



It seems like yesterday that we were “falling back” and had an extra hour of sleep. NOT THIS TIME! We get to “Spring Forward” and lose an hour of sleep...but the sunset won’t occur until 8:00 pm on Sunday, so that’s a plus. Saturday, set your clocks forward 1 hour. If you go to bed at 10:00, set the clock for 11:00. That way, you won’t be late for church and you won’t miss out on anything! We’ll have coffee brewing in the church kitchen, and you may grab a second (or third) cup of coffee and a sweet snack to wake you up before worship begins.

Ann has a great idea. Rather than move your clock forward at bed time, why not move it forward sometime during the day on Saturday. This way you begin to change your routine and schedule to fit the time change. Then Sunday morning is not so abrupt with “losing” an hour.

Either way, we’ll know who reads their newsletter, and who doesn’t. Any stragglers coming into worship late are the naughty ones! Kim

It certainly seems that Spring is on its way and hopefully will arrive without any more snow or freezing weather. But that is not for us to say. What happens with the weather will happen. I have been asked why Easter is so early this year. And that is because Easter is a lunar holiday. It is a moveable feast and is determined from year to year based on the phase of the moon.

You may say, “What are you talking about?” Well, you can figure out when Easter is by starting at the Spring Equinox (March 20-21) and then go to the full moon. Easter is the next Sunday. So Easter can be as early as March 22 though that is rare (the last time that happened was in 1818 and the next time it will be that early will be in 2285). The latest it can be is April 25. Easter is spring holiday because according to Scripture, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection took place during the Jewish Passover, which typically falls in March or April.

But we need to remember that every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection and a day to rejoice that our Lord lives. During the Lent, the Sundays are not included into the observance because we are on this side of Easter and know the reality that Christ does live and so on Sundays we gather to celebrate the reality of Easter all year long.

This year, Holy week begins with Palm Passion Sunday on March 24 and as a part of worship we will read the passion story from Mark’s Gospel. We will have a Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 7 p.m. and share in Communion. Then our Good Friday observance will be at State Street United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. with the presentation of *Earth Touching Heaven: An Appalachians Requiem* written by Robert Campbelle. On Easter Sunday we will gather for worship followed by a reception and Easter Egg hunt.

As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, I hope you will make plans now to be a part of Holy Week activities and services.

Grace and peace, Ann Aichinger



Wednesday Night Supper Menus:

March 6	Baked Spaghetti
March 13	Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
March 20	Beef Stew
March 27	Baked Chicken & Stuffing

The Lunch Bunch invites you to join us on March 24, 11:30 a.m. at Walk-on's Bistreaux Sports at the Pinnacle. The fellowship of our group is superb. You KNOW you want to become a part of this and enjoy each other's company. Please join us for lunch!



March 24th- Walk-on's Bistreaux Sports at the Pinnacle

April 21st- 123 Mex

May 19th- Melty Phillysteak, Burger, Wings & More



Right Now Media---Holy Week and Easter selections

Our church has been gifted an annual subscription to Right Now Media (rightnowmedia.org), which is an online video collection of Bible Studies and stories for all ages. You can load the app onto your TV or computer and then you can browse the library of videos. Check your email for your invitation or call the church office to have your invite resent.

As we are preparing for Holy Week and Easter, you might want to check out some of the following videos:

For Children: The Easter Party or Jesus comes into Jerusalem

For families: He is Alive!

For Adults: Good Friday and Easter with Francis Chan or Holy Week Pilgrimage with Graham Tomlin

You can browse the whole library with key words or books of the Bible. This is a gift for you and your family. Feel free to share it with your extended family and enjoy learning more about what the Bible has to say and how we are called to live as Christ's followers.

Sermons:

March 10	Our Greatest Hope	Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:11-21	Central Hall
	Daylight Saving Time Begins! Spring Forward---don't be late!		
March 17	Trust and Devotion	John 12:1-8	Sanctuary
March 24	Palm Passion Sunday	Reading the Passion story from Mark	Central Hall

Calendar

March 6 - March 20

Wednesday, March 6	Central Life delivered	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner & Study - Baked spaghetti
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice - Sanctuary
Thursday, March 7	9:00 a.m.	Backpack delivery
	10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
	4:00 p.m.	Care & Concerns meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education meeting
Sunday, March 10	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Meeting - small dining room
Monday, March 11	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Perkins, exit 7
Tuesday, March 12	11:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
Wednesday, March 13	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Meatloaf
	6:00 p.m.	Backpack packing activity
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Wed.-Fri 3/13 - 3/15	Thriving Congregations core group in Montreat	
Sunday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day - wear your green!	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday, March 18	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Perkins, exit 7
	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 19	12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday, March 20	Central Life delivered	
	Eclipse! Begins at 1:53 p.m., max at 3:11 p.m., over at 4:26 p.m	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner & Study - Beef stew
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice - State Street UMC

All Presbyterian Women:

Monthly Bible Study - Tuesday, March 12

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Small Dining Room

Subject: "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters The Good News of Jesus"

Rev. Ann Aichinger will bring us "The Word of God, An Essential Tool for Expanding the Reign of God."

We look forward to seeing you there!

Your co-moderators: Mary Ann Blevins, Thais Sikora



Wednesday, March 6th

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

Sunday, March 10th

Youth Group following worship
11:00 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, March 13th

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

Sunday, March 17th

NO YOUTH! Enjoy Spring Break!

Wednesday, March 20th

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

Sunday, March 24th

Lunch Outing at Walk-Ons at the Pinnacle

Montreat Summer Conferences

It is time to sign up to take part in these amazing summer conferences. If there are financial issues, please talk to Ann Aichinger about a scholarship.



This year, we will attend the **High School** Youth Conference (Rising 9th-graduated high school) at Montreat June 2-8. The theme this year is Planting Peace. To reserve your place, let Josie Russell or Ann Aichinger know and turn in \$150. The **first deadline for signing up is March 27**. After that date the cost will increase by \$25 each month. Don't hesitate----do it now and join us for a great week.

Montreat Middle School Conference (Completed 5th-8th graders) is held at Maryville College in Maryville, TN. The dates for this are Wednesday, July 17- Sunday, July 21. The theme is In the Middle of it All! The cost is \$150. It is time to reserve your place with \$150. **The deadline is March 27**. Don't delay. Let Josie Russell or Ann Aichinger know to reserve you a spot, and turn in your money. Don't hesitate----do it now and join us for a great time together with other Middle School youth.



BackPack Ministries Schedule:

On Wednesday March 13th - we pack with the Wednesday night attendees. Please arrive around 5 to help set up. We will NOT pack on the following day (Thursday 3/14).

Purchasing team: Please make sure we have 3 -4 weeks worth of food on hand.

On Wednesday April 24th - we pack with the Wednesday night attendees. Please arrive around 5 to help set up. We will NOT pack on the following day (Thursday 4/25).

Purchasing team: Please make sure we have 3 -4 weeks worth of food on hand.

Calling all Easter Bunnies!

It's that time of year again to collect Easter candy for our children's Easter egg hunt. The hunt will take place following worship on Easter Sunday (we'll have a reception following worship in the Narthex all adults.) Ann Aichinger has a plastic bin outside her office door to collect candy, so feel free to drop your donations in the bin. We do not need any plastic eggs. We have hundreds of them!



EASTER FLOWERS

The Worship Committee is offering you a chance to place beautiful blooming plants in the Sanctuary and Central Hall in celebration of Easter. We will be selling hydrangeas again this year. These are nice plants that may be planted outside in your yard. Donations of \$19.00 can be made for a hydrangea, or in any amount to the Flower Fund toward plants that can be put in the church yard. As usual, donations may also be made to Bristol Faith in Action in lieu of the flowers.

All gifts given in memory or honor of family and friends will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Please contact Patty Caldwell (Worship Committee member), 423-797-0599, if you have any questions. Information and donations need to be **turned in to the office by March 25.**

I am giving:

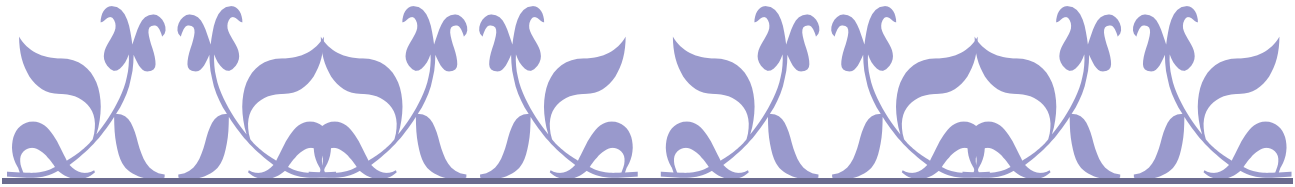
\$_____ for hydrangea or \$_____ to the Flower Fund.

\$_____ to Bristol Faith in Action.

Circle one: In memory of

In honor of:

_____ by _____.



PROCLAMATION: Recognition of JOY SMITH-BRIGGS

WHEREAS, Joy Smith-Briggs has been the organist at Central Presbyterian Church since September 2011, and

WHEREAS, Joy Smith-Briggs has served faithfully and continuously for over 12 years in that position, and

WHEREAS, Joy Smith-Briggs has mastered the capabilities of the splendid Randall Dyer organ Central is blessed with; such that visiting organists seldom display the command of the instrument that Joy does, and

WHEREAS, Joy Smith-Briggs has instituted regular performances by visiting organists in the form of recitals, concerts, and Lenten & Advent Meditations, and

WHEREAS, Joy Smith-Briggs has formed close friendships with the choir, the music director and the entire Central Church family; and participates regularly in the life of the Church, and

WHEREAS, Joy Smith-Briggs has formed especially close bonds with the children of the Church, so that young children have learned that, unlike in many churches, the Central Church organ is not off-limits to their inquiring minds and hands; and that the Church organist welcomes their questions and enthusiasm, and

WHEREAS, Joy Smith-Briggs does all of these things with a cheerful, generous spirit that gladdens the hearts of us all,

Now therefore we, the Session of Central Presbyterian Church,
express our gratitude and appreciation by proclaiming **Sunday, March 3, 2024** to be

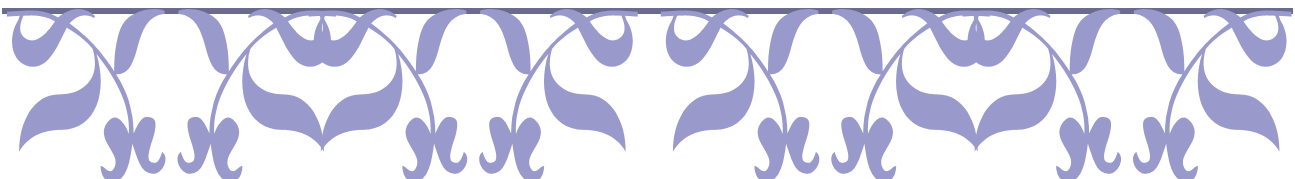
JOY SMITH-BRIGGS DAY

at Central Presbyterian Church; and we further honor her by naming **Joy Smith-Briggs**

ORGANIST EMERITA

of Central Presbyterian Church.

Linda Waldron, Clerk of Session
Rev. Ann Aichinger, Pastor
Robert Campbelle, Music Director





Can't Thank You Enough

Several weeks ago, a group of girls that worked with me at Family Crisis Support Services, aka Hope House, in Norton, VA, sent me a beautiful greeting card to tell me they missed me and often thought of me. (Hope House is a domestic violence/sexual assault service serving 6 counties in southwest VA.) This is all after 20 years during which we had not been in contact with one another. Needless to say, I was pretty overwhelmed by the fact that they even remembered me, let alone wanted to get together and talk about our memories and where each of us is now 20 years later. We did get together and had a fabulous time remembering, laughing, sharing, etc. I thought it was the most remarkable thing that had ever happened to me...until last Sunday, March 3. I am still filled with awe and wonder at what Robert, Ann, the Session and YOU, the people of Central Presbyterian Church have done to honor me.

It once again proves that the small things we do make a difference. When I select the music for each service, little do I know whether or not something I play will touch the heart of the listener. I pray that it does. I guess that's why I keep on playing. Maybe someone will be blessed by my choice of music. David Wadsworth once told me he wanted people to "have something to take home," which I assumed meant he wanted people to recognize and understand the music. I try to keep this in mind.

Thank you, my friends and family at Central Presbyterian, for your support, encouragement and love. I will be your organist as long as I don't fall off the bench and still understand what the black dots on the page mean. And special thanks to Ann, Robert, and my choir friends for your support.

With much love, Joy

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/> There are also fish banks on the back table in the Sanctuary if you would like to collect coins as part of your offering. Be sure to put your name on the fish bank. 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.

Pastoral Concerns:

Dave Wilson is in the hospital;
William Coker is home, recovering from health issues;
Andrew Clark is dealing with health issues;
Jean Thomason has been in the hospital recently;
Dick Gordon is beginning therapy at Rehab Center at exit 7,
Rm 131, and is slowly regaining his strength and abilities;
Bessie Kitts is home from surgery and recovering;
Khloe Thomas had open heart surgery at Vanderbilt, and will have
a follow-up surgery soon;
Diana White is home recovering from surgery;
Bob Ingram, is continuing with health issues;
Frances Van Dyke, is continuing with cancer treatment;
Heather Kiser, is continuing with treatments for her cancer;
Woody McGlothlin is waiting for more information about a lung transplant;
Ellena Dodson will be the stem cell donor for her father, Larry Surber, and he and Terri will be
at UVA for 10 weeks beginning after April 25.



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim & Joan Keith, Missy McCord,
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; Sandy Wilson's husband, Dave, is now having dialysis at home; Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry, and her uncle, Junior, who are dealing with health issues; Doris Hall's aunt, Mildred Rutherford; Diana White's brother-in-law, Ed Fortner; Josie Russell's cousin, Carey Jo Davis, who is dealing with cancer; Mike Ellis' cousin's son; friend of Page Thompson, Eric Martin, who is dealing with brain cancer, and whose wife is pregnant; Bill Oliver, who works at the Food Pantry, and his wife who was recently placed in a nursing home.

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.

Sharing Good News

In Scripture, we are called to rejoice with one another. So we invite you to share your good news with the church family. Maybe you have had a promotion or gotten a new job? Maybe there's a new baby in your family, or your child was given an award or had an accomplishment? This is not about boasting, but about sharing so that we can rejoice with one another and celebrate life together. So if you have something to share, send it in to the church office (office.cpc@bvu.net or call **276-669-3157**) so we can include it in upcoming newsletters.

The 2024 Budget was presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting and copies are available. You can get a copy in the church office or call the office to have one mailed or emailed to you. Thank you to everyone's continual generous contributions to the work and ministry here at Central.

Eclipse at Central Presbyterian -



Anyone who would like to view the eclipse on April 8 (see calendar) meet in our parking lot between 2:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and eclipse glasses (an inexpensive pair may be purchased on Amazon.com) and hope for a clear day. We will have a few glasses you may borrow, but you might need to share with someone else.

Wednesday Night Programs

We are continuing our Wednesday night program for all ages. After dinner, the children and youth head out to their classes. The adults are continuing with study *Witness without Parallel: Biblical texts that make us Presbyterian* by Earl Johnson, Jr. The topics for each week are:

March 6: Passing Judgment: Ordination of Gays and Lesbians

March 13: Packing Backpacks with food for children

March 20: Peace in light of War

I want to thank my Church friends for the cards and prayers. I'm improving!

God's Blessings to all. Bessie Kitts





Easter at Central

PLEASE JOIN US! - EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
 Palm Sunday 10:00 Service - Central Hall 11:30 Lunch Bunch at  24	 7:00 Lecture Bruce Herman <i>Beauty in Ruins, The Relevance of the Beautiful</i> 25	5:30 Dinner 6:30 Choir  26	5:30 Dinner 6:30 Choir  27	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service  28	Good Friday 7:00pm Heaven Touching Earth Requiem - Combined Choral Concert at SSUMC  29 30	
Easter Sunday 10:00 Service - Sanctuary 11:00 Reception & Egg Hunt  31	On Easter Sunday, we will put out our Pinwheels for Peace decorated with our prayers 		 He is Risen			

For more details:
<http://www.centralpresbristol.org/calendar>
(276) 669 - 3157
311 Euclid Ave Bristol VA 24201



Suggestions for New Officers

The Nominating Committee will be seeking wisdom concerning the recommendation of Officers for 2027.

The Nominating Committee for 2024

From the Session: Patty Caldwell, Missie McCord
From the Congregation: Diane Abbey, Ada Ritchie, Tim Landis

Elders are chosen to discern the will of Christ and the wind of Spirit as they seek to guide the congregation. They should be people who have lived out their faith and demonstrated their commitment to the PCUSA and Central Presbyterian Church. Those who will be going off the Session are not eligible for re-election this year.

All who are recommended must be members in good standing of Central Presbyterian Church and should be involved in the life of this church: worship, education, and fellowship, as well as faithful givers to the ministry.

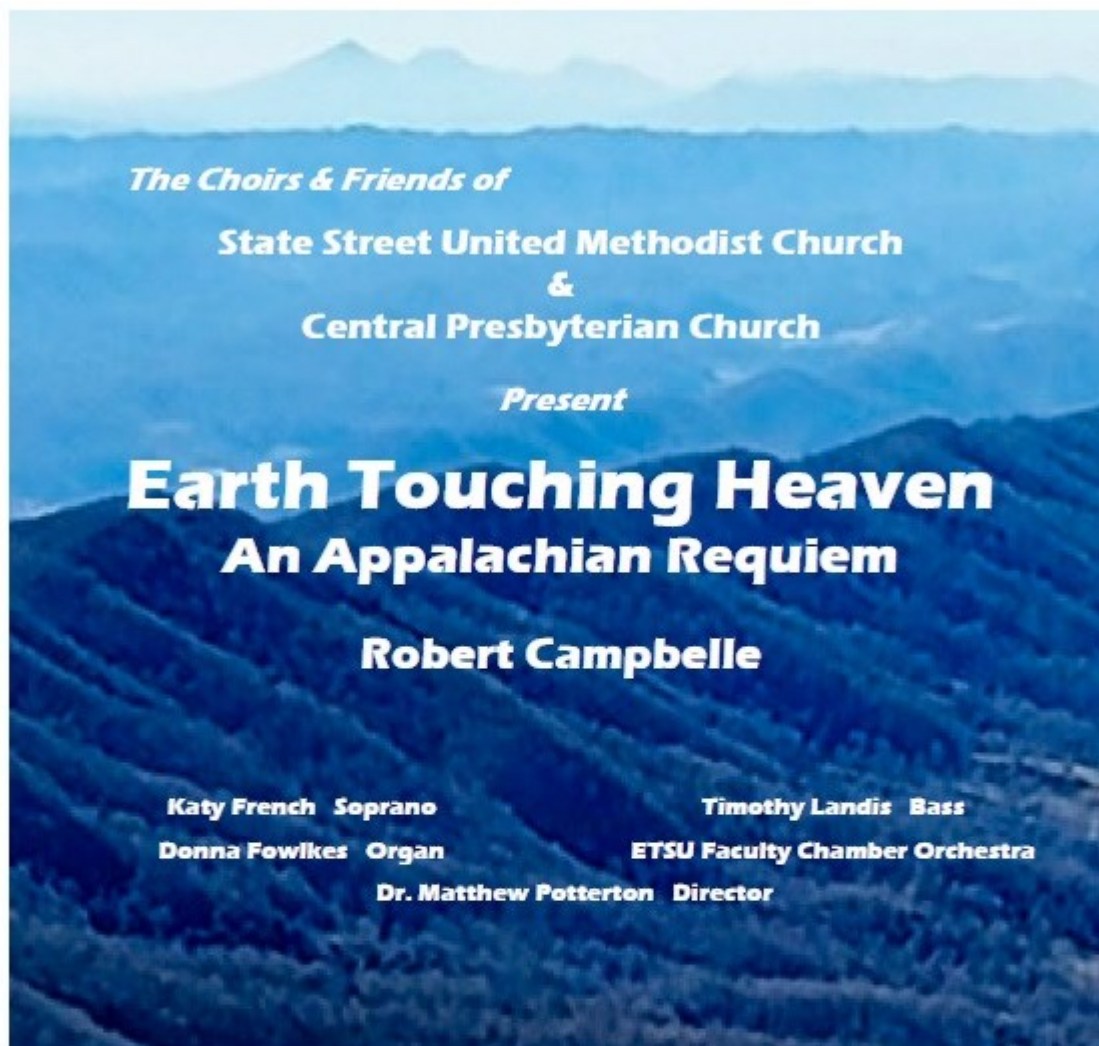
Current Session

2024: Patty Caldwell, John Dodge, Missy McCord, Sheree' Taylor, Linda Waldron
(these cannot be nominated for Session this year)
2025: John Barker, Christy Blevins, Doris Hall, Gale Thompson, David White
2026: Marguerite Buckley, Susan Campbelle, Matt Coker, Barbara Mann,
Glen Van Dyke.

My suggestion to consider for Session (five to be elected for 2027)

PLEASE have this in to the Church Office by Sunday, March 31.

Your Name (optional):



The Choirs & Friends of

**State Street United Methodist Church
&
Central Presbyterian Church**

Present

**Earth Touching Heaven
An Appalachian Requiem**

Robert Campbelle

Katy French Soprano

Donna Fowlkes Organ

Timothy Landis Bass

ETSU Faculty Chamber Orchestra

Dr. Matthew Potterton Director

Photo by Dan Carter

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 7:00 P.m.

**State Street United Methodist Church
650 Valley Drive, Bristol, VA**

276-623-3050 or 276-669-2101 for more information

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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