



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services, December 24, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. “Live Streamed”**

The Christmas Eve services are a highlight in the Advent/Christmas season. As we sing the familiar carols, retell the Christmas story, and lift our candles singing *Joy to the World*, we celebrate God breaking into our world, and how our world is still shaped by the birth of the Christ Child. The Christmas story tells us of a God who so loved the world, that God sent his own Son, and that God is still at work doing new things.



The Christmas Eve Services are a great time to invite someone to come to church with you. There is a special openness for people at this season to take part in the celebration of our faith. So invite someone to join you here at Central in this holiday season. Communion will be celebrated at both the 5 p.m. Central Hall service and at the 7 p.m. service in the Sanctuary. Both services will have candlelight, and there will be safe lights for children and those unable to have lit candles.

**REMINDER:**

If you gave a poinsettia as a part of the decoration for Christmas, you are invited to take yours home following the Christmas Eve Services. Please leave the gold covers.



## Central Life

**Christmas Day Worship, December 25, 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary and will be Live Streamed**

We will gather for a time to sing carols and hear scriptures and other writings about the celebration of Christmas. You are invited to dress casually and come join in celebrating the birth of Christ.

**Saturday, Dec 31, 6:30 p.m. Ukrainian New Year's Eve Worship Service—Celebration Church 429 Shipley Ferry Rd, Blountville, TN 37617**



We are invited to participate in this special worship time with the Ukrainian community at Celebration Church in Blountville, TN. As we are preparing for the Mashkins to arrive from Ukraine, we can go and meet others who have come to the country and experience a worship service led by the Ukrainians as we welcome in the New Year.

Traditionally for Ukrainians, the arrival of the New Year is a time to offer prayers to God for blessing, prosperity, and goodness for the New Year. Often times, there is a sharing of traditional foods and customs.

If you are interested in attending, we will take the church bus or carpool. Please meet at the church by 5:30 p.m. You can of course meet us at Celebration Church, 429 Shipley Ferry Rd, Blountville, TN 37617

**New Year's Day Worship, January 1, 11:00 A.M. in Central Hall**

As the new year comes in on a Sunday this year, we understand that many people stay up late to welcome in 2023.

As it is a Sunday, we will gather for one service in Central Hall at 11:00 A.M.

We will celebrate Communion together as a part of this service.



### Nativities Available...

Miniature nativities are from France. They are available for purchase in the church office and on display outside of the church office. You may purchase and take your Nativity with you. Please complete the order form and return with your payment to the church office.



### 2023 Pledge Cards

**Thank you** to all who have made a pledge to support the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church in 2022. The Session and leadership appreciate everyone's efforts to increase the giving for 2023. If you have not gotten your pledge card in, please do so as soon as you can, so the Session can set the 2023 Budget for the Mission and Ministry here at Central. If you have any questions about the finances or about your giving options, please talk to Mary Moffatt or John Barker, Finance Chairperson.

- December 24: Christmas Eve Services 5:00 P.M and 7:00 P.M.—  
Both Services will be Live Streamed
- December 25: Christmas Day (11:00 a.m.) Lessons and Carols—  
Service will be in Sanctuary and will be Live Streamed
- January 01: New Year's Day Service—11:00 in Central Hall
- January 08: Contemporary Service—Central Hall  
Sunday School for Ages  
Traditional Service—Sanctuary



### Update on the Ukrainian Family

At this time, we have completed all the forms and paperwork on our side for United4Ukraine.gov, and are waiting for the Mashkins to complete their forms. They are still in Odessa at this time. Several people have asked how are they charging cellphones and that is done by solar chargers, since the electricity grid is out of commission until March. We are hopeful that they will be able to get to Poland before the end of December and arrive in Bristol Mid-January.

Upon arrival, they will be staying with John and Linda Barker for several months. There will need to be those willing to transport them to classes and appointments. If you would be willing to help co-ordinate this, please talk to with John and Linda Barker, or with Ann Aichinger.

One thing to remember as they come to the US and become a part of our community, they come with some trauma, and will need space and time to get adjusted. It might be 6 weeks before they are involved in any aspect of our church life. We need to be gracious and offer them that time to get acclimated to a new place and setting. The children will be enrolled in school, and Igor and Ann will be taking English classes.

Thank you to those who have given generously to the fund for their support when they arrive. If you would like to make a contribution, please mark your gift Ukrainian Fund.

Please continue to pray for them, in particular:

1. their safety as they are in Odessa and waiting for word to move to Poland;
2. approval of the forms and getting their travel papers;
3. safe travels to Poland and that they can find lodging there;
4. ease of acquiring flights to Tri-cities;
5. for God's grace to surround them in this holiday season and as they are making this life change.

If you are interested in finding out more about the situation in Ukraine, you can watch on Netflix "My Next Guest with David Letterman" as he interviews President Zelenskyy. It was filmed in June, 2022 but is insightful about the situation and the resiliency of the Ukrainian people.



**Join us for the weekly  
Wednesday supper and program!**

**Upcoming programs and menus:**

December 21—Jan 4:

January 11: 5:30—7:00

January 18: 5:30—7:00

No Supper or Activities

Supper and Activity

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## Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, December 20 both in-person and online. The Session members shared their thoughts about the theme of the Advent Devotional “Winds of the Spirit” and how they are seeing the Spirit of God at work in Central.

## The following action items were approved:

- Removal of Zach Baker from the roles at Central upon his request for dismissal.
- Central will host Abingdon Presbytery on February 9 for the stated meeting. Linda Waldron will be our representative to that meeting. John Barker will be the Moderator of the meeting as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery. There will be a lunch following the meeting.
- To host King University Institute for Faith and Culture lecture on Monday, February 20.
- Approved the four weddings that Ann Aichinger will be officiating in 2023.
- Approved Ann Aichinger’s vacation and continuing Education times for 2023.
- Rev. Elizabeth Patrick will be preaching on Sunday, January 29 at 10 a.m. (Central Hall) for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Unity Service.
- Committee reports were received and items approved were from Christian Education request for books for study in two adult classes were approved.

## Other aspects discussed:

- Mission and Outreach Committee expressed appreciation for everyone’s involvement with the Angel Tree project.
- Christmas Eve Service Communion servers were chosen.
- Ann Aichinger gave an update on the Ukrainian family’s situation. All of the paperwork has been filed. We are waiting for approval and then for the family to move to Poland.
- Our next Session meeting will be at the end of the Session retreat on Sunday, January 22.
- The session gave Ann Aichinger a Christmas bonus as well as a lovely card. They made a donation to the Ukrainian fund in her honor.
- Tackle Hunger Food Challenge will begin on January 8 and go until February 12 when we will celebrate with a Soup Fellowship Lunch. The donations of food and money will go to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry.

## Calendar for December 21, 2022 - January 12, 2023

Saturday, December 24	5:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service—Central Hall “Live Streamed”
	7:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service—Sanctuary “Live Streamed”
Sunday, December 25	11:00 A.M.	Christmas Service—Sanctuary “Lessons and Caroling”-“Live Streamed”
Monday, December 26 & 27		Church Office Closed
Thursday, December 29—December 31		No Activities
Saturday, December 31	6:30 P.M.	Ukrainian New Year’s Eve Service Celebration Church—Blountville, TN
Sunday, January 1	11:00 A.M.	New Year’s Day Service—Central Hall
Monday, January 2	12:00 Noon	Church Office Closed Church Security Meeting
Wednesday, January 4	12:00 Noon 1:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Central Life published Widow’s Grief Group Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 5	10:30A.M. 4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Meals on Wheels Care & Concern Committee Christian Education Committee
Sunday, January 8	9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	Contemporary Worship—Central Hall Sunday School for all ages Traditional Worship—Sanctuary Youth Group
Monday, January 9	6:00 P.M.	Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, January 10	11:00 A.M.	Presbyterian Women's Group
Wednesday, January 11	5:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Wednesday Night Supper and Activities Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 12	10:00 A.M.	Presbytery Meeting—Zoom



### REMINDER TO ALL DONORS:

The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. A check deposited in the church offering in January of 2023 cannot be deducted in 2022, even if it is backdated to 2022. One exception – checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2022 are deductible in 2022, even if they are not received until 2023.

You are reminded not to file your federal income tax return before you receive your contribution summary from the church. Donors may not be able to deduct individual contributions of \$250 or more if they file a tax return before receiving a qualified contribution receipt from the church.

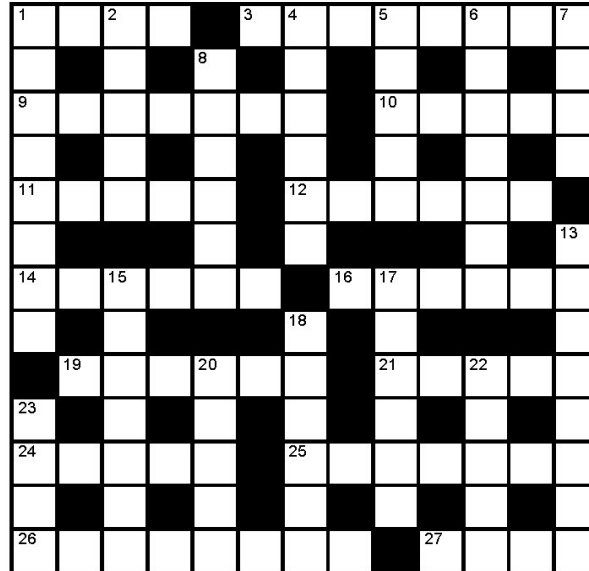
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Moffatt, Finance Director.



# Matthew

## Across

- 1 Fear Him who is able to destroy \_\_\_\_\_ soul and body in hell. Matt 10:28 (4)
- 3 "By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not \_\_\_\_\_." Matt 13:14 (8)
- 9 Jesus calls Peter this after he proclaims Jesus the "Christ, Son of the living God." It means "Son of Jonah." Matt 16:17 (7)
- 10 Along with clothing of sackcloth, this was a physical display of repentance. Matt 11:21 (5)
- 11 Means a "flowing of blood" and describes the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment. Matt 9:20 (5)
- 12 One sheep may "go \_\_\_\_\_" and the Shepherd will leave his ninety-nine to find it and rejoice. Matt 18:12 (6)
- 14 The Pharisees sought to do this to Jesus when he healed a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. Matt 12:10 (6)
- 16 One of the twelve apostles. Matt 10:2-4 (6)
- 19 Synonym for "young woman." Matt 26:69 (6)
- 21 The Heavenly Father feeds the fowls of the air, although they do not sow, reap or gather into these. Matt 6:26 (5)
- 24 "And ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matt 10:22 (5)



- 25 What mingled with fire in Exodus 9:24 during the plagues? (3, 4)
- 26 These were what Christ performed when he went from town to town. (8)
- 27 Jesus opened these when two men answered that they believed that he was able to heal them. Matt 9:29 (4)

## Down

- 1 Adjective form of "Bible." (8)
- 2 These are sown by an enemy with the good seed. They will grow together until the harvest and then be gathered first and burned. Matt 13:25-32 (5)
- 4 The Old Testament prophet who said "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matt 3:3 (6)
- 5 Jesus left Nazareth and dwelt in Capernaum, which is on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sea of Galilee. Matt 4:13 (5)

6 This son of Abraham is not in the genealogy of Christ. Matt 1:2 (7)

7 This was where the wise men were from when they came to worship Jesus. Matt 2:1 (4)

8 "The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavens shall be shaken." Matt 24:29 (6)

13 The Greek definition of this word (apostolos) means "messengers." Matt 10:2 (8)

15 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ 6, verse 13. (7)

17 Although Matthew was a Jew, he wrote this gospel in Greek. Other New Testament texts were written in Aramaic. What language was the Old Testament written in? (6)

18 "Wherefore, if God so \_\_\_\_\_ the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more \_\_\_\_\_ you, O ye of little faith?" Matt 6:30 (6)

20 Begat by Azor and begat Achim. Matt 1:1-16 (5)

22 "Therefore be ye also \_\_\_\_\_: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt 24:44 (5)

23 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless \_\_\_\_\_ that curse you, do good to \_\_\_\_\_ that hate you, and pray for \_\_\_\_\_ which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt 5:44 (4)

## Congregational Concerns...

## Central Life

### Pastoral Concerns:

Mike Ellis who is in Rehab for knee replacement surgery;

Randy Broyles as he is now at home;

Jeanne Kiger who will have surgery on Dec 23 to repair her broken foot which is a result from a car accident;

Paige Thompson as she recovers from her illness;

Ken and Cathy Moss as Ken recovers from his recent surgery on his nose;

### Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim & Joan Keith, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Ed Updyke, Retta Vance, Linda Wise.

### Prayers for Family members and friends:

Orion Callison, III (son of Peggy Callison); Roy Smith (Cathy White's father); Connie Perry (Sandy Wilson's aunt); Jamie Butcher & her family, with their home restoration; Roger McGhee (Christy Blevins' father) with health concerns; Mildred Rutherford, Doris Hall's aunt, who is in rehab at NHC recovering from a fall and a broken hip and ankle.

### Deepest Sympathy for:

Cheryl Clark in the death of her mother, Bertha Troutman on Saturday, Dec 17, 2022. There will be no service for her as she donated her body to science; Katelyn Taylor (Sheree's daughter-in-law) in the death of her father this last week. The service was in Chilhowie on Sunday afternoon; Savannah McCord in the death of her fiancé's, Will Diebold's paternal grandmother, last week. The service was this last weekend in Louisville, KY.

*Please call the church office (276-669-3157) with any pastoral concerns.*

### Memorial Gifts...

To the General Fund for Allen Vance by Renee Renouf Hall, Harriet W. Bibb, and Jane G. Nickels;

To the General Fund for Don Miller by Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, ALPHA PSI, William & Jeanette Sanders;

To the Misc. Contributions-Children's Program in memory of Terry Parks by Ann Aichinger, Ralph and Terry Davis, Nancy Arnold, George and Beth Parks, Terry and Barbara Lovins.

### Honorary Gift...

To the Backpack Ministry in Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Binder, Mrs. Carol Griffith, and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Norris by Archer Parsons.

### Crossword Puzzle Answer Key:

#### Matthew

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# Thank you to all who made Donations for Poinsettias and Bristol Faith in Action

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## **In Loving Memory of:**

Bill Kiser  
Our Parents  
Daniel Bartholomew  
Jill Bartholomew  
Hannah Marie Roosen  
Gene & Rose Campbelle  
Anne Storer  
Silas Clark  
Dot Clark  
Candy Ellis  
E.B. & Dot Cox  
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Eddie & Audrey Lester  
Don Miller  
Allen I. Vance  
Casey L. Stevens  
Robert Thomason  
Fred & Mae Eads  
Dick & Elizabeth Van Dyke  
Erin Hollo

## **In Honor of:**

God's gift to us at Christmas  
Ann Aichinger  
Janis & Joe Davis  
Mike Vollmer  
Nancy Kiser  
Glenn & Vicki Myers  
Patty & Tommy Caldwell

## **By:**

Nancy Kiser & family  
John & Linda Barker  
Guy & Joy Briggs  
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Tyler & Jeanie Franklin  
Her parents, George & Stella Fitzgerald  
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# January Birthdays

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Doris Hall	1	Theresa Kalb	20
Bessie Kitts	2	Dennis Meade	24
Jamie Meade	2	Shelby Quesenberry	25
Sawyer Meade	3	Vickie Salyer	25
Kim Proffit	7	Dillon Vaughn	25
Linda Brittle	13	Will Broadfoot	26
Scott Bullock	13	Sandy McGlothlin	27
Jeanne Kiger	13	Jackson Williams	28
Hannah Bitner	13	Christie Davenport	29
Christy Blevins	14	Woody McGlothlin	30
Ivy Ritchie	15	Banner Ellis	30
Janis Davis	19	Savannah McCord	31
Diana White	20		

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BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
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**[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.
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