



Reflections from a Rocking Chair:

Have you seen Jesus? That might have been a question that the disciples asked each other after Easter. We know from Scripture that Jesus met with the disciples at different times in different places. It was important that they were able to see Jesus for themselves.

But what about us? Do we see Jesus in our midst? Are we even looking for him as we go about our daily lives? Do we take the time to notice those around us to see the face of Christ in one another? Are others able to see Christ in us?

You may have noticed that there are tiny (about 1 inch tall) Jesus figures all over the church? You can see them on picture frames or on counters, in the church office, and on water fountains. Our children have enjoyed looking for them and seeing them in unexpected places. But have you seen them? Have you wondered what that is all about?



The Christian Education Committee decided to purchase 100 and place them all over the church and we invite you to keep an eye out for them. You never know where you might find one of these figures.

But this activity takes practice as well as retaining our eyes to see things differently. Instead of just walking down the hallway, we have to look anew to see if we find Jesus. And isn't that the same thing we are invited to do as disciples of Jesus in our world and in our lives? To look anew around us and to see Jesus in the face of one another?

During this season of Eastertide (which goes until May 19), have you seen Jesus? Are you training your eyes and your heart to watch for him? You never know where you might see Jesus or where he might meet you.

Happy Easter!

Ann Aichinger

Holy Week and Easter Thank You



Thank you goes to so many who made this year's Holy Week and Easter special:

to the Worship Committee for making sure our worship experiences were meaningful;

to Jane Morison for playing the piano for the Maundy Thursday service;

to Robert Campbelle for writing the amazing *Earth Touching Heaven: An Appalachian Requiem* which was part of our Good Friday experience;

to Joy Briggs for the glorious music on Easter Sunday;

to the Sanctuary Choir for all the music they shared through the week and for being a part of the Good Friday service at State Street UMC;

to the youth for assembling the candy bags and hiding Easter eggs in the church yard;

to Josie Russell for getting the word out about our church on Social Media;

to Barbara Mann and David White for providing the Easter reception;

to Hanna, Ihor, Nikita, and Yeva Mashkin for putting the Easter Flower Cross together;

to the technology team for all their work in getting our services online and recorded;

to so many others who have worked behind the scenes to make this Easter wonderful.



Wednesday Night Supper Menus:

- April 3 - Baked Potato Bar
- April 10 - Baked Spaghetti
- April 17 - Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
- April 24 - Beef Stew

The Lunch Bunch invites you to join us on **April 21, 11:30 a.m. at 123 Mex.** We've enjoyed eating there before. The buffet is very good, and the fellowship is even better!

April 21st- 123 Mex *located in Linden Square off Bonham Rd, between exits 5 & 7*



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 the area libraries are giving them away) and hope for a clear day. We will have a few glasses you may borrow, but you might need to share with someone else.

Church Yard Gardening Days...

We have designated Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13 as "Gardening Days" to work on the Butterfly Garden, and the hill along the alleyway by the church. We will be planting ground cover along the hill, and sprucing up the Butterfly Garden to welcome the butterflies this Spring. Please come prepared to help out! All levels of gardening skills are needed! Youth and children are welcome to take part in this event! 9:00 - ??? both days. Bring tools and gloves.



All Presbyterian Women:

Monthly Bible Study - Tuesday, April 9 11:00 a.m.

Place: Small Dining Room

Subject: "Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship: How Baptism connects us to God and the community" We look forward to seeing you there!

Your co-moderators: Mary Ann Blevins, Thais Sikora



Wednesday, April 3rd
Dinner & 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

Wednesday, April 10th
Dinner & activities at church-
Get to Know You Games
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14th
Meeting after worship to continue
our study of Luke
11:00 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, April 17th
Dinner & activities at church
History of CPC
5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21st
Lunch Bunch at El 123 Tex Mex

Wednesday, April 24th
Dinner & activities at church-
Backpacks
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28th
Meeting after worship to continue
our study of Luke



Sermon Series

April 7:	John 20:19-31	Touching the Scars
April 14:	Luke 24:36b-48	Fitting Easter into Daily Life
April 21:	John 10:11-18	Hearing the Voice We Know
April 28	Guest Preacher: Dr. Laura Ong, professor at King University	

April 3:	The Eclipse and God’s Natural wonders
April 10:	Getting to know each other
April 17:	The History of Central
April 24:	Packing Backpacks
May 1:	Game night



Saturday, April 20, 2024

Registration and Continental Breakfast begins 9:15 a.m.

Program begins 9:15 a.m.

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church
136 E. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210



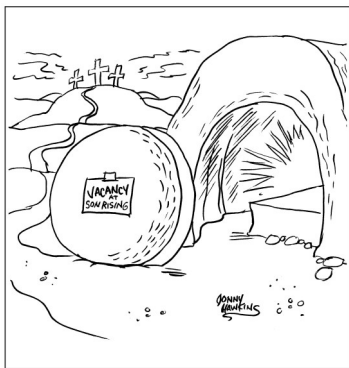
Keynote speaker: Linda Austin, Executive Director, Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery; and Hands and Feet Ministries. Linda will bring Narcan kits and do a 5-minute training for the kit for those interested.

Necrology service for 2023

PCHH Foster's Closet update from Billy Rice, Director

Offering: Mended Women Lifestyle Recovery toiletries and feminine products are also needed for MWLR.

For more information, contact: Carol Propst, 423-534-1849



Easter Sunday Attendance: 168!!!!!!

BackPack Ministries Schedule:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

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.



Pastoral Concerns:

Donnie Spurell is at home, doing well;
Rev. Jack Stevens had a bad fall. He's at home, recovering;
Dave Wilson is at home recovering;
Andrew Clark is dealing with health issues;
Vicki Myers is dealing with health issues.



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Maxine Howell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Heather Kiser, Missy McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Niki McGrew, Larry Surber, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, Frances Van Dyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Vicki Myers' mother has entered hospice care; Mark Mugavin (David Pattishall-Baker's nephew-in-law) has brain cancer; Eric Martin, friend of Paige Thompson, has brain cancer; Mike Ellis' cousin's son who had very serious surgery; 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; Josie Russell's cousin, Carey Jo Davis, is recovering from chemo and getting ready for the next step.

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.



We express our deepest Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of:

Alice Owenby who died on March 22
Bessie Kitts who died on March 24

Calendar

April 3 - 17th

Wednesday, April 3

Central Life delivered

1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group
 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Study - Baked Potato Bar
 "Eclipse & God's Natural Wonders"

Thursday, April 4

7:00 p.m. Choir practice
 9:00 a.m. Backpack delivery
 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 4:00 p.m. Care & Concern meeting
 7:00 p.m. Christian Education meeting

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Central Hall
 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting - small dining room

Monday, April 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Perkins, exit 7

Eclipse! Begins at 1:53 p.m., max at 3:11 p.m., over at 4:26 p.m

Tuesday, April 9

11:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Gamers at Caldwell's

Wednesday, April 10

4:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Study - Baked Spaghetti
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Fri/Sat., April 12/13

9:00 a.m. - ?? Gardening Days! Please come help!

Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting

Monday, April 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Perkins, exit 7

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 17

Central Life delivered

A.M. APPLE pictures taken

1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group
 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Study - Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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Easter Story

WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
CAVE
CHURCH
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
DISCIPLES
FAITH
GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
JUDAS
LAMB
LAST SUPPER
LENT
MARY
MIRACLE
PASSOVER
PENANCE
PENTECOST

PRAYER
REDEMPTION
REJOICE
RESURRECTION
RISEN
SAVIOR
SON
THORNS
TOMB



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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.
- * 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