

Holy Week Schedule

March 24-31, 2024

Sunday, March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School classes

10:00 a.m. Worship—Central Hall

Our worship service will focus on the Passion Story from Mark's Gospel. We will begin with the Palm Parade into Jerusalem and end at the crucifixion.

Wednesday, March 27: Dinner & program for all ages

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. Children and Youth activities

Adult Study: Witness without Parallel: Peace

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m. Communion and Tenebrae Service
In Central Hall

Friday, March 29: Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m. at State Street United Methodist Church

Combined Choirs to present Robert Campbelle's
Earth Touching Heaven: An Appalachian Requiem

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt ---up to 5th grade

There will be a reception as a time of fellowship.

Please bring fresh flowers on Easter to be included into the Flower Cross



Wednesday Night Supper Menus:

- March 20 Beef Stew
- March 27 Pulled Pork & Sides - to celebrate Spring
- April 3 Baked Chicken

Don't forget to place your order for a hydrangea plant - \$19.00 each or you may donate to the church flower fund, Bristol Faith in Action, or any other aspect of giving made through the church. Just make certain you write where you want the money to go on the memo line of your check. All gifts given in honor and memory will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Order sheets have been provided in bulletins and Central Life. Deadline is Sunday, March 24th.



The Lunch Bunch invites you to join us on March 24, 11:30 a.m. at Walk-Ons Bixtreau Sports at the Pinnacle! I've looked at the menu and it looks like there is something for everyone.'s appetite. If you haven't eaten there before, you may look at the menu online at: [Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux - Order Online \(walk-ons.com\)](http://walk-ons.com) Please join us, it's always fun!

Easter Egg Hunt

Plan now to join us on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 11:15 a.m. for an Easter Egg hunt for children up to 5th grade. We will meet in the entry area of the church after worship, and then go from there. We will hide lots of eggs outside (weather permitting) and then invite the children to go and find them. There will be candy bags for everyone afterwards. So get your basket or a bag to collect them in, and be ready for lots of Easter fun!



We are needing bags of individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Youth will be packing goody bags on Wednesday, March 27 after dinner. You can drop off candy outside Ann Aichinger's office door,



Who is graduating or receiving certificate in your family this Spring or Summer that you want recognized at Central? We need the name of the student, school . attended, degree (and area of study), future plans (further schooling, work, etc.). Please send this information to the church office by email (office.cpc@bvu.net) or by calling (276-669-3157). We will recognize our graduates in May as a part of our worship service.

Calendar for March 20 - April 3

Wednesday, March 20	Central Life delivered 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group Supper & Lesson - Beef Stew Choir practice - State Street UMC
Thursday, March 21	9:00 a.m.	Backpack delivery
Sunday, March 24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Worship - Central Hall Healing Service - chapel Lunch Bunch - Walk On's Bistreau Sports
Monday, March 25	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study - Perkins, exit 7 King Lecture in Central Hall
Wednesday, March 27	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Supper & Lesson - Pulled Pork & fixin's Choir Practice - State Street UMC
Thursday, March 28	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Backpack delivery Maundy Thursday service w/communion Central Hall
Friday, March 29	Good Friday - APPLE CLOSED through 4/7/24 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Gamers at Caldwell's Good Friday - <i>Earth Touching Heaven</i> <i>An Appalachian Requiem</i> at State Street UMC
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Worship - Sanctuary, Communion Easter Egg Hunt Reception in Narthex
Monday, April 1	Office Closed	
Wednesday, April 3	Central Life delivered 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group Supper & Lesson - Baked chicken Choir Practice

The Bristol Libraries are giving out free eclipse glasses while supplies last. If the main library in Bristol is out of glasses, you can try the Avoca branch.



Robert Streeter joined Central on March 19 at the Session meeting. He comes to us by Affirmation of Faith. He was born and lived in England, then served on the Cunard Shipping company as a photographer. He has traveled the world visiting nearly 60 countries. He is a naturalized American and lived in Bluefield for a while. He is excited about being a part of Central and getting to know everyone. Please make him feel welcome and be sure to tell him your name several times as he gets to know us.

Robert's address is 4892 Island Rd. Apt B106 Bristol, TN 37620
phone: 978.317.4488



Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. After an opening devotional and prayer offered by Marguerite Buckley, we received into membership Robert Streeter. He comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. During our Session sharing time, we talked about people we admire and why we admire them. Ann Aichinger presented her pastor's report

including up-coming vacations as well as the calendar for the church.

The Session approved the minutes of the meetings of the Session in February, the congregational and corporation meetings on March 3. It was approved with sadness of the transfer of Bill and Gena Prince to First Presbyterian, Bristol, TN. Also there were several thank you notes sent to the Session.

The Committees made their reports regarding their work. Items that were approved were:

A new hire on staff at Apple Preschool;

to adjust the budget to reflect the contracted salary for positions of the Youth Director and the Social Media Coordinator.

The pastoral concerns were shared and Ann Aichinger closed the meeting with prayer.

King University Faith and Culture Lecture: Monday, March 25, 7 p.m. Central Hall

On Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. we will host King Institute for Faith and Culture and welcome Bruce Herman, artist, writer, and speaker from Gordon College. His lecture will be "Beauty in Ruins: the relevance of the Beautiful. All are welcome to join us for this free event. For more information: <https://www.king.edu/faith-and-values/institute-for-faith-and-culture/>



Commitment to Serve

We ask that everyone please fill out the 2024 Commitment to Serve form. This helps us to know how to connect you with the work of Central as well as to know how you are already serving. If you need a form, please pick one up in the church office or on the tables as you enter worship.

Stewardship Note:

As followers of Jesus, we are invited to share of what we have and who we are with the work of the Lord by giving and supporting the work of the local church. Here at Central we seek to be financial responsible with all that is given, so that we can care for the least among us in our local community as well as around the world. When we offer our gifts, tithes and offerings, we are able to impact our world and share God's love.

Remember that the church is to be using the gifts give for the work of God. It is tough when we are not working with a balanced budget, but we also have seen how God continues to provide for the work here at Central throughout the years. If you have any questions about the finances at Central, please talk to John Barker or Glen Van Dyke who are the Session leaders of the Finance, Budget and Stewardship Committee, or to Ann Aichinger or Kim Profit.

"We are using the Lord's resources to do the work of the Lord in the Lord's timing:"
John Dodge



APRIL Birthdays

Diana Conco	1	Patty Faulkner	19
Tim Ferguson	3	Claire Morison	19
Tommy Caldwell	4	Todd Ellis	21
Ben McCord	7	Larry Surber	22
Cody Calloway	9	Briggs Allen	23
Victoria Krebs	10	Lizzy Coker	23
Laurel Broadfoot	12	Marvin Tadlock	24
Ken Moss	18	Fred Osborne	24
Jonathon Taylor	18	Gray Vance Cobb	25
Matthew Coker	18	Aiden Kite	30

BackPack Ministries Schedule:

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.

Thank you to all who have donated plastic grocery bags throughout the school year. **We have enough bags to complete this school session.** But will welcome donations again in late Summer!



APPLE is needing a new washing machine. If you know of a machine that still runs well, please call Michelle at 276.669.9328 or email her at APPLEpreschool@yahoo.com.



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
following worship

Wednesday, March 27th

Dinner and activities at church-
filling Easter candy bags
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31st

Happy Easter! No official YG meeting,
but we will hide eggs for the kids to hunt

Wednesday, April 3rd

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

Sunday, April 7th

Meeting after worship to continue our
study of Luke
11:00 a.m. - noon



On March 13-15, John and Linda Barker, Robert and Susan Campbelle and Ann Aichinger went to Montreat Conference Center for the fourth cohort meeting. At this one we learned new methods of analyzing our community and our church's work. We considered ways that we can continue to expand the work and ministry of Central around the issue of food insecurity. This includes continuing with the

Backpack program and adding community gardens in our neighborhood. We also considered ways of moving our church into the neighborhood more and getting to know our neighbors and their needs.

One of the activities we did was to create a timeline of Central and the Tri-cities area. Then to add good/positive events that had happened and those things that created challenges and had negative impact. What was interesting when we looked at the whole, we saw that during Covid (2020-2022 and into the present), we did many new things and tried new ways of gathering and connecting the church to one another. We showed great courage as we brought the Mashkin family to be in Bristol, and as we had the butterfly garden established on the bank. Also we recognized that we were willing to do new things even if we didn't know quite what we were doing.

We will be having more large group meetings as well as sharing this information on Wednesday evenings in April. Though we thought this was our last cohort meeting, we may be going back for our 5th and final meeting in October.

Pastoral Concerns:

Donnie Spurell is having Hip Replacement surgery on March 25
Tim Landis is having a heart ablation on March 25;
Joan Keith is having a procedure on her knee on March 25
Cindy Hale is recovering from surgery she had on Tuesday;
Dick Gordon is now at Brookdale (apartment 225);
Dave Wilson is still in the Hospital dealing with an infection and dialysis issues;
Vicki Myers has on-going health issues;
Bessie Kitts has complications with her heart valve that it is not working correctly;
Ellena Dodson will be the stem cell donor for Larry Surber, and he and Terry will be at UVA for 10 weeks starting after April 25 (through July 19 week);



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Andrew Clark, Doris Crabtree, Maxine Howell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Heather Kiser, Missy McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Khloe Thomas, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, Frances Van Dyke, Diana White and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family members and friends:

Vicki Myers' mother broke her arm Sunday morning; 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 Paige 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 recently was 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.



Easter Flower Cross:

This year, we will have an Easter Flower cross, and you are invited to bring fresh flowers Sunday, March 31 to have them added as a part of our celebration of Easter. They can be from your yard or from the florist.

Pinwheels for Peace:

On Easter, we will have an opportunity for everyone to write prayers on pinwheels that will go in the church yard as a sign of our prayers for peace around the world. You are invited to take several to place in your yard if you would like. We will have some that are the colors for Ukraine (yellow and blue) as well as pastels.



Pinwheels
For
Peace

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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