

# Central Life

*Central Presbyterian Church*

*May 15, 2019*



## **BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 26 10:00 am**

During the summer we have one service at 10:00 a.m. We alternate between the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir or special music and Central Hall with the Praise Team. There is children's church and the nursery will be available each week. We will end each worship with Lemonade in the Shade on the Portico.

The sermons this summer will be from these we heard at the Q Conference about the connections of Faith and Culture. We plan to show the nine minute Q Talk relating to the topic at 9:30 in the Small Dining Room for anyone interested.

May 26	Where Are We Today?	Sanct. Memorial Day
June 2	Being Presbyterian in a Baptist World	CH Congregational Meeting Communion
June 9	Spirit in Recreation	Sanct. Pentecost
June 16	Who Are We: Created for Relationship	CH Father's Day
June 23	Who Are We: Created for Community	Sanct.
June 30	Who Are We: Created for Work	CH
July 7	Church: Mission as Salt	Sanct. Communion
July 14	Church: Foxes in our Midst	CH
July 21	Church: The WORK of the Church - Liturgy	Sanct.
July 28	Church: Evangelism for Today	CH
Aug 4	Truth and Fake News	Sanct. Communion
Aug 11	Youth Service	CH
Aug 18	Marriage	Sanct. Race Weekend



Dear Family at Central,

We are convinced that Central is a GREAT church. We proclaim a message of GRACE, but we also live GRACE. We open our doors to all who are seeking a place to belong. We take very seriously our responsibility in the community and world. We have great pastoral care for those in need. We offer opportunities for our kids and youth to live out their faith.

We are a healthy church. We raised nearly all of the funds to pay for the gutter work with one low key financial campaign. We have a crop of children, especially in the three to ten year olds that will lead to expanding youth groups. We have faithful leadership.

Like all churches, we face challenges and changes. We know that many of our faithful saints from the past are no longer with us, either because of death or the infirmities of old age. And we mourn their loss. We have faced and are slowly conquering our budget deficit. We have had times of misinformation and misunderstanding.

We should be overflowing. Why has our message of a GREAT CHURCH not reached Bristol and those in this community who might be seeking a positive and progressive place to find support and grow their faith?

At this point we have to remember the old adage about stupidity. That it is doing the same thing and expecting different results.

We are going to begin to seek ways to get the good news out. While not losing what makes us unique, we also want to find ways to touch into our community. We are going to have to take risks and do some things differently. We might find that new things don't work, and be willing recognize that. But we need to keep trying to find ways to reach those who need a church like us.

This summer we want to offer new opportunities. We will have a Thursday *Movies with a Message: Food for Thought*. We are putting together contemporary films that challenge us with faith questions. We will have a food truck each time. There will be children's rated films in the theater room. Of course, what would the movies be without popcorn and drinks. Our summer sermons will take on the topics of faith and culture. Each Sunday we will show the nine minute presentation from Q Conference at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Dining Room.

Along with the Evangelism Team, we are seeking ways to utilize social media to get out the word.

What do we need from you? We need you to pray. We need you to support and give some of these new ways a chance. We need you to be open to the amazing ways that God is calling us to work and be the church. The decisions we are making now will determine who we are as the church in twenty years.

Frank and Ann

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**Coming up...**

**The Men’s Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets each Monday, 7:00 a.m. at Shoney’s. All men welcome.

**Finance Committee** - Wed, May 15, 7:00 pm

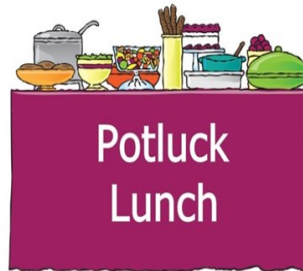
**Faithful Friends** - Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am

**Session** - Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm

**“Central Life” summer schedule** - May 29, June 19, July 10, July 31, and August 21 (with a Tuesday noon deadline each time)

*coming this summer*

- Sun, May 26 10:00 Begin Summer Worship Schedule
- 11:00 Pot-Luck Lunch
- Mon, May 27 Memorial Day
- Church Offices Closed
- Thu, May 30 6:30 Begin *Movies with a Message*
- Sun, June 2 10:00 Communion
- Congregational Meeting after worship
- June 2-8 Montreat Youth Conference
- June 3-7 CAP
- June 6 Meals on Wheels
- Sun, June 9 Pentecost
- Thu, June 13 Abingdon Presbytery meets in Grundy
- Sun, June 16 Father’s Day
- Sun, June 23 6:00 *Bristol Together* Worship at First Baptist Church
- June 30-July 5 Mission Trip to Nashville
- July 4 Independence Day, Church offices closed
- Meals on Wheels
- July 17-20 Montreat Middle School Conference
- Aug 1-3 Big Tent in Baltimore
- Aug 10 10:00 Ground Breaking for Habitat House
- Aug 11 10:00 Youth Sunday
- Aug 16-18 Race Weekend



**SUNDAY, MAY 26 after worship**  
 Join with the church family to start the summer with a great meal and fellowship. The Fellowship & Dining Committee provides chicken tenders and drinks. You are asked to bring side dishes, salads, casseroles, or desserts to share.



# wednesday night **LIVE!**

**Program at 6:00**

- May 15 Talent Show – Don't Miss This!!
- May 22 Cookout & last Wednesday Night this Spring Games and Fellowship

**Dinner at 5:30**

- May 15 - Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad, Salad Bar, Dessert
- May 22 - Cookout with Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and fixin's



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!

We are pleased to welcome Diane Abbey as the newest member of the Central family. Diane has been attending Central for several years and has joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is one of our most active volunteers—helping in the church office, putting together backpacks, preparing the children’s clipboards each week, and many other jobs. At home she enjoys reading and taking care of her indoor and outdoor flowers.

Her address is 35 Brandon Ln, Bristol, VA, phone 276-644-1521, and email is [abbey.diane@yahoo.com](mailto:abbey.diane@yahoo.com).

## WHY Should I Be A MEMBER?

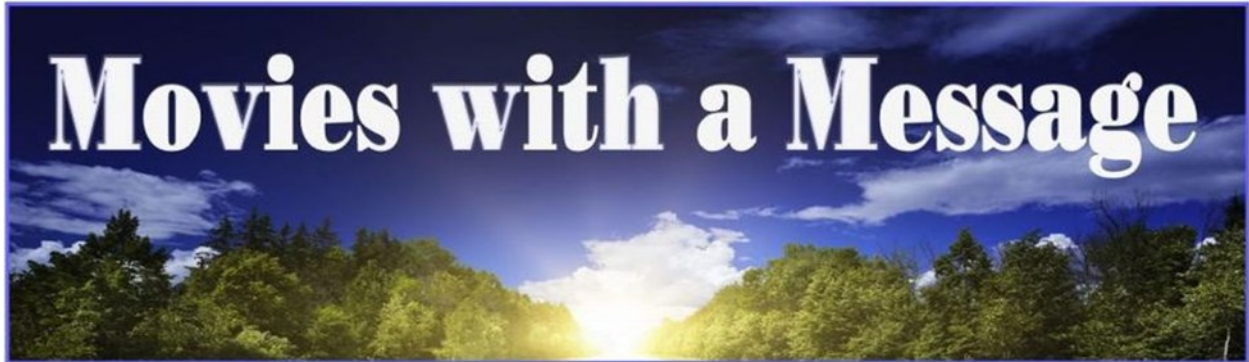
There is very little that changes in a person’s status when he or she joins Central Presbyterian Church. And yet everything changes with membership.

We open our doors and hearts to all people. Membership does not signify your commitment to Christ – in any way. But what membership does is signify that being a part of the faith community is a prime commitment in your life. That can mean everything.

So join us to find out more about Central Presbyterian Church – who we are, how we work together, and how to be part of a dynamic Christian community.

**We will have a Discovery Class on SUNDAY, MAY 19, at 5:30 in the Session Room.** If child care is needed, please let Ann Aichinger know so that can be arranged.





# Food For Thought

*What about a great night out each week for the whole family?*

On Thursday nights this summer, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Central Hall, we will feature contemporary movies that make us think about our faith. These are movies that invite us to consider the issue or questions they ask. It is important for us as Christ followers to reflect on living out our faith in the twenty-first century culture.

Each night will also offer a children’s rated film in the Theater Room followed by conversation and an activity related to their movie. There will also be a nursery. We are working to have a food truck available at the church each week, and we will provide popcorn and drinks. So invite your neighbors, invite your friends, and come be a part of an evening of Movies with a Message.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADULT MOVIE</u>	<u>KIDS MOVIE</u>
May 30	Come Sunday	Evan Almighty
June 6	Same Kind of Different as Me	Joseph King of Dreams
June 13	Won’t You Be My Neighbor?	Up
June 20	Facing the Giants	Monsters Inc.
June 27	Pay It Forward	Bridge to Terabithia
July 11	Amazing Grace	Inside Out
July 18	On the Basis of Sex	The Star (Christmas in July)
July 25	The Shack	Coco

Are we having Vacation Bible School? No, not this year. Instead we are going to offer these movies and activities for children on Thursday nights throughout the summer. So make plans now to join us each week for Movies with a Message.



## From Our Missionaries



### A Letter from Dan and Elizabeth Turk, serving in Madagascar (edited) May 2019

We hope you had a wonderful Easter! This year has been busy. Elizabeth had a nice visit in the States in February and took part in two mission conferences. Thank you to all who prayed for my mother, Naomi, who was in the hospital briefly. She is back home now and doing well.

The Ivato seminary campus is especially beautiful as the rains have turned the campus into a green haven. The four-story seminary building constructed last year to commemorate FJKM's 50th anniversary and the 200th anniversary of the first missionaries' arrival in Madagascar is an impressive reminder of FJKM's commitment to prepare more pastors to serve the growing church.

The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), the PC(USA)'s partner church, is the largest protestant denomination in Madagascar, with over 6000 churches but fewer than 2000 pastors.

We are grateful as we reflect on the FJKM's desire to spread the Gospel by equipping their pastors with the ability to minister to the whole person. With over 80% of Madagascar's population living in poverty, pastors have to be prepared to meet a variety of needs when they go out to serve. In addition to traditional seminary coursework, FJKM seminary students study many non-traditional subjects like AIDS prevention, ministering to the homeless, as well as gardening and fruit tree production. We have been directly involved in some of these courses through our work with the Fruits, Vegetables, and Environmental Education (FVEE) project and the FJKM AIDS Committee. These trainings help pastors deal with the real-world problems that their congregations face: not enough food, crops that fail, diagnosis with AIDS, among others. Often times this leads to pastors learning to establish fruit tree farms to help provide sustainable food and crops to sell.

To provide follow-up for church trainings, we are developing a new program to have volunteer technicians at the synod level. They will visit churches and follow up with community members after we do trainings. We will train the volunteers and give them mother trees so that they can set up their own tree nurseries and thus gain experience and income while being available to help the synod with tree-planting and propagation activities.

If people can gain some income from growing grafted trees, this will improve their families' lives. Fruits from the trees planted around the church may one day help pay part of the pastor's salary. Often, rural churches do not have enough money to pay their pastors. So pastors go without, and some eventually have to move on to new churches where they can earn enough to support their own families. For seven years, one of the pastors has been sharing what she learned about fruit trees with her church members — a very tangible way to share God's love.

Thank you very much for your support for our ministry with the FJKM church in Madagascar and for helping train pastors who are living out the Gospel in their communities. Without your ongoing prayers and financial support, these ministries would not be possible.

Peace in Christ,  
Dan & Elizabeth

*(The full letter is on the bulletin board outside of the church office.)*



## Congratulations to our GRADUATES!

- Patrick Long graduated from ETSU with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science. He plans to apply to a Master's Program in Occupational Therapy.
- Kimberly Parks graduates May 18 as a University of VA Bicentennial graduate. She has earned a BA in Economics & Psychology, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and graduates with honors. She will be employed with Fidelity Investments in Winston Salem, NC.
- Brian Scott graduated in December from ETSU with a degree in Computer Science. He is considering going to graduate school to get his Masters.
- Tyler Wilson graduated from Lincoln Memorial University (DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine) and will be attending Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston) in the area of Psychiatry.
- Evan Moore graduated from Air Force Bootcamp at Lackland Military base in San Antonio, Texas on April 27. Following Boot Camp, Evan will remain there at Lackland for 13.5 weeks for Tech School and then he will find out where he will be stationed to serve in the Air Force.
- Nick Fuller will graduate from Battle High School and will attend ETSU in the fall, working on either a Social Work or Speech and Language Pathology degree.
- Diana Lee Henry graduated from Sandhills School and will be attending the College of Charleston and her twin sister, Kristina Irene Henry graduated from Westwood High School and will attend Midlands Technical School. These young ladies are "children of the church family" - their parents are Jeff & Susan Gordon Henry (of Columbia, SC) and their grandfather is Dick Gordon. Their ancestors have been at Central for many generations.



## All youth (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)

We have both Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoons planned for youth events. Come and be a part of this great group.

Wednesday, May 15	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. dinner and Talent Show
Wednesday, May 22	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. church cookout, games, and fellowship
Sunday, May 19	3:00 p.m. High School AND Middle School Montreat Meeting for <b>Youth AND PARENTS</b>

# Montreat

Commitments and final balances are due for anyone planning to attend High School Montreat (June 2-7) or Middle School Montreat (July 17-21).



**Do you have  
a significant  
number –  
between  
one and one  
hundred?**

From Easter Sunday through Pentecost (June 9), the Giving Wall will be in the entry area. There are envelopes labeled between \$1 and \$100. Choose a number with some significance – or just any number. Then put that amount of money in the envelope and return it to the Church box next to the Giving Wall. You may also tell us the significance of the number by writing it on the envelope (number of years married, combined ages of children, favorite baseball player's number, etc.)

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

## Volunteers

For Sunday, May 19:

**Coffee helpers** - Ken & Cindy Hale

**Greeters**

9:00 - Larry & Lois Clarke

11:00 - TBA

**Children's Church Leaders**

9:00 - TBA

11:00 - TBA

**Head Usher for May** - Randy Morris

For Sunday, May 26 (10:00 AM):

**Coffee helpers** - Trish James, Lois Clarke

**Greeters**

10:00 - Allen & Retta Vance

**Children's Church Leader**

10:00 - Nancy Kiser

**Head Usher for May** - Randy Morris

For Sunday, June 2:

**Coffee helpers** - Don & Bernice Hagaman

**Greeters**

10:00 - Caroline Jones, Jean Thomason

**Children's Church Leaders**

10:00 - TBA

**Head Usher for June** - Casey McComish

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!**

You too can volunteer for any of the above opportunities. Let someone in the church office know or sign on the upcoming "Commitment to Serve" form if you want to help.

## Attendance:

May 5, 2019 - 125 in worship

May 12, 2019 - 118 in worship



## News for the Church family

*Hospital...* Kathy Story, BRMC

*Continue in prayer for...*

Ruby Brown, Charles McChesney, Darla & Jonathan Vandyke, Jackie Phillips, Sara Burleson, Daphne McCord, Betty Watson, and Bobby Davis (back surgery).

*Memorial Gift...*

To the Memorial Fund for Musser Warren by Scott & Connie Bullock;  
To the Special Music Fund for Joan Bussart by Ralph & Terri Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Bailey, and Pat Harenberg.

*Honorary Gift...*

To the Youth Scholarship Fund for Barbara Mann and Thais Sikora by Ed & Verle Sutphin.

## Community News

A Sneaker Drive is going on until June 30, sponsored by the Morenings Chiropractic Clinic. They are collecting gently worn tennis/athletic shoes that you no longer need. These go to family businesses in developing countries.

You can bring:

- ◆ Tennis shoes, Athletic shoes, Cleats
- ◆ No rips or holes
- ◆ No other type of shoes
- ◆ No canvas sneakers except Converse
- ◆ All sizes
- ◆ Gently Worn

Take them to Morenings Chiropractic,  
2022 Euclid Ave, Bristol, VA 276-466-3012  
You can get more information on the program at [www.betherippl.com](http://www.betherippl.com).

## SUMMER 2019: Travels of Flat Jesus



You may have heard about Flat Stanley in years past. It was an opportunity for children to learn about different places by having Flat Stanley sent to family members and friends around the country and around the world.

This Summer, we are inviting everyone to take Flat Jesus with you, wherever you go. Are you heading out on vacation or a trip to visit family members? Going to camp or a conference? Then we are asking that you take Jesus with you.

If you are interested, you may pick up a Flat Jesus outside of Pastor Ann's office to take with you on your travels. Take a picture of you and Flat Jesus, and then send that picture to us so we can keep up with where you are taking Jesus into this world. You can email the picture to Ann ([ann.cpc@bvu.net](mailto:ann.cpc@bvu.net)) or send it by Facebook ([facebook.com/cpcbristol](https://www.facebook.com/cpcbristol)) or print it when you get home. But the key is to tell us where you are and what you did. Then keep an eye on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Ann's office to see the many places that Flat Jesus is traveling. (Yes, Flat Jesus will be going to Montreat and on the mission trip too.)

We want to see your photos from church events! If you are at an event with church members, please snap some photos and send them to [centralpresbristolphotos@gmail.com](mailto:centralpresbristolphotos@gmail.com) so we can use them for social media and the website!

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## Sunday, June 2 following worship

One of the central privileges of the members of a Presbyterian Church is to elect the Ruling Elders who will guide the church in its work and mission. We will exercise this at our congregational meeting following worship on June 2 in Central Hall.

### 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:

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  
Sundays 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.
Central Brass	
Various times, check with Robert Campbelle	

Summer Schedule begins May 26 (see page 1):  
Unity Worship at 10:00 AM

