



Christmas in July/Back to School Clothes

Communities-In-Schools of Southwest Virginia is hosting the “Christmas in July” project for the at-risk students living in poverty in the city of Bristol, Virginia. This program is to assist students in Kindergarten through 12th grade enrolled in Bristol, Virginia schools to have new clothes for the new school year.

There are two ways you may participate:

1. Shop for a student(s) based on the student’s preference sheet.

Sponsors “adopting” a student, or students, will receive a preference sheet completed by the parent or guardian. The completed form will indicate the child’s sizes, style, and color preferences so “adopters” can then shop for the student. Each child should receive approximately \$100 of clothing items. Please remove all tags from the items, and place into a large garbage bag. Attach the child’s information form to the bag. Each student should receive the following items:

**2 tops*

**2 pairs of pants or shorts*

**1 pack of socks*

**1 pack of underwear*

2. Sponsor a student by making a monetary donation of \$100.

In addition to students receiving clothes that sponsors have purchased, high school students may have the opportunity to be taken shopping to purchase their own school clothes. This allows us to meet our students’ needs, ensuring that they get exactly what they need.

Donations may be made through the Communities in School’s website, <http://cisofah.org/backtoschool/>, or by giving your donation to the church, marked for the Christmas in July project.

What a tremendous blessing to the children and their families! AND...what excitement for those students “having new clothing to wear” on the first couple of days in August for a new year! It is common for families participating in the **Back to School Clothing Giveaway** program to have students in more than one school. For this reason, we ask that all donors spend approximately \$100 for each student sponsored. By placing a spending limit on each child, we can ensure that all children in the home receive a comparable amount of items.

If you would like to shop for a child, you may pick up a child’s name and information from the welcome desk in the entry area. Please return the bag of clothes (with all tags removed,) or your monetary donation to the church any time. We would like to have everything at the church by **Sunday, July 28**. Make a difference in a child’s life. If you have any questions, please talk to Ann Aichinger or Sheree’ Taylor.

July 3, 2024

Central Life

Sermons



July 7 Worship in Spirit and in Truth

July 14 Sacramental Living

July 21 Patricia Neel, Guest Preacher

July 28 Fellowship and Being Together

Aug 4 Generosity

John 4:19-26 Sanctuary - Communion

Acts 8:26-40;

1 Cor 11:23-26 Central Hall

Sanctuary

Luke 19:1-10 Central Hall

Acts 5:1-6

Matt 14:13-21 Sanctuary - Communion

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

The General Assembly of the PCUSA is meeting this week in Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme for the gathering is “Living in Hope.” The meetings began online with the different committees doing their work for three days. Then all commissioners and guests and visitors made their way to Salt Lake City. As a part of the opening worship on Friday, June 28, there was a bagpipe and drum band that paraded through the convention hall, leading into the gathering space. Items of business have included the election of Co-Moderators, the Rev. CeCe Armstrong and the Rev. Tony Larson. CeCe Armstrong is from Charleston, SC and Tony Larson is from Garden City Beach, SC. They will serve for 2 years and travel the world representing the PCUSA at various gatherings and events.

The Rev. Jihyun Oh was elected to serve as the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PCUSA. She is the first Korean woman to serve in this capacity, and has served churches in Illinois and in Georgia, and as Chaplain at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, and most recently has served as Mid-Council Ministries of the General Assembly. You may read her biography at the website: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2024/4/26/rev-jihyun-oh-nominee-stated-clerk-general-assembl/>. For more updates, you may check out the website: <https://ga-pcusa.org/news/>. You may also watch online the plenary events and worship at <https://ga-pcusa.org/>.



Gifts to the Church

Ann Aichinger made a donation in memory of Dave Wilson.

Timothy Beavers made a donation in memory of Dave Wilson.

Doug and Loraine Williams made a donation to Ukraine Ministry.





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

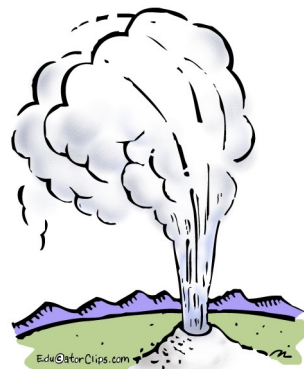
Saturday, August 24

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

Barbara Mann has a new address! 286 Alpine Drive, Bristol VA 24201

Please begin sending cards and letters to Ada Ritchie so that she has some mail welcoming her to Yellowstone Park Conservation Corps. She will be working at the park from July 14 - August 13 and will not have access to her cell phone while in the Park. Her address will be:

Ada Ritchie
YCC
PO Box 711
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190





NEW PLAY AREA!

Wait until you see what is going to happen! There will be a new toddler play area on Central property under the large magnolia tree. Over the years, APPLE Preschool has had a small plastic fenced-in area for the babies and toddlers to play in. But on July 15, there will be the construction on a large fenced area for them to play in on nice days. This will provide a safe place as well as a large enough area for our teachers and children to enjoy the outdoors in a shaded area

2nd Quarter Statements have been mailed. Please check your statement for any errors and to see if you're "on track" with your donations. It's a great time to catch up for the Summer months when you are away on vacations and family trips.

Remember that the church continues to work hard with the money it receives to help those in the community, and that just because it is Summer our electric, water, sewer, and other day-to-day expenses don't take a vacation.

APPLE will be **CLOSED** July 4th & 5th and will reopen Monday, July 8.

The church OFFICE will be **open** July 4th and **Closed** on July 5th.

We wish you a very happy 4th of July...full of fun, family, and food. Remember to keep your pets indoors. Many pets are afraid of the noise of fireworks and may get injured in the midst of panic.

Also, please keep people with trauma issues in mind, as the noise of fireworks may bring back memories that are disturbing.



Pastoral Concerns:

- * Ken Moss had another surgery to remove a very small cancer and he will have have reconstructive surgery next Tuesday;
- * Amy Williams, friend of the church, received cancer diagnosis;
- * Frances Van Dyke is undergoing new treatments;
- * Larry Surber is at home;
- * 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, Vicki Myers, 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 has started rehab and is beginning his new life; 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.

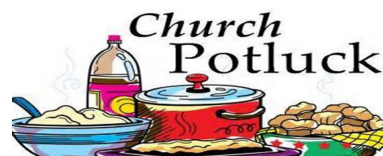
Please call the church office (276-669-3157) with any pastoral concerns, and please feel free to contact Ann Aichinger or any of the Elders through email, Facebook, or by phone.

We express our deepest Christian sympathy to Sandy, Clark & Maddy Wilson and their family in the death of Dave on June 20, 2024. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord," says the Spirit, "for they rest from their labors, and their works shall follow them."

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, who is a daughter of Central and her father David W.A. Taylor served as pastor from 1955 to 1962. She is a faculty member of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA and won an Award of Excellence in Biblical Interpretation for her reflection on female pastoral leadership and the biblical interpretations. The Associated Church Press (ACP) awards recognize the best in faith-based media. With more than 800 entries, kudos to the Presbyterian Outlook for the Best of the Church Press Awards!

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.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Calendar

July 3 - July 17

Wednesday, July 3	Central Life Delivered 1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group
Thursday, July 4	OFFICE OPEN, APPLE CLOSED
Happy 4th!	10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
Friday, July 5	OFFICE & APPLE CLOSED
Sunday, July 7	9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary - Communion 11:15 a.m. Church Potluck in Central Hall - all are welcome!
Monday, July 8	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Perkins, exit 7 (see below)
Tuesday, July 9	7:00 p.m. Gamers in Central Hall
Wednesday, July 10	4:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
Thursday, July 11	1-3 p.m. Youth work at the Food Pantry
Saturday, July 13	shhh! It's Ann Aichinger's Birthday!
Sunday, July 14	9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship in Central Hall 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting following worship 11:20 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade - Property & Maintenance
Monday, July 15	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Perkins, exit 7
Tuesday, July 16	12:00 p.m. Staff meeting 7:00 p.m. Session meeting
Wednesday, July 17	Central Life Delivered 1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - The Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14, immediately following worship. The purpose is to elect elders to the class of 2027. Those names being placed in nomination are: Laurel Broadfoot, Terry Graybeal, Bernice Hagaman, and Marvin Tadlock. This meeting will be online as a part of our Sunday morning video. Those joining us online will not be able to vote.

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.

Lunch Bunch dates:	July 28	Eatz Uptown (on State Street
	Aug. 18	Valentino's
	Sept. 29	Taco Riendo



“Who are they? What do they do?”

They are the technology support volunteers of Central. You see them at the rear of Central Hall, or in the balcony of the sanctuary. They operate the cameras and sound board for sound and live streaming, as well as running slides on the computer in Central Hall for visuals.

What you might not know is that the crew is small in number, and could use more volunteers to help with the tasks. You can help if you are a responsible person who wants to serve others. You will receive training to operate the equipment, and can serve on the Technology Committee to offer your input in the future direction of streaming and worship support. You need not work every week (although the current crew does so—which is why we need help.) If interested, talk to Josie Russell, or John Dodge. Thank you!

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.



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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