

Sunday—May 28
Pentecost Sunday
Please wear Red



CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church
May 17, 2023



Ponderings from a Rocking Chair

Pentecost is one of my favorite holidays of the church year. It has not been taken over by Hallmark or commercialized. But it is still a church observed holiday. Pentecost is the birthday of the church, when God sent the Holy Spirit upon the gathered community of followers of Jesus and they began to share the Good News of Jesus with the people in Jerusalem. From there, the Spirit moved the church into the known world and we have stories in the Book of Acts about the travels and work of individuals and groups as they were the church.

Pentecost is also a season of the church and is usually called “ordinary time.” But the work of the Spirit is anything but ordinary. Actually the work of the Spirit brings about extraordinary events in our live and in our world. We see that in Scripture how the spirit moved the Church to continually be expanding its borders and boundaries. The Spirit was at work in ordinary people, calling them to be doing extraordinary things all in the name of Jesus.

One of the characteristic of life here in Central is that we are paying attention to the winds of the spirit and how we are to be moved into new places and new opportunities to share the Good News. Recently we have seen this with the arrival of the Mashkin family and their adjustment to living here in Bristol. But with their arrival came a sign of God’s continuing call upon us to be the church doing extraordinary and unexpected things. In the next week, friends of the Mashkins will arrive in Charlotte and go to live in the Rich Valley area of Virginia. Though we have seen difficulty in finding a host family for the Novokreshchenov family, God opened up the right doors at the Presbytery meeting this last week, and Rev. Mike Klumpp was willing to welcome them into the church at Rich Valley.

We have seen how the Spirit continues to call us as a church to be an open and welcoming community, where people are invited to come and meet Jesus through this community of faith. We have sensed the power of the Spirit as we have been led to be a part of the Thriving Communities Project in Montreat. We have seen the power of the Spirit as we made adjustments and adaptations when Covid hit, and how those changes have become a part of our “normal” life here at Central. The Spirit calls us to be the hands and feet, hearts and minds in service to our Lord in many ways and through many ministries and actions.

So on Sunday, May 28, you are invited to come to be a part of worship and to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are invited to wear red (or orange or yellow) as signs of the fire of the Spirit that came on that first Pentecost. As you enter the Sanctuary for worship, notice that our carpet is bright red, reminding us weekly that we are a people who are to follow the leading of the Spirit.

Let us live as faithful and joyful people, and let us pay attention to the work of the Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Ann

Pastoral Concerns:

Frances Van Dyke who has a new cancer diagnosis and will have tests to develop a treatment plan. She appreciates all prayers as they are on this new cancer journey.
Diane White who is dealing with some health concerns;
Joy Brigg's husband, Guy, as he recovers from a fall;
Norma Donnelly who is recovering from a serious fall and dealing with injuries;
Nancy Arnold is recovering from hip recovery;
Mark McCord as he is recovering from another surgery on his arm;
Missy McCord is continuing to recover.



Continued Prayers for:

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

Prayers for Family members and friends:

Briggs Allen's sister; Christy Blevins' father, Roger McGhee; Peggy Callison's son, Orion; Robert Campbell's brother; Jane Morison's brother; 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 to:

Mary Moffatt in the death of her cousin on May 11.

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

Thank you to our Children's Ministry volunteers and to our Kitchen Volunteers

On Wednesday May 10, we recognized our Kitchen volunteers and our Children's Ministry Volunteers. On Sunday, May 21, we will recognize our Volunteers who have helped with Children's Church and Children's Sunday School. Thank you for your service and for your care with our children.



<u>Kitchen and Dining Volunteers</u>	<u>Wednesday Night Children's Volunteers</u>	<u>Children's Sunday School Volunteers</u>
Cathy White	Youth	Christy Blevins
David White	Josie Russell	Barret Blevins
Wes Ritchie	Christy Blevins	Cathy White
Marguerite Buckley	Barret Blevins	David White
Trish James	Linda Waldron	Valerie Coker
Barbara Mann	Sheree Taylor	Matt Coker
Kim Proffitt	Vickie Clark	Linda Waldron
Sumer Lowry	Christie Davenport	Christie Davenport
Anna Mashkin	Jane Morison	Sheree Taylor
Igor Mashkin	Courtney Reece	Trish James
<u>Children's church helpers</u>	Leslie Mumpower	Courtney Reese
Sandy Wilson	Valerie Coker	Missy McCord
Christy Blevins	Matt Coker	Savannah McCord
Jane Morison	Frances Van Dyke	Mary Wampler
Keira Hamrick	Monica Alderman	Jay Hall
Callie Eckley	Maddy Wilson	Ivy Ritchie
		Monica Alderman
		Terry Parks (in memory)

Sunday, May 28 Celebration of Pentecost
Please wear Red as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is the celebration of the giving of the Holy Spirit and the creation of the church, which is the Body of Christ on earth. So it is in fact the birthday of the Church. After Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, he spent 40 days with his disciples and followers. Then he ascended into heaven. But before Jesus left them, he told them that the Spirit would come upon them and then they were to go and be witnesses of what they had heard and seen.

We will gather in the Sanctuary this Sunday for Pentecost, and you are invited to wear something red. Red is the symbol of the Holy Spirit which comes in the form of fire. Fire is an earthly element that is all consuming, and changes whatever it touches. The Spirit is the same in that it changes whatever it touches. We live as the people of Pentecost who respond to the Holy Spirit as we seek to serve Christ in this world.



I remember my first day here and I was so afraid of not fitting in. The first person I saw that day was Angie from APPLE. She welcomed me immediately and calmed my nerves. Everyone from that moment on did the same thing and now I feel at home just when I have to say "till I see you again." You have forever changed me and I will never forget any of you!!! I love each and everyone of you and will always have Central Presbyterian in my thought and prayers.

Brenda J. Lester

Drop-in and say Farewell—Thursday, May 25 (10:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon)

As we are all sad by the departure of Brenda Lester, we do want to thank her and show our appreciation to her for her good work with us these seven months. You are invited to stop by the church office on Thursday, May 25, 10 a.m.-12 noon and wish her well in her future. There will be refreshments available so come and enjoy and show Brenda some Central Presbyterian love!

Montreat Craft Request:

Crafts for the Clubs Program are being upgraded this summer and we need your hidden treasures in your house. Awe and wonder and creativity are rising from the first floor of the Craft shop and the Summer club program is in need of materials for the children and youth. If you have any items to donate, please drop them off in the box outside of the church office. The Youth group will take them to Montreat on June 4 when they go to the Youth Conference.

Mason Jars (any size) - Sandbox sand - Paper punch cut outs (any shape)
Wax paper—Parchment Paper—Paper Plates (any size) - Ziploc baggies (all sizes)
Wood burners (of any kind) - Electric extension cords strips—Electric Pencil Sharpener
Masking Tape any width—Sandpaper (all coarses) - old greeting cards
Hemlock pinecones—Acorn caps—Hickory nut halves—Marbles



**Congregational
Meeting**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11 immediately following 10 A.M. worship. The purpose is to elect elders to the class of 2026.

We will receive the PCUSA Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 28. This is one of the regular offerings that we have as we work with the larger church in changing people's lives and situations. The Pentecost offering goes to support at risk children, youth and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.

40% of our collection stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), who serve for a year or two in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% supports ministries with youth especially through the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

10% is devoted to children at risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

Gina Yeager-Buckley, Associate for the Presbyterian Youth and Triennium Office says, "The Pentecost Offering enables young people to be included in some beautiful formation adventures that allow them to shine as well as helps them lead us as a church."

There are three ways to give:

through our congregation using the envelopes on June 28 or by giving and marking your gift for the Pentecost Offering;

Text PENTECOST to 91999 to support these vital ministries,
you can give online at pcusa.org/donatepentecost



Summer Worship Schedule:

It is time to move to one Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. As is our tradition here at Central, we will alternate between meeting in Central Hall and the Sanctuary. We hope that you will join us for worship each week, and not just in the space that you favor. For our worship of God as a church is a weekly event, and we enjoy seeing one another and worshipping with each other. So make an effort this summer to come to worship. Learn some new music. Sit in different places in the rooms to have different perspectives.

Sermons

June 4	Trinity Sunday: God at Work	Genesis 1:1-2:3; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
June 11	The God of the New Places	Genesis 12:1-9
June 18	God of Outrageous Possibilities	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-17
June 25	God of the Outcasts	Genesis 21
July 2	Our God Given Freedoms	Various verses

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Wednesday, May 17	12:00 Noon	Widow's Grief Group—Aubrey's Restaurant
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Thursday, May 18	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks
	6:00 p.m.	APPLE Pre-School Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, May 20	9:30 a.m.	Butterfly Garden Work Day
Sunday, May 21	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—Central Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Let's go to Lunch—Mad Greek
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, May 22	7:00 p.m.	Thriving Community Team Meeting
Tuesday, May 23	6:30 p.m.	EGA Meeting in Central Hall
Wednesday, May 24	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Thursday, May 25	10:00—12 noon	Brenda Lester Farewell Drop-In event
Friday, May 26		Brenda Lester's last day
Sunday, May 28	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—Sanctuary
	11:10 a.m.	Healing Service—Chapel
Sunday, May 28—May 31		Ann Aichinger out of town
Monday, May 29—May 31		APPLE Academy Closed
Monday, May 29		Church Office Closed
Wednesday, May 31	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, June 1	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
	4:00 p.m.	Care & Concern Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education meeting—Zoom
Friday, June 2—June 18		Mary Moffatt on Vacation
Sunday, June 4	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—Central Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Youth Leaving for Montreat Conference



Healing Service

Before Covid, we offered a monthly healing service in the chapel following the worship time on the fourth Sundays of the month. It is time to offer this again and our first one will be on May 28 following the 10 a.m. worship. You are invited to come to the Chapel for a time of prayer for yourself, or for a loved one, or for a situation in our world. There will be the option of anointing with oil. This is a powerful time of prayer and all are welcome to be a part of this.

Montreat Youth Conference, June 4-10



This year, we have three youth (Ada Ritchie, Becka Reese and Keira Hamrick) attending the youth conference with Josie Russell participating in small groups. Ann Aichinger and Kelly Hamrick will be going as chaperones for the week and to help cook and keep life going. This year's theme is "In Joy." We will participate in energizers and morning keynote that will present the theme of the day, small groups where we will explore the theme, then recreation time to have fun and play, and evening worship as a conference. Each night our group will meet for back home time to check in and review the day and prepare for the next day. We ask for your prayers as we go to learn more about how to follow Jesus and how we are called to live into Joy!

Session Notes

Central Life

The Session met on Tuesday, May 16. The session shared challenges that Central is facing. A Congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, June 11 for the purpose of electing the elders for the class of 2026. This meeting will be immediately following worship. Most of the meeting was given reports about the work of committees. Administration and staff reported on their work of securing staff for the Office Administrator's position, working on finding a new fiancé director (Mary Moffatt will retire on September 15), and the search for a nursery staff member. APPLE Academy had 12 students graduate out of the program and they will be going to kindergarten in the fall. Christian education is working on celebrating with our graduates on May 21. Mission Committee reminded everyone about the Pentecost offering which will be collected on May 28. The Sunnyside Offering will be taken on Father's Day (June 18). Property and Maintenance reported on the security issues and that there are now 5 Ring cameras in the church monitoring movement in the building. Worship committee reported that Dr. Martin Dotterweich will preach on July 9 when Ann is away for a wedding in Chicago and on July 30 when she is away on vacation in Florida.

Presbytery update

Abingdon Presbytery met on Thursday, May 11 at Dinwiddie Presbyterian Church in Hillsville. John Barker and Ann Aichinger attended. Worship was led by Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks and the sermon was given by Rev. Hugh Matlack, interim pastor at Anchor of Hope and Galena Presbyterian Churches. The business of the day included the following items: Commissioning of Patricia Neel to serve the Lebanon Presbyterian Church as a CLP. The Commission for the ordination service for Katherine Campbell was approved. Examining and welcoming Victoria Krebs as a Candidate for Ministry. Heard the update about the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands new venture with a clothing ministry. They will be seeking to have churches contribute to this effort in early 2024. Igor and Anya Mashkin spoke to the Presbytery about their situation and how they came to Bristol. They also raised awareness about another family needing to have a host to come to the US. (The Rich Valley Church has agreed to host the Novokreshchenov family).

Class of 2023



Courtney Reese—King University graduated with a B.A. in English—going to teach in South Carolina.

Claire Morison—Appalachian State University with two Masters-will be working in Winston Salem, NC.

Madison Campbell—(Trish James' granddaughter) Emory & Henry graduate to continue at Emory & Henry in the Doctoral Program in Occupational Therapy

Will Broadfoot - graduates from TN High—will be attending UT.

Sydney Collier—graduates from TN High and will attend ETSU for Nursing.

Patrick Long—will graduate from Emory and Henry School of Health Science August of 2023 with a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy, and desires to work at a Veterans Hospital. He is the son of Chris and Lynne Long, grandson of Bessie Kitts, and the late Myron Kitts.



June 2023

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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Dave Wilson	1	Alisa Harris	17
Ellena Dodson	1	Mark Ellis	18
Linda Barker	2	Retta Vance	19
Bob Scott	4	Ann Landis	21
Sumer Lowry	5	David Meade	21
Elise Allen	6	Cheryl Clark	22
Stella Kite	6	Joy Briggs	23
Nikita Mashkin	7	Terry Graybeal	23
Bill Prince	8	Ed Sutphin	24
Mike Ellis	10	Patty Caldwell	28
Jackie Dennison	14	Kloe Thomas	28
Brian Alderman	16	Barbara Pyle	29
		Kassidy Cambell	30

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Mad Greek

Volunteer Parkway

May 21 @ 11:30

Sign-Up Sheet is in the office!

Let's go to Lunch

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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:

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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Office Hours:

The current office hours are:
9:00 to 3:00 Monday—Thursday
9:00 to 12:00 Friday

Please call 276-669-3157 for
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