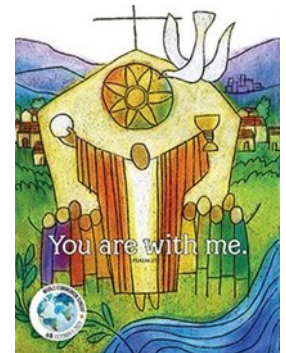


### Peace and Global Witness Offering: Sunday, October 1

As a part of our celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 1, we will participate in collecting this special offering of the PCUSA. The theme this year is *You are With Me*, and reminds all people that God is present with us no matter our situations and circumstances.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, PCUSA congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. This is one of the PCUSA special offerings we participate in annually. This offering empowers congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves. The monies collected are distributed as follows: 25% of the Offering stays with local congregation, and for us here at Central we support our Backpack Program, and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. The remaining 50% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This offering goes to work on issues of injustice and bring peace to our world. Such issues are climate change and its impact on communities and nations and peoples, human trafficking and the exploitation of children, and working to break down systemic and structural racism.



You are invited to share your gift on Sunday, October 1 as we will collect this offering as a part of worship. There will be offering envelopes available and more information. You are welcome to also donate online at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness> Thank you for your support and care for our neighbors in need in our local community and throughout the world.

### Sermons

September 24	Does our Joy Matter?	John 20:19-29; Acts 8:26-40
October 1	We Still Have more to Do	Exodus 17:1-7

### Sunday Morning Worship

Through this summer, we have enjoyed having time together and worshiping in one service on Sundays. Through the recommendation of the Worship Committee and approval of the Session in August, we will continue to have only one worship service on Sundays. We will be gathering at 10:00 a.m. and alternating between Central Hall and the Sanctuary. On Sunday, October 1, we will be in the Sanctuary and will celebrate Communion as we observe World Communion Sunday. This will be the schedule through December 31. This issue will be reconsidered by Worship Committee and Session this Fall.

As we have been worshiping together, it has been wonderful to see one another, and the energy level in worship has been great. Even if you typically do not attend one of the two styles, you are encouraged to come and try. Both services are focused upon worshiping our God together, and as the church, we are able to support and care for each other as well as lifting up our voices in praise and prayer.

Let us come and worship the Lord; for we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. Let us rejoice with one another and give thanks to God for God's grace and mercy.

### Good News!

Through the hard work of Mary Moffatt and Kim Profitt, we will be receiving monies from the Employee Retention Credit. This is a fund left over from the Pandemic and we qualified for two quarters of funds. The total we will receive is \$67,013.58. This money will be allocated to help with balancing the church budget.

We welcome Vickie Salyer who has joined the staff as Nursery staff. She has been a part of Central for many years. She also cares for several elderly people in our local community. She is enjoying being with our youngest children on Sundays and Wednesdays.



We welcome Jeremy Kline who is joining the staff as Kitchen Coordinator. He is planning and cooking the meals for Wednesday evenings. He is also cooks at EatZ Downtown. Come out on Wednesdays and enjoy his delicious meals.

A Big Thank You to all who donated to Backpack Ministries in honor of Mary Moffatt:



Jean Thomason  
Jennie Bane  
Barbara Mann  
Grace Himstedt  
Donnie Spurell  
Cheryl Clark  
Trish James  
Patricia Herenberg

Nancy Kiser  
Ann Aichinger  
Sheree Taylor  
Bessie Kitts  
Jeanne Kiger  
Joy Briggs  
Kim Profitt  
John Dodge

Ralph & Terri Davis  
Barret & Christy Blevins  
Glen & Frances VanDyke  
Agnes Myers  
Eugene & Linda Waldron  
Danny & Merrie McInnis  
Tommy & Patty Caldwell  
Glenn & Vickie Meyers

Thank you to all who donated memorials in memory of Nancy Norman:

Nancy Kiser  
Marian Luttrell  
Carolyn Williams

Mary Moffatt  
Terri Davis  
Ann Aichinger

Jean Thomason  
Raymond & Cornelia Roy

Thank you to Ann Aichinger, who donated in memory of Coleen Wheeler.

Thank you to Jim & Karen Warren who donated in Loving Memory of Katherine Reavis Bowie.

Thank you note from Linda Barker:

Dear Friends,  
Many thanks for all your expressions of caring during the past six weeks. They have meant so very much and have made a real difference in my outlook. My leg is healing well, the doctor tells me, and I am moving much better. Thank you!

Love,  
Linda Barker



Cindy Hale	1	Doris Crabtree	18
Paxton Hall	1	Lee Budd	20
Nelson Pyle	6	Trish James	21
Ella Alderman	6	Becky Ingram	21
Susan Campbelle	6	Charles Rest	22
Igor Mashkin	8	Brenda Miller	22
Joe Davis	8	Richard Griffin	23
Laraine Williams	8	Allston Wade	23
Betty Whitehead	9	Helen Scott	24
Ed Whitehead	9	Amy Morris	25
Jack Wycoff	10	Danny McInnis	27
Jay Hall	12	Maxine Howell	28
Whit Morison	14	Sandi Hendricks	29
Brandon Reese	16	Heather Kiser	30
Blakeleigh Mathes	17	Ralph Davis	31
Glen Van Dyke	18		

### ABINGDON PRESBYTERY EVENTS:

**Wild Goose-a-Palooza:** The Wild Goose Christian Community invites everyone to join them on Sunday, September 24, 4 p.m. for Bluegrass Music followed by a Pork Barbeque dinner with all the trimmings. This is a free gift and all are welcomed. Donations will be accepted. Address: Wild Goose Christian Community, 942 Macks Mountain Road, Indian Valley VA 24105

**Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering** will be on Saturday, October 7 at Glade Spring Presbyterian in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be ready by 9:15, and the meeting will begin at 10am. Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks will speak about her trip to Kenya and offer updates about presbytery life. The meeting will end around noon, with a lunch to follow, provided by the Coordinating Team. If you are interested in carpooling or going on the church bus, please talk to Thais Sikora.

**Abingdon Presbytery Mountaintop Leadership Event** will be held at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church in Marion, VA on Saturday, October 14, from 8:30-12. Join us as we worship, learn, and share ideas about new ways to be God's church in the 21st century. The special guest is Cindy Corell, PCUSA mission partner for Haiti. Opening music will be provided by Valley Grass.

**Wytheville Presbyterian Church** is hosting a luncheon and A Conversation with Sasha Tutserov, who is the Moscow Seminary president on Saturday, October 28, at 12 noon. This is sponsored by the Abingdon Presbytery Mission Ministries and Partnerships committee. We will hear Sasha's amazing testimony, from a former KGB agent to a Christian minister. We'll take a free-will offering for his ministry. Please contact April DiYorio at the Presbytery Office (276-378-7688) or email [April@abingdonpresbytery.com](mailto:April@abingdonpresbytery.com) to RSVP for the catered lunch.

## Calendar

### September 20—October 4

Wednesday, September 20	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner & Program
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 21	Central Life goes out	
	9:00 a.m.	BackPack packing
Friday, September 22	9:00 a.m.	Gamers at Caldwell home
Sunday, September 24	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Healing Service
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Group
	11:30 p.m.	Lunch Bunch at Bristol Gardens & Grill
	4:00 p.m.	Wild Goose a Palooza at
		Wild Goose Community
Wednesday, September 27	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner & Program
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 1	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary - Communion
Monday, October 2	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, October 3	6:15 p.m.	Chairs Meeting - Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wednesday, October 4	Central Life goes out	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner & Program
		NO CHOIR PRACTICE

### 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 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, October 22: Let's Go to Lunch! at Bloom, Bristol VA



Have you connected your Food City and Kroger grocery cards to help Central? You must do this annually. Connect Food City to APPLE Academy and Kroger to Central's Backpack Program.

September 20, 2023

## Session Notes:

The session met on September 19 for the regular monthly meeting. David White led the devotional and opening prayer. The members shared one accomplishment which others might not know about.

The deaths of Nancy Norman and Coleen Wheeler were noted. Ann Aichinger requested the approval of officiating at a wedding on May 18, 2024 in Johnson City, TN for Bess Lewis and Colby Pinkston. She also reminded the session of her time away: Sept 24-29 for Arts and Crafts Week, October 4-6 for Thriving Communities and October 9-12 for the Holy Shift Conference---all at Montreat, NC

The session approved the rescinding of the job offer to Tim Hagy as co-organist. This came as a request from the Music Staff.

The Committees made reports and the following things were discussed and approved:

**Administration and Staff:** Approve Kim Profitt as Finance Director, and building usages approved for Emily McCraw and Mark Davis

**Apple:** Approval of two new hires and one promotion, and the participation in the Belk Shopping Days Fundraiser Nov 3-5

**Christian Education:** Approval for use of Terry Parks' Memorial money and Children's Fund to establish an arts and crafts room upstairs. Approval of Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29, 3:30-5 p.m. and then the Oct 31 Halloween candy give away on Euclid.

**Fellowship and Dining:** Approval of the hiring of Jeremy Kline as Kitchen Cook for Wednesdays

**Finance, Budget and Stewardship:** We received \$66,013.58 from the Employee Retention Credit for 2 quarters during the pandemic. Reminder that committee budgets are due Oct 17.

**Mission and Outreach:** Approval of co-hosting an event on Saturday November 11 for disabled children, youth, and adults with their families. This would be a County Fair themed event and Valerie Coker is the coordinator. Approval of being involved with the Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoeboxes and Salvation Army Angel Tree project, and having Be the Church Sunday, December 31.

**Property and Security:** continue to maintain the building well and has established security teams.

**Worship:** Ivy Ritchie has agreed to coordinate the Advent Devotional this year. The theme is Making Room for Jesus. She will be reaching out to individuals to write for this booklet.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, at 7 p.m. Hybrid.

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**If you** would like to lead a small group or discussion on a Wednesday evening, speak with Ann Aichinger, Linda Waldron, or Christy Blevens.

**On Sunday mornings,** Vickie Salyer is available in the nursery for children at the 9 a.m. time for Adult Sunday School. If you would like to be a part of either Adult class and have children or grandchildren with you, feel free to let them be with Vickie, who plans a lesson for the children.



## Youth Activities

### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group going to lunch for Lunch Bunch at Bristol Gardens and Grill 11:30 a.m.-12/12:30  
Parents can pick youth up at Bristol Gardens and Grill if they don't go to lunch

### Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Dinner and activities at church 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group Following Worship 11:00 a.m.-noon Please bring Bibles

### Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Dinner and activities at church 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

## **Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 29, 3:30 - 5 p.m.**



This year, the Christian Education Committee is hosting a Trunk or Treat for our church family and friends, Apple children, and neighborhood kids. You are invited to set up and decorate your vehicle (pick a theme if you want) and come in costume as we have an afternoon of Halloween fun. This is a great opportunity if you do not have trick or treaters come to your neighborhood. There will be a costume parade and a photo booth to capture all the fun! There will be refreshments -- and maybe even a hotdog cook-out. So get your decorations ready, your basket of goodies in place, and come be a part of a fun-filled evening!

## **Candy & Goodies for Halloween**

On Tuesday, October 31, we will be handing out candy and goodies to Trick-or-Treaters (and their parents) who are out on Euclid Avenue and in the neighborhood. But we need your help. We are needing lots of things to hand out, such as individually wrapped candy, popcorn packets, chips, packs of crackers, school supplies, juice boxes and bottled water (for the parents). There is a big, green box outside of Room 118 (Ann Aichinger's office) where you can drop off items.



If you would like to help staff the Central Presbyterian table (on Euclid Ave), and meet our neighbors, then make plans to come and help out. Dress up if you want. We will be handing out goodies from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31 at the end of the alley driveway on Euclid. You may stay as long as you wish.

**Pastoral Concerns:**

Maxine Howell is at home;  
Linda Barker is at home, recovering from her broken leg;  
Doris Hall will be going to Cleveland Clinic in mid-October to get a new heart valve  
Woody McGlothlin is continuing with tests to qualify for a lung transplant  
Frances Van Dyke is continuing cancer treatment;  
Heather Surber Kiser  
Mike Ellis is having knee surgery in October.



**Continued Prayers for:**

Randy Broyles, 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; Joy Brigg's great-grandson.

**We extend heartfelt sympathy** to friends and family of Nancy Norman, who died on August 20, and Coleen Wheeler, who died on September 3. If you wish to send a card, the family's addresses are as follows:

Nancy Norman - Emmett Bane  
1718 Kingsbury Drive  
Nashville, TN 37215

Coleen Wheeler - Jennifer Makin  
940 Hummingbird  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

*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.*



Do you enjoy spending time with young children?  
APPLE Academy is hiring full time & part-time teacher assistants in our nursery and preschool classrooms. Apply in person Monday-Friday or call Michelle at 276-669-9328 for more information.

The Butterfly Garden is growing and we have lots of caterpillars that hopefully will become butterflies soon. Go check out the end of the alley and see what you can find. Also if you like to dig in the dirt, you are welcome to go pull weeds and deadhead the flowers. This is our garden and it is one way we can offer a lovely place for tending God's good creation and reflection.



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[www.facebook.com/CPCBristol](https://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](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.
- \* Use the QR Code to connect to the website and the “Give Online” link.
- \* 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.



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