

Central Presbyterian Church
March 29, 2023



Holy Week Schedule April 2-9, 2023

Sunday, April 2

Palm/Passion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship—Central Hall

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship --Sanctuary

Our worship services will focus on the Passion Story from Matthew's Gospel. We will begin with the Palm Parade into Jerusalem and end with the crucifixion.

Wednesday, April 5: Dinner & program for all ages

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. Children and Youth activities

Adult Study: People of the Passion: Judas Iscariot

Thursday, April 6:

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m. Communion and Tenebrae Service
In Central Hall

Friday, April 7:

Good Friday Service

12 Noon In the Sanctuary

Good Friday Event

7:00 p.m. at State Street United Methodist Church
Combined Choirs to present Rutter's *Requiem*

Sunday, April 9:

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship in Central Hall

Confirmation Class will join the church

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt ---up to 5th grade

Reception to welcome the Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Please bring fresh flowers to be included into the Flower Cross



Easter Flower Cross

This year, we will have an Easter Flower cross and you are invited to bring fresh flowers Sunday, April 9 to have them added as a part of our celebration of Easter. They can be from your yard or from the florist. Thank you to Marguerite Buckley for coordinating this event.



Plan now to join us on Easter Sunday, April 9, at 10:15 a.m. for an Easter Egg hunt for children up to 5th grade. We will hide lots of eggs outside (weather permitting) and then invite the children to go and find them. There will be candy bags for everyone afterwards. So get your basket or a bag to collect the eggs, and be ready for lots of Easter fun.

We will be collecting candy for the Easter goody bags for the children. If you would like to donate some candy, please drop it off in the office or outside Ann Aichinger's office door.

Welcome to New Members of the Church

This year's confirmation class has worked hard in preparing to join the church on Easter Sunday. They met with the Session on March 28, and were received into membership. They are pictured below with their mentors: Keira Hamrick with Josie Russell; Vivian Wycoff with Patty Caldwell; Becka Reese with Courtney Reese; Bella Ritchie with Linda Waldron. There will be a reception following the 9:00 a.m. worship on Easter to celebrate with them. Please welcome them into the membership of the church.



Josie, Kiera, Patty, Vivian, Courtney, Becka, Linda, and Bella



Wednesday, March 29

5:30—7:00 p.m.

Dinner and Activities at the Church

Sunday, April 2

2:00—3:30 p.m.

Bowling at Pins & Friends

Wednesday, April 5

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Dinner then hanging out with the younger kiddos
No Youth Group due to Easter but you are invited
to help with the children's Easter Egg Hunt in
between services that day!

Sunday, April 9

Wednesday, April 12

5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Dinner and Activities at the Church

Sunday, April 16

2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Games and lesson at the church

Please Reserve Your Spot for Montreat Youth Conference ASAP

High School Conference

June 4th-10th

You will need to submit a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot by April 1st

Ages: rising 9th graders through graduated seniors



Here is a little description about the theme:

“What does it mean to experience deep, authentic joy? It can often feel inaccessible or artificial yet opening ourselves up to it provides new possibilities and stretches our boundaries. Join us as we explore the sources and meaning of authentic joy grounded in the light of God’s love and healing power through worship, music, learning, and of course, play.”

In addition to all the amazing things that the actual conference can offer, youth also get to look forward to: Ann’s yummy cooking, a hike up Lookout Trail with Josie, lots of laughs, ice cream every night during Back Home Group, shopping in Black Mountain, Candlelight by Lake Susan (you have to see it to believe how beautiful it is), new friends, new memories, and a deeper connection with God that you just seem to feel when you enter that iconic Montreat gate. Who’s in?!

Montreat Conference Center is offering a new Conference in October to provide an opportunity to reflect on the impact on the church of the pandemic and the other seismic changes that have happened in our world and in the church.

This conference recognizes that the church is at a critical crossroads, and wants to offer the chance for church leaders and members to be in the conversation. The dates for this conference are October 9-12, and the title is Holy Shift. Keynote leaders Diana Butler-Bass, Kenda Creasy Dean and Soong-Chan Rah will lead conversations about the changes and how we as the church can respond faithfully as we move into the future. There will be opportunities workshops and panel discussions as well as worship each day.



Ann Aichinger is working on renting a house in Montreat for our group. The cost would be \$150 for the conference and then \$125 for housing and meals. If you would be interested in attending, please let Ann know or Brenda in the church office. If you want more information, see the Montreat Conference Center website: <https://montreat.org/events/holy-shift>



Central Life

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Activities for All Ages (5:30—7:00 p.m.)

We gather for our Wednesday night dinner and program for all ages and we hope that you will join us for a time of fellowship and study and conversation. There will be a nursery as well as activities for our children and youth.

During the Season of Lent, the adult study time on Wednesdays is an opportunity to consider several of the people connected to the Passion of Jesus. Ann Aichinger will provide insights from her experience at the Oberammergau Passion Play that she attended last September. Each of these people are familiar to us, yet we might learn new things about their role in the events that led up to Jesus' death and in the days of Holy Week.

Wednesday, March 29: Pontius Pilate and Nicodemus
Wednesday, April 5: Judas Iscariot

Upcoming Sermons

Sunday, April 2:	Matthew 26-27	Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, April 9:	Matthew 28:1-10	Fear and Joy: the Emotions of Easter
Sunday, April 16:	John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9	Seeing is Believing
Sunday, April 23:	Luke 24:13-35	If Only We Could Go Back
Sunday, April 30:	Guest preacher, Dr. Martin Dotterweich	



Who is graduating in your family this Spring or Summer that you want recognized at Central? We need the name of the student, school attended, degree (and area of study), future plans (further schooling, work, etc.). Please send this information to the church office by email (office.cpc@bvumet.net) or by calling (276-669-3157). We will recognize our graduates on **Sunday, May 21** as a part of our worship service.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

This is one of the four major offerings of the PCUSA that we participate in annually. The One Great hour of Sharing offering is taken up on Easter Sunday, and has been collected in churches for 70 years and goes to support those in need. The three projects supported by this offering are: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People**. All work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

You can give by using on the other envelopes, making checks out to Central Presbyterian Church. Or you can go online and make a gift: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/> To find out more about this offering and the work of the PCUSA, please see the above website. Thank you for your generosity in being a part of the larger church's work.



Calendar

Central Life

March 29, 2023—April 19, 2023

Thursday, March 30	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks - Central Hall
Sunday, April 2	Palm Passion Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship---Central Hall Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Worship---Sanctuary Communion
	2-3:30 p.m.	Youth: To Friends and Pins
Monday, April 3-9	Apple Academy Spring Break	
Tuesday, April 4	6:15 p.m.	Chairs of Committees meeting—Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee—Zoom
Wednesday, April 5	1:30 p.m.	Widow's Grief Group
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Dinner and program
	7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 6	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks - Central Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels Delivery
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service Central Hall
Friday, April 7	12:00 noon	Good Friday Service
	7:00 p.m.	Rutter's Requiem—State Street UMC
		Combined choirs
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt for children
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
Monday, April 10	Office Closed	
Tuesday, April 11	11:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Gathering & study
	6:00 p.m.	Apple Committee meets in Sm Dining Rm
	7:00 p.m.	CL Gamers at the church
Wednesday, April 12	4:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Dinner and program:
	7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 13	4:00 p.m.	Care & Concern Meeting
Sunday, April 16	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 18	12:00 Noon	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Central Life online posting: March 30, April 19, May 3, May 17

Bristol Faith in Action is in need of the following personal care items:

Toothbrushes—individually wrapped

Toilet Paper

Deodorants

Body Wash

Shampoo

Items may be dropped off in the Church Office during regular office hours.

Pastoral Concerns:

Sumer Lowry recovery at home with health issues due to a stroke;
Missy McCord continues to recover from knee surgery at home;
Woody McGlothlin is now at home;
Mary Kay English is back at Brookdale;
Doris Crabtree is at home;
Rev. Jack Stephens is at home recovering.

Central Life



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family members and friends:

Christy Blevins' father, Roger McGhee; Peggy Callison's son, Orion; Phyllis Morris' brother, Ray Cassell; Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry; Doris Hall's aunt, Mildred Rutherford; Cathy White's father, Roy Smith; Sandy Wilson's husband, Dave; Eugene Waldron's sister, Joy; Mary and William Wampler's granddaughter, Charlotte; Diana White's brother-in-law, Ed Fortner.

Deepest Sympathy for:

Marguerite Buckley in the death of her sister, Cathy, on March 10, in Connecticut.

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



ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Walnut Grove Pres. Church

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Keynote from DeVonne Phipps,
Bristol Faith in Action

Update from Billy Rice,
Pres. Children's Home
Worship with Rev. John Markel

Mark your calendars now for this annual event.

You are invited to bring household cleaning products to donate to BFIA as an extra offering.

Faith Statements of the 2023 Confirmation Class

Keira Hamrick

I believe that God sent Jesus to die on the cross from my sins and that is he my savior. He loves everyone and we are all forgiven. Prayer is important to me because it brings me closer to God. Being in worship brings me joy because I get to be around my church family. Taking communion helps remind me of what Jesus did for me. My baptism is a symbol of my commitment to grow in my relationship with God. It brings me comfort to know that God saved me.



Becka Reese

I believe that God is our Lord and Savior. I also believe that our Lord sent Jesus, his son to be a sacrifice for our sins. I believe that God is the maker of heaven and earth. But I also believe that when we die, we help him add to his creation, because we and his creation are continuing to change.

I believe that God is the audience; that we during worship are putting on a show for him. You (us) the congregation and the children of God are the actors trying to impress him. And yes, we are going to make mistakes but that is okay. I believe that yes, we make mistakes but that's what he looks for and understands that we are not perfect, but that we try. He knows that try our best and that what makes him the happiest.

I believe that if you pray for healing, then you will receive healing. During marching season and athletic seasons, God has provided me healing and comfort. I also believe that every day we get closer to God if we have trust and faith in him.



Bella Ritchie

I believe the Bible teaches us how to live as God's people. The Bible teaches us how to worship, how to forgive, and how to love our neighbors. I believe Jesus died on the cross and resurrected to forgive our sins. I believe the church is a place to worship God. Being a member of the church means participating in church and worship.



Vivian Wycoff

I believe in God, the creator of all things. God is the Spirit of life and we will never be able to compare to him. No matter the circumstance, God will always love us. We can always trust in him and allow him to guide us through our ups and downs of life.

Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus was sent by God to teach, heal, and save us. He is God in human flesh. We see God and Jesus work in our day-to-day lives.

The Holy Spirit is constantly at work in my life. He allows me to wake up every day and watches over me. He has also protected me throughout athletics and academics. He is constantly with me throughout everything I do.

The Church is a place where we can come and learn about the Good News of the Gospel. Church is a place where we as Christians can gather to learn, worship and show our love to God. As a part of the church, I will continue to grow and strengthen my relationship with God.



Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. Sheree Taylor opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer. The Confirmation Class members joined the meeting to be received as members. They are Keira Hamrick, Becka Reese, Bella Ritchie and Vivian Wycoff. Having heard their faith statements and other information, these four young ladies were accepted into membership of Central Presbyterian Church.

Ann Aichinger shared about her trip on the Danube River, and other pastoral issues happening in Central. She thanked everyone for helping out while she was away.

Then at 7:40 p.m., Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks and Victoria Krebs were welcomed as guests to the meeting. Rev. Hicks presented to the session the option of having Victoria Krebs, a seminary student who is serving in Abingdon Presbytery at the Richlands Presbyterian Church. It was discussed about her situation and the need for her to become a member of Central in order to move her forward toward ordination. The Session unanimously approved to receive her as a member of Central. Though you might not ever meet her, she is a part of our church family. We hope that she and her family will be able to visit with us (not on a Sunday) so that she can get to know us and we can get to know her.

The committees each shared about the work that is happening. The graduates will be recognized on May 21 as a part of worship.

Dr. Martin Dotterweich will preach on April 30 while Ann Aichinger is away officiating at a wedding in Chattanooga.

Reminders were given about Holy Week activities.

It was agreed to have Lemonade in the Shade in the summer after worship on Sundays.

It was approved that our Summer Unity Worship Services would begin on Sunday, May 21 with worship at 10 a.m. alternating between the Sanctuary and Central Hall.

John Barker gave updates on the Thriving Communities work and on how the Mashkins are doing in their transition here in the US. He also said that there was another family from the Odessa area who is desperate to come to America. If you are willing to have a conversation about being a sponsor or host, please contact John Barker or Ann Aichinger.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.



Victoria Krebs was received by the Session on Tuesday, March 28 as a new member. Victoria is currently a seminary student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, and is serving the Richlands Presbyterian Church as a seminary student. She transfers to Central from Paw Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Victoria is married to Frank and she has three children. Because she is busy on Sundays you may not get to meet her soon. But hopefully in the summer we can have her come down and be with us and get to know us. Below is her information, and you are invited to email or write her a note of welcome.

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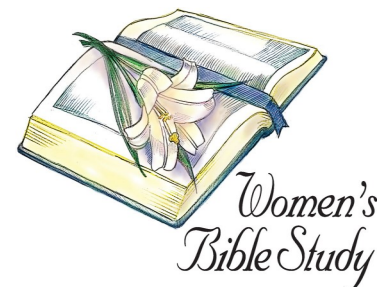
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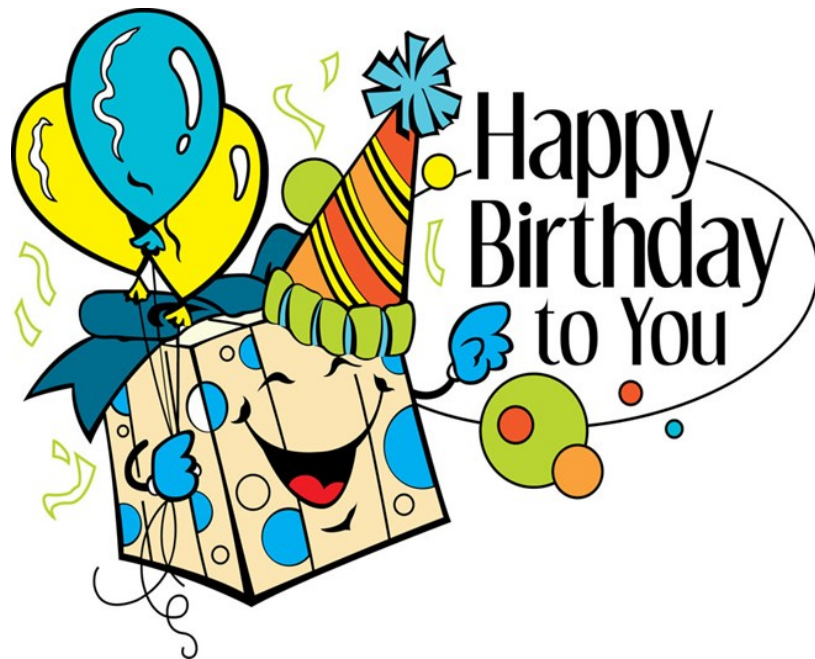
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in the Small Dining Room

Our Lesson is #8, Sabbath and Justice led by Rev. Ann Aichinger. This lesson tells us that Sabbath and justice go hand in hand. Celebrating the Sabbath means living lives of justice all week long. It brings us some thought provoking information, and we hope you can all be there.

Your Co-Chairman:

Mary Ann Blevins and Thais Sikora





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

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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 give in a check, or cash, in the offering plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to:

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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.
- * You can give one time, or regularly, through your **Realm Connect** profile.

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Office Hours:

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9:00 to 3:00 Monday—Thursday
9:00 to 12:00 Friday

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