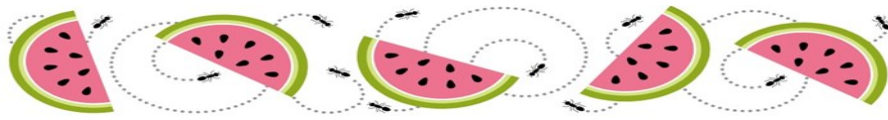


Central Presbyterian Church
August 30, 2023

Retirement Party!

Mary Moffatt is retiring after many years of working at Central as our Finance Director! Please drop in between the hours of 1:30 - 3:30 pm on September 11 to help us celebrate Mary's retirement and express our gratitude for her service.

Mary has asked that we donate to the Backpack fund in lieu of gifts.



Homecoming Picnic—September 9th Picnic in the Park!

Now is your chance to bring friends and family to our picnic at Steele Creek Park, Pavilion G from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring games, a side dish or dessert to share. The kids' playground is a very short distance from the pavilion, and we're hoping that the Splash Pad might still be open. We'll have fellowship, games; and great fun! The church is providing hamburgers and hotdogs and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.

Discover the Joy of the Lord!!!

September 3	Sanctuary
September 10	Central Hall
September 17	Sanctuary
September 24	Central Hall

How Do We Find Joy?
How Do We Cultivate Joy?
Where Do We Find Joy?
Does Having Joy Matter?



Update on the Renewal Grant

On Monday, August 28, we received word that we did not get the renewal grant funded for 2024 by the Lilly Foundation. Though this was a disappointment, it is not a failure. All the work that went into this project has helped to bring focus on and guidance for our work and ministry in the coming years. Also, the Mission and Vision statement for the congregation has been updated and better reflects who we are as a church. As we move forward, we hope to work on the areas of primary interest for the life of the church:

Recreation: provide opportunities for fellowship and fun together.

Relational: to continue to deepen our relationships with one another as a community and to welcome others into our fellowship.

Intellectual: to engage our minds and our bodies in the work of ministry through study and reflection which then leads us into action.

Spiritual Gifts: to engage in ministry together using our spiritual gifts and to share those gifts and passions as we follow the Winds of the Spirit.

Thank you to the team who wrote the grant and spent hours working on this project: John Barker, John Dodge, Donnie Spurell, Marguerite Buckley, Sheree Taylor, and Tim Landis.

The Backpack program here at Central provides weekend bags of food for children who have food insecurity. We have been given monies from the Abingdon Presbytery Mission Committee which will help us as we expand to include 30 children from Highland View School. If you are available on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m., come to Central Hall to help pack these bags and make a difference in our community.



Backpack committee needs your gently used plastic grocery bags. Please leave in the tub next to the office door. Food donations may also be left in that tub. Send monetary donations to the church office marked “backpack program”. We can use that money to purchase the food we need at a much larger discount than you can get on your own. Kids can’t learn if they’re hungry!

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES IN BELIZE:

Dear Ladies of Central Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for such thoughtful and generous donations of sewing supplies. these items will be used by Cayo Christian Academy as they begin their sewing classes for their students. I look forward to sharing good reports for this donation. Keep our team in your prayers. We will be providing medical care and Evangelism and building a safe house for abused and trafficked women.



Blessings,
Leanne Miller

To: All Presbyterian Women
Subject: Monthly Bible Study
“Sacred Encounters”

The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke and Acts

Leader: Rev. Ann Aichinger
Co-Moderators: Mary Ann Blevins
Thais Sikora

Place: Small Dining Room
Date: September 12, 11:00 a.m.

Our study books are available in the church office or at our first meeting. Books are \$10 each and may be paid for at the first meeting.

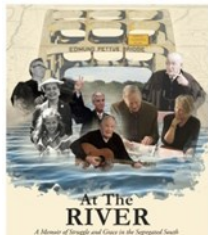


Woo Hoo! Happy Dance! Wednesday night suppers are starting up again!

Our first Wednesday night dinner will be on September 6 at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a program from the Backpack Committee to tell you about all the children we are helping, and what they need to continue that support.

Children will have music time with Jane Morison while the adults learn more about the Backpack program. Then, everyone will be invited to help pack 2-3 weeks of bags.

At the River: A Memoir of Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South - A Documentary



At the River is a feature length documentary about a certain time and place in the deep south. In the Civil Rights era of the 50's and 60's most Presbyterian ministers stood on the banks of the cultural river of segregation and white supremacy. They opted not to stir the waters in their congregations and communities by speaking out. However, a few young southern Presbyterian ministers did brave those currents through their sermons, community organizing, and participating in marches and protests. They faced dangerous, hate-filled consequences for these actions.

At the River chronicles their lives and their decisions, as well as director Carolyn Crowder's first-hand experience as a young, white, southern girl from Montgomery, Alabama. During those mean and turbulent times these ministers, through their love and example, had a huge impact on her life in helping her overcome her southern racist brainwashing.

There will be a screening of this full-length documentary on Sunday, September 10, at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, TN at 12:45 p.m. As a part of this event, Carolyn Crowder will be present and lead a discussion with those present. If you are interested in attending, please talk with Ann Aichinger. For more information: <http://carolyncrowder.com>



Caroline Jones will be moving to Michigan the first week of September so that she may be closer to her daughter. We will wish Caroline safe travels and offer her our blessing at worship on Sunday, September 3.

Caroline's new address will be:

Caroline Jones
2251 Springport Rd.
Apt. 304
Jackson, MI 49202
(517) 262-3726

Mark your Calendars:

Sunday, September 24: *Let's Go to Lunch!* at Bristol Gardens & Grill. All are welcome to join us after worship for lunch and fellowship. Bristol Gardens & Grill has a screened porch area and greenhouses where we can eat. This restaurant is located at the corner of Randolph & Vance St, Bristol, VA, one block off of Euclid Ave.

Sunday, September 24: Wild Goose-a-Palooza: Music and dinner at Wild Goose Christian Community in Carroll County.

Saturday, October 14: Mountain Top Abingdon Presbytery Leadership Event, in Marion, VA.

Calendar

August 30—September 20

Wednesday, August 30	1:30 p.m.	Central Life goes out
	7:00 p.m.	Widow's Grief Group
Thursday, August 31	9:00 a.m.	Choir practice
	6:00 p.m.	Back Pack Committee
Sunday, September 3	9:00 a.m.	Security Training Session—dinner provided
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary—Communion
	11:10 a.m.	Lemonade in the Shade—David White & Friends
Monday, September 4		Healing Service—Chapel
Tuesday, September 5	APPLE & CHURCH	OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY
	6:15 p.m.	Committee Chairs meeting by ZOOM
Wednesday, September 6	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner—activity—backpacks
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday, September 7	9:00 a.m.	Back Pack Committee
	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
	4:00 p.m.	Care & Concern meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed meeting by ZOOM
Saturday, September 9	9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Picnic in the Park Homecoming (lunch @ noon)
Sunday, September 10	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship—Central Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade in the Shade—Mission Committee
	12:45 p.m.	<i>At the River</i> documentary 1st Presby -Kingsport
Monday, September 11	1:30 –3:30 p.m.	Retirement drop in party for Mary Moffatt
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee meeting
Tuesday, September 12	11:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
	5:45 p.m.	APPLE Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Central Gamers—Central Hall
Wednesday, September 13	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 14	9:00 a.m.	Back Pack Committee
Sunday, September 17	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade in the Shade—David White & Friends
	5:30—7:00 p.m.	"It's Central, Baby" with children & youth
Tuesday, September 19	12:00 noon	Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Wednesday, September 20	Central Life goes out	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Session Notes:

The session met on August 15 for the regular monthly meeting. Glen Van Dyke opened the meeting with a devotional from Hebrews 13:5-10 and the nature of change: How we need to know that change happens, but we need to keep the changes in perspective and continue to trust in the Lord.

Ann Aichinger shared that Ada Ritchie's name had been placed in nomination to be the Youth Advisory Delegate for Abingdon Presbytery to the General Assembly in 2024 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She also shared about the schedule for the Thriving Communities site visit on August 26-27, and the upcoming sermon series for Homecoming Month and the theme of Discovering the Joy of the Lord.

Update was given about the Mashkins and their move into their own home and that a family in the church has given a van to the Mashkins.

From the Committees, the following items were noted and/or approved:

- Search to hire a cook for Wednesday night dinners.
- To continue combined alternating worship services through December 31. This is to allow the larger group to worship together. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m., alternating between Central Hall and the Sanctuary. This will be evaluated and further conversations will be had about this matter.
- Wednesday evening will have dinner and program or study for Children and Adults beginning September 6, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Establish the Hot MESS Club for mothers to support and care for one another.
- The Finance Committee reported that they approved a rebalancing proposal by Rob Hollo (Edward Jones Investments) in order for the church to have more income while maintaining stability and a low risk factor.
- The Line of Credit was renewed for another year.
- There has been a savings in making some changes to the garbage pickup at the church.
- There will be a security training on Thursday, August 31, 6 p.m. at the church.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m. hybrid.

Youth Activities

Wednesday, September 6th

Wednesday Night Dinner and Activities
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 9th

Church Picnic at Steele Creek Park
Josie will be there from about 11:30 - 1:30

Sunday, September 17th

"It's Central, Baby" Kid and Youth Combined Event
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Join us for pizza, popsicles, and games!

Sunday, September 24th

First Youth Group Meeting following Worship
11:00 a.m. - noon
Please bring Bibles if you have them.



Pastoral Concerns:

Joy Briggs' family & especially her great-grandson, Drake;
Merrie McInnis had knee surgery 8/23;
Mike Ellis is home with on pain meds and is feeling a little better;
Maxine Howell is in the hospital;
Linda Barker is at home, recovering from her broken leg;
Doris Hall is awaiting surgery to get a new heart valve I
in October;
Woody McGlothlin is waiting for a lung transplant;
Frances Van Dyke is having cancer treatment;
Heather Surber Kiser is continuing her cancer treatment at Vanderbilt;



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Doris Crabtree, Mary Kay English, Bob and Becky Ingram,
Jim and Joan Keith, Missy McCord, Nicki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Jean Thomason,
Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Mary Moffatt's cousin, Joni Cambron; Christy Blevins' father, Roger McGhee;
Peggy Callison's son, Orion; Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry and her uncle, Junior;
Diana White's sister and brother-in-law..

Extend our Christian sympathy to family & friends of Nancy Norman, who died on
August 20 in Harrisonburg, VA . Her service was on Friday, August 25.

***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.***



Doris Hall will be traveling to Cleveland, Ohio, in October to have her heart valve replaced (again). She is working to make arrangements for transportation to Cleveland in mid-October and then back home in late October or early November. If you are willing to help her with this transportation, please talk with Doris. There is money available to provide for gas and overnight lodging.



Ken Hale	1	Rich Williams	15
Malin Hollo	1	Bella Ritchie	16
Audyn Hollo	1	Myron Wilson	16
Linda Fisher	2	Hank McBride	16
Andrew Prince	5	Paul Conco	18
Jim Keith	5	Eric Blanton	19
Brian Eckley	6	Jameson Calloway	20
Melanie Buhls	9	Beth Parks	21
William Wampler	9	Gale Thompson	23
Don Hagaman	9	Seth Hall	23
Paige Thompson	12	Carter Wade	24
Katherine Campbell	12	Kimberly Parks	25
Lily Davenport	12	Wes Ritchie	25
Maddy Wilson	13	Ken Brittle	27
Harrison McBride	13	Thais Sikora	27
Patty Canter	15	Randall Mercer	30
Fred Fisher	15	Ashton Waldron	30
Niki McGrew	15	Parker Davis	30
Bailey Meade	15		

Patty Caldwell shared some thoughts on the life of Nancy Norman. Here is an excerpt from what she shared at Nancy's memorial service on Friday, August 25.

Nancy came into my life in the early 1990s when she came back from the mission field to live in Bristol near her family. She would come into the church office at random times during the day and start asking off-the-wall questions, trying to learn about the world because the world was so different from when she left here so many years ago.

Nancy was a very smart lady. She knew at least five languages and would sometimes lapse into one of them when English was not sufficient or she forgot a word. She would say that there was no word in English for the concept she wanted to tell me.

Nancy was the opposite of a procrastinator. The minute something needed to be done, she was doing it. She hounded us for weeks in order to get the church history done immediately, not wanting to wait at all. And she did something most folks just talk about, she wrote her story - all about her missionary career.

We sure did enjoy Nancy's company over the years and her phone calls after she moved. Nancy was my friend and I will miss her.

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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
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.
- * 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—Friday

Please call 276-669-3157 for office hour changes and updates.



Serve the Lord with Gladness