

*Central Presbyterian Church
February 8, 2023*

Unity Worship Service

Sanctuary

10:00 A.M.

Sunday – Feb. 12, 2023

**Soup Lunch to follow in
Central Hall**



Everyone is invited to bring either a pot of soup, salad, or dessert to share.

Our current total as of Feb. 6 is: 2,603.

Also at lunch time, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the Renewal grant, process to the Renewal team, and Ann Aichinger.

Let's Get Lunch is Feb. 26 at Bella's

Session Notes

The session had their annual retreat on Sunday, Jan 22 from 2-4 p.m. with Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks, Abingdon Presbytery Leader, leading us. We worked in teams to put together jigsaw puzzles that had been mixed up prior to our arrival. It was interesting to see the different role each person took in the task at hand. Then we considered core values for our own lives and how those get lived out in our leadership. We also realized that most of the values are a part of our church family and those all help us to respond to the needs and ministries of which we are a part.

After our retreat time, we had our January meeting. Dr. Martin Dotterweich will preach and lead worship on March 19 while Ann Aichinger is out of town.

It was agreed to have the Committee Chairs meeting monthly to coordinate events and projects.

The Session received the Social Media Director's report for 2022 and had discussion about the outreach effect of our social media efforts.

The 2023 budget was approved and includes 3% raises for the staff.

The first vote was taken on approving use of up to \$165,000 from the Endowment to cover expenses as needed. The Second vote will be in February.

Approved having a unity service on Sunday Feb 12 as a part of the Souper Bowl Challenge with a fellowship soup lunch following worship.

Update was given about the Ukrainian family's arrival into Bristol, and the efforts in preparing for them to be here.

The March meeting will be held on March 28 at 7 p.m. hybrid. At this meeting, the confirmation class will attend and be welcomed into the membership of the church.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m. hybrid.



On Friday, Feb 10, a plane will arrive at Tri-cities airport at 10:10 p.m. with 4 very special people on board. Igor and Anna Mashkin, and their children Nikita and Eva will be passengers having traveled from Bucharest, Romania through Paris and Atlanta to arrive here in the Tri-cities. A small group from our church will welcome them, and then the Mashkin's will go to the Barker's home to get settled. The Bristol Tennessee School district is aware and ready for Nikita and Eva to be a part of Avoca Elementary and Tennessee Middle School.

We will be helping them to connect with the other Ukrainians in the area as well as welcoming them to be a part of our church family. Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund to provide them support and allowing them to purchase what they need. Thank you to all who have made contributions to help set up a comfortable home for them. Thank you to John and Linda Barker for hosting them in their home, and to Celebration Church for connecting us with this amazing opportunity to help with the Ukrainian crisis.

We hope they will be joining us at our Unity Worship this Sunday, February 12, 2023.
Continue to pray for the Mashkins' and for the nation of Ukraine.



PCUSA Response to the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

Amid news of a devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey, the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) has reached out to offer assistance to partners in the area, where thousands have died, and is asking Presbyterians to pray for those impacted by the quake and its aftershocks.

Through a coordinated response by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and World Mission, PMA has contacted multiple long-term partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) including the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon; the Middle East Council of Churches; the Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue; and the Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches. The partnerships have been established over the years through ecclesial work and to help people recover from war and other tragedies, such as the explosion in Beirut a few years ago. They are able to respond quickly to this humanitarian crisis and to be able to help those in the most need.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and World Mission rely on long-term partnerships to quickly provide aid when disaster strikes around the world. PDA also plans to respond through ACT Alliance members on the ground to address urgent needs and provide humanitarian aid. ACT Alliance is a global faith-based coalition that operates in more than 120 countries.

Needs among those affected are believed to include blankets, medication, hygiene supplies, temporary housing, and heating, said Dayna Oliver, Associate for International Program Administration for PDA. Congregations and individuals interested in helping to donate to **PDA DR999999** which is the code for assistance to the earthquake situation. You can give your gift through Central Presbyterian; please mark it clearly for Turkey/Syria assistance. Or you can give directly by going to the PMA website: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR999999/>. Through everyone's gifts and generosity, the PCUSA is able to partner with those on the ground to attend to the immediate needs that have been identified by our partners, knowing that there will be long-term projects that will develop during the recovery stages.

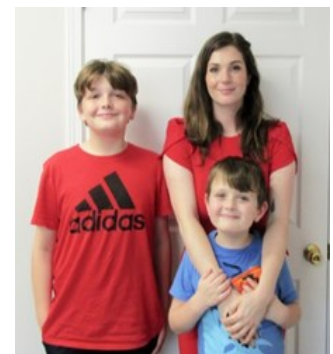
Volunteers Needed for Meghan's Build



Holston Habitat for Humanity and Meghan invite you to partner with her and her sons in building their home for the 2023 Bristol Community Build!

Volunteers can sign up at www.holstonhabitat.org/meghansbuild. If swinging a hammer is not your thing, we are also in need of folks to sponsor lunches for the volunteers.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mandy Penz at volunteer@holstonhabitat.org or 423-239-7689, ext. 801.





Central Life

Join us for: Wednesday Night Fellowship and Program 5:30 P.M. Dinner/ 6:10 P.M. Program

February 8 Dismantling Systemic Racism— Menu: Deli Night
February 15 Eradicating Systemic Poverty— Menu: Mac & Cheese, Beans & Cornbread
February 22 Ash Wednesday Service — Menu: Breakfast

During Lent on Wednesday nights, we will be looking at the Passion story of Jesus through the eyes of different characters involved. Last September, I had the opportunity to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and will be reflecting on that experience as well as sharing some of the script from the play as we look at these characters. We will meet Mary, the mother of Jesus, Nicodemus, Pilate, and Judas. I hope you will join us for this time as we look deeper into the story that leads us to the celebrations of Palm Sun-

Sermons:

Feb 12: Matthew 5:21-37 Living with Integrity
Feb 19: Matthew 17:1-9 Holy Heights and Valley Visions (Transfiguration Sunday)
Feb 26: Matthew 4:1-11 Being shaped by the wilderness

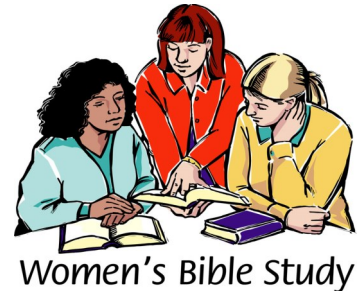
Presbyterian Women

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, February 14 at 11:00 A.M.
Small Dining Room

Our Lesson is #6- Sabbath and Hospitality led by
Reverend Ann Aichinger

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Your Co-Moderators,
Mary Ann Blevins
Thais Sikora



Women's Bible Study

Youth Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 8 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Participating in the discussion about Dismantling Systemic Racism with the adults.

Sunday, Feb. 12 Confirmation Class (immediately after soup lunch)

NO YOUTH

Wednesday, February 15 5:30 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.

We are participating in the conversation about Eradicating Systemic Poverty with the adults

Sunday, February 19 Bristol Emergency Food Pantry—Time 2:00—4:00 P.M. Meet at the church



Youth Happening

Calendar for February 8, 2023 - February 21, 2023

Wednesday, February 8	12:00 Noon 5:30 P.M. 7:15P.M.	Central Life Published Wednesday Night Dinner and Program Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 9	9:00 A.M.	Presbytery Meeting
Friday, February 10	10:10 P.M.	Ukrainian Family arrives
Sunday, February 12	10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M.	Unity Worship Service— Sanctuary Souper Bowl Lunch Confirmation Class
Monday, February 13	7:00 P.M.	CL Gamers—Central Hall
Tuesday, February 14	11:00 A.M.	Presbytery Women's' Bible Study
Wednesday, February 15	1:30 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 5:30 P.M. 7:15 P.M.	Widow's Grief Group Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday Night Dinner and Program Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 19	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—Food Pantry
Tuesday, February 21	12:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Staff Meeting—Small Dining Room Session Meeting

CL Board Game Group

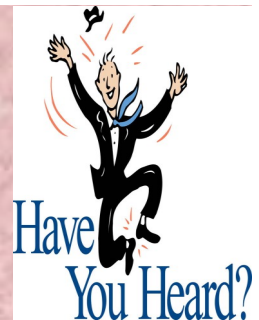
Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M. (**Please note change for this month due to Valentines Day) (We will meet Feb 13th!!!)**

Location: Central Hall

Schedule: 4th Friday of the Month at 9:00 A.M.

Location: Caldwell's residence—13 Harrow Bristol, TN 37620

For questions or directions to the Caldwell's' residence please call Tommy or Patty: 423-878-2140.



New Address Updates - Please let us know if you have a new address that needs to be updated.

Thais Sikora	Jeanne Kiger
Brookdale Senior Living – Bristol	Brookdale Senior Living – Bristol
375 Liberty Place Apt # 237	375 Liberty Place Apt # 327
Bristol, VA 24201	Bristol, VA 24201
Evan Moore	Archer Parson
1730 13 th St, SE	375 Liberty Place Apt #110
Minot, ND 58701	Bristol, VA 24201-2593

Congregational Congratulations & Concerns...

Congratulations to:

Matt and Valerie Coker on the birth of their daughter: Emma Grace Coker , on January 23, 2023;

Jack and Deb Wagner on the birth of their new Granddaughter: Lucy Alvah Wagner, on Feb 01, 2023 at 7:48 A.M. Jesse and Jenny Wagner are the proud parents along with brother Sam.

William and Mary Wampler's daughter, Mary Katherine had an Emergency C-Section at 27 weeks on Wednesday, January 25. She gave birth to: Charlotte Katherine Charles, who is in the NICU in Tampa, FL.

Pastoral Concerns:

Christy Blevins' dad, Roger McGhee, is improving;

Susan Campbelle had a successful cataract surgery on 2/8 and recovering at home;

Mark Littleton had surgery on his arm;

Ken Moss had a successful surgery recently and appreciates all of the prayers;

Rev. Jack Stephens who is in the hospital for COVID and health issues. He will be going to rehab to regain his strength;

Dave Wilson had a cardio version and praying it works and helps him feel better.

Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bill Canter, Mike Ellis, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim & Joan Keith, Jeanne Kiger, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Ed Updyke, Retta Vance, Diana White, Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family members and friends:

Jamie Butcher & her family, with their home restoration; Orion Callison, III (son of Peggy Callison); Ray Vaughn Cassell, brother of Phyllis Morris, having serious health concerns; Connie Perry (Sandy Wilson's aunt); Mildred Rutherford (Doris Hall's) aunt who is in rehab at NHC recovering from a fall and a broken hip and ankle; Roy Smith (Cathy White's father); Eugene Waldron's sister, Joy, with serious health concerns.

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

Memorials.....

To the Children's Ministry in Memory of Terry Parks, given by: Grace & Glenn Himstedt.



How I came to write *Earth Touching Heaven: An Appalachian Requiem*

When Susan and I considered moving to Southwest Virginia, we were not sure at first that it was the right decision. We had lived in Cincinnati for 20 years and were heavily involved in music-making: neither of us wanted to move away from our musical attachments. But we've both found fulfilling careers here, and there have been plenty of outlets for making music in the Tri-cities.

What surprised us most is how the majesty of the mountains surrounding us has inspired my music. The incredible scenery has been the very lifeblood of Appalachian musical traditions for centuries, and it was impossible for me not to feel its influence. The astonishing beauty I saw on my daily commute from Abingdon to Lebanon was a constant inspiration. I was reminded daily that "God owns the cattle on a thousand hills," which gave me thematic material for "Glory to God in the Highest." The rich melodic tradition of Appalachian music gave me thematic ideas for "Have Mercy, Lord" and "I Believe." I directly quote two traditional Appalachian tunes—"Holy Manna" and "Soar Away"—in "I Believe" and "Lamb of God." And my friendship with Jane Morison prompted me to write a *Sanctus* for the Highlands Youth Ensemble, which she directs, years before I incorporated it into the *Requiem* as "Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

My father died in 1993. When my mother passed away in 2010, I was determined to finish the work as a *Requiem* in memory of my parents. The first and last movements—"Rest from Your Labors" and "In Paradise"—are based on melodic themes from a song I wrote in 1991 for their 50th wedding anniversary. According to my brother, my mother listened to this song every day for the rest of her life. The pandemic lockdown of 2020-21 provided the time for me to complete the work, and the resulting deaths worldwide provided the final impetus for doing so.

So here is *Earth Touching Heaven: An Appalachian Requiem*, in memory of my parents Rose & Gene Campbelle, and for all the people worldwide who lost their lives in the pandemic. The work will be premiered by the Symphony of the Mountains, the Voices of the Mountains, the Highlands Youth Ensemble, and the Milligan Concert Choir. The performance is on Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 PM at the Toy Reid Center in Kingsport.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.symphonyofthemountains.org Go to "Events Calendar to place your order. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

— Robert Campbelle

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www.CentralPresBristol.org: Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Pastor Ann’s videos for each day.

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- * 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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