

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program: Ukraine

As the crisis continues to unfold in Ukraine and there is the rising need for humanitarian help there, many organizations on the ground are seeking to help. One is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program (<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>.)

As the number of people being displaced internally, and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day, there are sister churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. The first priority of **PDA** is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work.

Therefore, as the needs continue to increase, **PDA** anticipates that the response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. None of us know how long it will take, but we know that the people of Ukraine will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely. All funds donated are being used for emergency humanitarian aid, such as for food, shelter, medicines, diapers and hygiene items.

On the website pda.pcusa.org/Ukraine you can find several different ways to make donations, as well as prayers and other resources to help Ukraine in the midst of this crisis. You can also make donations to Central Presbyterian Church and mark your donation **PDA Ukraine**.



**LIFTING UP UKRAINE:
PC(USA)'S HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**

Join Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian World Mission, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program for a webinar highlighting the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s humanitarian response to the crisis.

March 23 at 12 p.m. ET

live-streaming:  @PCUSA
 @presbyterianchurch

ACT/ECA/Antti Yrjönen

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

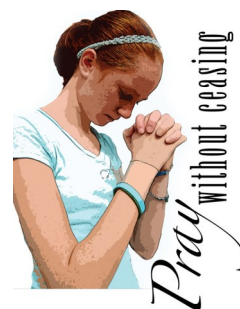
At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime, Jean Thomason, and Mary Kay English.

At Dominion Senior Care: Linda Wise

At Oakmont: Allen Vance, Dora Webb

Pastoral Concerns:

- ♦ Dora Webb is in Bristol Regional Hospital with pneumonia and other health concerns;
- ♦ Avery Herold had an aneurism Monday night and is in a Nashville area hospital;
- ♦ Ed Updyke had a fall and broke his arm. He is at home with health care;
- ♦ Danny McInnis is home recovering from shoulder surgery;
- ♦ Bobby Davis will be moving from Kingsport to Decatur, GA this week to be closer to his daughter and her family. He will be missed, and we send him with our blessings;
- ♦ Lee Budd's mother, who is in a memory care facility in the Baltimore, MD area;
- ♦ Cheryl Clark's mother, Bertha Troutman who had a fall on Monday night at the care facility at Exit 7 and broke her leg is in Bristol Regional hospital;
- ♦ Michelle Mercer's sister, Peggy, is in the Bristol hospital dealing with serious illness and an amputated leg;
- ♦ Bud Bloom (son-in-law of Daphne McCord) is recovering from a broken ankle;
- ♦ Danny Smith (Patty Caldwell's brother) is dealing with COVID;
- ♦ Erin, friend of Cindy Hale is very ill with COVID and has developed osteo in her skull;
- ♦ Glenda, a friend of Missy McCord, has colon cancer.



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim & Joan Keith, Darlene Litton, Mark McCord, Don Miller, Alice Owenby, Roger Thompson (Angel Anderson's father), Allen & Retta Vance, Dora Webb, Linda Wise, Mike Weller, Betty Whitehead.

Prayers for Family members:

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

We extend our Christian sympathies to: Barbara Mann in the death of a dear friend, Tom Bartley, on March 14, 2022 in Chilhowie, VA.

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.

Upcoming Lenten Sermons...

March 20	Trust and Openness	Luke 13:1-9
March 27	You're Invited	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
	Guest Preacher: Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle	
April 3	Trust and Anointing	John 12:1-8
April 10	Palm/Passion Sunday	Luke 22:14-23:56
April 17	Easter Joy	Luke 24:1-12





On Monday, March 21, Kellie Brown from Milligan University will present a lecture on “The Sound of Hope: Holocaust Music as an Agent of Remembrance, Resistance, Resilience, and Reconciliation,” at 7:00 p.m. here at Central Presbyterian Church.

Kellie is the Chair of the Music Department, and Professor of Music at Milligan University. She serves as the conductor of the Milligan Orchestra, and is also the assistant conductor and associate concertmaster of the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra.

A frequent clinician and violinist throughout the country, Ms. Brown has performed several world premieres, including “An Encounter for Violin and Piano” by Jane Perry. She has also conducted numerous world premieres, including “Genesis” by internationally renowned composer Kenton Coe. In addition, she is an accomplished writer and researcher.

As a recognized authority on music during the Holocaust, Brown has spoken frequently at academic institutions and conferences around the world. Her latest book, “The Sound of Hope: Music as Solace, Resistance, and Salvation during the Holocaust & World War II,” was released by McFarland Publishing in 2020, and has received both national and international acclaim. She is currently working on a new project for Oxford University Press that will be released in 2022.

During her 30-year teaching career, Brown has impacted thousands of music students from preschool age to adults. She remains a committed arts advocate in the community, and is the recipient of numerous awards for her teaching and contributions to the arts, including the Outstanding Teaching Award from the Tennessee Governor’s School of the Arts in 2011 and the Bristol YWCA Woman of the Year Award for the Arts in 2009.

Kellie Brown will also present “Refuting the Silence: Musical Works that Defied the Nazi Cultural Agenda,” at 9:15 a.m. at Memorial Chapel on the campus of King University.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Church Directory Changes...

Since we published the new Church Directory, we have had a few additions and changes. All updates can be accessed through your Realm account (as we are notified. Please update your Directory for:

[Bobby Davis](#)

The Mansions at Decatur
2677 Lawrenceville Highway, Apt. 316
Decatur, GA 30033
(email and phone remain the same)

[Marian Galliher](#)

527 Redstone Drive, Unit 1
Bristol, TN 37620

[Jean Thomason](#) - New Phone Number: 423-612-8883

[Lois Clarke](#) - New Email Address: loisclarke@btes.tv (Delete: lclarke@unitedco.net)

[David and Theresa Kalb](#)

2808 Attwater Loop
Winter Haven, FL 33884 (Primary Address)

2007 Clipper Park Road, #114
Baltimore, MD 21211 (New Alternate Address)



Calendar for March 16 - April 6, 2022

Tuesday, March 15	12:00 Noon	Staff Meeting - In-person
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meets - Zoom
Wednesday, March 16	12:00 Noon	Central Life
	12:05 p.m.	Lenten organ Meditation - Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Dinner and Programs
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, March 17	7:00 p.m.	"A Place where Questions Matter"
Sunday, March 20	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Fellowship lunch at Perkins (Exit 7)
	3:00-4:30 p.m.	Youth M.S. - In-Person
	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Youth H.S. - In Person
Monday, March 21	7:00 p.m.	King College Lecture - Central Hall
		Kellie Brown from Milligan Univ.
Tuesday, March 22	6:30 p.m.	Embroiderer's Guild - Central Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Sabbatical Dream team - by Zoom
Wednesday, March 23	12:05 p.m.	Lenten organ Meditation - Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Dinner and Programs
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, March 24	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks - Central Hall
Saturday, March 26	9:30 a.m.	Youth trip to Montreat
Sunday, March 27	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
Wednesday, March 30	12:05 p.m.	Lenten organ Meditation - Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Dinner and Programs
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, March 31	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks - Central Hall
Sunday, April 3	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Communion in CH
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Communion in Sanctuary
	3:00-4:30 p.m.	Youth M.S. - In-Person
	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Youth H.S. - In Person
Wednesday, April 6	12:00 noon	Central Life
	12:05 p.m.	Lenten organ Meditation - Sanctuary
	5:30-7 p.m.	Dinner and Program for all
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice

The Session met by Zoom on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. We welcomed Valerie and Matthew Coker as new members into the church. They come by Reaffirmation of Faith. They moved here from the Austin, TX area and have two children, William (5 years old) and Lizzy (3 years old.) They will be formally introduced on Sunday, March 20 in worship. Please welcome them into our church family.

The Session shared responses to the question of “memorable Spring breaks.” Some were about traveling for fun, and others were about going on mission trips.

The actions taken by the Session were:

- ♦ Approved the Finance, Budget, and Stewardship committee’s request to have a **Celebrating Our Legacy** dinner and program on Sunday, May 22 following worship (10 a.m.) in Central Hall to recognize those who have contributed in the last year to the Endowment, plus to hear a history of the Endowment. Everyone is invited to be a part of this celebration, which will be covered by the Harmon Estate.
- ♦ Approved the following items from Worship Committee:
 1. We will have Easter Flowers available for purchase. This year we will offer some kind of potted plant as a part of our Easter decorations. Also, there will be the option to make contributions to Bristol Faith in Action.
 2. There is a change in the masking guidelines for being in the building. The new guideline:
“Out of love for fellow members, CPC strongly recommends that everyone should take into consideration their own masking needs to protect their own health as well as others. Those with illnesses are requested to stay home from worship. In any case, the use of masks is always acceptable.”
 3. Approved to return to one worship service beginning Sunday, May 22 (which coincides with the Finance Celebrating our Legacy dinner.) Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. and will alternate between the Sanctuary and Central Hall.

For information:

- ♦ Property and Maintenance reported that the new windows will be going in the Education wing during the week of April 11-15. Please be mindful of the construction.
- ♦ Central Presbyterian will host two King University Institute of Faith lectures:
 - March 21, 7:00 p.m. with Kellie Brown from Milligan University
 - April 11, 7 p.m. with Jeff Munroe
- ♦ For Palm Sunday, we will read through the Passion story, from Luke’s Gospel, as a part of the worship service.

Guest Preacher...

We will welcome Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle to our pulpit on Sunday, March 27. Rev. Van Winkle is the Abingdon Presbytery Leader and she will be covering while Ann Aichinger is away for a few days, and is looking forward to being here with you at Central for worship.

April Birthdays



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Diana Conco	1	Patty Faulkner	19
Tim Ferguson	3	Claire Morison	19
Tommy Caldwell	4	Lincoln Sims	20
Dora Webb	4	Mary Kay English	21
Lynn Gilbert	6	Todd Ellis	21
Ben McCord	7	Larry Surber	22
Cody Calloway	9	Briggs Allen	23
Katie Timp	10	Marvin Tadlock	24
Eric Moore	12	Fred Osbourne	24
Laurel Broadfoot	13	Gray Vance Cobb	25
Jeff Taylor	15	Will Prince	25
Ken Moss	18	Cindy Timp	28
Jonathon Taylor	18	Aiden Kite	30
Jeremy Taylor	18		

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Are you willing to come out and eat a meal together in Central Hall and participate in a program? Or would you rather have a "to-go" dinner and join us by Zoom or Live streaming?

On Wednesday's from 5:30-6:00 p.m., we are offering a Lenten dinner and program for all ages. Following dinner, we will have an adults study, a Youth group gathering, children's program, and nursery. Please sign up on the sheet in the entry area if you are planning on attending or call the church office. We will offer a "to-go" meal, but we ask that you sign up for it as well so we can have it ready for you.

During the Lenten season, the menu will be a soup, salad, and a dessert. Dinner cost will be \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 for a family. If you are interested in participating and helping, please call the church office at 276-669-3157 or email to office.cpc@bvuv.net and let Lynn Gilbert know so that we can make plans for our Lenten season together.

Dinner this week will be: White Chicken Chili, Cornbread, and Berries in the Snow

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89834122960?pwd=cUMzaG9BbDhGTmhqTHd2RTN5bG12QT09>

Meeting ID: 898 3412 2960

Passcode: 763132

Adult Study will be *Embracing the Uncertainty: A Study for Unsteady Times*

March 16: The Crowd and the Uncertainty of Worry (Luke 12:1-34)

March 23: Lazarus and the Uncertainty of Mortality (John 11:1-44)

March 30: Zacchaeus and the Uncertainty of Surrender (Luke 19:1-10)

April 6: Jesus and the Uncertainty of Obedience (Matthew 26:36-46)

April 14: Maundy Thursday Worship Service in Central Hall with Communion (no dinner)

New Mask Guidelines...



The masking guidelines have changed effective, Wednesday, March 16.

At this point, masks are not being required to be worn while in the building. We are offering everyone the option to make your choice.

The Session does strongly recommend that everyone give consideration as to your own masking needs to protect your own health as well as that of others. If you are not feeling well, we do ask that you stay home and take care of yourself. In this time, we are seeking to care for one another out of love and compassion.

So, feel free to make the best decisions for you and your household as well as caring for others around you. The wearing of face masks is still acceptable while in the church building.

We are seeking to offer many ways for the church family, those who are friends of the church, and those who might be interested in being a part of a faith community to connect and be a part of worship. To start making this happen, we have added the option for **Live-Streaming of the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship service.**

On Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., you can join us on the Central Presbyterian Church Facebook page. We will continue the pre-recorded option of worship with limited liturgy, and this will be uploaded to the church website **CentralPresBristol.org** and to Ann Aichinger's Facebook page.

If you do join us online, we ask that you please make a **"Comment"** and let us know you are joining us! This will help us keep an accurate record of our attendance each Sunday. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Josie Russell, our Social Media Coordinator.



Lenten Poem

by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk

More on the Mathematics of Lent

Several years ago, I wrote an article for the newsletter about the “Mathematics of Lent,” citing the need to “add” to our Lenten activities instead of “subtracting” (chocolate, and all the other things people ‘give up.’) Instead, we would be well-advised to “add” things, e.g., Bible study, visiting elderly neighbors, donating to the Food Pantry, increasing our prayer life, etc. Much of the past two years has demanded that we give up many of the things we love, including attending church together as one body in Christ. For the past two years we had to give up ‘in-person’ Lenten Organ Meditations. Last year, we recorded them and posted them on line, but that’s just not the same as coming to church to see and hear the excellent guest organists who come to enrich us with a half-hour of organ music on our beautiful Dyer and Assoc. pipe organ. There is simply nothing like being in church, even if we are socially distanced, and listening to live music presented to enhance our Lenten experience. So the good news for this year?

THE LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS ARE BACK IN-PERSON



Wednesday, March 16	Matthew Brickey Organist, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City
Wednesday, March 23	Nick Andrews Organist, St. Johns’ Episcopal, Johnson City
Wednesday, March 30	Stephanie Yoder Organist, Emmanuel Episcopal, Bristol, VA
Wednesday, April 6	Joy Smith-Briggs Organist, Central Presbyterian, Bristol, VA

Please join us as these four organists offer their talents to the Glory of God. You will be blessed by them. Come, bring a friend and share the experience. The programs begin at 12:05 p.m. and last from 30 to 40 minutes. They are designed to give you time away to meditate on the meaning of the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the Wilderness, and to anticipate the joy of Easter morning.

Joy Briggs

(Programs are free; however, should the COVID situation change, some programs may have to be cancelled.)



During the season of Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus’ resurrection and connects us with “those who have least” — that’s how Matthew 25 puts it — and that’s what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about. Connecting.



Our gifts provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to **One Great Hour of Sharing...**
March 2 - April 17, 2022.

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

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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.



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