

Central Presbyterian Church
July 7, 2021

John S. Dixon In Concert at Central PC Wednesday July 14th 7:00 p.m.

*It is with great excitement that I inform the members and friends of Central Presbyterian Church that we will host John S. Dixon, organist/composer, in an organ concert, **Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** John is the Organist and Composer-in-Residence at Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, and as it happens, is the church that Ann Aichinger's parents attend.*



John was born near London, England in 1957. He earned degrees at the Queen's College, Oxford and Harvard University. He moved to America in 1988 and has served at Providence Presbyterian since 1998. He has over 800 compositions to his credit, many of which are published. His works include choral, orchestral and both sacred and secular keyboard and organ music. John holds the Colleague Certificate of the American Guild of Organists, and currently serves as Treasurer/Councilor for Financial Affairs of the National AGO. In 2003, he was appointed Executive Director of the Academy of Music, a non-profit community music school in Norfolk, VA.

John is currently involved in the "50-60-70 Project" in which his goal is to share his music in all 50 states between his 60th and 70th birthdays. John plays his own music, always a diverse program with something for each audience member to enjoy, and everything on the program is available in one form or another to audience members. Unpublished pieces are provided without charge, and published collections are offered for sale at a discount, or may be purchased from your favorite music store.

I became familiar with John's music when I attended the National AGO (American Guild of Organists) Convention in Kansas City five years ago. John had included one of his compositions in our packets with information on the back for obtaining more of his music for 'free'. As I am always one to take advantage of obtaining free music, I quickly got in touch with him and began acquiring more of his compositions. I found them to be very accessible, well written and appropriate for our worship services. You may have noticed that I play many of his pieces. Although I now have acquired over 20 compositions at no cost, I have also purchased several of his albums, never being disappointed in the music. The piece he gifted us with at the AGO Convention will be included in his program on the 14th.

Although I think of John as a friend, I will be meeting him in-person at the same time you will. We have emailed back and forth for 5 years now, so I am especially excited about finally meeting the man who has so generously shared his music with me...and anyone else who requests it. There are not many composers who are willing to share their music so freely. **Please join us on Wednesday, July 14th at 7:00 pm for a delightful evening of organ music as written and performed by John S. Dixon. (Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.)**

Congregational Joys and Concerns...

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

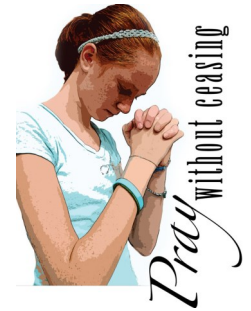
At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime, Jean Thomason, and Mary Kay English.

At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise

At Oakmont: Allen Vance

Pastoral Care Concerns:

- ◆ Briggs Allen had surgery in Johnson City on July 7 to remove a large kidney stone. Please keep him and Elise in your prayers;
- ◆ Dora Webb remains in the hospital dealing with serious health concerns;
- ◆ Jack Wagner had his second cataract surgery on July 6;
- ◆ Bob and Becky Ingram who are at home and dealing with continued health concerns;
- ◆ Barbara Mann who will be having a follow-up scan next week;
- ◆ Ellie Rampe is waiting for further information about her lung cancer and heart issues.



Continued prayers for:

Travis Campbell, Lois Clarke, Doris Crabtree, Carol Duhaime, Mary Kay English, Rick Griffin, Jim and Joan Keith, Mark McCord, Don Miller, Phyllis Morris, Alice Owenby, Courtney Reese, Jean Thomason, and Allen and Retta Vance.

Prayers for family members:

- ◆ Josie Russell's grandfather, Leo Long is in a rehab center in Houston, TX;
- ◆ Mary Wampler's mother, Barbara;
- ◆ Connie Bullock's sister as she is going through cancer treatments.
- ◆ Barbara Mann's brother in Indiana.

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.

Thank You...

"Dear Friends at Central,

Betty and I are now settled in our new home in Roanoke, Virginia. We have been here a year already and are now emerging from the year of Covid and being in. We are now visiting churches around the area. We have so appreciated the cards, notes, and phone calls during the year from so many of you. They all helped us while adjusting to the move, and missing Central. After 57 years at Central, we have a heart full of memories to sustain us. We enjoy being near Wade and Scott's families. Please know that we will always hold you dear to our hearts, and wish for Central the best of ministries to come as you continue to witness to your faith and devotion to each other."

Love to you!!

Ed and Betty Whitehead

Sermons...

July 11

Breaking Down Dividing Walls

Ephesians 2:11-22

July 18

Rooted in and Grounded in Love

Ephesians 3:14-21

The CPC Men's group will meet at the church on Monday, July 12th at 7:00 a.m. to begin planning to resume meeting. Please bring a breakfast food to share.

Good News From the Church Family...

Congratulations to Nic Fuller who has been accepted into the accelerated nursing program at ETSU starting this fall. Nic will be working towards his BSN.

Congratulations to Rob and Carly Hollo on their recent move to Abingdon, VA. The move makes Rob's office closer for them.

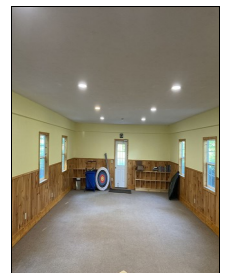


**Holston Camp Preschool
in Banner Elk**

We Need Gently-Used Furnishings

Hello Friends,

We have renovated the Directors Hall (boat house pavilion for you old timers) with bathrooms. Our goal is to offer a licensed preschool for 3-5 year olds. We need donations of gently used, child-friendly, age-appropriate furnishings for indoors and outdoors, such as small tables, chairs, play centers, framed posters, books, toys, etc.



Please contact [Jim Austin](#) for a pickup. Thank you!



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.



Canoeing the Mountain by Tod Bolsinger - Part 5

Over the last few months, I have been reflecting with you on the book *Canoeing the Mountains*, and how the idea of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to find a waterway to the west coast has offered insight into living in this new time. In the midst of the pandemic and how life is changing so fast, especially in the church, we can learn much from their experiences. With their orders from President Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and the Corps of Discovery team with the assistance of native Americans, were convinced that the Missouri River flowed to the Pacific Ocean. They came to the head waters of the river and discovered the “horrible mountains” of the Rockies. They chose to continue on the adventure rather than return defeated.

Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery arrived on the Oregon coast and found a way to the Pacific Ocean. It was not how they had assumed it would go. They had to learn new skills and ways of doing things as well as retooling canoes when they found the western waterway. They had to keep their eyes on what was ahead rather than longing for what they had left behind. They discovered that those they met along the way (native Americans) were in fact helpful and friendly when invited to be a part of the journey. Lewis and Clark learned how to adapt their leadership, learned new skills to navigate uncharted land, and how to rely upon the wisdom of those who knew this area best; in particular Sacagawea and her son, John Baptiste (who was just a baby on this venture.) They had to trust the words of those who were not in a position of power to lead them into this new land. But for Sacagawea and the Shoshone tribe, this land was home. In the journey to the Pacific Ocean, several of the team departed to explore new areas along the way. John Coulter and two trappers went to explore the Yellowstone River where they found geysers and thermal hot springs that became Yellowstone National Park. The entire team was transformed by the journey. Everyone involved found out new things about themselves and what it means to continue moving forward - together.

Probably one of the saddest parts of this story is that Meriwether Lewis commits suicide on the way back to Washington. This journey took over two years, and the toll it took on individuals was significant. During the journey forward, Lewis’ alcoholism and depression seemed at bay. However, with the return home and the looming deadlines of journals to be written and the expectations of creditors, he lost his sense of purpose. While on the expedition his focus was different, but on the return to his “normal” life” he was unfortunately led down a dark road. If only there was a way for him to continue forward; but that was not a part of the plan.

As we are living not only in this pandemic time where everything seems to still be fluid and moving, we are also living in a time of post-Christendom. A time where things in the church, and in the world, are in flux and need to be re-examined in order to have time to discern how God is calling us into a new time of faithfulness. As Lewis and Clark had to learn to listen to those from the margins, we, too, need to learn from those who are serving Christ from the margins and who are finding ways to engage with local communities, as well as seeing the diversity of our world and allowing the stories of others to impact our faith journey - together.

For us as the church, we are invited to focus on how God is calling us forward in faith, and to explore new opportunities for ministry and mission. We are to continue our journey together, hopeful for what is ahead, and not bemoaning the loss of the past. We also are invited to learn new ways and new options for faithful living as Christ followers. I am hopeful for our life together as Central Presbyterian. Yes, over the next decade and the generations to come, the church will change and shift and move in new areas. This is okay, as long as we go together as the people of God.

I hope you will continue to pray for the leadership of the church as well as for God’s continual guidance as we explore new areas of ministry.

*Grace and peace,
Ann Aichinger*



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:

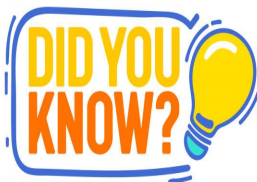
1. **SHOP FOR STUDENTS:** Pick up a form from the table in the entry area and it will indicate the child's sizes, style, and color preferences so "adopters" can then shop for the student for the following items:

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/christmasinJuly, 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.



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.

Change of Address...



**Rob and Carly Hollo
18449 Westwood Drive
Abingdon, VA 24211**

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.



Bible Literacy is one of those things that everyone (even preachers and scholars) has to continue to work on. Because Scripture is considered living, it means that stories and passages can speak new words into our daily lives. No matter how much or how little you have read the Bible and no matter if you read through the Bible every year or never have, to understand Scripture takes dedication and work. It is not just reading your favorite stories or passages, but also wrestling with the obscure, less known stories and the hard passages that seem to contradict other passages. Being in a study with other Christians allows you to grow in understanding, knowledge, and wisdom which leads to a clearer understanding of living as a follower of Christ and a servant of the Living God. We have a wonderful opportunity for everyone to be involved in reading through Scripture together.

On Sunday, July 18 at 9:00 a.m., the Adult Bible Study Sunday School class (previously meeting in the Parlor) will have a reorganizing meeting in the Small Dining room at the church. There will be coffee available. Everyone interested in being a part of this class is invited to come. Whenever the class starts back, we will pick up where we left off on March 7, 2020, and continue with the reading through the Bible in 6 years. At this meeting, we will make decisions about when to start back and who would be willing to lead the discussions. So come with your calendar and be prepared to jump in and be an active part of this wonderful Bible Study class!

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Most of us put in a lot of time tending to our yards, flower beds, trees and bushes, and vegetable gardens. We try to keep the weeds at bay so as not to have them totally take over an area. We trim and prune as needed, and clip off the dead flowers so that the plants will produce more flowers. But it is hard work. As a part of Central Presbyterian Church, we need to also care for the flower beds and planted areas around the church. Over the years, different people have taken on this task, but wouldn't it be a good idea to work together in "teams" on a monthly basis to maintain the landscape of the church?

If you are interested in helping to be a part of a gardening group that meets monthly to weed and trim and keep the church grounds looking good, then meet at the church on Saturday, July 31 from 9:00 -10:30 a.m. We will work for about an hour, then come in for refreshments and a brief Bible Study on gardening, then continue to work on a schedule for keeping the church yard in top condition. If you are unable to come on this date but you are interested in helping, please let the church office know so we can keep you informed of upcoming dates.

Calendar for the week of July 11-18



Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Activity. Rows include Sunday, July 11 (Worship in Central Hall), Monday, July 12 (Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Group), Tuesday, July 13 (Middle School Youth gather), Wednesday, July 14 (Organ Concert), Saturday, July 17 (Youth return from Montreat), and Sunday, July 18 (Worship in Sanctuary with Installation of elders).

Ephesians 2: 11- 22

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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.

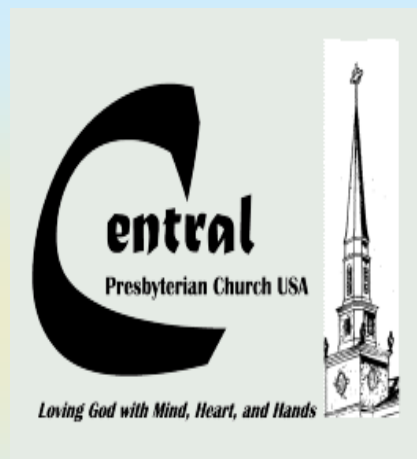
www.CentralPresBristol.org: Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Pastor Ann’s videos for each day.

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.

