

# Special Edition Central Life “Lite” Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018



## BE THE CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

**9:30** Light Brunch and Projects that will serve our community and world

**11:00** ONE WORSHIP SERVICE in Central Hall with the Praise Team

Sunday, Dec 30 is Be the Church Sunday. During the Sunday school time (9:30-10:45), everyone is invited to come and participate in a variety of mission projects. Why? Because when we work together as the church, we discover our gifts and talents and are able to come alongside one another and demonstrate the work of the Church.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. there will be light brunch items, coffee, tea and juice. Then everyone will be involved in a variety of things throughout the church building which may include:

- Tying Fleece Blankets
- Making Cards for elderly
- Knitting or crocheting—Bring needles or crotchet hooks—Yarn will be provided
- Make Birdfeeders to take home to feed the animals
- Afternoon visitations with homebound members
- TIME??? Help restock shelves at the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry
- Assembling Dental Kits for Healing Hands
- Letters and cards to Service members

Don't know how to do a project? That is the best part. You will work alongside of those who can help you in being a part of this.

Then at 11:00, we will bring our projects as gifts for our worship time, offer our prayers over the items and for those who will receive them. In the afternoon, those who want to go to the Food Pantry to restock shelves, will go together, while others may go out to visit our homebound members.

This is for all ages of children, youth, and adults. Everyone is able to be a part of Be the Church Sunday. This is a great way to be part of something BIG that will make a difference in our community and world.

**The Wednesday Night Supper and Programs** will begin on January 9. In case of bad weather, please watch for school closure in Bristol VA and then check your email or Facebook or website for last minute changes. If schools are closed, we will probably not have a Wednesday dinner and program.

**Appalachian Religion and the Bristol Sessions** with Brandon Story

**Wednesday Jan 9, 16, 23 at 6:00 with dinner at 5:30**

The 1927 Bristol Sessions famously launched the careers of Country Music's earliest stars. They also captured a wide variety of Appalachian worship music styles. This three week series looks at the lives and ministries of Bristol Session artists Ernest Phipps and Alfred Karnes, considers the commonalities and peculiarities of Appalachian Mountain Religion, and describes one of the first meetings of Christian evangelism and twentieth-century mass media.

Menu Jan. 9: Brown Beans, Corn Muffins, Salad Bar, Fruit

Menu Jan. 16: Vegetable Soup, Sandwich, Salad Bar, Cookies

Menu Jan. 23: White Chicken Chili, Corn Muffins, Salad Bar, Jello

**Renewal Weekend** with Joel and Ann Long

**Friday, Jan 11 – Sunday, Jan 13**

As we begin a new year, let us take some time to revive the joy of our Christian commitment. This is an opportunity to recover “the joy of our salvation.”

Friday, Jan 11 6:30 Dinner and first Message

Saturday, Jan 12 10:00 Discussion Groups

Saturday, Jan 12 7:00 Second Message

Sunday, Jan 13 9 & 11 Third Message

Sunday, Jan 13 7:00 Recommitment Time

## January Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection Challenge

During the month of January, Central Presbyterian church will be engaged in a month-long Souper Bowl food and money collection challenge to support the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry. The competition will be between the two worship services: 9 vs 11. Our commissioner for this event will be Donnie Spurell, and he will encourage both groups to do their best and bring in money as well as canned and dry goods that will help provide food for families and individuals in our community. The coaches are Niki McGrew for the 9 a.m. service and Whit Morison at the 11 a.m., and everyone should expect to hear pep-talks and words of encouragement to be a part of this event. Don't be surprised if you see cheerleaders.



Last year we collected **\$2,107** & 2,079 food items. So the question is: Can we break this record this year!!



There will be Food Pantry Barrels and blue buckets for your monetary gifts at the entry area to both services. Throughout January, the scores will be kept and posted. Then on Sunday, February 3 (Souper Bowl Sunday), we will have a unity service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary for one last push for collections. Following worship, we will gather for a Soup lunch in Central Hall. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite soup, or bread or dessert to share. At this time, the official score will be posted and the winner declared.

Though the competition will be within our church, the real winner will be **Bristol Emergency Food Pantry**. This is something every one of every age and ability can participate in. Let's make a difference, and continue to be about the work of Christmas (caring for the needy, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and unwanted child).

Watch the next newsletter for specific items to bring. Pick up BOGO canned vegetables, fruit, or meat when you go to the store. If you have any questions, please talk to Ann Aichinger. Let the games begin!!!

For more information about the National Souper Bowl of Caring, see [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN JANUARY 8, 2019

Happy New Year and we hope it doesn't snow us out again! Since we could not meet in December, we will study Lesson #4, *God with Us When We Seek God*. Please remember, we will not be serving lunch this month.

This is a big thank you to all who participated in the Mission Project for the Missionaries to East Africa, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Foy Strang. They will be here after January 1st to pick up the **240 pairs of girls underwear and 240 peri-pads**, which will allow the 120 young women who they are working with to stay in school once they reach maturity.

Our other missionaries to East Africa will be leaving this week to visit two orphanages and deliver the baby blankets, baby gowns, and stuffed animals, as well as the little girls dresses. They promised to take pictures and share them with us when they return later in January.

Now we will be sewing to build up our supply, as we have about run out.

We look forward to seeing you all on January 8 at 11:00 AM in the small dining room.

Thais Sikora and Mary Ann Blevins, co-moderators

# JANUARY

We have had a great Christmas season:

- \* Our Advent devotional challenged us with the deep faith of so many of our members.
- \* The beautiful Christmas trees and decorations around the building helped nurture the festive spirit.
- \* The Advent services sought to focus our preparation not only on getting the house ready, but preparing our spirits.
- \* The new Longest Night Service was there for people who struggle at this time of year.
- \* We were awed by the talent shared with us at the Christmas concert.
- \* And it all came together with the powerful Christmas Eve Candlelight services.

Meanwhile, the Angel tree was fully subscribed giving presents to the children of prisoners. We were also making peri-pads and collecting underwear for the gifts in the Kenyan ministry. The backpack program provided boxes of food for the families they serve. We took out ornaments to those who worked on Christmas Day. We caroled to 6 families

And we will end our Christmas season with the Be the Church Sunday.

I know we all are tired. We need to catch our breath. So why do we have such a busy January planned? And the simplest answer is that we need to renewal.

- \* We will collect food to restock the Emergency Food Pantry.
- \* We will have a time to renew our passion for the God who came to us.
- \* We will be challenged in our understanding of our faith.
- \* We will send at least fourteen youth and advisors to the Resurrection Conference.

Plan to make the resolution to join us this January to find our renewal and refreshment and challenge.



As your Co-Pastors we want to thank the multitude of people who made this such a memorable Christmas season – our extremely talented and dedicated staff and all the those who volunteered their time. We are appreciative of the great congregation here at Central.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Doris Hall	13 - Linda Brittle	25 - Shelby Moore
2 - Bessie Kitts	Scott Bullock	Vickie Salyer
Jamie Meade	Jeanne Kiger	Dillon Vaughn
3 - Sawyer Meade	14 - Christy Blevins	26 - Will Broadfoot
9 - Logann Campbell	15 - Ivy Ritchie	27 - Sandy McGlothlin
10 - Allen Vance	19 - Janis Davis	28 - Jackson Williams
11 - Ashton Powers	20 - Diana White	30 - Banner Ellis
12 - Alicia Wycoff	24 - Linda Baker	Woody McGlothlin
	Mary Geiger	31 - Savannah McCord
	Dennis Meade	

## SESSION NOTES

The Session met on December 18. Excused were Helen Scott, Allen Harris, Linda Waldron, Lea Powers.

### Actions of the Session:

- Moved Patty and David Browning to Friends roll at their request;
- Approved Brandon Story to teach Wednesday night program in January;
- Approved Higher Ground Technologies to handle the IT needs;
- Approved Joel and Ann Long to lead the Renewal weekend;
- Approved mission projects and offerings.



Our Finance Committee is seeking to finalize the budget for 2019. If you have not yet returned your estimate of giving, please do so as soon as possible.

The Second Mile Campaign has been very successful. At this time, we have 49 three-year pledges for \$85,565.

**A stewardship note.** Over the last months, the Property Committee and members of the church have been replacing the fluorescent lights with LED bulbs, including in the choir area. The electric bill the last month was noticeably lower.

**Faithful Friends:** Next gathering is on Saturday, January 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the church. We will be discussing Chapter 6, *Shaped for Service*.

### Martin Luther King Day

**January 21** Habitat will be building the walls of some new houses.  
There is a celebration at the Train Station.

**King Lecture at Central:** January 28 at 4:30 and 7:00 pm. Kate Bowler, church historian at Duke Divinity School, specializes in the contemporary American church. More information next time.

**Family Promise of Bristol:** Our hosting week at Central has moved to February 10-17. We will need people to provide evening meals and be hosts during the evening hours, and those willing to spend the night at the church. Please be ready to say "yes" when Mary Wampler asks. There will be an informational and training meeting (with helpful hints on caring for the families) at State Street UMC on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 6:00 p.m.

**Tax Update for Contributions:** Per IRS regulations, donors are advised not to file their federal income tax return before they receive their contribution summary from the church. Donors may not be able to deduct individual contributions of \$250 or more if they file a tax return before receiving their contribution statement.

**Getting rid of your old tree?** Do you have an artificial Christmas tree that is going to be replaced this year? Instead of putting it in the trash, donate it. Holston Habitat for Humanity Restore wants your discarded tree. They sell 400+ used trees a year. Contact Holston Habitat for Humanity Restore in Kingsport. For more information call (423) 378-4760.



## Volunteers for the next two weeks

### Sunday, Dec. 30 (11:00 AM only):

Greeter (Central Hall only) 11:00 - Debbie Wagner  
Children's Church Leader 11:00 - TBA  
Head Usher for Dec - John Barker

### Sunday, Jan. 6

Coffee helper - Kathryn Smith  
Greeters - 9:00 Caroline Jones, Jean Thomason 11:00 - Dick Gordon, Rich Williams  
Children's Time helper - TBA  
Head Usher for Jan. - Casey McComish

### Sunday, Jan. 13

Coffee helpers - David & Cathy White  
Greeters - 9:00 Sydney Collier, Niki McGrew 11:00 - Connie Bullock, Nancy Kiser  
Children's Time helper - TBA

## NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Rehab: Charles McChesney has moved to Christian Care Center, Bristol, TN

### Attendance

Sunday, December 16: 184 in worship  
Thursday, December 20, Longest Night: 27 in worship  
Sunday, December 23: 165 in worship  
Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 62 at 5:00 worship and 200 at 7:00 worship

### Memorial Gifts

To the Parsons Memorial Fund for Tom Parsons, by Bill & Mary Kay English;  
To the Pastor's Service Fund for all the members and families suffering grief, by Juanita Large.

### Honorary Gift

To the Gutter Repair Fund in honor of Frank & Ann Aichinger by George & Stella Fitzgerald.

**Music News** The Sanctuary Choir rehearsals (7:00 pm) will begin again on Jan. 2. Handbells start on Mon, Jan. 14, and Handchimes on Jan. 9 (5:00 pm). If you are interested in these groups, contact Robert Campbell (276-623-3050) or Joy Briggs (423-878-2919).



### From the Staff of Central Presbyterian Church

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## **MAY THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS LAST ALL YEAR LONG!**

While for the culture that surrounds us Christmas might be over (time to return the unwanted presents and follow the new year's sale flyers); in our church year, Christmas is not "over" until Epiphany Sunday. So the decorations stay up, the Christmas carols are sung, and we reflect on that story of the babe of Bethlehem who changes everything, through our worship on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

And really – Christmas NEVER ENDS!

### **Youth News**

Wed Jan 9 5:30-7

Wed Jan 16 5:30-7

Wed Jan 23 5:30-7

Fri, Jan 25-Sun, Jan 27

Sunday, Feb 3

### **All Youth: (All 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Dinner and program

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Resurrection 2019

Super Bowl Party (watch for details)



**Resurrection 2019:** We have 14 total attending this year. If you still want to go on January 25-27, please talk to Ann Aichinger as soon as possible. We do have a cabin in Pigeon Forge. For more information about Resurrection, go to [www.resurrectionyouth.com](http://www.resurrectionyouth.com) Don't miss out on a great weekend!

## ***SNOW POLICY FOR CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN ...***

- \* If Bristol, VA schools are closed (or are dismissed early), large group weekday activities at the church may be cancelled, including Presbyterian Women and Wednesday Night Activities (check [www.wcyb.com](http://www.wcyb.com) for school closing updates). Always check email, Facebook, & website
- \* Committees, Music Rehearsals, Small Groups, etc. please contact your leader to decide whether to meet;
- \* Sunday Worship will almost always be held, though 9:00 am Worship could be canceled. Check the website, Facebook, and your email for last minute changes and updates. Come if you can get here safely, but be aware that the parking lot can be extremely slick even when the roads are clear.
- \* Information will be posted at [www.CentralPresBristol.org](http://www.CentralPresBristol.org)