



Join us on
Sunday, November 24 after worship!
We need everyone's help!

*We need especially strong and tall folks
who can help with assembling
the Sanctuary and Central Hall Christmas trees.*

But we also have other projects that need to be done:

- Assemble two Advent wreaths;
- Hang wreaths and garlands around the church;
- Assemble decorations for the Sanctuary windows.



It is a lot of fun, and we can work together to get ready for the holidays.
Make plans now to stay after worship, and lend a hand!

Stewardship 2025

**Reaching our Community:
Being a Matthew 25 Church**

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their 2025 financial commitment to the work of Central. We are nearing our goal for the 2025 budget, and the leadership of the church appreciates everyone's willingness to be involved.

If you have not turned in your 2025 Commitment Card, you still have time. Please return it to the church office, or you can call Kim Profitt, Finance Director to discuss your commitment or if you have any questions (276-669-3157).



Backpack Bags

Thank you for the donations of gently used grocery bags for our Backpack program. Please place the bags in the bin next to the church office door. Bring **flattened bags** to make it easier on our volunteers.

Backpack Food Drive - November 10 - December 15

For five weeks, you are invited to bring in items to help with the Backpack program here in Bristol, VA. Each week, we have a team that packs 140 bags of food for children and teenagers for weekends. Below is the list of items needed, and you can bring them to the church and drop them off in the entry area.

For the week of:

Please Bring:

- November 17 Granola bars or instant hot cocoa (mix with water)
- November 24 Mac and Cheese microwave cups or fruit chews
- December 1 Poptarts or peanut butter crackers
- December 8 Trail Mix packets or individual oatmeal packets



If you have any questions, please talk to Laurel Broadfoot.

Central Presbyterian Church to Host *Messiah* Sing-along



The Central Presbyterian Church choir invites choir members, singers, and lovers of music to a performance & sing-along of the Christmas portion of Handel’s *Messiah* at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2024. The event will be at Central Presbyterian Church, 331 Euclid Avenue, Bristol, Virginia. Admission is free.

Music will include most of the Christmas portion of Handel’s *Messiah*, including all the solos and most of the choruses. The performance will conclude with the “Hallelujah” Chorus. Soloists, in order of appearance, are Dr. Matthew Potterton, Timothy Landis, Sara Hrivnak, Mark Owen Davis, Jane Morison, Anne Proctor, and Kimberly Profitt. Accompanists are Steve Sensenig, piano; and Joy Smith-Briggs, organ. Robert Campbelle will conduct.

In addition to the choirs of Central Presbyterian and State Street United Methodist Churches, members of the Voices of the Mountains and other area churches will perform the choruses. Members of the audience who want to sing along on the choruses— “And the Glory of the Lord,” “For Unto Us a Child Is Born,” “O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion,” “Glory to God,” and “Hallelujah!”— are invited to join in singing. Copies of *Messiah* will be provided for those who wish to sing along, or you can bring your own.

For more information, contact Robert Campbelle at (276) 623-3050 or Central Presbyterian Church at (276) 669-3157.



Sermons

November 24	A Different Kind of Election: Christ the King Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37	---Dr. Martin Dotterweich
December 1	The Time is Drawing Near	Luke 21:25-36
December 8	A New Way of Life	Luke 1:68-79; John 3:1-6
December 15	A New way to Rejoice	Luke 3:7-18
December 22	A New Understanding	Luke 1:39-56

Calendar		November 20 - December 4
Wednesday, November 20	Central Life Delivered	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief group
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Baked potato, salad & dessert
	6:00 p.m.	Program - pack backpack bags
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Friday, November 22	9:00 a.m.	Gamers meet at Caldwell home
Sunday, November 24	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary - Dr. Martin Dotterweich, guest preacher
	11:15 a.m.	Healing service in chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Put up Chrismon trees and decorate church
Monday, November 25	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study at Perkins, exit 7
Wednesday, November 27	12:00 p.m.	APPLE CLOSED UNTIL 12/2 OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON, CLOSED UNTIL 12/2
Thursday, November 28		Thanksgiving! We give thanks for all of you!
Sunday, December 1	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
1st Sunday of Advent	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Central Hall - Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Decorate Chrismon tree in Central Hall
	5-7 p.m.	PJ's and Pancakes
Monday, December 2	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study
	4:00 p.m.	Care & Concern meeting
Tuesday, December 3	Morning	APPLE Christmas pictures
Wednesday, December 4	Central Life Delivered	
	11:30 a.m.	Widows' grief group - meet for lunch at Olive Garden, exit 7
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Baked spaghetti, salad, dessert
	6:00 p.m.	Program - caroling at Brookdale
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice

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Wednesday, November 20 - following dinner help pack backpack bags. *Consider bringing a box of granola bars and/or box of individual hot chocolate packets (that take water to mix.)

Sunday, November 24 - following worship Help to decorate the church for Advent & Christmas

Wednesday, November 27 - no meeting. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sunday, December 1
PJs and Pancakes! 5-7 p.m. Donations welcome!

Wednesday, December 4
Caroling at Brookdale following dinner
*Please consider bringing a box of Pop Tarts and/or box of individually wrapped packs of peanut butter crackers for our Backpack Program Food.



Pastoral Concerns:

- * William Wampler will go to UVA Medical on Tuesday, Nov. 26 for PET scan for prostate cancer;
- * Rich Williams will be working with an oncologist about some spots on his liver and possibly on the prostate;
- * Gale Thompson is recovering from pneumonia;
- * Nancy Arnold has continuing issues with balance;
- * Frances Van Dyke has continuing issues with her treatment for cancer;
- * Mark McCord had one of his big toes removed due to MERSA infection.



Continued Prayers for:

Guy Briggs, Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, Heather Kiser, Missy McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss, Archer Parsons, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

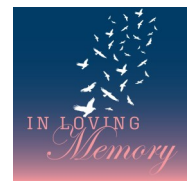
Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Cathy White's cousin, Laura Modena - bleeding ulcer; David White's brother in law, Kenny Hagy - heart surgery; Cathy White's friend, Audrey Funair - heart surgery; Ruby Parker, Cathy & David White's friend - cancer; Cathy & David White's friend, Jack Sensmier - stroke; Marvin Tadlock's brother, Donald; Barbara Mann's daughter-in-law, Pamela; Wes Ritchie's work friend, Johann Coetzee; Glenn Myers' cousin, Heather; Donnie Spurell's sister, Barbara; Guy Briggs' daughter, Tracey Patterson; Joy Briggs' friend, Ginger; Amy Williams, friend of the church; Peggy Callison's son, Orion; Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry; Doris Hall's aunt, Mildred Rutherford; Doris Hall's good friend, Becky.



We express our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Bobby Davis who died on Sunday, November 17 at his home in Atlanta, GA. The service will be here in Bristol at Central the weekend of December 6-8.

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.



Gifts were made in memory of:

Larry Surber by Ann Aichinger, George & Beth Parks, Ralph & Terri Davis, Glenn & Grace Himstedt

Ken Brittle by Bettie Kell Runnion, Dr. & Mrs. Gene Eller, Gary & Manya Hughes, Carol Propst, Ann Aichinger, Jan Raniero, Stonewall Jackson Retired Teachers, Ralph & Terri Davis, Bob Bruce, George & Beth Parks, Ron Comer, Glenn & Grace Himstedt

Ed Sutphin by Glenn & Vicki Myers; Ann Aichinger, Glenn & Grace Himstedt, Ann Aichinger

Gifts were made in honor of: Thais Sikora & Diane Abbey by Jean Thomason

Gifts were made to: The Backpacks Ministry by Susan Harkins



We would like to give a special thank you to everyone who helped and were there for us. We have loved Central for many years and it remains a steady in our changing world.
With Love and Gratitude, Linda, Lori, and Marshall Brittle

Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. After David White shared a devotional and led the opening prayer, the Session members shared favorite Thanksgiving traditions.

Ann Aichinger gave her pastor’s report and reviewed the calendar. David White, John Barker and Ann Aichinger reported on the November Abingdon Presbytery meeting. After the minutes were approved from the October meeting, reports from the committees were made. The following items were approved:

Change in Terms of Call for Rev. Ann Aichinger, and a congregational meeting will be called in early January to approve these changes;

Apple Preschool has hired 6 new staff members.

Updates were given by the Mission Committee and the Christian Education Committee of upcoming projects and activities. Thankfulness was expressed to the Fellowship and Dining Committee for coordinating the November 10 Commitment Sunday potluck. Appreciation was expressed to the worship Committee and others who helped to clean the Sanctuary and rotate pew cushions. Ann Aichinger shared pastoral concerns and John Barker closed the meeting with prayer.

Poinsettias will be placed in Central Hall and the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to give one (or more) in honor or memory of a loved one, they are available for purchase for \$10.00 each.

Gifts to Bristol Faith in Action are also encouraged as an alternative to poinsettias.

All donations will be listed in the bulletin. Please note your gifts below and mail or bring this form (make checks to Central Presbyterian) to the church office. *Please return by Sunday, December 1.*

My name _____ Phone number _____

I have enclosed:

\$ _____ for poinsettias. \$ _____ for Bristol Faith in Action

My gifts are given (circle one) In memory of: In honor of:

Given by: (How do you want it listed in the bulletin)?





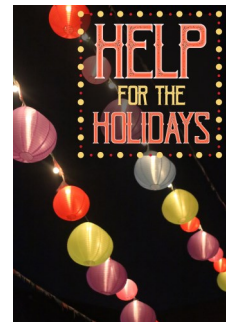
DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Rob Hollo	1	Bernice Hagaman	11
Carol Duhaime	1	Robert Campbelle	11
Terry Eckley	2	Sandy Wilson	16
Harper Lewis	2	Allen Harris	18
Lauren Calloway	4	Leslie Mumpower	21
Jack Wagner	5	Merrie McInnis	25
Joan Keith	6	Archer Parsons	26
Callie Eckley	7	Barret Blevins	30
Jean Thomason	9	Cathy Moss	31



APPLE will be closed November 27-29 and the church office will be closed November 27 at noon through November 29. See you Sunday, December 1!



Stay tuned...we're getting ready to begin the **Community in Schools Holiday Clothing & Toy Drive**. We will be getting more information to you in the next few weeks.

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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