

July 17, 2024

Central Life



Dear Session and Central Church family,
You have overwhelmed me with your love and kindness in the celebration of our 10 years together, and for my birthday. I am deeply honored to be serving with you as we seek to follow the Spirit of Christ.

Central is a strong church family and truly impacting our local community and our world. I look forward to our years together, as we are led by the winds of the Spirit. Thank you so much for your love and friendships, for your faithfulness in all things!

Grace and Peace,
Ann

Pastor Ann Day! July 7, 2024



Sermons



July 21 Patricia Neel, Guest Preacher

July 28 Fellowship and Being Together

Aug 4 Generosity

Sanctuary

Luke 19:1-10 Central Hall

Acts 5:1-6

Matt 14:13-21 Sanctuary - Communion

A Volunteer/Donor Opportunity to Fulfill Central’s Mission!

Central was recently approached about helping to renovate a house just a few blocks from our church. The same family has owned this house since the 1970s. Over the years it has gradually deteriorated; as the remaining family members—mother, son & wife, and 3 grandchildren—don’t have the expertise or the money to make repairs. They have been without water in the house for over 2 years. Major repairs and upgrades are needed for the plumbing and electrical systems, in addition to other general repairs, painting, etc. Robert Taylor, a military retiree who has made repairs to a number of properties in Bristol over the past few years, needs our help.



Central has committed to purchasing much of the material for the renovation, and several of us are now giving our time to help with cleanup and repair work. But there is much more to be done! We need more volunteers and more donors! We’re working 6 days a week with Mr. Taylor to help restore this house. If you have a few hours a week to work onsite; any amount of time would help. If you aren’t able to work, but can give money to pay for materials, any amount would be welcome.

Our mission statement says we are “called to love God with minds, hearts, and hands; and we are called to love others.” God has given us a great opportunity to fulfill that mission by loving and helping our neighbors right here in our own backyard. If you want to help or want more information about the project, please contact Robert Campbelle at 276-623-3050 or Pastor Ann at 276-669-3157. Thanks & Blessings!

Session Notes: The session met on Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Barbara Mann gave the opening devotional and prayer, then we examined Laurel Broadfoot, Terry Graybeal, Bernice Hagaman and Marvin Tadlock as elders for the class of 2027. Their ordination and installation will be Sunday, July 28 as a part of worship. Thanks were given to the elders who have completed their term: Patty Caldwell, John Dodge, Missy McCord, Sheree’ Taylor and Linda Waldron.

The Session approved the proclamation that was made to honor Ann Aichinger on July 7. Ann Aichinger noted that the Session minutes for 2022-23 had been read, reviewed and approved by Presbytery. Ann Aichinger gave her pastor’s report which included that her thanks for the Session and Church family for their love and support for her as her ministry and birthday have been celebrated, she has been asked to write a chapter for the Thriving Congregations project book that will be published in 2025, and the Google Ads Grant project is in the works. John Barker gave an update on the Moga family and their arrival is expected in early August. An apartment is being secured for them, but we need items to help furnish the apartment. The list of items needed will be in the newsletter.

The committees made reports with the following items approved: the reworking of the website (through Cause Inspired), to have the 150th Anniversary celebration Weekend May 16-18, 2025, but to have a worship celebration on Sunday, January 26, 2025 to start the year of 150th festivities. In new business, the situation with a neighbor family was highlighted and all were encouraged to participate as they are able. The next meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, August 20 at 7 p.m.



Wednesday, July 17 , 12:30 p.m.

Leave for Montreat! (Middle School)

Thursday, July 25 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Gifts Were Made in Honor of:

Ken & Cathy Moss

by Becky Ingram

Patty & Tommy Caldwell

by Becky Ingram

Nancy Kiser

by Becky Ingram

Janis & Joe Davis

by Becky Ingram

Gifts Were Made in Memory of Dave Wilson

by Roger & Frankie Clark

by Nancy Kiser

by Mattern & Craig



It's THAT TIME...

Please begin saving and donating plastic grocery bags for the Backpack Program. School will be starting in the next month and we need to be ready to feed hungry bellies!

We received a lovely donation from Monday Morning Rotary Donations to the Backpack Program to start off the new school year!

The Moga family will be arriving August 1 and we have an apartment rented. If you have extras of any of these items and would like to donate gently used or new items to make their transition to living in the U.S. easier, please note the following needs for a 3 bedroom 2 bath apartment:

Most important Items

Kitchen

Pots and pans
knives/block
dishes/plates/bowls
silverware set/organizer
drinking glasses
cooking utensils
trash can/bags
paper towel holder/towels
dish soap/brush, sponge

Master Bedroom

Bed/Mattress (size?)
Pillows
Sheet set
Comforter
Blanket

Child's Room x 2

Twin bed/mattress
pillows
sheet set
Comforter
Blanket

Bath x 2

shower curtain/liner/rings
bath mat
toilet brush

Living Room

sofa
add'l chairs
coffee table

Laundry - there is a coin operated laundry on the premises, but also hookups in apartments

Washer/Dryer
laundry soap/supplies

Additional Items

Kitchen

cookie sheet
tea kettle
measuring cups & spoons
cutting boards
mixing bowls
coffee maker
dish towels
baggies/foil/wrap
placemats

Add'l M. Bed

Dresser
Night Stand
Lamp
2nd sheet set
Hangers

Add'l Bed

dresser
desk & chair
night stand
lamp

cleaning supplies
plunger
trash can

television and stand
lamps
end tables

laundry basket
ironing board

Additional Items

Kitchen

dish drying rack
toaster
crockpot
air fryer
blender
colander
bottle opener
cleaning supplies
oven mitts

Add'l M. Bed

Bed Skirt

Add'l Bed

2nd sheet set
hangers
bed skirt

hand soap
toiletries
toilet paper

throw blanket
throw pillows

iron

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark it for the Ukrainian Fund. Then we can provide them with gift cards and cash to purchase items they would want.

We will be working to furnish the apartment and get things set up July 23 - 30. If you would like to help, please talk with Ihor Mashkin or John Barker.

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Pastoral Concerns:

- * Coker family has been “sharing” Covid;
- * Josie Russell’s Granddaddy (97 years) fell and has a broken pelvis;
- * Rebecka Reese will be having knee repair surgery on July 23;
- * Tom Tanner (frequent visitor and our boiler, MaryAnn’s, boyfriend) will have knee replacement surgery on Sept 3;
- * Linda Waldron fractured her foot and is recovering well;
- * Frances Van Dyke is undergoing new medications & treatments;
- * Larry Surber is at home recovering from his broken leg;



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:

Amy Williams has cancer; 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 finishing up treatments.

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 would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, messages, phone calls, and support during our time of need. We can never express how much it meant to us. We love you all!

Sandy, Clark, & Maddy Wilson



Ada Ritchie is in Yellowstone serving in the Youth Conservation Corp. She has no cell service, so please send her mail to:

Ada Ritchie
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Calendar		
July 17 - July 31		
Wednesday, July 17	Central Life Delivered	
	12:30 p.m.	Middle School & Ann leave for Montreat
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
Sunday, July 21	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary - Patricia Neel, guest speaker
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade in the Shade - Mission committee
Monday, July 22	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Perkins, exit 7
Thursday, July 25	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Youth & Kids Night at the church
Friday, July 26	No Gamers meeting	
Saturday, July 27	4:30 p.m.	Allen Harris & Angel Anderson wedding all are welcome!
Sunday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Central Hall
	11:05 a.m.	Healing Service in Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at EATZ Uptown

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.

July 27th... Allen Harris and Angel Anderson are getting married! At 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



EATZ Uptown is located at 520 State Street (near Paramount Theatre) They are known for their BBQ and good Southern Eating!

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 contact Ann Aichinger. There is a job description and application on Ann Aichinger’s office door. **This is a paid part-time position.**



Ada’s General Assembly Reflections

Ada Ritchie was elected by Abingdon Presbytery to be the Youth Advisory Delegate to the PCUSA General Assembly. The meetings were held online as well as in person in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 25-July 4. Here are her reflections about being at GA:

“What excited me the most was meeting many different types of people who shared a common goal of improving the church and the world. I served on the Financial Resources Committee, which was tasked to set the 2025 and 2026 budget and per capita rates. The committee also voted to take up three special offerings instead of four, eliminating the Pentecost Offering. We also started divesting from war bonds and companies affiliated with countries with prolonged military engagement. I learned how similar the PCUSA operates on a national scale is to the US government system. This was seen especially in plenary as all matters had the right to be amended, debated, and voted on. I hope the church continues and creates more initiatives centered on helping people. These initiatives help show people the values that we, as Presbyterians, hold and these programs have the ability to better society on a local, national, and international scale. This experience will help me in my future work with PCUSA as it will increase my awareness of events happening throughout the entire denomination.”

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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
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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