



Ponderings from a Rocker

dew, and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.” This is a call for the church to be sowing seeds of peace in our communities, in our congregations, in our nation, and throughout the world. But what does this look like?

How do we sow peace in our lives?

Peace is one of those things that is held up as an ideal but seems to be missing in our world. We hear of the lack of peace in places like Ukraine and Sudan, but there are many other places where there is no peace. Our nation is in need of peace, especially in this season of elections, yet it seems that we continue to live in the midst of chaos and confusion. In our community and in our homes, there is a desire for peace, but often we struggle to see any possibility of peace.

Peace is connected to reconciliation which is the work of joining together with others in seeking justice and offering hope, and working to right wrongs. But you may say, “that is too big of a job for me; I’ll let someone else do that.” And it can be overwhelming when we look at our world and nation, asking, “What can we do to sow peace.”

There is folk song that the words are: “*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.....*” Peace starts with each of us doing something for peace. It might be constantly praying for God’s peace to come. It might be working with agencies or local advocates who are working to end violence. It might be in looking at how we spend our money and what companies we are supporting by buying their products (to see if they are involved in supplying instruments of war or aggression.) It might be in responding to the needs of a neighbor who is dealing with issues.

I am so glad that as a church we were willing to say “yes” to help the family living on Buckner Street. Many people have been a part of that project as well as engaging companies and organizations in providing for this family. The house has been greatly improved. The yard is made safe and secure with a new fence. The family is engaging more and willing to be in relationship with their neighbors and our church folks. Is this sowing peace? Yes, for this family did not know peace, and this was spilling over into the neighborhood and causing difficult relationships. But now, as things are improving, neighbors are engaging, and city officials are noticing the improvements of the house as well as the relationships of the family.

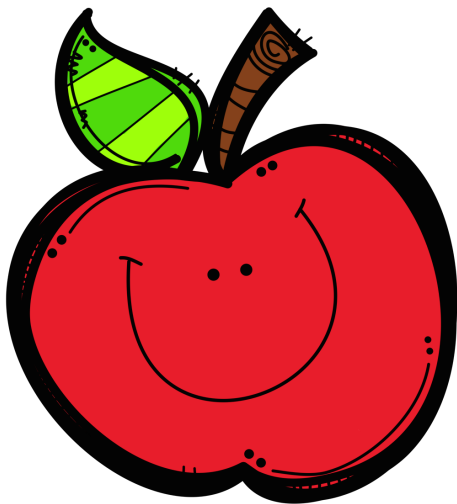
Sowing seeds of peace means we are willing to do what seem to be very small things in order for great things to happen. We sow seeds in our gardens and flowerbeds, and we wait, watch and tend to the area hoping for something new to spring up. It is the same with sowing peace. We put our faith in doing small things that can change the course of lives of others and even our own.

Jesus taught in the Beatitudes: “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). As a part of being in God’s great family, we are to be at work sowing seeds of peace. As we support the Peace and Global Witness Offering, we work with those who are on the frontlines of peacemaking: 25% of our gifts stay in our local community to bring peace to families; 25% is used by the Presbytery and Synod; 50% goes to support the work and efforts around the world.

Thank you for your work in being peacemakers and living as the Children of God.

Grace and peace,

Ann



It is time once again to link your *FOOD CITY ValuCard* to *APPLE Academy*! It's easy and free! Last year we received a check for \$785 from Food City and we only had 13 linked cards, just imagine how much our APPLE classrooms would benefit if everyone participated!!

This year Food City is making \$800,000 available to participating schools to invest in classrooms, equipment and essential supplies. For every dollar spent at Food City using your ValuCard, one point will be earned for APPLE Academy. The more points earned the larger share of the cash our school will receive. All you have to do is link your ValuCard to APPLE and you'll automatically earn points every time you shop! Linking is easy! Just use the information below to link your ValuCard and help us start raising money for APPLE! *(Even if you linked last year, you will still have to re-link again this year)*

If you have a Food City ValuCard, but never created an online account, here is a helpful video to help you create your online account: [Food City How To: Register for an Account with an Existing ValuCard](#)

After your account is created, or if you already have an existing account, follow the steps below to link to our school bucks:

How Can I Link My Food City ValuCard from my **Desktop Computer**?

- *Visit <http://www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks>
- *Click the blue "Login" button under *Customer Login*
- *Enter your username and password for your Food City online account.
- *At the top of the page click, "*My Account*". This will load the customer dashboard page.
- *Below the *Fuel Bucks* section, you will find "*My School Bucks*" section. (The total school bucks earned will show here as well)
- *Click the "Update School" link listed below. Select our school : **40852-APPLE Academy of Central Presbyterian Church** and click, "*Save*"

How Can I Link My Food City ValuCard from my **Food City Mobile App**?

- *Open the Food City App on your mobile device and log in
- *Click on the 3 bars on the top left hand corner
- *Click on "*My Dashboard*"
- *At the bottom of the page click "*My Account*"
- *Click on the last selection: "*My School Bucks*"
- *Select our school: **40852-APPLE Academy of Central Presbyterian Church** and click "*Update*"

Sermons



September 22: The Secret of Greatness
 September 29: A cup of Water, a Millstone, and Salt
 October 6: Let Them Come to Me

Mark 9:30-37
 Mark 9:39-50
 Mark 10:13-16

Calendar

September September 18 - October 2

Wednesday, September 18	Central Life Delivered	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper - hosted by Moha & Mashkin families
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night program - study of Psalms
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice in Sanctuary
Friday/Saturday, Sept 20-21	Race Weekend	
Saturday, September 21	9:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at Rock Spring
	7-9:30 p.m.	A Night of Stillness for Women at Glade Spring
Sunday, September 22	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 Taco Riendo on Euclid Ave.
	Ann Aichinger and Barbara Mann leave for Montreat - gone through Friday	
Monday, September 23	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Perkins, exit 7
Tuesday, September 24	Picture Day - APPLE	
Wednesday, September 25	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Backpack packing - 420 bags to pack, please help
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice in Sanctuary
Friday, September 27	9:00 a.m.	Gamers at the Caldwell's
Sunday, September 29	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Lemonade in the Shade hosted by Care & Concern
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation for Maxine Howell
	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Maxine Howell
Monday, September 30	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study in Central Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism committee
Tuesday, October 1	7:00 p.m.	Worship committee
Wednesday, October 2	Central Life Delivered	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' grief group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday night program - study of Psalms
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice in Sanctuary

Thank you for all the bags you have donated for backpack ministry. We have enough for September, but **beginning October 1**, we will begin taking clean, untoned, bag donations again. If you could flatten them prior to donating, that would help make it easier to handle the bags. Place them in the bin outside the office. Thanks!

Wednesday, September 18 - Wednesday night dinner - hosted by the Mashkin & Moha families



Sunday, September 22 - Lunch at Taco Riendo

Wednesday, September 25 - Wednesday night dinner- help pack backpacks 420 needed!

Sunday, September 29 - Lesson after worship - Choose to be Faithful

Wednesday, October 3 - Wednesday night dinner - breakfast for dinner!

Sunday, October 6 - No Youth lesson - Fall Break!

Wednesday, October 9 - Wednesday night dinner - Game night

Sunday, October 13 - Lesson after worship - Choose to speak up!

Wednesday, October 16- Wednesday night dinner

Sunday, October 20 - After worship -bag candy for Halloween on Euclid

Wednesday, October 23 - Wednesday night dinner

Sunday, October 27 - Trunk or Treat in church parking lot



Wednesday Night dinner and program

We have begun our Wednesday night dinners and programs. This week, we will have dinner cooked by our Ukrainian families as they share some of their favorite dishes. (They might even share the recipes.) This week our youth will be going down to the Buckner St. house to do some work, and everyone is reminded to wear closed toed shoes. The children will have time together for a lesson and activities for them. The Adults are looking at the Psalms through November, so come and let's delve into these familiar words of Scripture.

Up-coming programs:

September 18: Psalms - Ukrainian Dinner hosted by Moha & Mashkin families

September 25: Packing Backpacks (we need to pack 420 this night - 3 weeks' worth) -
Breakfast for dinner

October 3: Psalms - Baked Spaghetti

Everyone is welcomed to join your church friends after worship at Taco Riendo (Euclid Ave across from Food City) for lunch on **Sunday, September 22**. This is a family-owned Mexican restaurant with a large menu. Join us for a great time for fellowship, conversation, and a time to invite friends. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us.





**WE ARE
ACCEPTING
CANDY/TREAT
DONATIONS
FOR OUR
HALLOWEEN
FESTIVITIES**

Candy donations for Halloween on Euclid (Oct. 31) may be placed in the tote near Ann Aichinger's office door. Thank you!





ANNUAL FALL GATHERING
Presbyterian Women of Abingdon Presbytery
Saturday, September 21, 2024

ROCK SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
17920 OLD STATE ROUTE 91
MEADOWVIEW, VA 24361

Keynote: Pam Myhill, Glade Spring Senior Citizens' Center

**Project: Please bring new or gently used clothing/accessories
for Foster's Closet at the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands!*

Information Sharing for PW Leaders in the Congregations

Horizons Bible Study Introduction

Thank Offering Update

Special Music

Communion

Registration/Continental Breakfast begins at 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM; Lunch/Fellowship around noon

Lunch Provided by Rock Spring PW

For additional information, call Carol Propst at 423-534-1849

*****Contact Ann Aichinger if you want a ride. *****

Directions to Rock Spring Presbyterian Church:

From I-81 North

Exit 29

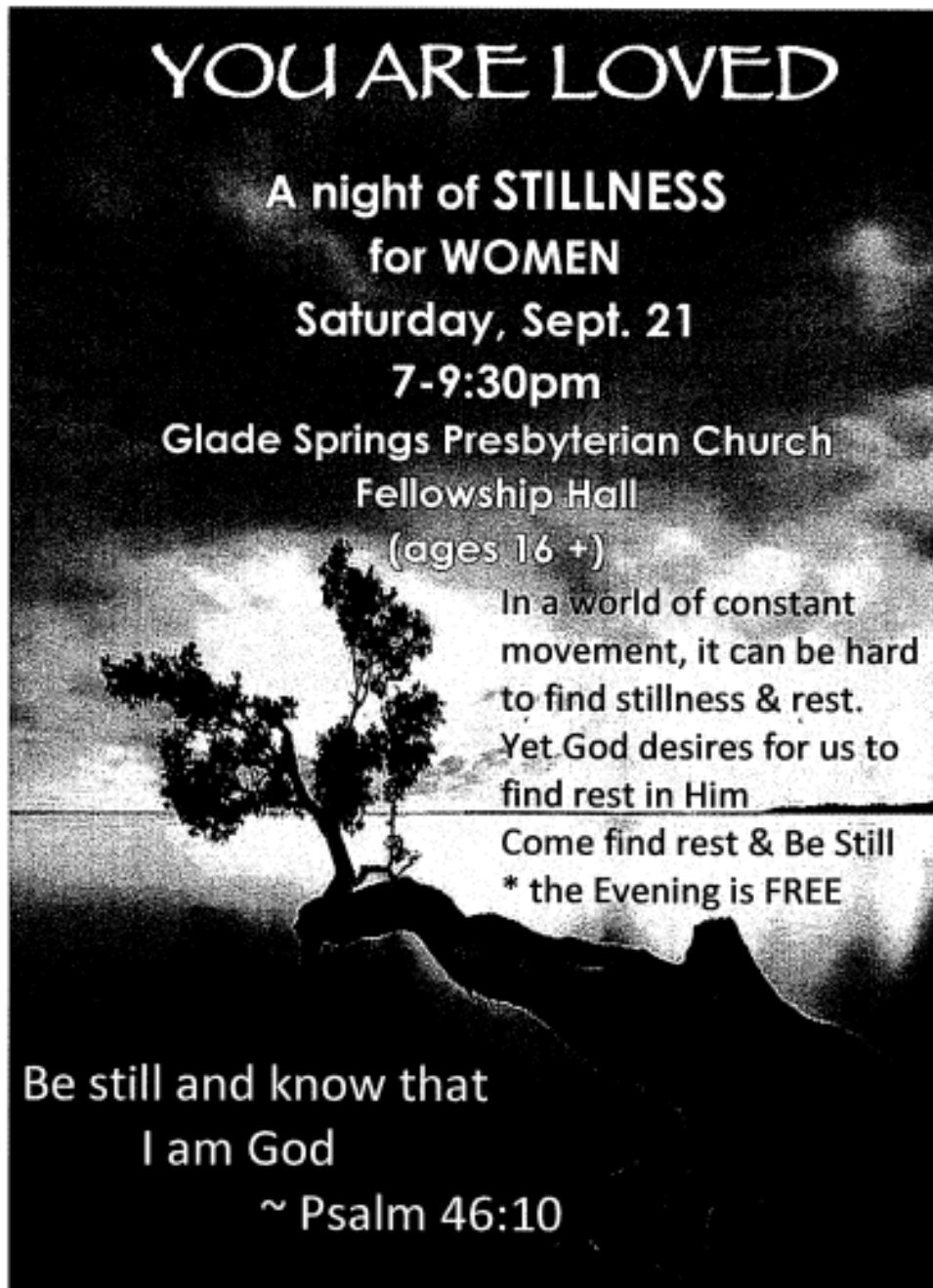
Turn Right off the Exit

**Continue straight through stop light on Route 91 (Monroe Road) toward Damascus
for approximately 5 miles**

Turn Right on Liberty Hall Drive

Church will be on the right

From I-81 South, simply turn left off Exit 29 instead of right ☐



YOU ARE LOVED

**A night of STILLNESS
for WOMEN**

**Saturday, Sept. 21
7-9:30pm**

**Glade Springs Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
(ages 16 +)**

In a world of constant
movement, it can be hard
to find stillness & rest.
Yet God desires for us to
find rest in Him

Come find rest & Be Still
* the Evening is FREE

Be still and know that
I am God
~ Psalm 46:10

Feel free to call Karen Klumpp if you have any questions.

(901-504-0854 text or call and leave a message)

The Fellowship Hall is located behind the Church.

The Address: 33234 Lee Hwy, Glade Springs

We would love for you to bring a friend



Cindy Hale	1	Brandon Reese	16
Nelson Pyle	6	Glen Van Dyke	18
Susan Campbelle	6	Lee Budd	20
Ella Alderman	6	Becky Ingram	21
Quinton Repass	8	Trish James	21
Laraine Williams	8	Brenda Miller	22
Joe Davis	8	Charles Rest	22
Ihor Mashkin	8	Richard Griffin	23
Ed Whitehead	9	Helen Scott	24
Betty Whitehead	9	Danny McInnis	27
Jack Wycoff	10	Heather Kiser	30
Whit Morison	10	Ralph Davis	31



Memorial Service for Maxine Howell will be held at Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 29 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a time of visitation with the family at 1 p.m. There will be Maxine’s favorite cake as well as cherry cola available as refreshments. The family has asked that any memorials be given for the Butterfly Garden for plants or care.

We are completing our 3rd quarter of giving. You will be receiving your Giving Statements the first week of October. If you need to “catch up” with your pledges, now is a good time to do so. Our church is involved in many community activities, including, but not limited to, Backpack Ministries, Ukraine family support, the family home on Buckner Drive, Trick or Treat on Euclid Ave. All of these projects have monetary commitments and we continue to have the monthly costs of keeping our church open. I want to thank you for your generous contributions this year.

~ Kim Profitt, Finance Director

September 18, 2024

Central Life

Pastoral Concerns:

- * Terri & Larry Surber are at UVA Medical Center;
- * Tom Tanner has had knee replacement surgery.



Continued Prayers for:

Guy Briggs, Ken Brittle, Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Heather Kiser, Missy McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss, Vicki Myers, Niki McGrew, Archer Parsons, Marvin Tadlock, Jean Thomason, Frances Van Dyke, Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Wes Ritchie's work-friend, Johann Coetzee, has cancer; Josie Russell's Granddaddy; Donnie Spurell's sister, Barbara; Guy Briggs' daughter, Tracey Patterson; Joy's friend, Ginger; Joy's friend Jacob; Julie Vance Brown, sister of Helen Scott and daughter of Retta Vance; Donald Tadlock, brother of Marvin Tadlock; Eric Martin, friend of Paige Thompson; Mike Ellis' cousin's son; 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.

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.



Congratulations to Meredith (Hale) and Brady Harmon on the birth of Augustus Davis on Tuesday, September 10. He was 6 pounds, 1 ounce. Proud grandparents are Ken and Cindy Hale and new aunts are Lindsey and Morgan.

Congratulations to Jim Butcher for being inducted into The Bristol Tennessee City Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a part of the Tennessee High 1967 State Championship Baseball Team. Well deserved acknowledgement!!



Extend our deepest sympathy to Laraine and Doug Williams in the death of Laraine's sister this past week.

New mailing address for Bobby Davis:

Bobby Davis has moved to a new facility in the Atlanta area. His new address is:

Bobby Davis
Mt. Vernon Village
475 Mt. Vernon Hwy A-106
Sandy Springs, GA 30327-4313



Right Now Media

Right Now Media is a gift to our church family from one of our members. This resource has videos for every age and every stage of the Christian journey. There are lots of children’s videos as well as family discussion videos. There are Bible studies and overviews of the Bible. You can search for topics as well as interests your might have to learn more about in following Jesus. All you have to do to join is scan the code below and sign up today! Yes it is a GIFT to you!!

Looking for Family Friendly Devotionals? We have a wonderful option for YOU!

If you’re looking for opportunities to talk with your kids about Jesus, here’s a [5-minute devotional](https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/235147) that you can watch and discuss together over breakfast or supper with your children. Here is the website also for you to connect to have this time together as a family. We love being able to equip you with resources to help you disciple your children. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/235147>)

If you don’t have a RightNow Media account, [click here](#) to create a free login or scan the QR Code.

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Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 6, 2-4 p.m. we will be having our first Blessing of the Animals. This is an opportunity to celebrate our pets and the animals in our lives. There will be three times for the blessing---2:20 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. in the parking lot. You may bring your pet with you as long as you have them either on a leash or in a carrier or cage, or you can bring a picture of your pet(s) to be blessed. All

animals are welcome---though snakes might need to be blessed from afar (Pastor Ann is terribly afraid of them). Come and enjoy a time together to worship God, celebrate the animals in our lives and to have some fellowship time with each other.



Grief Support Group for Widows

Our new group for those who are grieving widows has had its first meeting on **Wednesday, September 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in room 100, but you are welcome to join us on the 18th!** This is an open group for those who are widows and want to support and care for one another, and those from our community as well as church are invited to participate. This group will regularly meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Central.

Trunk or Treat: October 27, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. It's your chance to wear your favorite Halloween costume and hand out candy to our neighborhood children. Last year, we had about 150 children and families participate. It is a great time to be together and also to connect with our community. ***We will have a food truck available this year with healthy meal options!***

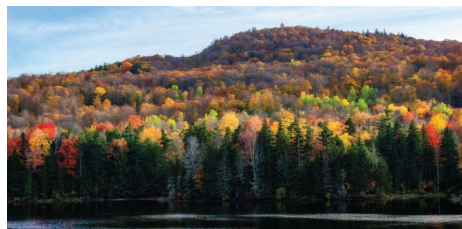


Thursday, October 31: Halloween on Euclid 4-7 p.m. Feel free to wear a costume and distribute candy and information about the church to those who are trick or treating on Euclid Ave. We will have tables set up at the end of the alley with candy and goodies.

Trick or Treat on Euclid Avenue



Saturday, November 9: Montreat Family Day - please join us for a day at Montreat. We will have tours, plenty of time for "chillin'" and shopping. Lunch will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet and more details in the future.



Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. for the regular stated meeting. After a time of sharing, Ann Aichinger reviewed the calendar and reminded Session members about events coming up. John Barker gave the update on the Moga's and their adjustment to being here in Bristol.

Each of the committees was invited to share what is happening. Christian Education shared about upcoming events including Blessing of the Animals on October 6, Trunk or Treat on October 27, and Halloween on Euclid on Oct 31. There will be a Montreat Church family day where everyone is invited to come to Montreat on Saturday, November 9 for fellowship, lunch and time to be in that special place. Finance gave an update on finances, and that we enrolled in the Board of Pensions in the new Congregational Pastor Plan, and that Stewardship Season would be from October 20-November 10 (the theme is *Reaching into our Community: Being a Matthew 25 Church*), which will be Commitment Sunday. The Mission and Outreach Committee reported that the Backpack ministry is supplying 140 bags a week, 30 go to the High School and 110 go to the Elementary School. After reviewing pastoral concerns, Susan Campbelle closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

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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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The current office hours are:

9:00 to 3:00 Monday—Friday

Please call 276-669-3157 for office hour changes and updates.



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