



CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church

June 2, 2021

Canoeing the Mountains---Part 4

This is the fourth part to my writings about the book, *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger and Lewis and Clark's expedition to find a waterway to the west coast. As you will remember, with their orders from President Jefferson, they were convinced that the Missouri River flowed to the Pacific Ocean. But as they came to the head waters of that river, and carrying their canoes over the next mountain, they saw the "horrible mountains" of the Rockies. They chose to move forward and as a result, learned new ways for survival. They chose to adapt to their circumstances, and in doing so, the leadership they offered the expedition gives us a better insight into what leading and living was then, and how it applies to us in this new time.

The key to the success of Lewis and Clark's expedition in this adventure was that they chose to go together with an incredible team of assistants and members of the Corps of Discovery. Yet even as they continued forward, members of the exploration party were not so sure that this was the right way to go. Unfortunately, there were those on the team who sought to sabotage the mission and made it clear that the best thing to do was to return home. But for Lewis and Clark that was NOT the plan. They proceeded on even in the face of disruptions and the questions raised about the practicality of the journey.

Throughout history there have been those who have had a "big idea" and did survive in spite of those who sought to sabotage their mission. They knew it was the right thing to do and continued on even when faced with hardship and criticism. One example was when President John F. Kennedy offered a big, bold vision of getting to the moon. Yes, he had NASA, but this was truly a giant leap to do something never done before. There had been several attempts and many failures, but there was a desire to keep moving forward. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took those famous steps on the moon's surface. They had kept true to the mission and vision, and that vision was there for all to see.

Even Jesus lived into a big and bold vision of proclaiming that God is at hand and doing something new. The religious leaders did not like having their way of life disrupted by this itinerant preacher, but Jesus and his followers kept moving forward together, calmly and courageously. Even as Jesus demonstrated the deep compassion to care for people, he also challenged the status quo by offering a new way to Life. Jesus' work and ministry demonstrated God's love and has led to a new understanding of who God is, and how God is at work.

As a church, we entered uncharted territory because of all that we have experienced and learned in these last 15 months. Without a lot of people engaged in the learning process and seeking a new life within the new ways of being a church, we could not be making the progress we are. However, we are still in uncharted territory. There are still questions and considerations for our future that the Session will continue to wrestle with. But the main thing is that we need to go together. Everyone together, even those who are uncertain about what is happening.

I invite you to continue to pray for the leadership of the church as we seek to discern the working of God in our midst, and as we seek to follow Christ into this unknown. Pray also for one another so that we might travel together, calmly and courageously, living to serve Christ in new ways in this new world. I still do not know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future. I am still not sure where we are going, but I do trust God's guidance for us as we go. So come along and join our journey. Ask questions and offer encouragement. Pray and keep watch. For God is leading us into a new place.

*Grace and peace,
Ann Aichinger*

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime, Jean Thomason, and Mary Kay English.

At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise

Pastoral Concerns:

- Angel Anderson, friend of Allen Harris, is recovering from an animal bite;
- Rachel Ellis, as she recovers from hand surgery;
- Phyllis Morris as she is dealing with health concerns;
- Don Miller is home and dealing with health concerns;
- Larry Surber, as he will have another back surgery in the near future;
- Eleanor Rampe will be going to UVA on June 4 for consultation about her heart condition and lung cancer.



Continue in Prayer for renewed health and strength for:

Doris Crabtree, Jean Thomason, Dora Webb, Ken Hale's mother, Lorraine, Glenn Himstedt's mother Mary, Mary Wampler's mother, Barbara, Allen and Retta Vance, Alice Owenby, Bob and Becky Ingram, Courtney Reese, Mark McCord, Vickie Salyer and her family, John and Linda Barker and family, Bobby Davis, Alice Owenby, Coleen Wheeler, Randy Broyles, and Jim Matson.

Please call the church office (276-669-3157) with any pastoral concerns, and please feel free to contact Ann Aichinger or any of the Elders through email, Facebook, or by phone.

Memorials...

To the General Fund in Memory of Bob Stuart, given by Ralph and Terri Davis and Mary Moffatt.

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of Bob Stuart, given by George and Beth Parks, James Moncrief, Scott and Connie Bullock, and Bob and Joday Blevins.

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of Jean Bane, given by Sandi Hendricks, Bill and Patsy Ward, Scott and Connie Bullock, and Carolyn Williams.

To the Music Fund in Memory of Jean Bane, given by Barbara Daniel and Guy and Joy Briggs.

*Celebration
of Life*

There will be a Celebration of Life and the Resurrection for

Daphne McCord

on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this worship service as we share our memories of Daphne and sing our praises to God.

Sermons...

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June 6	Life in the Spirit: Seeing that God is Enough	Mark 3:20-35; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1	Sanctuary
June 13	Life in the Spirit: Attitude of the Heart	Mark 4:26-34; 2 Cor. 5:6-10	Central Hall
June 20	Life in the Spirit: Living by Faith not Fear	Mark 4:35-41; 2 Cor. 6:1-13	Sanctuary
June 27	Life in the Spirit: Finding Hope in Hard Times	Mark 5:21-43; 2 Cor. 8:7-15	Central Hall

Worship Opportunities...

We will be continuing to offer an online worship service that is uploaded to the church website on Saturday night for those who are still hesitant about being in-person, or who are on vacation and want to stay connected. We will also broadcast the service to the parking lot on station 106.7 FM which allows you to sit in your car and listen to worship. As we gather for in-person worship, we will be alternating between the Sanctuary and Central Hall through the month of September. Please feel free to connect with us as you are able.



Please keep in your prayers our Youth and the adult chaperones that will be traveling to attend the Montreat Youth Conference on Sunday, June 6. The theme this year is *Called to Connect* and will be held June 6-12.

Those attending are: Alisa Harris and Kenzie Starling, Maddie Harris, Sydney Collier, Ada Ritchie and her friend Chelsea Sullins, Josie Russell, and Ann Aichinger. They will live together in a house in Montreat, prepare and eat their meals together, and attend keynote, worship, and small group events.

These girls are looking forward to connecting with each other, but also making connections with new friends. We hope to be able to share our experiences with the congregation as a part of our Youth Sunday worship later in the summer.

Due to the area's recent 911 system upgrade, many of us will have an address change. This change is now effective as of May 1, 2021, and as a result, has prompted us to begin work on a new church directory. Even though you have mail delivery for up to one year at your current address, making the address change now will benefit all of us as we move forward. **The new church address is:**

331 Euclid Avenue, Bristol, VA 24201



We are asking that those of you who will be affected by the address change to please let the church office know your new address as soon as you can so that there will be no interruption in receiving any church-related correspondence, newsletters, financial statements.

Please send your updated address information to office.cpc@bvu.net and include:

1. Name
2. Old Address
3. New Address

This is a great time to update phone numbers, email addresses, and any other information. We will work on updating this information throughout the summer, but don't delay....take care of this **today!** Thank you.

A Congregational Meeting as been called by the Session for Sunday, June 20, 2021 immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary. At this meeting, we will elect the officers for the Corporation, and elect the new Elders for the Class of 2024. We hope that all of our members will be able to be a part of this important work of the church.

Those nominated for Elder are:

Patty Caldwell, John Dodge, Missy McCord, Sheree Taylor, and Linda Waldron.

Missionary News...



A Letter from Dan and Elizabeth Turk, serving in Madagascar

A May Update: New Mango Nursery at Mandritsara in Northern Madagascar. May 2021

To read more about the Turk’s mission in Madagascar, and to catch up on PC(USA) news and events, please visit the website at:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/a-may-update-new-mango-nursery-at-mandritsara-in-northern-madagascar/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Read+the+latest+from+Dan+and+Elizabeth+Turk+Presbyterian+Mission+Agency&utm_campaign=Dan+and+Elizabeth+Turk+RSS



Sunday	June 6	1:30 p.m.	Youth and adults leave for Montreat Youth Conference
Monday	June 7	7:00 p.m.	AA Meets
Wednesday	June 9	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meets
Saturday	June 12	12:00 Noon	Youth return from Montreat
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meets
Sunday	June 13	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Central Hall
Monday	June 14	7:00 p.m.	AA Meets
Tuesday	June 15	12:00 Noon	Staff Meeting (in-person and Zoom)
		7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday	June 16	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meets
Saturday	June 19	2:00 p.m.	Celebration of Life for Daphne McCord (Sanctuary)
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meets
Sunday	June 20		Father’s Day
		10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
		11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary



Update...

At this time, the CPC Session maintains that we are to continue to wear masks when gathering inside as a group. Session will revisit these guidelines (below) at the June stated meeting, and we will inform you of any changes in action.

Remember...the wearing of masks and social distancing is one visible way that we can care for one another and show our love as a community of faith. For those of you who have the greatest threat from the COVID virus, you need to know that we are seeking real ways to care for you. Please consider how all of you can do your part within the community of faith here at Central while continuing to show your love for one another.

With some of the restrictions being eased, we do invite you to wear your colored bracelets (or pick yours up at the church.) Of course, this is still a fluid situation, and we do not want to pressure anyone into a place of feeling uncomfortable.

- The BLUE bracelets still indicates that you are vaccinated, and if you have not been vaccinated, we hope that you will make a plan to be vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Since the restrictions have changed in Virginia as far as physical contact is concerned, the GREEN bracelet will now indicate that you are okay with hugs or handshakes.
- YELLOW bracelets now indicate that you favor fist bumps or elbow bumps as the physical contact.
- The RED bracelets indicate that you desire to maintain no physical contact at this time.



**Don't forget to sign up for Sunday
Worship flowers. The sign up
sheet is on the bulletin board in
the hallway outside of the office.
Thank you!**



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How to Keep in Touch:

www.facebook.com/CPCBristol: You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click “not now” and the site will pop up. Scroll down to find the latest message.

www.CentralPresBristol.org: Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Pastor Ann’s videos for each day.

Options for giving to the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian:

- * You can give in a check, or cash, in the offering plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to:

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- * You can give through your online banking to Central.
- * You can set up an automatic deposit from your account; please talk with the Finance Director on how to do this.
- * You can TEXT to **CentralPres** (no spaces and Capital C and P) to **73256**. You will be directed to make your donation through Realm.
- * You can give one time, or regularly, through your **Realm Connect** profile.



Reminder: Please continue to send in your pledges and financial support for Central Presbyterian. Although the church building may not be fully operational, the work and ministry is still happening.

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Office Hours:

The current office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please call 276-669-3157 for office hour changes and updates.

