

# Central Life

*Central Presbyterian Church*

*November 28, 2018*

## CHRISTMAS AT CENTRAL



### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Fri, Dec 7

6-8

#### Parent's Night Out.

Parents can drop off their children and have a time to shop, have a peaceful Dinner, or just some quiet time. Cost is \$15 per child.

### MUSICAL PROGRAMS

Sun, Dec 2

6:00

#### King University Lessons and Carols at First Presbyterian, Bristol, TN

Our choir will join with the King Choir and other choirs for this traditional service.

Sun, Dec 16

3:00

#### Christmas Concert

Our Chancel Choir, Handbells, and Brass will present a Christmas program.

Tue, Dec 18

6:00

#### Journey's End

We will join Mary and Joseph as they seek a place in downtown Bristol. Local choirs sing at each stop along the way and we sing Christmas carols as we walk along.

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Thu, Dec 20

7:00

#### Longest Night Service

This new service is for those who are having trouble entering the Christmas Season.

Mon, Dec 24

5:00

#### Candlelight Family Service in Central Hall

We will hear the Christmas gospel, sing the familiar hymns, and light the candles. It is about 45 minutes long.

Mon, Dec 24

7:00

#### Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir and Brass will lead us in a service to hear the Christmas Gospel, sing the familiar Christmas carols, and lift up our candles.

Sun, Dec 30

9:30

#### BE THE CHURCH

We will have opportunities to serve others during the hour.

11:00

#### ONE SERVICE in Central Hall with the Praise Team

We will bring the offering of our work.



## SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, November 20. Excused were Allen Harris, Randy Morris, Lea Powers, Helen Scott, and Gale Thompson.

Laurel Broadfoot was received into membership by re-affirmation of faith.

### INFORMATION:

- The contract has been signed for the gutter work and it will begin around December 1.
- Katherine Campbell, an inquirer in seminary from Central, preached at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church and was very well received.
- The report on Presbytery Meeting on November 8 at King University was received.

### ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

- The report from the APPLE Task Force was received but not approved pending review by the Finance Committee.
- Approved to apply for a grant from the Compassion Committee of Abingdon Presbytery for supplies for the "Be The Church Sunday."
- Approved funding a new computer for Central Hall with Memorial funds.
- Approved an offering to be taken at the Christmas Choir Concert for Bristol Faith in Action.
- Approved the new Building Use Guidelines.
- Approved Elizabeth Von Trapp program for Wednesday, Feb 20. There will be a love offering (10% returned to church) and CDs sales.
- Approved the Angel Tree for prisoner's children.
- Approved the Souper Bowl Challenge for January.
- Approved "Be The Church Sunday" for December 30.
- Approved the project for Kenya supported by Faithful Friends.
- The Christmas Schedule was approved including the new Longest Night Service on Dec 20.
- The December Session Meeting will start at 7:30 so that people can attend Journey's End. In January, the Committee Meetings will be on Jan 8 and Session on Jan 22.
- The Trustees of Central Presbyterian Church were instructed to transfer the property and assets to the Central Presbyterian Church of Bristol, INC.



## Sending Christmas Cards to Central Presbyterian Church friends..



This year, we invite you to bring a Christmas card and greeting to your friends and family here at Central. Instead of spending postage on mailing cards locally, you may use that money to give to a charity. Bring a card from you to the Central family and place it on the bulletin board outside of Ann Aichinger's office. There will be pushpins available.

Then throughout the Advent and Christmas season, stop by and read the Christmas greetings from your family here at Central.

**Coming up...**

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

**PW Coordinating Team** - Tuesday, December 4, 11:00 AM

**Committee Chairs** - Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 PM

**Church Committees** - Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 PM

**Meals on Wheels** - Thursday, Dec. 6

**Finance Committee** - Wednesday, December 12, 12:00 noon



Your estimate of giving on the commitment cards is an important part of making an informed budget. If you have not returned it, we ask that you do so as soon as possible, to the church office or drop it in the offering place. We also ask that you return your commitment to the Second Mile Campaign that will help fund the repairs to the gutters.



**Saturday, December 15, 5:30 p.m.**

**Young Adult Christmas PJ Party & Cookie Exchange**

Rob and Carly Hollo's House

136 Free Hill Ext, Gray, TN 37615

Wear your cozy, funny, festive Christmas pajamas and bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share! Don't forget the Tupperware to take all the cookies home you receive. Rob is smoking a ham, so please bring a side to share! Contact Josie Russell (423-383-9291) for more info.

Poinsettias will be placed in Central Hall and the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase one (or more) in honor or memory of a loved one, they are available for \$9.00 each. Gifts to Bristol Faith in Action are also encouraged as an alternative.

Please send the information for the bulletin and your check to the church office by Monday, Dec. 3. All gifts will be listed in the bulletins for both services. Contact Patty in the office for more info ([office.cpc@bvumet.net](mailto:office.cpc@bvumet.net)).



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Coordinating Team Meeting: 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 4, 2018

General Meeting and Bible Study for All Women: 11:00 AM on Tues, December 11,

Our special program for the day is a real treat. The APPLE Preschool will present their Christmas Program for us. You don't want to miss this.



Our Bible lesson for the day is #4, found in 1 Chronicles 28:1-21 and I Kings 11:1-13, 29-39. Rev. Ann Aichinger will be leading us through "God With Us When We Seek God." This lesson explores what happens when the heart is redirected. The question is this, "If the people are unfaithful, will God remain faithful?" Don't miss this lesson. Lunch will be served by Trish James at a cost of \$7.00.

We hope to see you there, Thais Sikora and Mary Ann Blevins, Co-moderators



The Youth will be hosting Christmas Parents Night Out at Central Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 7, from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15/child, with a maximum for a family of \$50 (ages infant through 4<sup>th</sup> grade). This is a chance for you, as parents, to go shopping, see a movie, go to dinner, or take a nap. This is a fundraiser for our youth.

Please make sure your child has been fed supper before coming and please send diapers, wipes, etc. as may be needed. We will have movie time, games and play time, making ornaments and having a good time together.

Please register your children on Pastor Ann's door or on the bulletin board in the hallway near the church office.



There is an Angel tree in the entry area of the church. The gift tags on the tree are for local children who have at least one parent in prison. It is a way to help those parents have a gift for their children. We have 27 children this year, and already many have been taken. If you take a tag, please return the gifts by Sunday, Dec 16, to Room 100 (The Session Room).

There will be a party on Saturday, December 22, 10 a.m. -12 noon for the children and caregivers to come and pick up the gifts. Thank you to Vicki Wilson for leading this project. If you have any questions, please talk to Vicki Wilson (423-646-3174).



## THE LONGEST NIGHT ....

On Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 pm, we will have a Longest Night Service of Worship. This is an opportunity for all who find this season difficult or tiresome, who feel the losses in life, and need a place to pause and reflect.

So why have a Longest Night Service? The Christmas season is often marked by expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. It's a time for family to gather and for churches to worship pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. However, this time of joy and expectation can often overshadow the pain and hurt many experience during this season, when the world's merriment puts their grief and sorrow in the shadows.

It's a worship service scheduled around the winter solstice (the longest night of the calendar year) and it just happens to fall on or around December 21 every year. It is noted that this day is the traditional feast day for Saint Thomas the Apostle. This linkage invites making some connections between Thomas's struggle to believe the tale of Jesus' resurrection, the long nights just before Christmas, and the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss.

This service is a witness to all, that the Christ child comes as a sign of hope in the face of despair. It is a way for our church family to acknowledge the various seasons of life that people may find themselves in. You are invited to come and leave behind for a moment the busyness of the season, to reflect and remember, and to see that the light of Christ does come into our darkness.

### Upcoming Sermons

We come into a new church year with Advent, a time of waiting with hope. The readings in Advent will come from the Gospel of Luke. Our Christmas Season lasts for twelve days, ending with Epiphany, the coming of the wise ones who followed the light.

Dec 2	Advent 1	Luke 21: 25-36 Communion
Dec 9	Advent 2	Luke 3: 1-8
Dec 16	Advent 3	Luke 3: 7-18 Christmas Joy Offering
Dec 23	Advent 4	Luke 1: 39-45 Healing Service
Dec 30	Be The Church	Matt 24: 31-46
Jan 6	Epiphany	Matt 2: 1-12 Communion



**Fri, Jan. 11,  
Sat, Jan. 12,  
Sun, Jan. 13**

**Something BIG  
and EXCITING  
is coming!**





### Wooden Nativities: Part 3 ---The wisemen

Over the past two years, the Christian Education Committee created and assembled the characters of a Christmas nativity: Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus; a shepherd with a sheep; and an angel. This year, there are three new pieces for sale: three wisemen with gifts. The money raised will be going to support our youth programming, events, and trips. If you purchase all three parts of the nativity, the cost is \$35. The cost for the wisemen only or any single part is \$15 each. Please make checks to Central Presbyterian and in the memo: Nativities. These items are available on the table in the entry area. If you have any questions, please see Ann Aichinger or any member of Christian Education committee.



We welcome Laurel Broadfoot as a new member of Central. She and her son Will have been coming to Central for 8 years. Laurel and her husband Howard, and son Will live in the Reserve area in Bristol, TN. Will is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne Catholic Church, and loves to play basketball (note he is very tall). Will also helps in the Contemporary Service with the Computer on Sunday mornings. Please welcome Laurel into our church family. Her address is 175 Creek Side Ct, Bristol, TN 37620-2976. Phone: 931-797-4749 Email: laurelbuerk@hotmail.com



Have you wondered what it means to be a Presbyterian? Do you want to find out what the Session does? Do you want to know why we worship the way we do, or what ministry opportunities Central is involved in? Then you are invited to ask these questions and also to become a member of Central Presbyterian. Please talk to Ann or Frank Aichinger (276-669-3157) and let them know when a good time would be to meet either at the church, or in your home.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

Green Spring Presbyterian Church is sponsoring The Chuck Wagon Gang on Friday, November 30, 1:00 pm. Admission is free but an offering will be taken. They also have a Christmas music program on Sunday, December 2. Contact Barbara King at gspchurch@comcast.net for more information.





Our programs are helping to prepare us for the spirit of Christmas. Join us at 5:30 for a delicious dinner (\$5.00 per person). The program starts at 6:00.

**Nov 28      Get Your Creativity Flowing**

We will make ornaments that will be available to take to those who have to work on Christmas Day.

Menu: Chili Beans, Mexican Cornbread, Salad Bar, Peach Cobbler

**Dec 7      Lift Up Your Voices**

Share Christmas spirit with our shut-ins through a time of caroling; while another group will spend time learning more about Christmas.

Menu: Potato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad Bar, Brownies

**Dec 14      ***Twas the Night Before Christ's Birth and more*****

Take part or watch the Christmas story as we tell it as a pageant—or all ages.

Menu: Sandwich and Salad Bar, Christmas cookies to decorate

**Dec 19, Dec 26, and Jan 2**      We take a break from our Wednesday activities and start again on Jan. 9.



The **Faithful Friends** group, which is open to all women, will meet on **Saturday, December 8, 10-11:30 a.m.** in Room 100 for our study and fellowship. We will be looking at Chapter 5 of *Experiencing the Spirit* by Henry and Melvin Blackaby. We will be having our Christmas party. Bring a wrapped ornament (about \$5) so we can exchange and swap. Also everyone is asked to bring some goodies to share. Paper products and cold drinks are provided. So come out, let's experience the Holy Spirit together, and see how we can be Pentecost people. Feel free to bring friends and join us for this time.



All youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### UP-COMING WEDNESDAY EVENING EVENTS

- Wed Nov 28 5:30 Dinner and Making Christmas Ornaments
- Wed, Dec 5 5:30 Dinner and Caroling
- Wed Dec. 12 5:30 Dinner and Christmas program
- Wed, Dec 19 5:30 Dinner and Christmas party---  
Bring food to share. Pizza will be provided.  
Bring a wrapped \$5 gift that will be swapped!



#### Important Date:

- Friday, December 7, Parents' Night Out (6-8) We care for kids at the church and earn money for conferences and trips. Everyone needs to be HERE!!

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.

**Youth: We need commitments for Montreat by December 1, and a \$50 down payment shortly after. We are going to Montreat the first week in June.**

## 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 \$100)

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

**Montreat Middle School** (completed 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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)

You can pick up registration forms on Ann Aichinger's door or the youth Bulletin Board.







Please pray for these folks  
on their birthdays.

- 1 - Carol Duhaime  
Rob Hollo
- 2 - Madison Campbell  
Terry Eckley  
Harper Lewis
- 3 - Christina Zochowski
- 4 - Lauren Calloway
- 5 - Jack Wagner, Jr.  
Colby Vaughn
- 6 - Joan Keith
- 7 - Callie Eckley
- 9 - Jean Thomason
- 11 - Robert Campbelle  
Bernice Hagaman
- 16 - Travis Campbell  
Megan Stanley  
Sandy Wilson
- 17 - Ruby Brown
- 18 - Allen Harris
- 20 - Mike Barnes  
Kaeden Mitchell
- 21 - Nancy Norman
- 25 - Merrie McInnis
- 26 - Archer Parsons
- 27 - Bill English
- 30 - Barret Blevins
- 31 - Cathy Moss





## 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

### CENTRAL STAFF:

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Donna Leonard, APPLE Administrative Assistant

Thais Sikora, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Barbara Mann, Volunteer Parish Nurse

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

## Volunteers

For Sunday, December 2:

**Coffee helper** - Kathryn Smith

**Greeters**

9:00 - Sheree Taylor, Glenn Himstedt

11:00 - Randy & Phyllis Morris

**Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - Bethany & CJ Lewis

11:00 - Monica Alderman

**Head Ushers for Dec.** - Rush & Lea Powers

For Sunday, December 9:

**Coffee helpers** - David & Cathy White

**Greeters**

9:00 - Bessie Kitts, Gena Prince

11:00 - Lea & Rush Powers

**Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - Niki McGrew

11:00 - Laraine Williams

**Head Ushers for Dec.** - Rush & Lea Powers

**Food Pantry volunteers** for Dec. 13 - Trish James, Diana White, Laraine Williams

For Sunday, December 16:

**Coffee helpers** - Ken & Cindy Hale

**Greeters**

9:00 - Trish James, David White

11:00 - Glenn & Vicki Myers

**Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - TBA

11:00 - TBA

**Head Ushers for Dec.** - Rush & Lea Powers

## Attendance:

November 18, 2018 - 177 in worship

November 25, 2018 - 135 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, and Candy Ellis.

### *Memorial Gifts...*

To the Parsons Memorial Fund for Tom Parsons by Barbara C. Fletcher.



*To my Central Family,*

*Thank you for the prayer cards and prayers. I really appreciated it.*

*I have returned to work with restrictions. I feel like a new person. God is good!*

*Love and prayers, Paula Woolwine*

## 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 schedule for the remaining concerts through May is posted on the **Coming Soon at Central** bulletin board. You can sign up for the tickets on that chart.

## YOU CAN HELP

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.



## Food Pantry

For the next two Sundays we are asking for **donations of canned pasta (like Spaghetti or Ravioli, etc.)** for the **Bristol Emergency Food Pantry**. Thank you to those who have brought items to make a difference for those who are hungry—especially at this holiday season.



Dec 16

**Christmas Joy Offering** – the assistance program of PCUSA Schools and support of racial-ethnic education as well as help for retired ministers and church workers.

Dec 16

**Offering for Bristol Faith in Action**—to be taken at the Central Christmas Concert.

Dec 24

**Central Presbyterian Service Fund** – this money goes to help members of Central with assistance in emergency situations.



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We need some help on Wednesday nights! We need those who are willing to serve the meal from the kitchen (5:20 pm), and then those willing to help with dishwashing and cleaning up (5:45 pm).

None of this is difficult, but it is necessary. Just volunteering for one job for one night will be a big help.

Please talk to Trish James or David White on Wednesday night if you can help.

#### 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	