

CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church
May 4, 2022



Reflections From a Rocking Chair

After Easter, I had a chance to get away for 12 days, and Barbara Mann went with me. This was my usual trip to SW Florida to visit Chauncey and Laura, and the grandchildren (4 ranging in ages from 2-10 years old!) When Frank and I left Ft. Myers in 2002, we journeyed to put our feet in the sugary sand and enjoy the peaceful waters of the Gulf. This time on the way, Barbara and I traveled to Atlanta to visit with some friends and to have a short visit with Bobby Davis in his new home. Then, on to Ft. Myers to stay in an old beach cottage where you can still hear the waves, and if the breeze is strong enough, you can feel the house sway a bit!

But this time, with Barbara along, I paid attention to things that I have been taking for granted and just speeding right on past. Barbara had been through Atlanta, but she had never stopped so while in Atlanta, she enjoyed gathering pinecones from Southern Pines. I also showed her around my old stomping grounds of Agnes Scott College and Columbia Seminary, both in Decatur, GA. Barbara has been to the east coast of Florida before but she had not been to the Gulf side where the sugar sand of the beaches and foliage of the tropics were both new and different. As we traveled, she would point to a tree and say, "What kind of palm is that?" Or when there was a billboard for a citrus store, she would ask if we could stop. As we journeyed to Key West (about 36 hours), she experienced the 91 miles of the US1 Bridge that goes from Miami to the end. For her, everything was new and different whereas I had seen it all, and didn't notice many differences. But having Barbara along this time, and helping her to connect to her new experiences, I had to tap into my "information center" to recall things about having lived there in order to do that for her.

Yes, it was a wonderful trip, and we did have some silly and restful times. But what I take away from this vacation was the invitation to see things anew. As we are in the season of Easter (which goes from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, June 5), we are invited to see all of life anew in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. For all around us we see new life springing forth. We can see the new flowers and bushes that are greening up, the new species of birds that are migrating through our area on their way to their northern home for the summer months, a nest of eggs getting ready to hatch with new baby birds who will begin flying lessons soon, and butterflies fluttering about in the yard.

As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to see our world, and our lives, in the light of the hope and reality of the new life that comes with Easter. Easter is not just about an event that happened 2000 years ago, but about being assured that God is doing new things in our lives and in our world. So often we only see the bad, difficult and hard things happening around us and we wonder if there is anything new occurring, and yet, the invitation is to see, once again, how God is at work. He does this by inviting us to be a part of the new things happening.

It is a matter of perspective. We can just go along with life and not expect anything new or different, or we can choose to look for the new. As followers of Christ, we have this perspective about life, where we can look through the lens of Easter to perceive the new, and it is our calling to point out the new and hopeful aspects that are occurring. When you're faced with just another day, invite the Holy Spirit to help you to see the new all around you. Then be on the lookout...you might be surprised at what you discover! Then, give thanks to God for helping you to see it and then share it with someone else. It just might be a message that they need to hear.

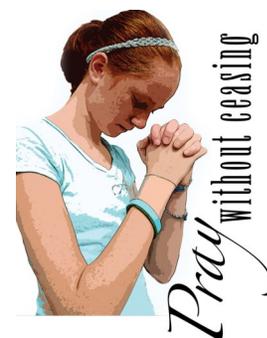
We are all needing to hear the Good News, and the best news is that the power of New Life is all around. Yet, often, we get so used to the surroundings that we don't pay attention and miss seeing anything new. So, look around you. See what's happening. God is doing new things in your life and in mine, and in our world.

**Grace and peace,
Ann**

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.
At Brookdale Bristol: Jean Thomason, and Mary Kay English.
At Dominion Senior Care: Linda Wise
At Oakmont: Allen Vance

Pastoral Concerns:

- ◆ Anne Pratt-Proctor who is recovering from knee replacement surgery on May 9;
- ◆ Marguerite Buckley who is recovering from foot surgery;
- ◆ Danny McInnis as he continues to improve and recover from his surgery;
- ◆ Courtney Reese will be going to UVA on Tuesday, May 10 for tests for her MS;
- ◆ Tyler Franklin will be having his second cataract surgery on Monday, May 16.
- ◆ Travis Campbell who is making monthly trips to UVA Medical to meet with specialists for his long-haulers COVID symptoms;



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, Linda Wise, Mike Weller.

Prayers for Family members:

Beverly Bosch (Randy and Phyllis Morris' daughter); Orion 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.

(Please help the church office keep this list up to date and accurate. Please contact the church office to add or remove names from this list. Thank you!)

Upcoming Sermons...

May 15:	John 13:31-35; Revelation 21:1-6	All Things are Made New	Two Services
May 22:	John 5:1-9; Acts 16:9-15	Living with the "Must Dos"	Sanctuary
May 29:	John 17: 20-26; Rev 22: 12-21	Life Overcomes our Fears	Central Hall
June 5:	Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost: Come Holy Spirit	Sanctuary



Graduate Recognition Sunday.....



Do you have a graduate in your family that you would like to have recognized?

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 29 in the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please let the church office know the name, school, degree and area of study of your graduate.



Presbyterian Women...

The monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 11:00 a.m. We will gather both in-person in the small Dining Room, and on Zoom.

Before our Bible lesson we will have a short Birthday Offering program, "Celebrating a Century of Giving and Receiving". Our Bible Lesson will be Lesson #9 in our Study Book, *What my Grandmothers Taught Me*.

"The final lesson, *What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?*, summarizes what the grandmothers of our faith have taught us and imagines what they may have taught Jesus. Through the stories of outsiders and marginalized people we see the kingdom of God, in which the last are made first."

We hope to see all women on Tuesday. There will also be a recording of the study and it will be available on the church website (CentralPresBristol.org) for those who are unable to attend.

Thais Sikora and Mary Ann Blevins, Co-Moderators

"Aunt Dora Webb and I have been blessed with a wonderful church family. A family who was there for us prior to my Aunt's death through prayers, cards, texts, visits and an abundance of love. And now that she is in heaven, the love and support continues to flow from our "family". We thank you!"

Doris Hall and Donna Turner

"We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Central church family for reaching out to the Ward and Gilbert families with your many comforting words and expressions of sympathy. My mother, Rosie Ward, was surrounded by family and friends, and we thank all of you for being with us through your cards and calls, and the expressions of sympathy as you thought and prayed for her and our family. Rosie was such a blessing to us, and so are all of you to us. With much gratefulness,"

Lynn Gilbert and the Ward Family



Wednesday Dinner and Program...

Just a friendly reminder that the last Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs will be on May 18. If you have not been able to join us yet, we would love to see you!

The menu for Wednesday, May 11: **Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Rolls, and Dessert**

The program will be: **Game Night!**

Flowers...

Spring and summer produces such beautiful and wonderful flowers to enjoy. We ask that you please take time to sign up for your special Sunday to give flowers in **honor** or in **memory** of a loved one, as we worship God with his supplied beauty.



May 15, 2022
2:00 p.m.

These last two years have been hard on everyone. One of the difficulties has been experiencing the deaths of those in our church family and being unable to gather together to mourn as a family, and to celebrate their lives.

On Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, we will offer a **Service of Remembrance** where we will hear the words of Scripture, sing songs of our faith, and hear the names of those who have died since March, 2020. The families of those who have died have received special invitations to this service, and everyone is welcome as we remember and celebrate those who have made a difference in our life as a congregation.

Those whom we will remember and give thanks for are (listed alphabetically):

Jean Bane
Margaret Baumgardner
Candy Ellis
Bill English
Eileen Long
James Matson
Casey McComish
Daphne McCord
Jackie Phillips
Eleanor Rampe
Robert Stuart
Darla Van Dyke
Patsy Wampler
Betty Watson
Hugh Wise
Paula Woolwine

Unity Worship Services...

Unity Worship Services will begin on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

It is time, again, to shift our worship schedule for one worship service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We will begin alternating between Central Hall and the Sanctuary. We are well aware that some are more accustomed to one style of worship or the other, but both worship styles invite everyone to be about the “work of worshiping and praising God.” There are times that the Praise band leads familiar hymns or songs, and others when the Sanctuary Choir sings a very contemporary styled song. The spaces are also different with one having pews facing forward and the other with chairs that are moveable and placed in a semi-circle. Both styles of worship offer us glimpses into our life in the Reformed faith, which holds to foundation that worship is the first and foremost activity of the church.

If you have typically only attended worship in the Sanctuary, or in Central Hall, maybe this is a time to be a part of worship in another space? You just might find yourself enriched by new experiences in new spaces and gathering with others to worship our God.



Annual Talent Show

May 18 will be Central's annual Talent Show this year. Please sign up to be a part of this fun evening. All ages are welcomed to share. Show us your talent by telling a joke, singing a song, or playing an instrument. Come join the fun, and bring your talent!



Calendar for May 9-19, 2022

Monday, May 9	6:00 p.m.	Embroiderer's Club Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Administration/Staff Meeting - Zoom
Tuesday, May 10	11:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women - Hybrid Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	APPLE Committee
Wednesday, May 11	5:30 p.m.	Dinner and Programs
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, May 12	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks
		Abingdon Presbytery Meeting - Hillsdale, VA
Sunday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion -Sanctuary
		ONLINE Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Service of Remembrance
	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth - In-person
	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	High School Youth - In-person
Monday, May 16	12:00 Noon	Finance Committee
Tuesday, May 17	12:00 Noon	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meets
Wednesday, May 18	12:00 Noon	Central Life
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner and Talent Show
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Thursday, May 19	7:00 p.m.	APPLE Graduation - Central Hall



We send our best wishes and blessings to Carol Duhaime as she moves this week (May 13) to Liverpool, New York to a Brookdale facility where she will be closer to family. Please update your directory for Carol to:

4055 Longbranch Road, Room #24

Liverpool, NY 13090

Phone: (315) 802-7727

Congregation News...

Congregational Meeting, Sunday May 22, 11:05 a.m. (Sanctuary)

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and for the election of new elders for the class of 2025.

All members are asked to be in attendance for this important work of the church.

Celebrating our Legacy Lunch and Program: May 22, 11:30 a.m.

On Sunday, May 22, we will have worship at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is then welcome to join us for a time to celebrate our legacy, and those who have given to the endowment fund.

There will be a luncheon and then a program. If you plan to attend, we ask that you call or email the church office to let us know so we can make plans for this celebration.

Online and Live-Streaming Worship Options...

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.

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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
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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.



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