



Central Life

Central Presbyterian Church

October 31, 2018



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Daylight Saving Time ENDS

Set Your Clock BACK One Hour

This means you have an extra hour to sleep.

BRUNCH at 9:30

Join us for fellowship and food.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION at 10:00

Hear about the Financial Situation of the Church,
The Second Mile Challenge to help fund the gutters,
And Getting connected through REALM.
Children will have their Sunday School Classes.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at 10:30

To approve the loan to fund the gutter repair and replacement.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 11:00

In the Sanctuary
Communion





SOME OF THE BACKGROUND

from Frank A.

In the five years prior to our arrival at Central, the annual giving decreased by \$285,000. There were no budget cuts to make up this difference, and the annual budget was running a deficit of \$100,000-\$150,000 each year, which came from our unrestricted endowment. The reasons for this deficit are many, some being people who had died or moved away, and others who left the church. This rate of a deficit was not sustainable.

OUR PRESENT REALITY

Over the last three years, the Finance Committee, the Session and all the leadership have worked diligently to close the deficit. We have sought to cut anything we could from budget—as long as the cuts did not affect ministry. We have done amazingly! Our deficit this year is only about one third of what it was four years ago. No one on staff has received a raise over the past four years, and one member of our staff went to volunteer status. We have saved on our cleaning staff.

The preliminary budget for 2019 has cut another \$10,000. But the challenge is also to increase our giving. The Evangelism Task Force is working on some ideas as well. We hope that you will consider this as you make your commitment for the new year. In the next week or so, you will receive the commitment card for 2019 in the mail. We ask that you PLEASE prayerfully consider being a part of the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian.

A SECOND MILE CHALLENGE

At the same time as we were working on the 2019 budget, we have the estimate to repair and replace the gutters (see page 3) for a cost of \$110,000. We have been approved for a loan for the immediate cost, and will have a three year campaign to pay it off. We are asking people to make a pledge in relation to a linear foot of guttering which is \$150. The ultimate challenge asks you to pledge a linear foot (\$150) a month for three years (\$5,400). There will be an additional commitment card in your mailing for this project.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 18, will be our Commitment Sunday when we ask that you return your commitment cards for 2019.



HAVE YOU LOOKED UP LATELY?

We have the legacy of a great building that we use in many ways for ministry. The sanctuary and education wing are almost seventy years old. And for at least forty of those years we have had problems with the enclosed gutters on that building.

From my architectural training, I know that water is the worst enemy for a building. Water can get into the structure and eventually rot out the heart of the building. And if you look up, you can see that we have water problems, not with the roof but with the gutters. Over the years, we have tried various ways to patch and hope it will go away. It is only getting worse, and the leadership knows that it is time to fix them correctly.

This will involve covering over the enclosed gutter system, and replacing it with an oversized external system. Along the way there is much wood that will need patching and replacing. [State Street UMC had the exact same system, the exact same problem, and has recently fixed it with the same solution and company.] This is an expensive repair, and of the five companies that were contacted, only one was even willing to give us an estimate for the work.

The cost is estimated at \$110,000 for the repair and replacement of 750 feet of gutters. This is about \$150 for a linear foot. [I know it sound expensive, and it is, but it is the right way to fix this problem.] We will be able to obtain a loan from the presbytery for ten years at 1.5% interest. And we will have a three-year second mile campaign to help us begin to pay this off.

Frank



Coming up...

Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group -
each Monday at Shoney's, 7:00 AM

Meals on Wheels - Thurs, Nov. 1

PW Team - Tuesday, Nov 6, 11:00 am

Committee Chairs - Tuesday, Nov. 6,
6:30 pm

Church Committees - Tuesday, Nov 6,
7:00 pm

Evangelism Committee - Wednesday,
Nov 7, 7:00 pm

**Amazon is increasing the donation rate
for customers for the next 3 days...**

*Through Nov 2, AmazonSmile
is donating 5% (ten times the usual
amount) to The Bristol Emergency
Food Pantry when you shop at
smile.amazon.com/ch/62-0984494.
#AmazonSmile #StartWithaSmile*

Presbyterian Women-November, 2018

Coordinating Team Meeting — November 6 at
11:00 AM in Small Dining Room

All Women for our Regular Meeting — November
13 at 11:00 AM followed by lunch.

November is our time to celebrate and be thankful for the opportunity to remember the Grant Recipients which have been funded by our National Organization over the past year. We will have a special program and offering which is called our Annual Thank Offering during the meeting. The Title of this year's celebration is *Diverse, yet one in Christ*.

Our Bible Study is Lesson #3, *God With Us In Our Discouragement*, with the focus on God's promise of presence, giving us courage, strength, boldness, and hope, when on our own we would lose heart. We will be led by Rev. Ann Aichinger.

Lunch will follow, served by Trish James at a cost of \$7.00.

We hope to see you there. Your co-moderators,
Thais Sikora and Mary Ann Blevins

Medicare and You--2019 Annual Notice of Changes

Presented by Melody Conkin of First Tennessee Area Agency on Aging
Where: Central Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
When: Thursday, November 15, 2018 1:00 PM

IMPORTANT!

This is open to the public and there is no charge and no need to make a reservation. Printed materials will be provided for you to take home, and questions about Medicare are encouraged.

This workshop is sponsored by your Parish Nurses, we hope to see you there.
Barbara Mann, RN and Thais Sikora, RN



On Reformation Sunday, we looked at how the church responded when the culture they lived in had radical changes. In the 1500s, the literary revolution changed how people operated in the world. The Protestant Reformation led the church to adapt to a new reality. We are the heirs of that reformation.

But we also know that the world we live in has changed rapidly over the last generation. Most people carry smart phones that are not only for making phone calls, but also connecting us to the larger world. It is our connection to the web that is binding the entire world together. From our phone, we can google a question, call up a YouTube video, order a takeout meal, make reservations in another state or country, and wish friends far and near a happy birthday.

The church is slowly coming into this new reality. Our church software is experiencing a major update. This new update is called REALM CONNECT, and offers us new ways to build the community of the church. Each member has a unique profile page. On that profile page, you can keep up with the church news, give changes to phone numbers or emails or addresses, get in contact with other members and the staff, update your own information, check out your giving record, and make reservations for activities.

An important part of this upgrade is the ability to easily give on-line. Through your profile or your phone app, you can give either one time or set up regular giving. You are also able to text a financial gift to the church. When it is totally operational, there will be the opportunity to pay for dinner or books, give to the second mile campaign or your commitment.

This is all a work in progress, and we are inviting you to come with us. There will be an introduction to Realm Connect at our Stewardship Presentation on Sunday, November 4. When you get an email asking you to join Realm, go ahead and join us. Then take some time to set up your profile page.

If we do not have an email address for you, please send us one to office.cpc@bvu.net.

TO TEXT A DONATION

Text **CentralPres** to **53256** and you will be connected to an opportunity to give.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Nancy Kiser
Verle Sutphin
- 4 - Tyler Wycoff
- 6 - Jackie Phillips
Eleanor Rampe
- 7 - Danny Clark
Logan Williams
- 8 - Phyllis Morris
- 10 - Rob Blanton
- 15 - Terri Surber
Joseph Timp
- 16 - Clayton Kiser
- 17 - Mark McCord
- 18 - Christa Anderson
Nicholas Fuller
Avery Herold
- 19 - Josie Russell
- 21 - Nancy Arnold
- 22 - Terri Davis
Debbie Wagner
- 24 - Harper Ellis
- 25 - John Dodge
- 28 - Vickie Clark
- 30 - Kelly McBride

Remember to pray
for each person
on their birthday.





Hello family,

It's never too early to start giving, especially when it involves kids! Operation Christmas Child is celebrating it's 25th anniversary. Now that's a lot of giving. What could be better than having a child's face light up from opening one of your shoeboxes?

Well, how about the children's parent's hearts being filled with the love of Christ! As Christians we are charged with spreading the Good News. The Love of Christ is alive and growing here at Central. From my personal experiences I've learned that in order to keep the love of Christ, I have to give it away.

So let's make like Santa's little helpers and pack a shoebox. We are pressed for time, so if you go to the website*, there are other options where you can have a shoebox packed for you.

This is a project for the entire family. Who better to ask about gifts than kids... make this a fun learning experience!

*Website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Your boxes need to be at church by Sun, Nov 11

If you have questions, please call Donnie Spurell at 423-217-3876.

Philippians 2:5-11 Thank you all so much!

Mission Committee



Friendsgiving for Young Adults

November 3

5:00-7:00 pm

At the church

Turkey provided.

Please bring a side to share.

Childcare provided, if requested

RSVP to Josie at

josieannrussell@gmail.com



Faithful Friends

The **Faithful Friends** group, which is open to all women, will meet on **Saturday, November 17, 10-11:30 a.m.** in Room 100 for our study and fellowship. We will be looking at Chapter 4 of *Experiencing the Spirit* by Henry and Melvin Blackaby. So come out, let's experience the Holy Spirit together, and see how we can be Pentecost people. Feel free to bring friends.



**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.

Nov 7 Comfort, Comfort my people

Isaiah 2

Nov 14 After the Exile

Haggai, Zechariah, Jonah, and Malachi

* Upcoming Menus: (Chicken nuggets are always available on the children's plate.)

November 7: Pasta Chicken Alfredo, Salad Bar, French Bread, Cookies

November 14: Turkey, Dressing, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Pumpkin Bread

A Special **THANK YOU**

As we come to November and begin to think of Thanksgiving, I want everyone to know how much you have meant to me this year. Your love to Tom, me, and my family has been phenomenal throughout his entire illness and death. The ministry of the Central Presbyterian Church has been so compassionate, uplifting, practical, caring, and sustaining. I will never forget the many people who have called, sent cards, brought food, taken me to lunch, visited, and even checked on me after his death. You are the best!

I truly do not know how people who do not have faith, family and friends survive in a time of sadness without such a loving network. God bless each of you, and thanks so much for caring.

Love, Archer

Symphony of the Mountains Concerts

Central Presbyterian Church has been given four tickets to each of the Symphony of the Mountains 2018-19 Concert series events, and we want to share them with the church family. The next two concerts are coming soon. There are four tickets available for this coming **Sunday, Nov 4**, at 3 p.m., and the program will be the Youth Orchestra's fall concert held at Seeger Chapel at Milligan College. There are two tickets remaining for the concert on Sunday, Nov 18 at 3 p.m. at the Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center in Kingsport, TN, which will feature the McClain Family Band playing with the Symphony of the Mountains. These tickets are available, and if you would like to attend this concert, please call the church office. This is a first come first served basis. The schedule for the remaining concerts through May is posted on the **Coming Soon at Central** bulletin board. You can sign up for those tickets on the form.



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 31 4:30-7	Halloween Candy give away (on Euclid by the alley)
Wed, Nov 7 5:30	Dinner and Conversation about Being Thankful
Wed, Nov 14, 5:30	Dinner and Final assembly of Nativity Characters
Wed, Nov 21	No Wednesday dinner or program—Enjoy time with your family
Wed Nov 28, 5:30	Dinner and Christmas Ornaments

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

Friends are of course welcome to join us. Please make sure they have a permission form on file. Forms are available on the Youth Bulletin board near the Office. This permission form is good through August 1, 2019.

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

Parents of Youth



It is time to sign up for our 2019 trips. There is a **\$50 non-refundable deposit** for each event.

Resurrection Conference, January 25-27 in Pigeon Forge (total cost \$150)

Montreat Youth 1, June 2-8 in Montreat, NC (total cost \$150)

Montreat Middle School (completed 5th-8th grade), July 17-21, Maryville College, Maryville, TN (total cost \$150)

Mission Trip to Nashville, TN, (ages 12 and up), June 30-July 6. (total cost \$150)

Church family... Watch for the next part of the Christmas Nativity set soon. The Christian Education and Youth are working on these now.



55+/ Forever Young

Come with us to Pigeon Forge on Friday, November 30.

The bus will leave at 9:00. Lunch will be at the Apple Barn and then on we go to Five Oaks (Tanger Outlet) for several hours of shopping.

Please sign up - the sheet is up on the bulletin board near the office.

Join us! Caroline and David

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Thais Sikora, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Barbara Mann, Volunteer Parish Nurse

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

Volunteers

For Sunday, November 4 (one service):

Brunch provided

Greeters

11:00 - Dick Gordon, Rich Williams

Children's Church Leaders

11:00 - TBA

Head Usher for Nov. - Donnie Spurell

Food Pantry volunteers for Nov. 8 - Beth Parks, Ed & Betty Whitehead

For Sunday, November 11:

Coffee helpers - David & Cathy White

Greeters

9:00 - Debbie Wagner, Dora Webb

11:00 - Connie Bullock, Nancy Kiser

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - Niki McGrew

11:00 - TBA

Head Usher for Nov. - Donnie Spurell

For Sunday, November 18:

Coffee helpers - Ken & Cindy Hale

Greeters

9:00 - Caroline Jones, Jean Thomason

11:00 - Caroline Jones, Elise Taylor

Children's Church Leaders

9:00 - TBA

11:00 - TBA

Head Usher for Nov. - Donnie Spurell

Attendance:

October 21, 2018 - 174 in worship

October 28, 2018 - 133 in worship

News for the Church family

Continue in prayer for... Ruby Brown, Charles McChesney, Jack Aaron, Darla & Jonathon Vandyke, Kathy Story, Jackie Phillips, Sara Burleson, Shereé Taylor, Allen Vance, Musser Warren (HealthSouth), Paula Woolwine, and Candy Ellis.

Sympathy...

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Walter Spence Baumgartner who died on October 20, 2018 in Knoxville, TN.



Memorial Gifts...

To the APPLE Scholarship Fund for Margaret Bonham by David & Patty Browning, Ralph & Terri Davis, George & Beth Parks, Nancy Norman, and Mary Moffatt;

To the General Fund for Gloria Davenport by Steve & Vickie Clark, George & Beth Parks, and Martha Gillenwater;

To the Parsons Memorial Fund for Tom Parsons by Nancy Norman, Charles & Roxann Coulthard, and Steve & Vickie Clark;

To the Healing Hands Health Center for Tom Parsons by Scott & Connie Bullock;

To the Meals on Wheels Fund for Alvah Wagner by Steve & Vickie Clark;

To the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry for Gloria Davenport by Scott & Connie Bullock;

To the Service Fund for Margaret Bonham by Archer Parsons.

Honorary Gifts...

To the Backpack Ministry for Mr. & Mrs. Fred Binder, Carol Griffith, and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Norris by Archer Parsons;

To the Service Fund for the Carpenters for Christ and for Mike Vollmer by Caroline Jones.

YOU CAN HELP



Communities
In Schools
Southwest Virginia

Abingdon Presbytery Mission Project-- Clothing for Schools of SW Virginia

Abingdon Presbytery will meet on Thursday, November 8, at King University, and one of the ways we are seeking to live out our connectional nature as a church is to participate in a communal mission project. At this meeting, we will be collecting new clothing for children and youth who are helped by the Community in Schools of SW Virginia (Bristol and Tazewell). They have a clothing closet for children who find themselves in need. There will be a box outside of Ann Aichinger's office door to place any of the following items: Athletic shorts or pants for boys, girls, men or women sizes, t-shirts of all sizes, girl's leggings, and girls and boys underwear (boxers sized boys/men) and socks (black for boys/men). Then they will be taken to the meeting and given as part of the Presbytery offering.



Please help! Faithful Friends and other women in the church are working on a project for Fred Foy and Cecily Strang's work in Kenya and **need cotton terrycloth towels**. They can be any color, any size, old, used, new, or beach towels. Please drop them off in the box by Ann Aichinger's office. Thank you for working to help those in need.



The THANKSGIVING OFFERING for the Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville will be received on Sunday, November 18. Your gifts to help these children is very appreciated.



The Food Pantry is in great need of food items. For the next two Sundays we are asking for donations of canned meat - tuna, chicken, beef stew, etc. Let's make a difference for those who are hungry!

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www.CentralPresBristol.org



Mark your Calendars:
Friday, Dec 7, 6-8 p.m.
Parents' Night Out

Drop your children off at the church in the care of our youth, and head out to go Christmas shopping or to dinner, or however you want to spend your evening. Cost is \$15 per child with a discount for larger families. We will take children from 6 months-4th grade.

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	
Various times, check with Robert Campbelle	