



Stewardship 2024: Joyful Gratitude

Stewardship is not just something we focus on in October and November, but we are all to be living a life of stewardship as a part of our commitment in following Christ. Stewardship is about how we will manage and care for what God has entrusted to us. We each have gifts and abilities that can be used for Kingdom work. Our time is one of our most valuable commodities that we have, and there are many different ways to be involved in sharing the Gospel. Our money and things of value are used to help with providing for

those in need and doing the work we are called to do.

Each household will receive information about 2024 Stewardship campaign during this next week. We hope that you will prayerfully consider how you are able to support the work and ministry here at Central Presbyterian. As we are seeking to explore new areas for ministry as well as expanding the work we are already doing, we are excited about the ways that God is challenging us to serve our neighbors and to share the Good News.

On **Sunday, November 12**, you are invited to bring your commitment card and offer it as a part of our worship time together. As we seek to live into this time and respond to the Winds of the Spirit, let us all give with joyful gratitude for God's many gifts and continued presence and work in our lives.



Don't forget to "fall back" (set your clocks back 1 hour) on Saturday night. So if it is 10:00 p.m. when you do this, set your clock for 9:00 p.m. If you don't do this, you'll be in time for Sunday School or VERY EARLY for worship.

Pastor Appreciation

Dear Central Presbyterian Church family and friends,

Thank you so much for all your kindness and generosity to me throughout October. I am so thankful to be here at Central, serving alongside each of you. I appreciate all the donations to the backpack program, the cards, emails, notes and gifts. I give thanks to God for you and for the wonderful ways we are able to meet the needs around us as we seek to respond to the winds of the Spirit. I am excited about what our future holds as we seek to work together in being the church of Jesus Christ in this place and in this time.



Grace and Peace,
Ann Aichinger

ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Subject: Our monthly Bible Study "The Power & Presence of Jesus Christ in Lukes & Acts

Lesson: #3 "A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ" - study books available at the meeting

Led By: Our Pastor, Rev. Ann Aichinger

Date: Tuesday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Place: Small dining room

We hope to see you there!

Your Co-Chairs: Mary Ann Blevins and Thais Sikora

Special Organ Music for Advent

When I get out my vast files of Advent and Christmas music each year, I wonder how can I possibly play all my favorites with so few weeks leading up to Christmas? Well, I think I have partly solved that problem. Starting on Sunday, November 26, I will be offering 15 minutes of Advent and Christmas music prior to the start of the service. I will do the same on Sunday, December 10 and 24. Therefore, if you get to church a little early, you will be able to spend 15 peaceful minutes before the service begins as you prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Yes, I realize it's hard to get there on time, but if you are one of those who can't get enough Advent and Christmas music played on our beautiful organ, just set the alarm a little early and you'll be able to make it. I'm sure to be playing some of your favorites, too.

---- Joy



Don't forget! Commitment Sunday is November 12. We will have the "church" box waiting to receive your stewardship cards and paperwork if you wish to give as a recurring debit.

The team that volunteers on the Backpacks for Kids Ministry, would like to thank everyone who donated to the Ministry and graciously gave in honor of Mary Moffatt. We so very much appreciate your support.



We currently supply 630 meals each week to 105 children, and we couldn't do it without your help and support.

We are looking for 2-3 additional volunteers. We meet most Thursdays during the school year from 9:00 a.m. to 10ish. Packing bags is somewhat physical work, there is a lot of moving, bending and light lifting.

Sermons:

November 5	Joyful Gratitude: Approach with Humility	Matthew 23:1-12
November 12	Joyful Gratitude: Come Ready	Matthew 25: 1-13
November 19	Joyful Gratitude: Sharing our Gifts	Matthew 25:14-30
November 26	Christ the King Sunday: Serving the Least	Matthew 25:31-46

November 1, 2023

Central Life

King University Faith and Culture Lecture Series

In today's polarized environment, issues of faith and popular culture often appear to be at cross purposes. The King Institute for Faith and Culture aims to cultivate a conversation that is both artful and substantial on issues of Christian faith and culture, creating spaces for students and community members to find friendship and shared purpose. There are two upcoming lecturers and everyone is welcome to attend.

On **Monday, November 6**, Dr. Esau McCaulley will be speaking at 9:15 a.m. at King University Chapel on Storytelling, Place and the Christian Imagination. At 7 p.m. that evening, he will be at First

Presbyterian Church, speaking about *How Far to the Promised Land: Faith, Community and the Black Memoir*.

Esau McCaulley (PhD, St. Andrews) is assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, a priest in the Anglican Church in North America, and a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times*. His most recent book is a memoir, called *How Far to the Promised Land*. Beth Moore, president of Living Proof Ministries describes McCaulley's recent work as "a riveting book that invites you into the personal journey of one of the finest writers alive today."



On **Monday, November 13**, Dr. Barbara Armacost, professor of Law at the University of Virginia will be speaking at 9:15 a.m. at the King University Chapel on Policing and Race: What Does God Think about It? Then at 7 p.m. at Central Presbyterian, she will be speaking about Policing, Race and Law: A Christian Theology. This will be held in Central Hall.

Wednesday Night Program

The Dan & Elizabeth Turk will be with us November 1 to talk about their ministry in Madagascar. They are looking forward to meeting all of you, so we hope you will come! Elizabeth will bring craft items from Madagascar to sell during their evening with us. They will have a slide presentation of their work in Madagascar and the unique needs of this country.



Congratulations to Ashton Waldron and Paul Semenkevitz who were married on Sunday, October 22 in Bedford, VA. They live in Astoria, NY. Ashton is the daughter of Linda and Eugene Waldron.

Thank you for participating

Thank you to everyone who contributed coats for children and youth as we collaborated with King University in their Coats of Kids project. We had 15-20 coats donated and they will be going to children in our community.

PCUSA 2023-24 Calendars available

We do have several PCUSA Calendars available in the church office. These calendars have lots of information about the PCUSA and special days and events throughout the year. If you would like to have one, please stop by the church office and pick one up.

Calendar

November 1-22

Wednesday, November 1

Central Life delivered

1:30 p.m. Widow's Grief meeting
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night dinner w/the Turks
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice
 9:00 a.m. Backpack packing
 9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 4:00 p.m. Care & Concern meeting
 7:00 p.m. Christian Education meeting- Zoom
 10:00 a.m. Music Club Benefit - food, silent auction
 music - Tickets \$25

Thursday, November 2

Saturday, November 4

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Ends

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Central Hall - Communion
 11:00 a.m. Youth Group
 11:15 a.m. Called Session meeting - session room
 11:30 a.m. Thriving Congregations meeting - C.H.
 5:30 p.m. Evangelism meeting
 6:15 p.m. Chairs meeting - Zoom
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting
 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night dinner
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice
 9:00 a.m. Backpack packing
 9:30 a.m. Abingdon Presbytery Meeting -
 Glade Spring Presbyterian Church

Monday, November 6

Tuesday, November 7

Wednesday, November 8

Thursday, November 9

Sunday, November 12

Commitment Sunday

Operation Christmas Boxes due
 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Friendsgiving - Youth & Parents

Monday, November 13

Tuesday, November 14

Wednesday, November 15

Thursday, November 16

Sunday, November 19

Tuesday, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

Advent Devotionals go to printer

7:00 p.m. King Lecture in Central Hall
 11:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women meeting
 7:00 p.m. CL Gamers - Central Hall
 1:30 p.m. Widow's Grief meeting
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night dinner - with the Turks
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice
 9:00 a.m. Backpack packing
 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Central Hall
 11:00 a.m. Youth Group
 9:00 a.m. Backpack deliveries for Thanksgiving
 12:00 p.m. Staff meeting
 7:00 p.m. Session meeting

Central Life delivered

APPLE CLOSED

12 Noon

Church office closed for holiday



CHANGE OF DATE!!!

Due to a death in the special needs community, the **Fall Fair is postponed one week**, to **November 18th** from 3 - 5:30 p.m. If you have signed up to volunteer or to join us as a guest, you will be receiving an email about the change. You can still sign up to help: www.tricitiesfallfair.com
Thank you!

As we seek to host this County Fair we are in need of some help and items. If you have any of these or willing to help in this way, please contact Valerie Coker.

Trailer and truck to do hayrides in the neighborhood

Hay Bales (on loan of course)

Ramp to get wheelchairs onto the Hayride trailer

Outdoor games

Pop Up Tents

Small Animals in cages or containers for a “petting zoo”—i.e. Rabbits, bearded dragons, guinea pigs, turtles.

Volunteers—

To staff games and booths

To help with setup (1 p.m.) and tear down (5- 6 p.m.)

To serve and clean up dinner in Central Hall

This is a wonderful way to meet and be with our neighbors and connect with our local community.



Wednesday, November 1st

Dinner and activities at church-hearing from missionaries

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

Sunday, November 5th

Youth Group Following Worship

11:00 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, November 8th

Dinner and activities at church

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

Sunday, November 12th

Friendsgiving Following Worship - Please sign up now!

Wednesday, November 15th

Dinner and activities at church

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

Saturday, November 18th

Fall Fair

2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (may be earlier depending on your volunteer responsibilities)

Sunday, November 19th

TBD

Pastoral Concerns:

Mike Ellis continues to deal with health issues, but has received good news about treatment;
Vicki Myers is experiencing back pain;
Bob Ingram has an infection in his jaw and is on high powered antibiotics;
Michelle Blankenship had surgery on her broken ankle;
Jennifer Yates continues to heal from her broken ankle & knee;
Doris Hall is in Charlottesville recovering from her heart surgery. She will be returning to Bristol in the near future;
Jack Wagner III is recovering at home;
Frances Van Dyke is continuing her treatment for cancer;
Heather Kiser;
Woody McGlothlin is still waiting to get on the lung transplant list;
Khloe Thomas (granddaughter of Randy and Michelle Mercer) will have open heart surgery in the near future;
Missy McCord continues to deal with pain while recovering from her knee surgery.



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Mary Kay English, Maxine Howell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Joy Brigg's niece, Judy, had open heart surgery on Nov.1 in California; Eugene Waldron's sister, Joy Waldron; Christy Blevins' father, Roger McGhee; Peggy Callison's son, Orion; Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry, and her uncle, Junior; Doris Hall's aunt, Mildred Rutherford; Diana White's brother-in-law, Ed Fortner, and her sister; Mary Moffatt's cousin, Joni Cambron; Nancy Kiser's brother-in-law, Will Frazier; Vicki Myers's mother, Jane Coulthard; Joy Briggs' friend, Ginger Alverado; Josie Russell's cousin, Carey Jo Davis, and her friend, Kayla Chinn.

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.

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 take them to Vickie, who plans a lesson for them.



Operation Christmas boxes are due November 12. Please bring them to the church and place in the entry area.

Please submit your Advent devotionals immediately. The office staff is working hard and preparing this booklet for the printer. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Ivy Ritchie.

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How to Keep in Touch:

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.
- * 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.



Serve the Lord with Gladness