

# CENTRAL LIFE

## Central Presbyterian Church

July 29, 2020



**We are Church Together. . .**

Dear Central Presbyterian Church and Friends,

There's a song I learned at Church camp that goes like this:

*The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.  
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together.  
All who follow Jesus all around the world,  
Yes, we're the church together.*

It's a good thing that the Church is not a building. Of course, the Bible tells us how important it is to gather together, and I look forward to returning to gathered worship and fellowship again as soon, and safely as we can. But even when we haven't been able to be present with one another in one place, God has used this time to bring us together as the Church in love and service toward one another and our community.

We're all looking forward to the day the building doors are open once again, but that time isn't now. Our church will not reopen yet, but we are constantly monitoring the number of Coronavirus cases in our area, as well as the risk level for gathering in person. We are working on having some Zoom gatherings on Wednesdays in August, as well as working on having some parking lot gatherings so we can visit in person with one another. We also see the APPLE Academy as essential to families who are working and need care for their children, and we are working closely with the staff of APPLE to maintain safety measures as best as possible.

Over the next 6 weeks, you will be hearing more about **Right Now Media** as an option to be engaged in Bible Study, personal devotional as well as family faith development. Through a generous gift of a family in our church, who values Christian Education and wants our church to continue to grow in faith and understanding of God's Word, the church will have a subscription to this resource for a year. On Sunday, August 6, you will receive an email about a gift for you and your family which will be your access to these videos for all ages (there will be more information about this opportunity over the next weeks.)

As the session and committees continue to meet, we will stay on top of CDC and state recommendations because the health and safety of our congregation is at the forefront of our minds. Until the time when we see it as possible to meet in person for worship, we will continue with online services and virtual ministry. At Central, we are a family that can make it through anything together because the God of hope guides us through times of uncertainty. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. I'm continually praying for you, and ask for your prayers for me and the Session leadership. I'll see you online.

*Grace and peace,*

*Ann Aichinger*

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**Session:** The Session met on Tuesday, July 21 by Zoom. Ann Aichinger gave her report including thanking everyone for the beautiful birthday bouquet that the session sent her. Actions taken at this meeting:

- \* Approved Katherine Campbell to lead worship and to preach on August 30 while Ann is out of town on vacation and at a Conference.
- \* Approved using Right Now Media (RightNowMedia.com) as a way to encourage the church family to engage in faith development and growth through videos, films and Bible studies on video (watch for more information about this.)
- \* The Presbyterian Women will be using the 2020-21 Study book, and Ann Aichinger will be leading the study (possibly by recording or by Zoom.)
- \* Sandy Wilson was elected Clerk Pro-Tem of the Session.
- \* The Nursery staff will continue to be paid at the summer Sunday rate.
- \* The church building will remain closed to outside groups until Central regathers for worship and/or meetings.
- \* Apple Academy has done well this summer, and is looking forward to having 45 children enrolled this fall. (There are a few more spaces available; please call the Apple office for more information.)
- \* Property Committee is continuing to work on projects around the church.
- \* Finance, Budget and Stewardship Committees thanked everyone for their continued giving to the work and ministry of the church.
- \* Worship Committee and *What's Next* Committee recommended that there be **NO** in-person worship at this time, and for the foreseeable future due to the increase in virus cases in our area.

### Care and Concern:

The Care and Concern Committee needs your help! Due to our current circumstances concerning COVID-19, we don't see each other or communicate as we have in the past. Therefore, we are asking you to let us know about anyone from Central who is in the hospital or who has been discharged so that the Central Samaritans can offer/provide a meal. You can contact Ann or Lynn at the church or Nancy Kiser at 423-956-5289.

### Elders:

As a part of the online Sunday worship on July 19, Carolynn Anderson and Cindy Hale were ordained and installed as Ruling Elders, and Briggs Allen, Niki McGrew and Wes Ritchie (who have already served as elders) were installed as Ruling Elders. It was a different kind of way of doing this very Presbyterian action, and we thank them for their willingness to serve Central these next three years.

### Upcoming Sermons...

August 2	Matthew 14:13-21	Feeding the 5000
August 9	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus Walking on Water
August 16	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Israelites in Slavery in Egypt/Birth of Moses
August 23	Exodus 3:1-15	Moses and the Burning Bush
August 30	Ann Aichinger is on vacation and attending a Conference. Katherine Campbell will be preaching and leading worship.	



## Congregational Prayer Concerns...

*Central Life*

*At Home:* Jean Thomason, Bob and Becky Ingram, Bill and Mary Kay English, Bob Stuart

*At Brookdale Bristol:* Carol Duhaime for rehab and care

*At Dominion Senior Care:* Hugh and Linda Wise

*At Elmcroft:* Patsy Wampler and Jackie Phillips

*At Encompass (Kingsport):* Bessie Kitts

Rich Williams is waiting on results from his medical tests;

Niki McGrew is having some medical tests in the next few weeks;

Becky Widner, Apple Academy Director, will be having open-heart surgery soon;

Kim Sorenson has shingles;

Laurel Broadfoot's father-in-Law, Bill Broadfoot, has been sent home with Hospice care. He lives in Alabama, and Howard is there with his father.

Christy and Barrett Blevins have asked for prayers for their extended family who have tested positive with Covid-19.

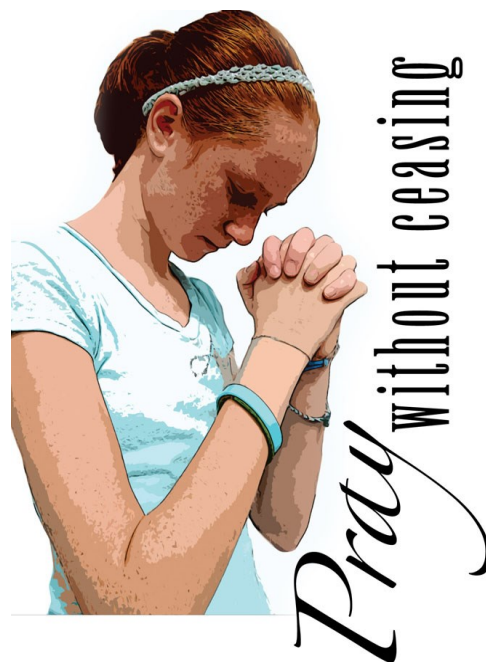
Bob Stuart as he deals with advancing dementia;

Heather Kiser, as she recovers from her cancer treatments;

Sam Wagner, as he continues his cancer treatments;

Jean Bane's daughter, Martha, has been dealing with the Coronavirus for several weeks and is improving.

Tommy Caldwell's brother, Gene is in the hospital in Atlanta with possible liver failure.



## Congratulations to...

Bill and Mary Kay English on the birth of a great-grandson, Cooper James! He was born July 27 in Knoxville and weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces. His parents are Casey and Katy Oliver, big brother is Jackson, and grandparents are Gail (English) and Randy Oliver.



## We Extend our Christian Sympathy to...

*"Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labors and their deeds will follow them." Revelation 14:13*

Vickie Salyer and her family on the death of her sister, Lillian Helton, July 24, 2020.

## Continue in Prayer for...

Daphne McCord, Bob Stuart, Bobby Davis, Alice Owenby, Gale Thompson, Betty Watson, Candy Ellis, Coleen Wheeler, Randy Broyles, Jim Matson, Darla Van Dyke, and Heather Kiser.

## Memorial Gifts...

To the Memorial Fund for Betty Thomas (Cathy White's mother) by Jean Thomason.

To the Memorial Fund for Laura Ann Warner by Jean Thomason.



## Central Life



This year's Montreat Middle School Conference was held online, but our group went to "real" Montreat to experience and participate in it. We enjoyed living together at Trevor's Retreat House, hiking up Lookout Mountain, swimming in the pool, boating on Lake Susan, a little shopping in Black Mountain and at the stores in Montreat, spending time with affirmations for one another, and ending our week with a Candlelight service at the lake. We also ate well--Pasta bar, Pizza from *My Father's Pizza* in Black Mountain, Chicken and Mac and Cheese, sandwiches, ice cream, and French toast sticks (breakfast) with bacon and fruit!

This year's theme was ***Endlessly Enough***, and we explored how God's love is Endlessly Enough, how we are created by God and are Endlessly Enough, and how our neighbors are Endlessly Enough. For this age group, that is a message they need to hear because they constantly hear how they need to work harder and do better and go faster and achieve more, even though they are in grades 5-8. As a part of our conference work, we looked at Psalms 23 and 139 to see those as statements of who we are in relation with God. Then, we were invited to create short poems expressing our faith and what it means that "God is enough and that we are enough." We were given a list of about 100 words to use. Here are the poems created by our group, and offered as a gift.

***I am a child of God.  
Don't worry about how you look,  
You were made in God's vision.  
You'll find Joy, Hope, Peace and Love.  
By loving God, praying and more.  
God will handle anything that will come  
at him.  
God will forgive you for anything.***  
Rebecka Reese



***Giving God grace is like  
creative prayer.  
Wander, yes, you wander  
and listen.  
Seek joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Be BOLD, not broken.***  
Vivian Wycoff



*In joy, goodness finds us for God's treasure lies in his mercy.  
None shall be lost with the light of the Lord.  
For claimed we shall be  
When the chains of sinners break, his love shines down.  
In the name of the Lord,  
We are **STRONG**, we are **POWERFUL**, and we are **WORTHY**.*  
Juleeana Jones

*God loves you, for you are through Your power.  
God treasures us, God guides us,  
God thinks you are beautiful the way you are.  
God forgives you, God listens to you, God believes in you.*  
Peyton Russell



*God is Love.  
I am a Child of God  
I am forgiven.*  
Bella Ritchie



*I believe in the power of prayer.  
I sometimes wonder why  
I seek You.  
You are loving,  
You are forgiving,  
I have faith.*

Josie Russell

*Holy God,  
Your love is more wonderful  
Than I can know.  
Your grace holds me all the time.  
I love you with all my heart,  
And seek daily to serve you  
By loving others.*

Ann Aichinger



*Thank you to everyone for your prayers and for your financial help  
to get us to Montreat this year. Though it was a strange way to do  
the conferences, we were able to grow closer as youth groups,  
and experience all the wonder and fun of Montreat.*



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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Katelyn Sims	1
Laura Blanton	2
Dawson Meade	4
Carolyn Newell	4
Sydney Collier	5
Jerrie Doss	6
Brenda Otis	8
David Faulkner	11
Jack Wagner	11
Rebecca Thompson	13
Mason Campbell	14
Peyton Meade	14
Clara Repass	14
Leslie Campbell	15
Brandon Hall	17
Ada Ritchie	19
Mike Vollmer	19
Alexandra Ingram	20
Peter Morison	20
Ellie Ann Calloway	26
Bob Ward	27
Sophie Smith	28
Linda Wise	28
George Parks	29
Jean Bane	31
Brandon Blanton	31

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*Thank you to everyone for your lovely notes, cards, gifts, and flowers for my birthday.  
You are all so thoughtful. I am honored and blessed to be able to serve with you.*

*Love,*

*Ann Aichinger*

## APPLE School News

APPLE's first day of school for the Fall will be August 6, 2020. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, APPLE will **NOT** have an Open House this year. APPLE will still be following the recommendations from the Commonwealth of Virginia in regards to COVID-19, and there will be **NO** exceptions to these guidelines.

The last day of APPLE's Summer Program will be this Friday, July 31. APPLE will be closed from August 3 through August 5 in order to get classrooms set up and cleaned. We look forward to APPLE's reopening on August 6, 2020.

Looking for a time to connect with others in the church family? Wanting to join with friends for prayer time? Needing a chance to see one another and say "hello?"

Then join us for **Wonderful Wednesdays** in August on ZOOM! You can join us with video or you can call in and be part of the group. We will have time to chat and catch up on life as well as spend time in prayer for one another and those on our hearts. Also, Ann Aichinger will have a brief devotional time with discussion. Below is the Zoom information. It will also be emailed to the church family on Wednesday mornings.

Topics for each Wednesday:

August 5:	Do Not Be afraid	Romans 8:38-39
August 12:	Calming the storm	Mark 4:35-41
August 19:	Building Hope	Hebrews 6:10-11
August 26:	Hope Rooted in God	Isaiah 41:10; 43:1-2

Topic: Wonderful Wednesdays

Join Zoom Meeting:

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**[www.CentralPresBristol.org](http://www.CentralPresBristol.org)**: Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Ann’s videos for each day.

## Options for giving to the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian:

- \* You can give in a check, or cash, in the offering plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to:  

Central Presbyterian Church  
301 Euclid Avenue  
Bristol, VA 24201-4013
- \* You can give through your online banking to Central.
- \* You can set up an automatic deposit from your account; please talk with the Finance Director on how to do this.
- \* You can TEXT to **CentralPres** (no spaces and Capital C and P) to **73256**. You will be directed to make your donation through Realm.
- \* You can give one time, or regularly, through your **Realm Connect** profile.



**Reminder:** Please continue to send in your pledges and financial support for Central Presbyterian. Although the church building may not be fully operational, the work and ministry is still happening.

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## Office Hours:

The current office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please call 276-669-3157 for office hour changes and updates.

