**Elders** are chosen to discern the will of Christ and the wind of the Spirit as they seek to guide the congregation. They should be people who have lived out their faith and demonstrated their commitment to the PCUSA and Central Presbyterian Church. The current elders who have served three year terms are not eligible for reelection this year.

All who are recommended must be members in good standing of Central Presbyterian Church and should be involved in the life of this church: worship, education, and fellowship, as well as faithful givers.

### **Current Session**

2020: John Dodge, Doris Hall, Allen Harris, Gale Thompson, Linda Waldron, David White

2021: John Barker, Lois Clarke, Nancy Kiser, Donnie Spurell, Jenna Wagner

2022: Laurel Broadfoot, Sandy Wilson, Mike Vollmer, Don Hagaman, and Rob Hollo

**My suggestions to consider for Elders:**

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**PLEASE turn this form in to the Church Office by Wednesday, April 1.**

## Meetings coming up...

**The Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets each Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Shoney's. All men are invited to join them.

**Abingdon Presbytery Meeting** - Thursday, March 12, at Bethel Presbyterian Church

**Session** - Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Technology Committee** - Monday, March 23, 12:00 p.m.

**Safety Team** - Sunday, March 29, 12:30 p.m.



## Upcoming Sermons:

March 15:	Dr. Brian Alderman preaching
March 22:	Raising of Lazarus (John 3:1-17)
March 29:	Man born blind (John 9)
April 5:	Palm Sunday (Reading the Passion story from Matthew's Gospel)
April 12:	Easter Sunday
April 19:	Rev. Don Hudson preaching

## 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 for age 3 to 4th graders. There is a nursery for under 3 year olds.



## Programs:

### Wednesday Night Bible Study: Encounters on the Road to the Cross

During the season of Lent and into the first Sunday of Eastertide, we will meet characters who were a part of the Journey to the Cross and who met Jesus on that way. Each character has his or her own story, and invites us to see Jesus in a unique way from their situation and circumstance in life.

March 11: The woman caught in adultery and the reality of forgiveness

March 18: The Samaritan woman at the well and discovering New Life

March 25: The mother of James and John and the pursuit of ambition

April 1: Caiaphas the High Priest and issue of jealousy

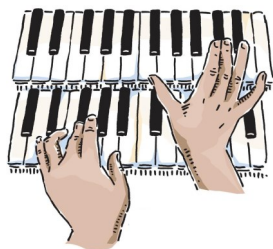
April 8: Simon of Cyrene and being one called to carry the cross

April 15: Nicodemus and what it means to be reborn

## Menus:

March 11 - Lasagna, Bread, Salad Bar, and Fruit Salad

March 18 - Kielbasa with potatoes, peppers, and onions, Slaw, Salad Bar, St. Patrick Day Dessert



## Lenten Organ Meditations

It is time to mark your calendars for the Annual Lenten Organ Meditations at noon on Wednesdays during Lent. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year of this series at Central Presbyterian Church. Out of curiosity, I made a list of the different organists we have had over those eight years and I discovered we have heard more than seventeen different organists. Only three of them have played more than once, the exception being Joan Keith and myself. I believe that is witness to the great diversity we have among church musicians in the Tri-Cities and their willingness to share their talents.

Nick Andrews, who is the only 'repeat' organist this year, will play on March 18. Nick is employed full-time at St. John's Episcopal Church in Johnson City as Organist/Choirmaster and Administrative Assistant.

A remarkable young organist, Jacob Moorman, will be on the organ bench on Wednesday, March 25. Jacob is the youngest organist we have ever featured. He is currently a student of Dr. David Runner, with whom he has studied for 5 years. He is also a piano student of Dr. Sharon Rush. He will play selections by Brahms, Bach, and Pachelbel.

Stephanie Yoder, Organist/Choir Director at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Bristol, VA will wind up the series with her presentation on Wednesday, April 1.

All of the meditations will start at 12:05 on Wednesdays and last from 30 to 45 minutes. There is no charge for the meditations, but donations to the music programs are gratefully accepted. CDs of all programs will be available.

Please join us for this time of contemplation and careful consideration of the meaning of Lent and the Easter that is to come.

- Joy Briggs





This is a women's small group gathering, and the next meeting will be on **Saturday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m. at Machiavelli's restaurant for lunch. This is a change, so please make note of date, time, and place.** We are looking at William Paul Young's book, The Lies We Believe about God. This month we will look at and discuss Chapters 7-9. If you need a book, they are available for \$4 from Ann Aichinger.

All women are invited to join us for this time of prayer, fellowship, and study.

## Congregation-wide Invitation

When: April 14, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Central Hall

What a treat we have in store for you! All are invited to share a presentation by Dr. Marvin Tadlock. Marvin is an Artist and Sculptor as well as a member of Central Presbyterian Church. He has contributed several pieces of his work to Central, and they and others are on display here. He will present a program about his work with actual viewing of several pieces.

Lunch will be served after the presentation at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Reservations for lunch are required by Friday, April 10 - contact the church office (276-669-3157)

This event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women, with everyone invited to attend.

### One Great Hour of Sharing    Special Offering    Easter Sunday

In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge—to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. Together, we become the household of God where those seeking shelter, food, and renewed hope are welcome. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

**Presbyterian Hunger Program** takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

**Self-Development of People** invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**



## Can you spare 30 minutes a week? Or Less?

Too busy? We all are, so we keep it short: playing in the Central handchime or handbell choir takes just 30 minutes a week. The handchimes meet on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm for half an hour, right before Wednesday night supper at church.

The handbells meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm for half an hour, right *after* Wednesday night supper. *AND*... we are rehearsing for one month—just 4 weeks—and taking the following month off, after playing in church.



It's a very small time commitment for a very satisfying experience. Ringing handbells or handchimes does not require great musical talent; just a willingness to make beautiful sounds. And for only 30 minutes a week, every other month. You can do it—you will be blessed, and you will bless others!

Call Robert Campbelle (276-623-3050) or Joy Briggs (248-804-1191) for more information. Or just speak to one of us at church.

### Youth Events for 5th-12th graders

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Dinner then lesson/activity

#### **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS**

March 29: 3-5 tentatively volunteering at Christian Care Center, but meet at the church.

**Josie Russell, Youth Director**  
**423-383-9291**

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**Mark your calendars for the upcoming events of Holy Week, April 5-12. Watch the next news-letter for detailed information about each.**

Sunday, April 5:

Palm Sunday Unity Service, 11:00 a.m.  
Communion

Sunday, April 5:

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"  
A Harmon Memorial Concert by the  
Sanctuary Choir and community friends  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 6:

King University Event in Central Hall  
Art Historian Matt Milliner, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8:

Regular Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, April 9:

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 10:

Good Friday Service, 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12:

Easter Egg Hunt for children, 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Sunday Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
"One Great Hour of Sharing" offering

## *Volunteers*

For Sunday, March 15:

**Coffee helpers** - Ken & Cindy Hale

**Greeters**

9:00 - Larry & Lois Clarke

11:00 - Randy & Phyllis Morris

**Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

**Head Usher for March** – Casey McComish

For Sunday, March 22:

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

**Greeters**

9:00 - Debbie Wagner, Casey McComish

11:00 - Rich & Jackson Williams

**Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

**Head Usher for March** – Casey McComish

For Sunday, March 29:

**Coffee helper** - David White

**Greeters**

9:00 - Trish James, Archer Parsons

11:00 - Linda Fisher, Lynn Butcher

**Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

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## **Attendance:**

March 1, 2020 - 108 in worship

March 8, 2020 - 115 in worship



## News for the Church family

### *Continue in prayer for...*

Daphne McCord, Bobby Davis, Hugh & Linda Wise (both at Dominion Senior Care), Candy Ellis, Patsy Wampler (Elmcroft), Bill English, Randy Broyles, Jim Matson, Darla & Jonathon Vandyke, Jackie Phillips (Elmcroft), Jean Thomason (NHC), Bessie Kitts, Barbara Mann, and Alice Owenby (Rehab in Asheville).

### *Memorial Gifts...*

To the Memorial Fund for Sara Burleson by Allen & Retta Vance, Daphne McCord, Don & Kathy Gately, Laurens Properties, Inc., Dr. & Mrs. Steve Davis, Mary B. Stuart, Patricia Keeper, Patsy Wampler, Greg & India Keith Foundation, and David & Harriet Pharr.

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

Would you like to give a **hydrangea to be placed in the church for Easter**? They are available to purchase through the church Flower Committee for \$12.50 each. If you would like one (or more), fill out this form, attach a check or cash for \$12.50 each, and return it to the office by **Monday, April 6**. These beautiful hydrangeas can be planted outdoors after Easter.

### **Gifts to Bristol Faith in Action are also encouraged as an alternative to hydrangeas.**

All donations will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please designate your donations below.

My name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ hydrangea(s).      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Bristol Faith in Action.

It will be given (circle one) In memory of:      In honor of:

Given by: (how you want it listed in the bulletin)





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## SCAM WARNING

### Beware of this most recent scam...

You receive an email asking for help from your Pastor or the church office or another church member or a friend and if you reply, the person wants you to buy gift cards and send them the barcodes.

PLEASE, PLEASE

Call the church office or the Pastor or the supposed sender of the email and ask if they sent the email. This is the latest scam of the bad guys and they can make it look like an email is from someone you know.

Even though it appears quite legitimate, no one from the church will ask you to do this. So be careful out there!

### 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	7:15 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	