



Reflections about Montreat

Josie Russell

Montreat is such a special place, and I am so grateful I got to go there with Ann, Kelly, and our youth! This year, our theme was “Planting Peace.” I had several key takeaways, but here are a few I’ll mention: When our eyes see scarcity, there is abundance in God. We need to tell God everything that is breaking our heart and let Him handle it-- things in our personal lives, things in our World, everything. Every day is a new opportunity for peace--we have to persist. Persistence comes from us, but grace comes from God. We learned so many wonderful things, but we also had fun and made lasting memories!

Keira Hamrick

I had so much fun at MYC this year! This is my second year coming to Montreat. We got to see 3 bears while we were there. I enjoyed doing the energizers in the morning. I loved my small group and we all got along very well! I also went hiking and saw pretty mountains. I am so excited for next year!

Kelly Hamrick

I just returned from another amazing week at Montreat Youth Conference where I was honored to accompany my daughter, Keira, Pastor Ann, Youth Leader Josie, Becka, and Nikita. I enjoyed the gentle reminders to:

Plant peace no matter what. Regardless of challenges and doubt;

Persist and persevere;

Prune away comparison, jealousy, anger, ego. Those feelings that harm others and myself.

Choose your hard!

Loved taking care of our group this past week with yummy food. Such a blessing getting to know everyone better. Great conversations! Another Montreat experience has again helped strengthen my faith.

Nikita Mashkin

I was in Montreat for the first time and I love it. I learned a lot and saw a BEAR, TWICE. I wanted to pet it, but Ann did not like this idea. It has nice views and cool people and nice explanation of Jesus and his way. It was useful and fun time. So if you have not gone to Montreat, you should go.

Rebecka Reese

This year at Montreat I learned who is our peace, how to prune peace and how to persist in peace. Lastly, we learned how to party with peace. Jesus is our peace, and in pruning, we cut the things back that get in the way of peace. But most of all, we are to plant peace.

Ann Aichinger

I needed this week at Montreat. The two weeks before Montreat were tough with ministry and personal stuff. I had questioned if I really needed to go this year. I was weary and being pummeled by random spiritual storms. And all I really wanted was rest and renewal. I had been advised to stay home and rest. But I realized, Montreat is my place to connect with God and with the theme this year being about peace, maybe I needed this conference too.

I was able to attend the keynotes and reflect upon what it means to plant peace in my life and in the world around me, but also there is the challenge to trim away the stuff that gets in the way of new life in Christ. Pruning is one of the hardest things for me to do in my yard and in my life. But it is necessary to truly bear good fruit.

I thank Josie and Kelly for taking charge of the leadership for this week, and allowing me time to read, nap, draw, write, and visit with friends---to simply be me for a few days. I thank this church for its continued support and encouragement for our youth and young adults and for our continued connection with Montreat. It truly is a place where my heart and spirit are filled and renewed.

Sermons



June 23: Guest Preacher: Patricia Neel (CLP)
 Be Awed By God I Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23,32-49
 Mark 4: 35-41

June 30: Sharing Good News: Teaching
 Matthew 28:16-20;
 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Help Wanted: Nursery Worker

We are looking for nursery staff that would be willing to serve on Sunday mornings, 8:45-11:15 a.m. and care for our youngest children. During the school year, this includes also Wednesday nights and special services throughout the year. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let Kim Profitt or Ann Aichinger know. There is a job description and application on Ann Aichinger’s office door.

The 226th General Assembly of the PCUSA, 2024, Salt Lake City, Utah



This year the General Assembly of the PCUSA will be assembling for its biennial meeting. This year, Ada Ritchie from our church will be attending as a Youth Advisory Delegate. From June 25-27, the committees will be online to do their work. Once that is concluded, then commissioners, delegates and other representatives will travel to Salt Lake City to meet in person June 28-July 4.

You may keep up with the news of the meetings, especially with the election of the moderator(s), and the election of the Stated Clerk. We hope to have on-going updates. If you would like to read up on the meeting and keep up with the news, you can check out the website: <https://ga-pcusa.org/news/>

Gifts to Sunnyside Communities were given in loving memory of

Charles Buerk

Howard Broadfoot

Rev. Cindy Pattishall-Baker



A gift has been given to Backpack Ministry in loving memory of

Bessie Kitts.



Thursday, June 27

Just Jump! with the kids

Thursday, July 11

Volunteering at Bristol Emergency Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 17

Leave for Montreat! (Middle School)

Thursday, July 25

Youth and Kids night at the church - dinner, games, and prep for Youth & Kids Sunday

Saturday, August 10

Practice for Youth & Kids Sunday

Sunday, August 11

Youth & Kids Sunday

Saturday, August 24

Picnic in the Park from 9:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Steele Creek Park, Pavilion G

Please join us in sending Brenda Miller to her new home in Gallatin, Tennessee with our blessings.

Brenda has been a member of Central Presbyterian Church for 14 years and has decided to move closer to her family. Her new address is:

Brenda Miller
825 Browns Lane #1902
Gallatin, TN 37066

Brenda, you will always be a part of the CPC family and dear to our hearts!





Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m., hybrid. Ann Aichinger led the devotional and opening prayer. After sharing what question each member would ask God, Ann Aichinger shared her pastoral report. The Session agreed to work with Cause Inspired in obtaining and managing the Google Media Ads Grant for 6 months. This is a way to increase our visibility as a church locally. We discussed when to have Communion in September, as Ann Aichinger will be away on September 1, which is traditionally when we celebrate the sacrament.

The Session called a Congregational meeting on Sunday, July 14, for the purpose of electing new elders to the class of 2027 and one elder for the class of 2026. The Session also approved inviting Abingdon Presbytery for the February 13, 2025 stated meeting to be held at Central. We will have an opportunity to celebrate with them for our 150th anniversary.

John Barker gave an update on the Ukrainian Family situation. The Mashkins are doing very well. All documents have been approved to bring the Moga family to Bristol. We are in need of a host family for them and need to get that set up as soon as possible. If anyone is available or willing to host the Moga's for 6-8 months, please talk to John Barker or Ann Aichinger.

The committees reported on their work, and after reviewing the calendar, setting Communion servers for July 7, Ann Aichinger shared the pastoral concerns of the church. Glen Van Dyke closed the meeting with prayer and the Session adjourned.



Is it time to Catch up?

As we are all busy in the summer with vacations and trips, it is easy to get out of the habit of being a part of the faith community here at Central. Remember you can join us for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. online by connecting through the Central Presbyterian Facebook page. Or you can watch the pre-recorded worship available on the website as well as on Facebook (Central Pres and Ann Aichinger's pages). But we ask that you don't forget about supporting the work of the church financially as well. Now is the time you can catch up with your pledge or giving. If you have any questions about your giving record, please contact Kim Profitt, Finance Director (276-669-3157 or

APPLE will be having their **4th of July Parade** on Friday, June 28th. It will begin in the Central parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and go around the block through the neighborhood. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer for the kids. Dress in your best Red, White and Blue.



Pastoral Concerns:

- * Amy Williams, friend of the church, has been diagnosed with cancer;
- * Dave Wilson is at BRMC under hospice care;
- * Marvin Tadlock is recovering from surgery on his wrist;
- * Anne Pratt-Proctor has had cataract surgery;
- * Linda Waldron fractured her foot and is recovering at home;
- * Frances Van Dyke is undergoing new treatments;
- * Larry Surber is at home;
- * Vicki Myers is slowly improving in her health;
- * Andrew Clark is dealing with cancer treatment for a mass in his leg;
- * Courtney Reese is dealing with MS issues.



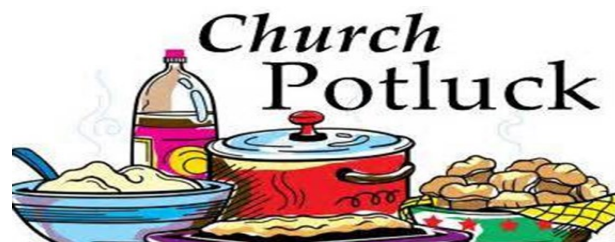
Continued Prayers for:

Ken Brittle, Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Heather Kiser, Missy McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Maxine Howell, Niki McGrew, Archer Parsons, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Lee Budd's mother; Julie Vance Brown, sister of Helen Scott and daughter of Retta Vance, is dealing with kidney cancer; Donald Tadlock, brother of Marvin Tadlock, has heart and lung problems that are difficult to treat because of his liver transplant; Eric Martin, friend of Paige Thompson, has brain cancer; Mike Ellis' cousin's son 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; Josie Russell's cousin, Carey Jo Davis, is cancer-free and preparing for preventative procedures.

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.



YOU'RE

INVITED!

The Monday Morning Men's Prayer Group will sponsor a potluck lunch for the entire Central family & visitors after church on Sunday, July 7. The Prayer Group will provide fried chicken, and the church will provide lemonade & ice tea. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. We'll put a sign-up sheet in the church office if you want to indicate what you'll bring; but PLEASE PLAN TO COME TO LUNCH whether or not you sign up.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

Calendar	
June 19 - July 3	
Wednesday, June 19	Central Life Delivered 1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, June 23	Ann Aichinger on Vacation until June 26. 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary - Patricia Neel preaching 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch - Bristol Gardens & Grill (see below)
Monday, June 24	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Perkins, exit 7 (see below)
Wednesday, June 26	7:00 p.m. Choir practice
Thursday, June 27	evening Just Jump! For Youth & Kids
Friday, June 28	9:00 a.m. Gamers at Caldwell's
Sunday, June 30	9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship in Central Hall 11:00 a.m. Healing Service in Chapel 11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade - Evangelism committee
Monday, July 1	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Perkins, exit 7 4:00 p.m. Care & Concern meeting
Wednesday, July 3	Central Life Delivered 1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group
Thursday, July 4	10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels
Fourth of July!	OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TODAY
Friday, July 5	OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TODAY

Save the date... Lunch Bunch invites everyone to join us at Bristol Gardens and Grill on June 23 after worship. Bristol Gardens and Grill is located at 285 Vance St, Bristol VA. They have a menu that incorporates smoked meats and fresh grown produce and herbs.

Save the date...We're having our **Picnic in the Park** on August 24 at Steele Creek Park, Pavilion G from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (Donnie, you don't have to walk in...you can actually drive all the way to the picnic site!) More information will be forthcoming.

ANOTHER Save the date! Allen Harris and Angel Anderson are getting married! July 27, 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to their wedding.

Men's Bible Study will continue through the Summer. They meet every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Perkins, Exit 7. All are welcome! Talk to Tim Landis or John Dodge for more information





Bethany Lewis	1	Barbara Oakley	18
Christian Dodson	2	Mary Moffatt	19
Caroline Jones	3	Collin Waldron	19
Clark Wilson	5	Lindsay Hale	20
Marguerite Buckley	5	William Coker	20
Emily Ann Thompson	8	Meredith Harmon	21
Becka Reese	8	Morgan Hale	21
Norma Donnelly	8	David White	21
Carolynn Anderson	10	Sam Scott	22
Madeleine Harris	11	Daphne Taylor	24
Keira Hamrick	13	Yeva Mashkina	24
Ann Aichinger	13	Mike Dodge	28
John Barker	14	Jeanie Franklin	29
Michelle Mercer	14	Bob Ingram	31
Eugene Waldron	15	Alice Blanton	31

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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:

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office hour changes and updates.



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