

CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church
June 23, 2021

Reflections from Montreat

Our high school youth went to Montreat on June 6-12 and the theme was ***Called to Connect***. We were challenged to rebuild our connections with each other and with God. It was an awesome week, and below are the brief reflections from the youth. Thank you to everyone who supports and assists in getting our youth to these kinds of events. We hope to share with the church family our experience at a Youth Sunday service later in the summer.

Pictured L-R: Ann Aichinger, Sydney Collier, Maddie Harris, Alisa Harris, Kenzie Starling, Chelsea Sullins, Ada Ritchie, and Josie Russell



At the Morning Keynote



Sydney Collier: The week was all about connections. We connected better as a youth group and also made new connections with people from all over the country. Thank you for all your help and support!

Maddie Harris: This week was so amazing! I am so grateful for all the new friends and memories! Thank you so much for helping us to be able to come to Montreat!

Ada Ritchie: Montreat was so much fun! I made so many new friends and connections. I also got closer with the people in my group. Thank you for helping us to go to Montreat. I really appreciate it---it was super fun!

Chelsea Sullins: This week in Montreat was so much fun. We all grew closer and made connections with new people. Thank you for helping make this trip possible and thanks for the love.

Kenzie Starling: Thank you so much for helping me to be able to go to such a great conference. I am so glad I was able to come and be a part of such a powerful time for me and for our group.

Alisa Harris: My experience at Montreat is always on of the best. I can't express how much I love to be there. I feel as though we all great in faith and friendships. Thank you so much for the love and support!

Josie Russell: I loved being back at Montreat again this year! We took a wonderful group of young ladies who grew closer to one another as a group, moved further in their relationship with God and made many new friends! I am so thankful for the experiences I had and that they had as well.

Ann Aichinger: Montreat is such a special place and offers a chance to take a moment and breathe and change the pace of life. One thing our group wanted to do was to stay for another week. But I reminded them that what they had learned and seen and been a part of this week needed to be brought back to Bristol, and to their friendships and families at home. Things like extending kindness and grace, being true to yourself, seeing the good in each other as well as seeing how God is at work in life. Thank you to so many who support and love our youth and encourage us to help them grow in their faith.

Congregational Joys and Concerns...

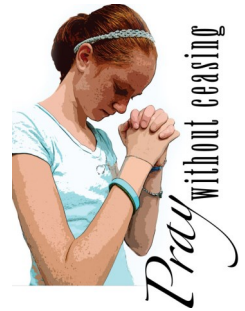
At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

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

At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise

At Oakmont: Allen Vance

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Pastoral Concerns:

- ♦ Allen Vance has moved to Gordon Park into the Memory Care Unit. His address is Gordon Park, 401 Gordon Avenue, Room 1414, Bristol, VA 24201. Retta is at home;
- ♦ Doris Crabtree as she is struggling with her health;
- ♦ Corrie McCord Bloom (Daphne McCord's daughter) is recovering from a fall;
- ♦ Joan Keith as she continues to struggle with some confusion and related issues. She and Jim are staying with Jim's sister, Linda, in Bluff City;
- ♦ Lois Clarke is doing well recovering from surgery;
- ♦ Ellie Rampe had a heart catheterization on Tuesday, June 22 at UVA;
- ♦ Travis Campbell is recovering from knee replacement surgery;
- ♦ Rick Griffin is recovering from knee replacement surgery;

Continued prayers for:

Dora Webb, Don Miller, Phyllis Morris, Alice Owenby, Bob and Becky Ingram, Courtney Reese, Carol Duhaime, Mary Kay English, Jean Thomason, and Mark McCord.

Prayers for family members:

Marguerite Buckley's brother-in-law, Terry is recovering from being in the hospital, Josie Russell's grandfather, Leo Long who has been in the hospital in Houston, TX, Mary Wampler's mother, Barbara, and Connie Bullock's sister as she is going through cancer treatments.

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.

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy to:

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labors and their deeds will follow them."

Revelation 14:13

The family and friends of Kim Profitt whose father, Roger Olson, passed away June 19, 2021 in Houston, Texas. His service will be held in August in Houston.

The family and friends of Jim Matson, who passed away on October 1, 2020. We will celebrate his life this fall at the celebration of all those who have died in the last year.

Memorials...

To the General Fund in Memory of Steve Jackson, given by Christine Jackson Davenport

To the General Fund in Memory of Bob Stuart, given by Ann Aichinger..

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of Jean Bane, given by E.S. and Selma Jennings.

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of Bob Stuart, given by Nancy Kiser, Barbara McFaddin, Betty Lowe Jenkins Charest, and Jim and Barbara Davis.

To the Music Fund in Memory of Jean Bane, given by Ed and Betty Whitehead.

To the Music Fund in Memory of Bill English, given by Ed and Betty Whitehead.

To the Music Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Mrs. Sarah S. Scott.

Congregational News...

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We are pleased to receive Kim Profitt into the membership of Central Presbyterian by letter of transfer from First United Church of Christ in Salisbury, NC.

Kim has two sons and one daughter-in-law. Her comment about Central was "When I walked onto the parking lot, I knew I was home." Kim is already a part of the choir as a soprano.

To contact Kim: Kim Profitt
282 Alpine Drive
Bristol, VA 24201-3291
kimprofitt@hotmail.com



Good News From the Church Family...

Leslie Mumpower (one of our nursery workers) has a new job at Princeton Prep. School in Johnson City. She will be a classroom preschool teacher. Congratulations, Leslie!

Thank You...

"I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and telephone calls I have received since I have been at Brookdale. They mean a lot. Thank you for the bulletin each week." Blessings,

Jean Thomason

New Elders Elected...

The following were elected on June 20 to be the new class of Elders to serve in leading this congregation: **Patty Caldwell, John Dodge, Missy McCord, Sheree Taylor, and Linda Waldron.**

Patty Caldwell will be ordained, and they will all be installed on **Sunday, July 18** at the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. Please keep them, and all the session in your prayers.

Thank you to those who have served on the Session for the last 3 years and whose term has ended: **John Barker, Lois Clarke, Nancy Kiser, Donnie Spurell, and Jenna Wagner.**

Thank you also to the Nominating Committee for their work in nominating the class of 2024 elders: John Barker, Chair, Nancy Kiser, Nancy Arnold, Maddie Harris, Barbara Mann, Barbara Oakley, and William Wampler.



New Elders Class of 2024

L-R: Patty Caldwell, John Dodge, Sheree Taylor, Missy McCord, and Linda Waldron.

The session met on Tuesday, June 15 by Zoom.

- ♦ Kim Profitt was received into membership of Central, and welcomed on Sunday, June 20.
- ♦ We examined the elders for the class of 2024. All were approved and welcomed as part of the Session.
- ♦ Ann Aichinger gave her pastors report which included information about her upcoming vacation to New England (August 18-30.) She and Barbara Mann will be traveling together. Ann will drop off the Session books from 1975-2005 at the PCUSA Historical Society in Philadelphia. She will also be participating in Creative Arts/Fall Craft week Conference at Montreat Conference Center on September 26-October 1. She will also be leading a workshop as a part of the Abingdon Presbytery Mountaintop Leadership day on Saturday, October 16 at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church in Marion, VA.
- ♦ Abingdon Presbytery will meet on July 8, 2021 at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, VA. John Dodge will be the representative to this meeting with John Barker as alternate. At this meeting, the new Presbytery leader, Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle. She will be preaching as well as being received into the Presbytery with a reception to follow.
- ♦ We approved the transfer of membership of Donna Leonard to State Street United Methodist Church.
- ♦ There were several committees that had written reports and actions taken:
- ♦ Administration and Staff committee recommended the following slate as officers for the Corporation:

President: Briggs Allen

Vice President: John Dodge

Registering Agent: Linda Waldron

Secretary: Niki McGrew

- ♦ Care and Concern Committee continues to check in on people in our church family
- ♦ Evangelism Committee is maintaining the church website and posting information on Facebook.
- ♦ Fellowship and Dining will begin hosting coffee in the church kitchen on Sundays when worship is in Central Hall, and Lemonade in the Shade on Sundays when worship is in the Sanctuary.
- ♦ Mission and Outreach Committee brought to Session the Christmas in July project which is in partnership with Communities in Schools of Bristol, VA Public Schools. (See more information in this newsletter.)
- ♦ Property and Maintenance Committee submitted a written report about the bids received on having new vinyl windows installed in the education part of the building, and painting and repairing the shutters and window areas.
- ♦ **Worship Committee recommended to continue to remain status quo with the guidelines for responding to Covid-19. A substitute motion was made and approved with the following guidelines:**
 - Those vaccinated can exercise their best judgment about wearing face coverings.
 - Those not fully vaccinated should wear face coverings at all times when inside.
 - If you choose to wear a mask or if you choose not to wear a mask, there's no shame or judgment.
 - The colored bracelets are still available to help with indicating the level of physical contact that you may desire: **GREEN** indicates hugs and handshakes are acceptable; **YELLOW** indicates that fist bumps or elbow bumps are desired and **RED** is to request no physical contact at all.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. in hybrid form both in-person and by Zoom.

Sermons...

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June 27	Hope in Desperate Times	Mark 5:21-43
July 4	Freedom From and Freedom For	Galatians 5:1-14
July 11	Breaking Down Dividing Walls	Ephesians 2:11-22
July 18	Rooted in and Grounded in Love	Ephesians 3:14-21

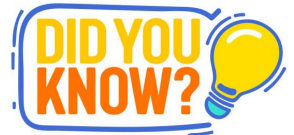
Did you know that Central has a theater on the top floor with seating for 30?

Did you know that there is a bomb shelter in the basement?

Have you seen the café, or know where the soft drink machine is located?

Are you wanting to find out about how you can be involved in the life of the church?

Are you interested in joining Central Presbyterian Church, or learning more about Central's ministry and mission?



Then please talk to Ann Aichinger or one of the Elders to learn more about Central's ministry.

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.

Faith Community COVID Town Hall Meeting Supporting the Faith Community for COVID recovery

Presentations by:

- ♦ Mount Rogers Health District
- ♦ Sullivan County Health Department
- ♦ Cities of Bristol VA and TN
- ♦ United Way of Bristol TN/VA
- ♦ STRONG Accountable Care Community and Ballad Health
- ♦ Summit Companies
- ♦ Trauma-Responsive Care Community



TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

10:30 A.M. VIA zoom

Pre-register at

<http://bit.ly/COVIDTownHall2021>

Hosted by www.BristolsPromise.org

Central Appalachian Project Mission Team

A group from Central Presbyterian went to Harlan, KY and worked on a man's home. Those attending were:

L-R: Trish James, Lois Clarke, Larry Clarke, Gale Thompson, and Mike Vollmer.



They assisted in helping to get water back into a home. But first, they had to remove 1,100 pounds of empty cans from the basement to get started at the hot water heater!



But they got water running, and re-plumbed the house as well as delivered the cans to the recycling center. These pictures show them hard at work and working together as a team.



Christmas in July

We will be participating in the Christmas in July project through Communities in Schools with the Bristol, VA public schools. This is an opportunity for us to provide new clothes for those children of our community as they begin the new school year. There are two ways you can be a part:

1. **SHOP FOR STUDENTS:** Pick up a form from the table in the entry area and it will indicate the child's sizes, style, and color preferences so "adopters" can then shop for the student for the following items:

2 tops, 2 pairs of pants or shorts with elastic waist, 1 pack of socks, 1 pack of underwear

After shopping is complete, the items can be placed in one large bag per student with the shopping form attached to the bag, and return the bag to the church office by **Sunday, July 18**.

2. **SPONSOR A STUDENT:** Sponsor a student by making a monetary donation of \$75. High school students will be taken shopping to purchase their own school clothes. This allows CIS to meet the students' needs, ensuring that they get exactly what they need.

Donations can be made rough their website: www.cisofswva.org/donations/christmasinjury, or by donating to Central with **Christmas in July** in the memo line. All donors are asked to spend approximately \$50 - \$75 for each student sponsored. By placing a spending limit on each child, we can ensure that ALL children in the home receive a comparable amount of items.

**I GOT
MY COVID-19
VACCINE!**



We want to know if you have been vaccinated for Covid-19. We have received many responses, and yet we know that some of you have gotten your shot recently. Please let the church office know if you have been fully vaccinated or have an appointment to be vaccinated so we can update our records. It is one way that we can live in love within our faith community. Call 276-669-3157 or email us at office.cpc@bvu.net. Thank you.

AmazonSmile is a great opportunity to help make a difference in our community. There is NO cost to you to sign up and support our local charities.

Simply follow the instructions below to select a charity which includes The Bristol Food Pantry, Bristol Faith in Action, Healing Hands, Habitat for Humanity, and several others that Central is a part of. When you make a purchase, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to the charity of your choice.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "The Bristol Emergency Food Pantry" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



July Birthdays



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Bethany Lewis	1	Barbara Oakley	18
Vicki Wilson	2	Mary Moffatt	19
Christian Dodson	2	Collin Waldron	19
Caroline Jones	3	Lindsey Hale	20
Greyson Meade	3	Madalyn Arnold	20
Clark Wilson	5	Jessee Wagner	20
Marguerite Buckley	5	Meredith Hale	21
Allison Estes	6	David White	21
Jennifer Estes	6	Morgan Hale	22
Emily Ann Thompson	8	Sam Scott	22
Becka Reese	8	Emma Prince	25
Carolynn Anderson	10	Mike Dodge	28
Maddy Harris	11	Jenna Wagner	28
Kim Moore	12	Jeanie Franklin	29
Winnie Hendricks	12	Pete Buhls	30
Ann Aichinger	13	Doris Gordon	30
John Barker	14	Bib Ingram	31
Michelle Mercer	14	Alice Blanton	31
Eugene Waldron	15		

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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.



Sunday, June 27	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Central Hall
Thursday, July 1	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels Delivery from Central
	4:00 p.m.	Care and Concern Committee in person
Sunday, July 4	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
Monday, July 5	OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday, July 6	12:00 Noon	Central Life Articles due to office
Thursday, July 8	9:30 a.m.	Abingdon Presbytery meeting at Sinking Spring

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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:

Central Presbyterian Church
331 Euclid Avenue
Bristol, VA 24201-4013
- * 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.

