



# CENTRAL LIFE

**Central Presbyterian Church**

**August 12, 2020**

This week's **Central Life** is packed with all kinds of information! Even though the church is open on a limited basis, there is a lot going on, as well as news you need to know about what is happening in the church. I hope you will take the time to read the articles, and to pray through the pastoral care list. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be in this together and to be the community of faith. For without one another, we are lacking in what we are able to do in serving the Lord.

**We are Church Together. . .**

I want to offer you a few items of interest from this newsletter edition, so look at the upcoming events and plan on attending. See you soon!

- ◆ **WORSHIP** service is available on the website every Sunday, as well as my daily updates, which I hope are interesting, and offers words of hope,
- ◆ **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS** by ZOOM, and enjoying seeing one another and catching up on the news,
- ◆ **YOUTH** groups are meeting by ZOOM (watch for the invitations from Josie Russell), and we hope to continue to build those relationships,
- ◆ **COMMUNITY** offerings and events.

In this time of pandemic and uncertainty, we ALL are having to learn to do everything in a new way. But that can be a good thing. It allows us to explore options as well as opportunities we might have missed before. If you have an idea, please let me know. Stay connected with others, check in on each other, and stay updated on the Life at Central.

Know that I am keeping you in my prayers, and continue to ask for your prayers for me as I seek to provide some leadership in this time. Looking forward to seeing you soon (on ZOOM.)

Grace and Peace,  
Ann Aichinger



## **Upcoming Sermons...**

<b>August 16</b>	Matthew 15: 21-28	Jesus and the Canaanite Woman
<b>August 23</b>	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Israelites in Slavery in Egypt/Birth of Moses
<b>August 30</b>	Exodus 3:1-15	Moses and the Burning Bush
<i>(Ann Aichinger is on vacation and attending a Conference. Katherine Campbell will be preaching and leading worship.)</i>		
<b>September 6</b>	Exodus 12:1-14	The Passover
<b>September 13</b>	Exodus 15:1-11	Song of Miriam
<b>September 20</b>	Exodus 16:2-15	Gift of Manna in the Wilderness
<b>September 27</b>	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the Rock

## Congregational Joys and Concerns...

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

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

*At Dominion Senior Care:* Hugh and Linda Wise

*At Elmcroft:* Patsy Wampler and Jackie Phillips

Rich Williams will be having surgery on August 27 at Vanderbilt;

Niki McGrew is waiting on results from medical tests;

Becky Widner, Apple Academy Director, had open-heart surgery on August 7 and is doing well;

Christy and Barrett Blevins, and their family are all recovering well from the virus;

Sam Wagner has been told he is cancer-free though he has a few more treatments;

Winona and Gary Aday have asked for prayers for their daughter, Ariel, who is having complications with her pregnancy;

Betty Watson is at home;

Bessie Kitts is at home;

Jean Thomason is at home and doing well. She appreciates all the prayers.

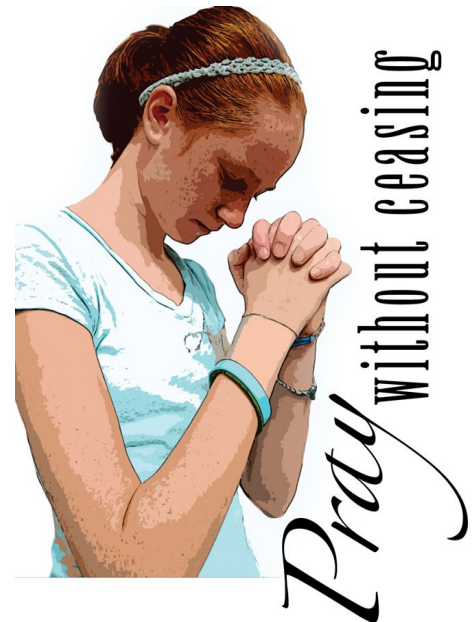
Dick Gordon, who will be having back surgery in the coming weeks;

Travis Hall, grandson of Dick and Doris Gordon, who is at JMH with severe headaches and falling;

Emily Ann Thompson, who has broken her arm and will be having surgery soon;

John and Linda Barker, their son Spence and his wife Marie, and children Maddie and Gray have all tested positive for the virus, but all are on the road to recovery. Pray for regaining of strength for them all.

Ed Whitehead had a successful procedure to correct his A-Fib.



## 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

Ginger Ellison and family, on the death of Darla Van Dyke, who passed away Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Cards can be sent to the family at:

Ginger (Kevin) Ellison  
732 Courtview Dr.  
Greensburg, PA 15601

Tommy and Patty Caldwell on the death of Tommy's brother, Gene, in Atlanta, on July 31, 2020.

Niki McGrew on the death of her father, July 30, 2020.

### Thank you...

Thank you to my Central Family for your cards, thoughts, and prayers on the death of my sister, Lillian Helton. Your outpouring of thoughtfulness and support is deeply appreciated. Vickie Salyer

Dear Central Presbyterian Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and messages during this time of grief after the passing of my dad.  
Love, Niki McGrew



### Congratulations to...

Lois and Larry Clarke on the birth of their new granddaughter, Kate James Clarke! Kate was born August 6, 2020 and weighed in at 6 lbs., 12 ounces. Her parents are Alan and Kayla Clarke, and siblings are Emma and Sam.

### Memorials Gifts...

To the General Fund, given in Honor of Patty Caldwell for all her years at Central Presbyterian by Caroline Jones.  
To the General Fund, given in Memory of Laura Ann Warner by Mary Moffatt.

### Continue in Prayer for...

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

### New Address...

Kim and Eric Moore have a new address. Please edit your church directory to reflect their recent move.

**27410 Pawnee Dr. Abingdon, VA 24211.**






# Healing Hands Health Center

It's not the party, it's the purpose!

PLEASE JOIN US! THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020



6:00 PM - REGISTRATION OPENS  
6:30 PM - PROGRAM BEGINS

**SILENT AUCTION** <https://givergy.us/healinghands> **LIVE AUCTION**

As a healthcare provider, we understand the danger of COVID-19 and the importance of keeping safe. Because of this, we will celebrate in a responsible way.

[jodi@healinghandshealthcenter.org](mailto:jodi@healinghandshealthcenter.org) 423-573-4327

Over the past several months, while COVID-19 turned our world upside down, 2,100 of our community members have continued to depend on **Healing Hands** for their healthcare needs. Some were facing cancer diagnoses when the virus invaded our community; most have chronic health conditions which place them at great risk of poor outcomes if they should become infected; all were already living on the edge, struggling with food, rent and other basic needs.

Proceeds from our 2020 *Virtual Maskerade Gala* will support the health and well-being of **Healing Hands Health Center's** patients, and help ease the burden of this pandemic on our most vulnerable neighbors.

For more information about **Healing Hands Health Center's** Live, Virtual Gala- MASKERADE! Visit our event page at: <https://givergy.us/healinghands>

(Excerpts from a letter by Elmarie and Scott Parker, serving in Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria - May, 2020)

Dear Friends,

“We ask you to pray for all of our partners who have been working from home and following the social restrictions implemented by their respective governments. We offer up prayers of thanks that everyone we know among the leadership is healthy as of now, and we ask you to continue to pray for their health and the health of every member of their congregations. Here are some of the ways they are seeking to continue in their ministries of worship and service to the most vulnerable in their own communities and beyond:”

- ⇒ In Lebanon, the NESSL (National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon) has initiated two responses. One focuses on COVID-19 education and hygiene provisions for the families of the Syrian students who had been attending the 4 learning centers started by the Synod to educate Syrian children refugeeed in Lebanon (up to 1,000 families will be aided.)
- ⇒ The Assembly of National Evangelical Churches in Iraq (ANECI), has also found creative ways to continue with weekly worship via streaming platforms. This has taken place in the midst of a 24 hour/day country-wide lockdown that has been in place since early March.
- ⇒ The MECC (Middle East Council of Churches) has just issued (4-20-20) two very detailed analyses of the situation facing both Lebanon and Syria, along with a 6-month proposal for offering hygiene and food support for 8,000 of the most vulnerable households across both countries, health-care support for 800 individuals suffering from cancer and other chronic conditions, and training support for 65 front-line church workers as they continue to respond to the needs of their local communities during the active Pandemic time and its aftermath.

For more information and updates from Elmarie and Scott Parker, please visit the website at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/spurring-one-another-on-toward-love-and-good-deeds/>

## **Needing Help...**

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

The Soup Kitchen is in great need of volunteers. Beginning in September, volunteers will be needed again!

For the past few months, The United Company has been able to order boxes of food from Feeding America. However, that is no longer an option. Knowing that most of our volunteers are retirees and therefore may be in the at-risk category, we are concerned that volunteers will be harder to find.

The time will remain the same from 9:00 am -10:00 am, Monday-Friday. Central Presbyterian will still have the last two weeks in February as our regular scheduled time. This extra volunteering would be on an “as needed” basis.

If you are willing to be a volunteer, please contact me, Nancy Kiser, via email at [npkiser@charter.net](mailto:npkiser@charter.net) or phone me at **423-956-5289**. Thank you.



A Conversation overheard recently:

“Have you heard about the gift you are going to get on Sunday, August 16?”

“What gift? How will I get it?”

“Through your email.”

“What kind of gift is this? Another website to sign up for? One where I have to make a donation? What is the catch?”

“No catch! It is a gift for you and your family from Central Presbyterian Church...a gift of a video library called **RightNowMedia**. It is the “Netflix of Video Bible Studies,” and there is a HUGE library of faith based videos for all ages.”

“Well, I’m not so sure. I have enough videos to watch and shows to catch up on.”

“This is not like that at all! There are over 12,000 videos for all ages that help Christians to grow in their faith, understand the Bible, and deal with a variety of topics. There are videos for children of all ages, including the entire **Veggie Tales** collection, and the **Mr. Phil Show** for elementary aged children,” (this show was developed by the group who produced Veggie Tales.)

“I love **Veggie Tales**, especially the *Hairbrush* song,” (found on the *VeggieTales: Ultimate Silly Song Countdown*.)

“But it is more than just videos for children. It is also videos for personal daily devotional time, in-depth Bible study about all the books of the Bible as well as understanding how the Bible became to be.”

“Personal Devotional time videos? Is that the right way to study the Bible?”

“If it gets you to study the Bible, sure! There are also family devotional videos that are 5 minutes long and are perfect to watch as a family at breakfast to start your day, or at bedtime to end your day.”

“Are there any names of speakers and teachers that I would recognize?”

“Sure. Max Lucado, Andy Stanley, Francis Chan, Liz Curtis Higgs, Mark Batterson, and lots of others.”

“So when do I get this gift?”

“Sunday, August 16 at 12 noon in your email. Be sure to watch for it and open up the link. You will then create a password, make a profile, and then be ready to browse and see what is offered to you and your family.”

[www.RightNowMedia.org](http://www.RightNowMedia.org)

Feel free to browse options and get ready to receive your gift!!

**(Please make sure we have your correct email address, so you don't miss out on this exciting resource for your family.)**



**ARE YOU...** 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82923591544?pwd=MTIHMEVwWnIWZ3dPRGIXUIZaRlpqQT09>

**Meeting ID: 829 2359 1544**

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## How to Keep in Touch:

**[www.facebook.com/CPCBristol](https://www.facebook.com/CPCBristol)**: You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click “not now” and the site will pop up. Scroll down to find the latest message.

**[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.

