

# CENTRAL LIFE

**Central Presbyterian Church**  
**August 18, 2021**



**A Season of Peace opens on Sunday, September 5 and concludes on World Communion Sunday, October 3.**

Welcome to the 2021 Season of Peace. This four-week pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. Through daily “Path of Peace” reflections, “Peace Cards” for children and families, Bible and book studies for adults, children’s curriculum, a coloring poster, an intergenerational peace fair, and other downloadable resources, Participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers. This season is a time of encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education.

While these resources are designed to culminate in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, they are appropriate for any time of the year. This year’s theme returns to a text that the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program has used for a number of years to guide its work. It is the concluding hope of the second letter to the Thessalonians: “May the God of peace grant you peace at all times in all ways.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16) It is our hope that you will be enriched, renewed and enlivened in all the times and ways of your peacemaking and global witness. Resources included in A Season of Peace include:

***Path of Peace Daily Reflections***

***Peace Fair***

***Peace Cards***

***Children’s Curriculum***

***Adult Bible Study***

***Adult Book Study***



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**For more information, visit the PCUSA website at:**

**<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace/>**

**Presbyterian Church PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission, Season of Peace, 2021, <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace/>**

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

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

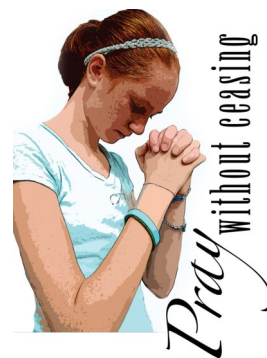
At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise

At Oakmont: Allen Vance

At Encompass: Dora Webb

### Pastoral Concerns:

- ♦ Randy Broyles is recovering from a fall and loves to get calls (423-573-1552) and visits (vaccinated only);
- ♦ Dora Webb has contracted pneumonia and is recovering at Encompass;
- ♦ Ken Brittle is at home recovering from heart surgery, cards only;
- ♦ Larry Surber who had a cancer removed from his temple;
- ♦ Travis Campbell is home and recovering;
- ♦ Lois Clarke who is going through daily radiation treatments;
- ♦ Ken Hale is recovering from cataract surgery;
- ♦ Jenna Wagner is moving this week to Maryville, TN to start a new job with a startup company;
- ♦ Dr. Darlene Litton, is recovering from a very serious illness (She is a Certified Lay Pastor in Presbytery);
- ♦ Rev. Mike Weller, who is beginning chemotherapy and radiation for a brain tumor (he and his wife Rachel were missionaries to Ethiopia and now he is a pastor within the Presbytery.)



### Continued Prayers for:

Jim Butcher, Doris Crabtree, Bob and Becky Ingram, Don Miller, Carol Duhaime, Mary Kay English, Rick Griffin, Jim and Joan Keith, Mark McCord, Fred Osborne, Alice Owenby, Ellie Rampe, Courtney Reese, Jean Thomason, and Allen and Retta Vance.

### Prayers for Family Members:

- ♦ Mary Wampler's mother, Barbara;
- ♦ Connie Bullock's sister, Linda is now in hospice care at her home;
- ♦ Barbara Mann's brother in Indiana.

### 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

Mike and Terry Parks in the death of Mike's mother, Joyce Parks who passed away Thursday, August 5, 2021 in Bristol, TN.

### Sermons...



August 22

Can you follow Jesus? What it means today.  
Joshua 24:14-15, John 6:56-69

**Rev. Bill Wing, guest preacher**

Central Hall

August 29

He Comes Dancing Across the Mountains  
Song of Songs 2:8-13

**Rev. Dr. Don Hudson, guest preacher**

Sanctuary

Sept. 5

No Pre-Requisites Mark 7:24-37 (Communion Sunday)

Central Hall



To **Meredith Hale**, for completing Physician's Assistant School at Emory and Henry College.

To Jenna Wagner on starting her new job in Maryville, TN next Monday.

## Abingdon Presbytery News...



On Saturday, August 14, Abingdon Presbytery gathered at Glade Spring Presbyterian Church to install Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle as the new Presbytery Leader. Ann Aichinger was a part of the installation commission along with others from our presbytery.

Ann Elyse will be joining us for worship here at Central on Sunday, September 19 in Central Hall, and we hope that you will join us in this opportunity to meet and fellowship with her.

Pictured: Rev. Dr. David Gilbert, pastor at Tazewell PC; Rev. John Markel, pastor at Walnut Grove PC; Jane Davis, Elder at Galena PC; Rev. Ed Soto, pastor at Altavista PC in the Presbytery of the Peaks; Rev. Ann Aichinger; Rev. Tim Bird, pastor at Glade Spring PC; Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle, Abingdon Presbytery Leader; and Brenda Lawson, Elder at Royal Oak PC and Moderator of the Presbytery.

## COVID Update: MASKS REQUIRED

The Session met electronically on Wednesday, July 28 to decide about returning to masking while inside the church building. **It was a unanimous vote to return to wearing masks while in the church building.** This issue was raised due to the new CDC guidelines. Though most of our church family is vaccinated, we still have our children and those with underlying medical issues who are a part of our community to consider, as well as the possibility of even those vaccinated being able to contract the virus. **masks are required while in the building.**

We do ask that everyone abide by this guideline for the care and concern of the whole community. Coffee time and Lemonade in the Shade opportunities will be suspended at this time as well. Please take any precautions you need to take. Know that there is still the pre-recorded worship service, which is posted on Saturday evenings, and on Sunday afternoons, the recording of the Sunday morning service is posted online.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ann Aichinger or any member of Session. Thank you for your understanding as we seek to be flexible and compassionate in light of the rising crisis and concern.

The Session met on Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. After our opening devotion and prayer, we took time to share what we, as individuals, have been pondering or wondering about.

Ann Aichinger gave the pastor's report and reviewed the church calendar.

The Session approved to invite King University Faith and Culture Lecture Series to have four lectures at the church:

**Monday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.** - Alisse Wilkinson, critic and journalist living in New York City. She covers film, culture, and religion.

**Monday, January 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.** - Isaiah McKinnon, former Chief of Police in Detroit, and author of the most-read column from USA Today in 2020 (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/06/11/floyd-killing-police-must-change-former-detroit-chief-column/5341884002/>).

**Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:00 P.m.** - Jeff Munroe, a Buechner lecturer and scholar.

**Apple Committee** submitted the staffing for 2021-22 year. It was approved.

**Christian Education Committee** plans on sending out a survey to families about Christian education for our children. The plan is to resume Sunday school on October 3.

**Finance, Budget and Stewardship committee** brought information about the up-coming Stewardship season which will culminate on Sunday, November 14 as Commitment Sunday;

The Payroll Protection Plan Loan received in 2021 has been forgiven in total;

We are hoping to conclude the Gutter Campaign and pay off that loan by the end of December, 2021;

The endowment will be reconciled by re-allocating monies from the estates of Peggy Shields, Harold Webb and Richard Lee, and the Wadsworth loan repayment totaling \$55,615.84.

**Property and Maintenance Committee** reported that Melvin Shelton has been hired as the church custodian (he has served in this capacity for several years, and was employed by ServiceMaster.) All approved of retroactively approving his hiring to be August 1, 2021;

The plan is to bring a bid to replace the windows in the Education Wing to the September session meeting.

**Worship Committee** are working on concerns about the sound system in the Sanctuary and improving the sound for speaking.

Also, it is planned to resume two services of worship on Sunday, October 3 (9:00 a.m. in Central Hall and 11:00 a.m. in Sanctuary.)

Joy Briggs will be having surgery on her wrist on Tuesday, October 12 and will be out of commission for several weeks.

Received the July Finance Report.

Stewardship season will be October 24 through November 14, 2021;

After going over the pastoral concerns of the church and in families of our communities, we adjourned and closed in prayer.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.





Have you ever thought about “What My Grandmother Taught Me?” This will be the title of our Bible study this fall led by our own Pastor, Ann Aichinger. All women are welcome to join us. Our plan is to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. beginning on September 14, 2021.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please watch for Pastor Ann’s next message in Central Life, and feel free to stop in the church office to look at the study material. We hope to see you at the study!

Your Co-Moderators,  
Mary Ann Blevins and Thais Sikora

### Worship Options Available

As we are moving through this new time, and as we are all adjusting to life post-COVID, we know that our worship opportunities are meeting different needs. We are, of course, offering in-person worship at 10:00 a.m. alternating worship spaces through the month of September. On October 3rd, we will go back to two services at 9:00 a.m. in Central Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

We are continuing to offer pre-recorded worship on the church website ([www.CentralPresBristol.org](http://www.CentralPresBristol.org)) with the bulletin sent out on Fridays. We are looking into adding a live-streaming option which will allow those who are unable to attend in-person to worship at the same time with the gathered congregation on Sunday mornings. In the past, there was an option of DVD’s available. But as there are more and more options available to us, we would like to know if anyone is interested in wanting a DVD from the church worship services.

If you are interested in the DVD option, please let Lynn Gilbert know in the office, or Ed Updyke on the recording team so we can make sure you get a regular copy. Thank you.



### Calendar for August 18 - September 8, 2021

Wednesday, August 18	12:00 Noon	Central Life published
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, August 21	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Gardening Groups - meet at church
Sunday, August 22	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall with Rev. Bill Wing
Monday, August 23	7:15 a.m.	Men’s Group - Meet at Food City on Euclid Ave.
Tuesday, August 24	6:30 p.m.	Embroiderer’s Group - Central Hall
Wednesday, August 25	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, August 29	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Don Hudson
Wednesday, September 1	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, September 2	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels from Central
Sunday, September 5	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Communion in Sanctuary
Monday, September 6		OFFICES CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day
Wednesday, September 8	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

Several weeks ago the Gospel lesson was on the feeding of the 5,000 and the miracle of turning 5 loaves and 2 fishes into enough food for the crowd gathered there. And there were even leftovers. It also happened to be a Communion Sunday, which is also a 'meal' even though it may be symbolic. I started thinking about the many ways communion is celebrated and how people perceive it. Then a Pandemic comes along and changes the way we do many things, and communion is one of them.

There are those who have communion every Sunday and others who observe it once a month. Many use wine and wafers, others grape juice and bread. There are different names for it too. In the Episcopal Church, it is Eucharist. Roman Catholics call it Mass. The church I grew up in observed it as the Lord's Supper. Others call it Sacrament, or Holy Sacrament, even though it is only one of the sacraments of the church.

But what does it all mean? I'm sure it means something different to you than it does to me. But that Sunday morning, I was reminded of an event several years ago when I was visiting a friend in Kokomo, IN. I ALWAYS visit Joan Lacey when I am back home. She used to be my walking buddy when I lived there, and we usually stopped at her house before I headed on home and had a glass of wine together. I usually had a glass of sherry. Joan prefers red wine. On that particular occasion she brought out a box of stale crackers and some cheese left over from a church event the night before. We had a prayer of thanksgiving, the bread and wine were blessed, we drank a toast to our long friendship and then shared all the things that had happened to us since we saw each other last, which included the death of our Golden retriever, Lacey, who was named for her.

As I sat there, I began to think about what this very special time really meant and I turned to Joan and said, "I think we are having Communion." We had the bread and the wine, two children of God, sisters in Christ, sharing comforting words and thanksgiving for all God had done for them. Is there really a better way to describe Holy Communion?

Sometimes it is the seemingly mundane things that turn out to be the holiest, even if it's stale crackers and cheese. I left her house that afternoon knowing I had been in a Holy place.

**Joy S. Briggs**

## Needs a Good Home...

Dimensions: 35 1/2" long x 19 3/4" deep x 29" high. Moves easily with casters.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be in need of a computer desk, please call Marguerite at 704-281-3319 or by email, [mbnc51@yahoo.com](mailto:mbnc51@yahoo.com).



## Gardening Group...

## Central Life

Thanks to all the gardeners that came out in July! As you can see, we had a great turnout. Hopefully, everyone has seen the progress that was made but there is much more to be done!

We will meet again on Saturday, August 21 at 9:00AM to continue our work. Please consider joining us. We will work for about 1-1 ½ hours and then refreshments and a short devotional. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship!



## Face Mask Support Frames...



As we are having to wear masks and face coverings for more time in light of the rise of COVID cases in our area, you are invited to consider getting a mask frame. Ann Aichinger has made these available to those in the church family for \$5 each and these are purchasable in the church office. The frame is made of plastic that has been retrieved from ocean plastic debris, and clips onto your cloth masks. They do not work so well with paper masks. Having a frame helps to lessen the fog on glasses, and makes it easier to breathe by getting the cloth away from your nose and mouth. If you would like to purchase one or two, please stop by the church office during regular office hours, (9:00-2:30), or call Lynn Gilbert to set yours aside (276-669-3157.)

## The Surprising Benefits of Going to Church: 10 Reasons Why You Should Go.

1. Church connects us with God
2. Church Gives Us a Chance to Reflect on Gratitude
3. Church Connects Us Socially
4. Church Helps Us Better Connect with our Spouse
5. Church Allows Us to Feel Reverence
6. Church Provides Plenty of Opportunities to Give Back
7. Church Helps Us "Find the Lesson" in our Trials
8. Church Teaches Us Forgiveness
9. Church Fills Our Hearts with Song
10. Church is Where We Find Deeper Meaning in our Lives

[Ruth Soukup](https://www.livingwellspendingless.com/the-surprising-benefits-of-going-to-church/), Living Well Spending Less, *The Surprising Benefits of Going to Church*, Retrieved Aug. 18, 2021 from <https://www.livingwellspendingless.com/the-surprising-benefits-of-going-to-church/>

# September Birthdays



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Ken Hale	1	Niki McGrew	15
Malin Hollo	1	Bailey Meade	15
Audyn Hollo	1	Rich Williams	15
Linda Fisher	2	Bella Ritchie	16
Ben Morris	2	Myron Wilson	16
Edwin Lacy	4	Hank McBride	16
Linda Esser	5	Paul Conco	18
Jim Keith	5	Eric Blanton	19
Andrew Prince	5	Jameson Calloway	20
Brian Eckley	6	Beth Parks	21
Melanie Buhls	9	Gale Thompson	23
William Wampler	9	Seth Hall	23
Don Hagaman	9	Carter Wade	24
Lea Powers	9	Bill Lamie	25
Paige Thompson	12	Kimberly Parks	25
Katherine Campbell	12	Wes Ritchie	25
Maddy Wilson	13	Ken Brittle	27
Harrison McBride	13	Thais Sikora	27
Patty Canter	15	Randall Mercer	27
Fred Fisher	15	Ashton Waldron	30

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Dear Friends at Central Presbyterian Church,

Elizabeth and I would like to invite you to a Zoom presentation this Thursday , 19 August from 7:00 to 9:00 pm EDT where we will be sharing about our work as PC(USA) mission co-workers in Madagascar. This presentation is sponsored by the Madagascar Mission Network. Registration is required but there is no cost. You can [register](#) and get more information at [MadagascarMissionNetwork.org](https://MadagascarMissionNetwork.org).

We hope that you will be able to join us. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, we cannot speak in-person in churches at this time. This event is an opportunity to learn about the exciting work happening in Madagascar. Please share this email with members of the mission committee at Central PC and with others who might be interested in attending.

Elizabeth and I are in the US still waiting until it will be possible to get back to Madagascar. Even though new Covid-19 cases have been mostly less than 10 per day for some time now, the Malagasy government is still not allowing people to enter in an effort to keep the Delta variant out.

Our latest newsletter is located at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/progress-in-the-time-of-covid/>

Thank you so much for your support. We hope to see you at the event on August 19.

Grace and Peace,  
Dan & Elizabeth Turk  
PC(USA) mission co-workers serving in Madagascar

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## How to Keep in Touch:

[www.facebook.com/CPCBristol](https://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](http://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  
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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.

## How to contact us:

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## Office Hours:

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