



Central Life

Central Presbyterian Church

October 3, 2018

REFLECTIONS FROM TUSCANY

I have not yet had time to really process our whole experience in Tuscany. And after travel for over 40+ hours with little sleep, I am not sure how much sense I will make. But I want to share two observations.

First, as we toured around the countryside, each little village was centered upon a church with a tower. Of course, when you get to the cities, you find the cathedrals with all the surroundings. I wonder what it would be like to live in a society where the church is the center – physically as well as spiritually. To have that at the center of each town was an obviously vital symbol of life.



Second was the Duomo (cathedral) in Pisa. We took a morning in Pisa. And while you cannot miss the infamous leaning tower, the cathedral for me was much more enthralling. It was begun in about 1060, and as it was built the styles changed, from the massive base to the lighter upper part of the sanctuary. And it is filled with carvings that tell the life of Christ and the story of the Bible to a people who could not read. In the Renaissance huge pictures were added along the aisles.

But the most fascinating to me was the new pulpit and altar that have just been added. They are controversial, for they do not seek to mimic the old, but are clearly pieces of contemporary art. But this is appropriate, for that is what happened across the centuries.

It is a metaphor for the faith. We have our solid foundation on what we have inherited from the church. But it is also a faith for the present, not an imitation of what was.



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Coming up...

Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group - each Monday at Shoney's, 7:00 AM (Mark your calendar for Monday, October 29 when the Men will have breakfast at Central. Plan to join them!)

Meals on Wheels - Thurs, October 4

Finance Committee - Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 noon

Session Retreat and meeting - Sunday, October 14, 2 to 8 p.m. at Jubilee House

APPLE Committee - Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 p.m.

COMING SERMONS

Oct 7	Communion <i>God's Fidelity and Ours</i>
Oct 14	<i>Alternative Worlds</i>
Oct 21	<i>Neighborly Love</i>
Oct 28	Reformation Sunday <i>To Be Reformed</i>



Presbyterian Women Meeting

October 9, 2018

Our regular meeting for all Presbyterian Women will be at 11:00 AM in the Small Dining Room.

Our program will be from the McGlothlin Street Hospitality House, which is open to folks who have a patient in the hospital and have no place to stay. Earnestine White, the Hospitality House Assistant, will be with us to share the purpose of the House and her experiences there.

Our lesson, taught by Reverend Ann Aichinger, is #2, "God With Us in Our Uncertainty." Please come prepared to work with the questions in the lesson.

The meeting will be followed by lunch (\$5.00).

I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Thais Sikora, Co-moderator



Your gifts to the Peacemaking Offering will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ at all times and in all ways.

The Peacemaking Offering will be received on Sunday, October 7. 50% stays in our community and region and 50% will unite Presbyterians who are working actively for peace-making efforts around the globe



**Join us each Wednesday Night
for Supper & Activities...
5:30 Delicious Dinner*
6:00 Opportunities for all ages:
Nursery, Children's Activities and
Choir, Youth Fellowship,
and Adult Class**

This Fall, Frank is leading the adults in a study of the prophets and along the way we will pick up some Old Testament history.

Oct 3	A Child Is Born	Isaiah 1 and Micah
Oct 10	A Watchtower	Joel, Nahum, and Habakkuk
Oct 17	A bridge to a new reality	Jeremiah and Obadiah
Oct 24	Dry Bones Live	Ezekiel
Oct 31	NO CLASS	
Nov 7	Comfort, Comfort my people	Isaiah 2
Nov 14	After the Exile	Haggai, Zechariah, Jonah, and Malachi

*** Upcoming Menus:**

October 3:	Baked Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad Bar, Chocolate Delight
October 10:	Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Salad Bar
October 17:	Breakfast (Egg Casserole, pancakes), Fruit Salad, Salad Bar
October 24:	Cheeseburger Pie, Tater Tots, Salad Bar, Apple crisp with ice cream

Chicken nuggets are always available on the children's plate.

Candy Give-away, Wednesday, October 31, 4-7 p.m.

Hard to believe that it is time to prepare for Halloween. This year, it falls on Wednesday, and we will be on the Euclid Ave. sidewalk offering treats and information about the church to all who come by. This is a great way to meet our neighbors and help our church be seen. (There will be no regular Wednesday night supper & activities.)

If you would like to contribute candy to be given away, please drop it in the box outside of Ann Aichinger's office, or in the church office by Wednesday, October 24. The youth will be packing goody bags to be given out on Halloween.

We will need volunteers who would like to give candy and church information to those who are Trick-Or-Treating. We will be set up on October 31, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Come dressed in a costume, and help get to know our neighbors and those in our community.





How can I help those in need from the aftermath of Hurricane Florence?



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

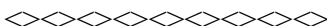
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

This is a great question. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is present and already at work in helping to get immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence on the eastern seaboard of the United States. Initial assessments suggested catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months.

The storm's path cut across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the Psalmist says, "a river whose streams make glad the city of God." PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual and emotional care and Long Term Recovery to address unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts we draw hope out of the chaos.

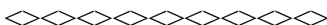
For more information about what Presbyterian Disaster Assistance does, check out the website pda.pcusa.org. There is a place to make a donation as well. The needs for the response will be great. If you want to give through the church, please mark your check PDA Hurricane Florence.

Make a difference in the lives of so many who have had everything changed in a matter of days. Let us be the hands, feet, and hearts of Christ to our neighbors in need.



Central really came out and supported the **Bristol Emergency Food Pantry** last winter for Souper Bowl Sunday. THANKS!

Donations are down after the summer months and you are again **asked to bring canned items, especially fruits or vegetables to help resupply the shelves**. There is a barrel in the entry way for your donations. Monetary donations are always welcome too.



Haven of Rest Collection Bin

The Session approved the Mission committee's request to have a donation bin from the Haven of Rest. Soon, the BIG BLUE donation bin will be at the church, ready to receive your items. They are looking to increase their donations from churches by having bins for new or gently used clothing and shoes. If you have items to donate, please drop them off in our Haven of Rest bin (outside, near the kitchen). If you have larger items (like furniture) or a large quantity of items, you can call Haven of Rest at 423-968-2011 to arrange for a pick up. Thank you for offering your items to be reused to help people in our community.





All youth (6th-12th grade)!!



Wednesday Gatherings will be for ALL youth. We will be working on issues and questions and concerns that YOU have. There will be a time to divide into conversation groups.

Wed, Oct 3, 5:30	Dinner and <i>Don't be Afraid</i>
Wed, Oct 10, 5:30	Dinner and <i>Rules, rules, rules</i>
Wed Oct 17, 5:30	Dinner and <i>The Right Words</i>



Saturday, October 20—Second Harvest Mission Opportunity

Meet at the church at **8 a.m.** sharp,
and we will be there to work from 8:45 a.m. – 12 noon.

Families welcome—Kids 10 years and up.

Wear closed-toed shoes and comfortable clothes. Please complete **volunteer profile** if you haven't done so already. www.netfoodbank.org/volunteer/

For more information, please talk to Josie Russell (423-383-9291).

We will be going to **Cleek Farms corn maze** in Kingsport on **October 21**. Meet at the church at 2, and we will be back at 6:30. They also have hayrides and bounce pillow and other activities as a part of the farm. \$10 for admission & extra money for food, etc.



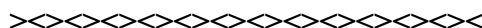
Upcoming Dates:

Friday, December 7, Parents' Night Out (6-8) ---

we watch kids at the church, helping out the parents, and earn money for conferences and trips.

Wednesday, December 19--- Youth Christmas party

There is a Youth Sunday School class that will meet at 10 a.m. on Sundays in the downstairs Café room. Josie Russell and Mary Wampler will be leading this group.



A BIG THANK YOU goes to Clark Wilson for presenting part of the Wednesday Night Program on Sept. 26 and to Clark and friends for getting together all the items needed to make a large number of “Blessings Bags” for the homeless folks in our area.

If you would like more information about making up “Blessings Bags,” please contact Ann Aichinger at the church.





Symphony of the
Mountains Concerts
Free Tickets

Central Presbyterian Church has been given four tickets to the Symphony of the Mountains 2018-19 Concert series, and we want to share them with the church family. The first concert will be *From Brass to Brahms* on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center in Kingsport, TN.

These tickets are now available, and if you would like to attend this concert, please call the church office. This is a first-come first-served basis. Watch for the next concerts and ticket availability in coming newsletters.

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

Volunteers

For Sunday, October 7:**Coffee helper** - Kathryn Smith**Greeters**

9:00 - Caroline Jones, Jean Thomason

11:00 - Casey McComish

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - Twana Meade

11:00 - Elise Taylor

Head Usher for Oct. - Whit Morison**Food Pantry volunteers** on October 11 - Linda Fisher, Diana White, Janis DavisFor Sunday, October 14:**Coffee helpers** - Trish James, Lois Clarke**Greeters**

9:00 - Sydney Collier, Niki McGrew

11:00 - Randy & Phyllis Morris

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - Brie Kite

11:00 - TBA

Head Usher for Oct. - Whit MorisonFor Sunday, October 21:**Coffee helpers** - Ken & Cindy Hale**Greeters**

9:00 - Trish James, David White

11:00 - Lea & Rush Powers

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBA

11:00 - Laraine Williams

Head Usher for Oct. - Whit Morison

Attendance:

September 23, 2018 - 126 in worship

September 30, 2018 - 122 in worship



News for the Church family



Cody and Lauren Cal-loway have been blessed with a son, Jameson Todd Callo-way. He was born Sep-tember 20, 2018, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 21 inches long.

His proud grandparents are Todd & Kim Pruett, and great-grandfather is Fred Osborne.

Continue in prayer for... Ruby

Brown, Jack Aaron, Darla & Jonathon Van-dyke, Gloria Davenport, Beth Timp, Kathy Story, Jackie Phillips, Fred Fisher, Sara Bur-leson, and Candy Ellis.

Sympathy...

We offer our Christian sympathy to Carolyn Newell on the death of her son in Virginia Beach, VA on September 27, 2018.

Memorial Gifts...

General Fund for Tom Parsons by Caroline Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Don Miller;

Parsons Memorial Fund by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Norris, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Daniel, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Binder, Mrs. Carol Griffith, Tyler & Jeanie Franklin, George & Beth Parks, Benny & Ann Morse, Wynn & Dwight Tabor, Jim & Barbara Davis, Richard & Jane Buddine, and William Foster;

Memorial Fund for Alvah Wagner and Tom Parsons by Ralph & Terri Davis;

World Hunger Fund for Anne Corley by Ralph & Terri Davis.

King University Faith & Culture Institute

will present

"Writing Remembrance and Hope: Katherine Paterson and Kimberly Brubaker Bradley in Conversation"

at Central Presbyterian

on Monday, October 22,
7:00 p.m.

Both are Newbery award-winning au-thors of books for young readers.



Don't forget to link your Food City ValuCard to a school of your choice so that points can be earned to help the school get School Bucks. And School Bucks can turn into a nice check for the School at the end of the year.

If you would like to help APPLE Academy at Central Presbyterian Church, just link your card to "APPLE Institute" when you checkout. Or you can give them this number—40852.

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**WORK DAY
• at the •
CHURCH**

**Everyone is invited
to come and be a part of
a workday at the church on
Friday, October 5,
for a day to help clean up
the inside and outside
of the church building.**

**Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. and
let's work together to spiff things up
and make the church look welcoming
for visitors and the congregation.**

**Contact Gale Thompson for more in-
formation. 434-441-0545**

Schedule of Services & Rehearsals:

Sunday:

Coffee Time	8:45 & 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:

Handchimes	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Activities	
Supper	5:30 p.m.
Program	6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	7:00 p.m.

Youth Group (6 to 12 graders):

Wed Night at 5:30 for supper & meeting
Sunday nights once a month as scheduled

Music Rehearsals:

Praise Team, Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday warm-up	10:30 a.m.
Handchime Group	
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	
Monday (every two weeks)	6:30 p.m.
Central Brass	
Different times, ask Robert Campbelle	