



# CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church  
January 5, 2022

## Reflections From a Rocking Chair

Happy New Year! As we come to the end of the Christmas season (12 days of Christmas), we now enter into Epiphany which is a part of the church calendar and is a season where we see the revealing of God in our world, and in our lives. Some years, Epiphany lasts two weeks, but this year we have 8 weeks until Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Epiphany invites us to look again at how we are called to grow in our faith and in our discipleship as followers of Jesus. Yes, we can decide to just keep on doing what we are doing, but I am sensing that it is time for all of us at Central to start trying some new things.

One of those things is to reclaim and reconsider what it means to be people committed to Evangelism. Evangelism, as a word, has become associated with the radical right. And yet, the word evangelism itself means “declaring Good News” and in particular, good news of the Gospel that “God fiercely loves us and is actively at work reconciling broken systems, relationships, lives, and indeed, ALL of Creation.” (Quoted from Dr. Ray Jones, Director of Theology, formation and Evangelism for PCUSA.) But, in many ways, we have relegated the work of evangelism to a committee or a series of activities that seek to grow the church or “get people to heaven.” Of course, we all want our church to grow, and we all want to offer salvation of eternal life to all. But there must be more to the work of Evangelism, right?

So for the season of Epiphany, we are going to look at 8 practices of sharing Good News through my sermon series, **REvangelism**. These practices are for EVERYONE! My hope is that we will have opportunities to practice them together in Bible Study groups throughout the week, through suggestions in my daily videos, and through other postings to Central’s Facebook page. A new way we plan to practice is to have a Wednesday evening group at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. (If you would like to meet during the day, or have a lunch group to meet for an hour, then let me know. I would ask that we have at least 3 people in a small group which allows us all to learn from one another.) I do hope we can have several small groups who would like to meet weekly to discuss a practice and then really apply it through one another.

Another new practice is to create a new printed church directory to help keep us in community with each other. In 2021, many of our church community living in Bristol, VA had to change their house numbers and some even changed road names without ever packing a box! We have a need for an updated directory, and so you are being asked to help us. Over the next three weeks, in the entry area, there will be a directory for you to look at and make sure your information is correct. We want to have addresses, emails, and phone numbers so that we all can stay in contact with one another. If you are on Realm, you can also check your profile and update us with any corrections as well. If you want to join Realm, please email Lynn Gilbert at [office.cpc@bvu.net](mailto:office.cpc@bvu.net) or call the office at 276-669-3157.

As we come into 2022, the question is “What is the new thing God is inviting us to be about?” I hope that you will join in this work of **REvangelism**, and be a part of a study group, or join us on Wednesdays by Zoom. As Disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to be challenged by Jesus’ words found in Matthew 28:19-20:

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

Grace and Peace,  
Ann Aichinger

*At Home:* Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

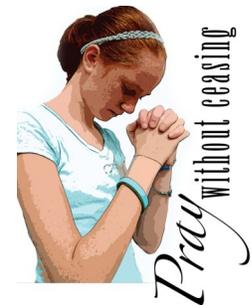
*At Brookdale Bristol:* Carol Duhaime, Jean Thomason, and Mary Kay English.

*At Dominion Senior Care:* Linda Wise

*At Oakmont:* Allen Vance and Dora Webb

**Pastoral Concerns:**

- ◆ Retta Vance is now at home continuing her rehab;
- ◆ Travis Campbell is recovering from knee replacement surgery;
- ◆ Dora Webb who has been in the hospital with seizures.



**Continued Prayers for:**

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Maxine Howell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Mark McCord, Don Miller, Alice Owenby, Allen and Retta Vance, Dora Webb, Linda Wise, and Rev. Mike Weller.

**Prayers for Family members:**

Beverly Bosch (Randy and Phyllis Morris' daughter); Orin Callison, III, son of Peggy Callison; Cathy White's father, Roy.

*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 Lee Budd in the death of his uncle, Roy.*

*The family and friends of Cindy Timp in the death of her daughter, Beth, who passed away at home on December 27, 2021. We also express our sympathy to Gena and Bill Prince, her aunt and uncle.*

*We extend our deepest sympathy to Linda and John Barker in the death of Linda's sister-in-law, Vera Klutz, who passed away December 27, 2021 in Woodleaf, NC.*

**Memorials...**

*To the Computer/Video Fund in Memory of Bill Dennison, Eileen Long, Mary Himstedt, Candy Ellis, and Jean Bane, given by Archer Parsons.*

*To the Gutter Replacement Fund in Memory of Hugh Wise, given by Ed and Verle Sutphin.*

*To Habitat for Humanity in Memory of Hugh Wise, given by Steve and Vickie Clark.*

*To the Special Music Fund in Honor of Robert Campbelle, given by Joy Briggs and in Memory of Jean Bane, given by Ed and Verle Sutphin.*



Calendar for January 5-19, 2022

Wednesday, January 5	12:00 Noon 1:00 p.m. 5:30-6:00 p.m. 6:00-6:30 p.m.	Central Life College Students return from Montreat M.S. Youth - Zoom H.S. Zoom Youth - Zoom
Thursday, January 6	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Backpacks Meals on Wheels from Central Care & Concern Meets
Sunday, January 9	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall Adult Sunday School Worship -Sanctuary ONLINE Worship
Monday, January 10	3:00-4:30 p.m. 4:30-6 p.m.	Middle School Youth - In-person High School Youth - In-person
Wednesday, January 12	5:30 p.m. 5:30-6:00 p.m. 6:00-6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Embroiderer's Board Meets M.S. Youth - Zoom H.S. Zoom Youth - Zoom Bible Study by Zoom
Thursday, January 13	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Backpacks Presbytery Meets at Central
Sunday, January 16	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall Adult Sunday School Worship -Sanctuary ONLINE Worship
Monday, January 17	3:00-4:30 p.m. 4:30-6 p.m.	Middle School Youth - In-person High School Youth - In-person
Tuesday, January 18	12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m.	Central Life Articles Due Staff Meeting Session Meets (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 19	12:00 Noon 5:30-6:00 p.m.	Central Life M.S. Youth - Zoom

Upcoming Sermons...

January 9	REvangelism: Radical Welcome	Ruth 1:15-22; 4:7-12
January 16	REvangelism: Boldness of Prayer	Acts 3:1-10; Matthew 6:7-15
January 23	REvangelism: Living in Justice	Acts 6:1-7; Micah 6:8
January 30	REvangelism: Teaching	Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
February 6	REvangelism: Worship, and the Expansive Table	John 4:19-26
February 13	REvangelism: Sacraments, Living Sacramentally	Exodus 20:8-11; Acts 8:26-46
February 20	REvangelism: Fellowship	Luke 19:1-10
February 27	REvangelism: Generosity	Acts 5:1-6; Matthew 14:13-21



## **Thank You...**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! What a wonderful anniversary surprise to receive card after card after card. Everyone kept the “card shower” a secret, so we were pleased over and over to be getting unexpected cards (since the announcement had not been in the newsletter yet). We have received over eighty cards! We very much appreciate your well-wishes and your friendship.

Thanks for helping us celebrate,  
Patty & Tommy Caldwell

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## **Thank You...**

“I would like to send a special thank you to the Care and Concern committee, and all of my friends at Central for the many cards and calls I received while I was at Encompass following my recent hip surgery. I am now recovering at home and making progress every day. I truly appreciate all of your kindness in reaching out to me and keeping me in prayer.”

With sincerest thanks,  
Retta Vance

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## **Presbytery Meeting at Central...**

**Central Presbyterian will be hosting the Abingdon Presbytery’s quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022. We are in need of people who are willing to help out with any, or all of these tasks (below.) Please call the church office and let us know if you would like to help out. This is a great opportunity for Central Presbyterian to welcome the Presbytery to our church.**

- ◆ Assist in parking (please be at the church by 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.)
- ◆ Welcome those who come to attend (9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.)
- ◆ Assist with setting up lunch, which will be catered (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

**Worship will be in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting being held in Central Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lunch following the meeting.**

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## **REvangelism...**

This is a chance to discuss and put into practice one of the 8 habits of Evangelism that we will be learning about in my sermon series, and practicing as a church community. Groups will meet by Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning January 12. This is a chance for all of us to put our faith into practice and to learn some new skills and ways of sharing the good news of Jesus in our families, community, and world.

Please let Ann Aichinger know if you would like to discuss other options such as meeting during the day.

Welcome to 2022, and the continuation of our study of the book of Ruth led by Rev. Ann Aichinger.

Presbyterian Women will meet in-person on Tuesday, January 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Small Dining Room, as well as by Zoom. We will look at Lesson 5: *Ruth and Redemption*. This lesson will also be recorded and on the church website for viewing. We look forward to seeing you all, and be safe.

Your Co-Moderators,  
Mary Ann Blevins and Thais Sikora



**COVID Protocol Update**

At this time, Central Presbyterian continues to require masks while in the building and we still ask that everyone continues to social distance as best as possible. Though we have had a few people test positive for COVID, they had been fully vaccinated and received their booster shots.

We are well aware that the wearing of masks is something we would all like to be done with, but at this time, and with the rise in case numbers in our local area, this will continue to be required. We appreciate your understanding and continued cooperation.



**Travis and Kellie Campbell have moved to...**

19655 Peacock Valley Drive  
Bristol, VA 24202

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

To all our Central Pres. friends, from Jim and Joan Keith

**WE DOWNSIZED!!**

Our new address is:

1420 Hatterdale Farm Rd.  
Blountville, TN 37617

Phone #s: 423-361-8418 Jim  
423-366-3144 Joan

We look forward to your visits!



**Drivers Needed...**

We are needing bus drivers for the church bus. It is not hard to do, but we are needing several more able drivers on Sunday mornings. Requirements are a valid driver's license, willing to have a background check, and under the age of 75. We will provide training in learning how to drive it as well as how to operate the handicap platform that allows those in wheelchairs to be on board. Please talk to David White or Wes Ritchie, or call the church office if you are interested in signing up. Thank you.

## January Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection Challenge



During the month of January through February 13, Central Presbyterian Church will be engaged in a six-week Souper Bowl food and money collection challenge to support the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry. This year we are inviting the whole congregation to work together to meet the goal of 5,000 food items and/or dollars. Each food item counts as \$1 toward the goal. Sheree Taylor will be encouraging everyone to participate.

There will be Food Pantry Barrels in the entry area, and blue buckets for your monetary gifts at the worship entry door areas. We will keep the donation amount posted for all to see, and on Sunday, February 13 (Souper Bowl Sunday), we will conclude our formal collection. We hope that this food collection challenge will encourage us all to continue to contribute to the Food Pantry as they help so many in our local area who have food insecurity issues.

Though our efforts will be within our church family, the real winner will be **Bristol Emergency Food Pantry**. This is something every one of every age and ability can participate in. Let's make a difference, and continue to be about the work of Christmas (caring for the needy, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and unwanted child.)

### Items needed (no glass jars or containers)

- ◆ Meal kits that **don't** require extra ingredients (ie. hamburger helper)
- ◆ Pancake and muffin mix that only require **water**
- ◆ Canned soups
- ◆ Canned pasta meals (ravioli, spaghetti,
- ◆ Canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken, beef stew, spam)
- ◆ Canned vegetables (**no green beans are needed**)
- ◆ Canned pork and beans
- ◆ Canned fruit (no fruit cups)
- ◆ Dry Rice or Pasta
- ◆ Instant mashed potatoes (plain or flavored)
- ◆ Spaghetti sauce (no glass jars)
- ◆ Cereal (hot and cold)
- ◆ Jelly and Peanut butter
- ◆ Breakfast bars/granola bars
- ◆ Macaroni and cheese (preferably not needing milk or butter)
- ◆ Pantry staples (small containers of flour, salt and pepper, sugar, catsup, oil, etc.)



**PLEASE DO NOT BRING RAMEN NOODLES OR GREEN BEANS!**

**Please do not bring anything in glass jars; they tend to break and are hard to handle.**

If you have any questions, please talk to Sheree Taylor or Ann Aichinger.

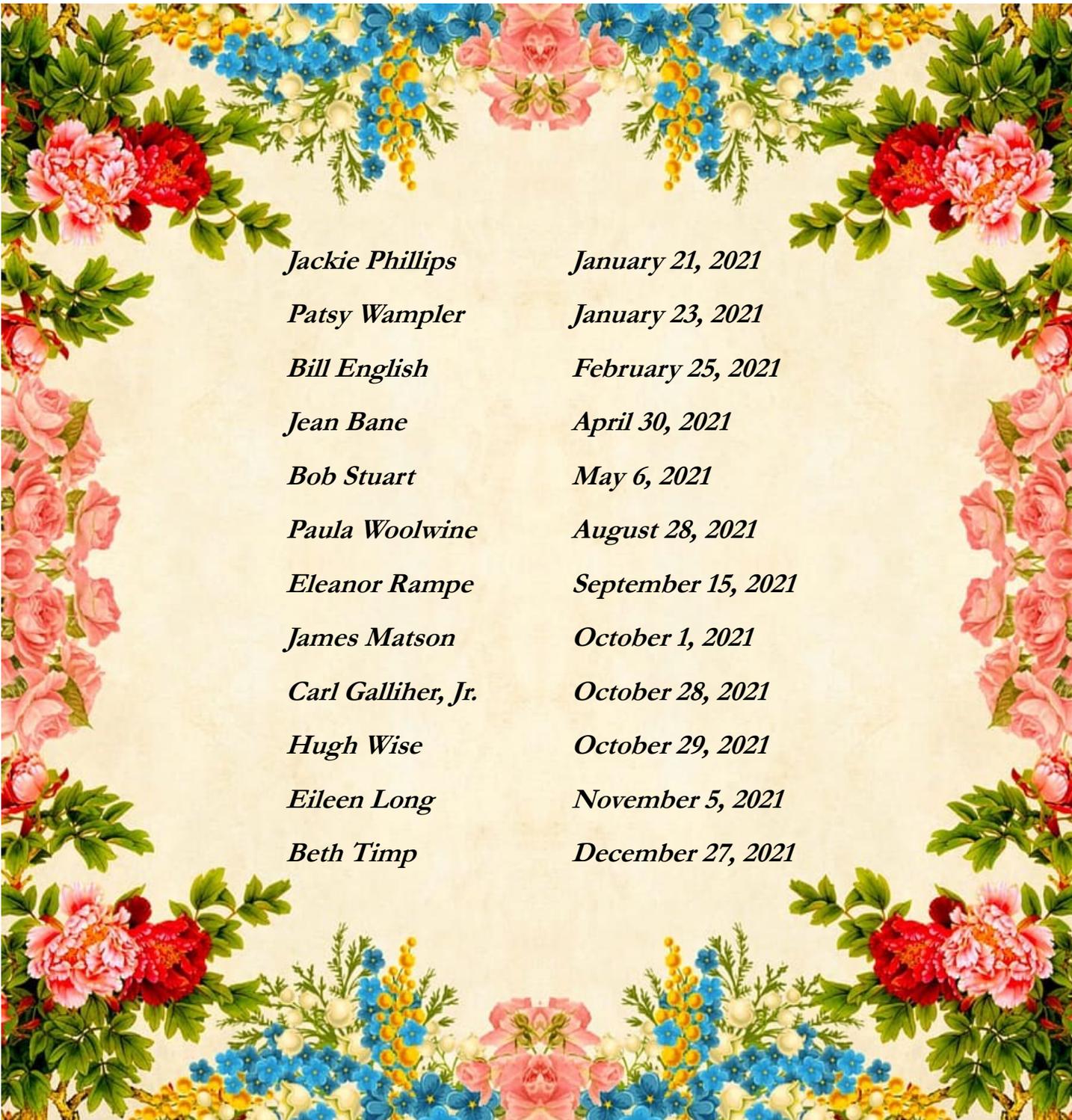
***Let's work together to meet the GOAL!!!***

For more information about the Souper Bowl of Caring, see [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)



## **In Memory Of...**

**We wish to take this time to remember those in our church family who passed on before us in the year of our Lord, 2021. We are saddened that they have gone, but they will live on forever in our hearts and thoughts. "Blessed are those who die in the name of the Lord; they will rest from their labors and their deeds will follow them." Revelation 14:13**



<i>Jackie Phillips</i>	<i>January 21, 2021</i>
<i>Patsy Wampler</i>	<i>January 23, 2021</i>
<i>Bill English</i>	<i>February 25, 2021</i>
<i>Jean Bane</i>	<i>April 30, 2021</i>
<i>Bob Stuart</i>	<i>May 6, 2021</i>
<i>Paula Woolwine</i>	<i>August 28, 2021</i>
<i>Eleanor Rampe</i>	<i>September 15, 2021</i>
<i>James Matson</i>	<i>October 1, 2021</i>
<i>Carl Galliher, Jr.</i>	<i>October 28, 2021</i>
<i>Hugh Wise</i>	<i>October 29, 2021</i>
<i>Eileen Long</i>	<i>November 5, 2021</i>
<i>Beth Timp</i>	<i>December 27, 2021</i>

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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  
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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