CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church September 16, 2020

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands



THANK YOU CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY!

Donations may be brought to the church office.

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram, Bill and Mary Kay English, Bob Stuart, Bessie Kitts

At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime for rehab and care

At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise At Elmcroft: Patsy Wampler, Jackie Phillips

At NHC: Jean Thomason

Ann Aichinger, had surgery on Sept. 11 and says "all good!";

Cole Lewis, had eye surgery Sept. 14 at Niswonger Children's Hospital is home and doing well;

Dick Gordon, had back surgery on Sept. 10 is home and doing well. "There's no place like home," he says!

Donnie Spurell had hernia surgery Sept. 15 and is at home;

Briggs Allen is in Michigan having radiation treatments for prostate cancer. He will be back in two weeks.

Emily Ann Thompson is recovering from breaking her arm;

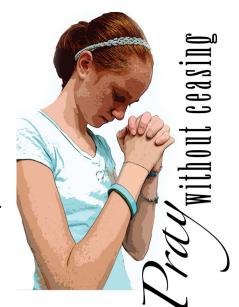
Vickie Salyer, whose nephew had a stroke on Sunday, Sept 6;

Diana White's mother is in hospice care at home;

Frank Sikora has home health;

Hugh Wise is in hospice care at Dominion Senior Living;

Rich Williams, is back at Vanderbilt with complications following his surgery.



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

The family of Betty Watson. Betty passed away September 10, 2020.

CJ Lewis and his family on the death of his grandfather, James Lewis, on September 11, 2020 in Danville, VA. There will be a service on September 23.

Continue in Prayer for renewed health and strength for...

John and Linda Barker and their family, Daphne McCord, Bobby Davis, Alice Owenby, Candy Ellis, Coleen Wheeler, Randy Broyles, Jim Matson, and Heather Kiser.



Congratulations to Will Broadfoot on being accepted into the Bristol Youth Leadership (BYL.) Will is a sophomore at Tennessee High School, and the son of Laurel Broadfoot. The Bristol Youth Leadership is run by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and is a year-long leadership program for local high school students. Only two students from each high school are selected. Students earn

college credit while developing leadership and communication skills, learning about local business issues, civics, and ethics, as well as participating in a community volunteer project.



Congratulations to Gary and Winona Aday on the birth of their new granddaughter! Cecelia Jane Veatch

Cecelia was born on August 14, 2020, and she weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Retirement Party for Patty Caldwell: Sunday, September 27, 3-5 p.m.

On Sunday, September 27th from 3-5:00 p.m., everyone is invited to bring a bag of non-perishable food to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry at 21 Washington St, Bristol, VA 24201. Patty will be on the loading dock area and our youth will help to unload the food. Please come from State Street and turn onto Washington so that you are able to drive up to the Food Pantry area. There will be a box for cards of congratulations for Patty, and you can talk to her too from a distance. Refreshments will also be available to take with you!

You can also make financial gifts to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry in Patty's honor by sending your gift to the church, or directly to the Food Pantry. Being able to see each other, and your food donation for the Pantry will be a great gift for Patty. See you there!

September Birthdays

Happy Belated Too!



Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Ken Hale	1
Malin Hollo	1
Audyn Hollo	1
Linda Fisher	2
Ben Morris	2
Edwin Lacy	4
Linda Esser	5
Jim Keith	5
Andrew Prince	5
Brian Eckley	6
Melanie Buhls	9
William Wampler	9
Don Hagaman	9
Lea Powers	9
Daphne McCord	12
Paige Thompson	12
Katherine Campbell	12
Maddy Wilson	13
Harrison McBride	13
Patty Canter	15
Fred Fisher	15
Niki McGrew	15

Bailey Meade	15
Rich Williams	15
Bella Ritchie	16
Myron Wilson	16
Hank McBride	16
Casey McComish	1 <i>7</i>
Paul Conco	18
Eric Blanton	19
Jameson Calloway	20
Beth Parks	21
Gale Thompson	23
Seth Hall	23
Carter Wade	24
Bill Lamie	25
Kimberly Parks	25
Wes Ritchie	25
Ken Brittle	27
Thais Sikora	27
Randall Mercer	27
Candy Ellis	30
Ashton Waldron	30

Happy birthday!



Happy birthday!



Join us for "Wonderful Wednesdays" in September 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.

Over the next five weeks, we will be looking at a study on <u>Peace: The Things that Make for Peace.</u> This is a part of the PCUSA materials for the Season of Peace for the church.

Sept 16: Recognizing the things that make for peace

Sept 23: So that you may find peace

Sept 30: Practicing peace

Oct 7: Extending peace to others

Oct 14: Living in peace

Luke 19:34-44; Ephesians 1:18

Luke 5:12-16; John 14:27

Matthew 5:38-42

Hebrews 13:1-3; Romans 12:13-21 2 Chronicles 6:13-40; Matthew 5:23-23;

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Below is the Zoom information. The invite will also be emailed out to the church family on Wednesday mornings. **Remember:** This is the same meeting information from week to week.

Topic: Wonderful Wednesdays Meeting ID: 829 2359 1544 Passcode: 787706

Join Zoom Meeting

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



RIGHTNOW MEDIA MINISTRY RESOURCES

Have you set up your account? It is not too late! Each week, you are invited to watch various videos to extend understanding for Worship and for the "Wonderful Wednesdays" Bible Study. So check it out now!

For pre-school children:

Sea Kids series: How to live as followers of Jesus

<u>Youth</u>

101 Questions about the Bible (Vols 1 &2)

Adults:

Check out studies on Exodus (Focus of Sept. sermons)
Old Testament Overview: Part 1, sessions 8, 9 and 10
Series of talks on living in the Covid-19 pandemic

For elementary children:

Buck Denver asks: What's in the Bible, Vol 2 & 3 Awesome Bible Adventures: Moses receives the 10 Commandments

Character Builders: Vol. 8-- Peace and Patience

Under the Training section: How to read Exodus Search for lessons on Peace (for Wednesday night study)

If you have family members or neighbors you want added to our subscription, please send their email addresses to **annaichinger@gmail.com** and they will be added as soon as possible. An email invitation will be sent to them to set up their account.

Let us know what you have found to be helpful and inspiring. Feel free to browse around the site and continue to grow in your Biblical understanding. www.RightNowMedia.org

Madagascar Ministries Continue During COVID-19 Crisis

"Dear Friends,

Greetings from Orlando! While feeling a bit unsettled being away from our work and home in Madagascar, we are grateful that everyone in our family is healthy. We give thanks to God for this and the blessing of being together as a family since April. Son Robert recently returned to Chicago to continue his Masters in Art Therapy and Counseling. Daughter Frances will soon begin her teaching internship in Orlando. PC(USA) enacted a travel ban for all staff 2020, so we will be in the U.S. until then. This has taken some adjusting to – but changing plans seem to be the norm this year!

COVID-19 in Madagascar

Madagascar experienced a huge upsurge in COVID-19 cases beginning in late June. The health system is overburdened with the influx of COVID-19 patients. Testing is not keeping up with the spread of the disease. The economic consequences of the crisis are extreme, especially for people with low income who depend on today's wages for tonight's supper. A shop owner told us that people are now buying essentials in very small quantities, like half a cup of rice or 7 cents of cooking oil at a time. There will undoubtedly be far more COVID-19 related deaths from hunger than from the actual disease. National parks and many of Madagascar's endangered animals and plants are also suffering greatly due to the absence of tourism and increased cutting of native trees for firewood.

Prayer Requests

- That the FJKM (Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar) church will find safe and relevant ways to minister in this difficult time.
- For Madagascar's health system, as it deals with the rising number of COVID-19 cases.
- For recovery from COVID-19 for colleagues who have the virus and protection for those who do not have it.
- For us, as we balance living with our hearts in two worlds and protection from COVID-19 for our family.
- For our nation as it wrestles with how to deal with COVID-19 and the need for racial justice.

While we cannot speak in-person right now, we are open to other ways of sharing, like Zoom, Skype, and videos. Another great opportunity to stay connected to Madagascar is by joining the Madagascar Mission Network and attending the MMN meeting, which will be held virtually this November 12th -14th. Thank you very much for your support and prayers—they help us continue our work with the FJKM and encourage our FJKM brothers and sisters in Christ in these difficult days." Peace in Christ,"

Elizabeth & Dan

Excerpted from "A Letter from Dan and Elizabeth Turk, serving in Madagascar," August, 2020.





Upcoming Sermons...

September 20	Exodus 16:2-15	Gift of Manna in the Wilderness
September 27	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the Rock
October 4	Exodus 20:1-20	The Giving of the Law (World Communion Sunday)
October 11	Exodus 32:1-14	The People Make a Golden Calf
October 18	Exodus 33:12-23	The Presence of the Lord



"A Season of Peace is a pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace. This year's resources are designed to help participants explore practices for building peace on every scale, from the personal level to global issues. A Season of Peace culminates on October 4, World Communion Sunday, with the <u>Peace & Global Witness Offering</u>."

Resources for daily devotional are available at presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace.

These resources are very insightful, uplifting, and helpful so please consider taking advantage of this "Season of Peace."

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Wytheville, VA

The **Annual Fall Golf Tournament Fundraiser** has been changed for this year due to COVID-19. Instead of hosting a Golf Tournament, this year there will be a **50-50 Ball Drop Raffle**. Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis, and ALL proceeds benefit the PCHH. To purchase a ball:

- Donate online at <u>www.pchh.org</u> (please note that it is for the 50-50 ball drop.)
- Mail a check designating \$50.00 for the Ball Drop to:

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands P.O. Box 545 Wytheville, VA 24382.



Tickets will be sold until all are gone, or until 1:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2020.

Visit the Friends of Holston Camp and Retreat Center website to see what's been happening there this summer and how you can help: HolstonCenter.org

Read inspiring stories from Christian doctors, health professionals, and health educators serving around the world through Christian Health Service Corps at: health servicecorps.org

Visit the PCUSA publications website and check out the latest church news and happenings that affect all of us today. Enjoy the enriching articles, and stay informed and connected! https://www.pcusa.org/publications/

Session News...

The Session met on Tuesday, September 15 by Zoom. We started by sharing what we are looking forward to even in this pandemic time. Administration and Staff recommended:

- that having conducted a 90-day review with Lynn Gilbert that she receive an increase in her hourly pay;
- that the Central Presbyterian Session books from 1975-2007 be sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia where they can be archived.

Mission and Outreach are working on the Christmas Boxes project and the Angel Tree Christmas gifts. Youth Schedule for Fall, 2020 was approved.

Session will meet on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.



Hello Family,

The Missions and Outreach Committee is looking at getting started on the **Angel Tree** project. Vicki Wilson and Carolynn Anderson will be the persons of contact for any questions, concerns, and suggestions or if you are willing to offer a hand.

We know Christmas will be here shortly, and I am hoping that many of you will be willing to participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. You can simply go online to: samaritanspurse.org and pack a shoebox or make a donation! If you would like to pack your own shoebox, you may do so and drop it off at the church and I will pick them up. I also have 12 Samaritan shoe boxes for the first 12 people that would like to pack their own. So just holla.

Donnie

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 is the same, 9:00-10:00 Monday-Friday. We will still have the last two weeks in February as our regular time. This extra volunteering would be on an "as needed" basis. If you are willing to be a volunteer please contact me, Nancy Kiser, at npkiser@charter.net or 423-956-5289. (Note: Volunteers will not be used until mid-October due to a change in Virginia regulations.)

In this time of pandemic and financial uncertainty for so many people, Central Presbyterian is able to assist our members when they face financial hardships because of the **Service Fund**. You are invited to give to the **Service Fund** to help people in our church family. To help in assisting during these uncertain times, you may mail a check to the church, or visit in-person to the church office.

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APPLE Academy is accepting applications for a nursery/toddler classroom teacher assistant. Must love children and have a basic understanding of early childhood development. Must be a team player and have good communication skills.

Please apply in person to:

APPLE Academy of Central Presbyterian Church 301 Euclid Avenue Bristol, VA

What Have You Been Doing...

DURING THE PANDEMIC?

Are you experimenting with cooking? Send us a NEW or improved recipe to enjoy! Are you reading? How about sharing a good book title.

Did you take up a new hobby? Tell us what it is.

Have you been writing poetry? Share your "roses and violets" with us.

Are you writing the next best seller? How about a "sneak peek?"

How are you using and enjoying RightNow Media? Tell us what you like most.

How are you staying connected with friends and family? We'd like to know.

Is school better online or in-person? Tell us what you think!

Has photography become a new hobby? Share those pics with us!

Don't be shy! We want to hear from you as another way to stay connected with each other. Please share with us, and we will share YOU in a "spotlight" feature in future issues of Central Life!

Food for Thought...

"It's so easy for us to move through life, day after day, and not acknowledge the good, positive things transpiring. So, consider answering these few questions and take note of the good around you.

What went well this week?

What are some things you're proud of accomplishing?

Who are you thankful for in your life today?

What (or who) has made you laugh or smile recently?

What's something in your life or job that has positively surprised you recently?

What's something fun you have planned in the next few weeks?

What is different today than it was a year ago that you're grateful for?

There's no "right" way to answer these questions. You can take brief notes or write a journal entry. Simply taking the time to pause, reflect, and take note of the good around you is so good for you and those around you."

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How to Keep in Touch:

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<u>www.CentralPresBristol.org</u>: Click on "View Sermons" then scroll down to see Pastor 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:

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- * 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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