

**Celebrating the
150th Anniversary of
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA**

January 26, 1875 - January 26, 2025

**Celebration Worship
Sunday, Jan 26, 2025 10 a.m.
Sanctuary with Communion**

**Preaching by
Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks, Abingdon Presbytery Leader**

**Anniversary Hymn written by
Robert Campbelle
Save the Date: May 16-18, 2025**

Big Celebration Weekend!

**Abingdon Presbytery Meeting at Central
Thursday, February 13, 2025 9:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Other events throughout the year will be a part of our
celebrations as a congregation!**



Sermon: Jan 26

Sanctuary with Communion

Sermon series:

In the season of Epiphany, Ann will be preaching for 5 weeks (starting February 12) on Biblical leadership. We will be looking at the lives of particular people of the Bible and how we can learn how to lead in faith and live together in community. All of us have been given gifts of ability by the power of the Holy Spirit. But most of us do not recognize those gifts as ways for us to be engaged in the life of the church and in service to Christ. Yet there are gifts given to us to be used for God's work. Some of these gifts are humility, vision, courage, faith, integrity, and compassion. There are those in scripture to exemplify one or more of these abilities and from whom we can see our own gifts and abilities as God-given.

Wednesday Night Adult Class

Have you ever wondered what your spiritual gifts might be? Do you know what Spiritual Gifts even are? We will take 6 weeks and look at who we are as God's people and seek to discern our own spiritual gifts. We each have been given abilities to be used for God's Kingdom work. But what if we don't know what they are? How can we then use them for the good of the faith community and in service to God in Christ?

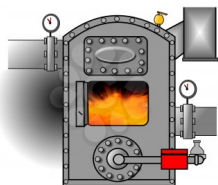
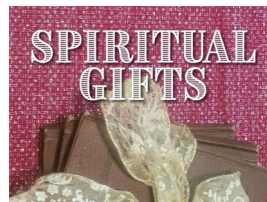
Come on Wednesday evenings 5:30 for dinner and 6:10-7 p.m. for discussion, starting January 8 when Ann Aichinger will give an overview of this class. We will begin looking at who we are and what God has given to us starting on Wednesday, Jan 15.



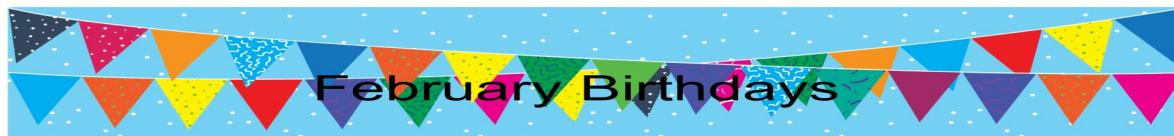
- January 22 Baked Spaghetti
- January 29 Soup & Sandwich
- February 5 Breakfast

Outline for class: (subject to change)

- Jan 22: God's gifts to me and my Story
- Jan 29: What is my passion and how can it be used?
- Feb 5: Using my gifts for the Common Good
- Feb 12: Interconnectedness of Spiritual gifts
- Feb 19: Conclusion and wrap up
- Feb 26: Packing Backpack bags



Mary Ann (our boiler system in the older part of the church,) is very sick. She needs a motor transplant which is on order. As soon as it gets here, we will have it installed. In the meantime, plan to dress warmly for any meetings or activities in the church. It is quite chilly in the main building.



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| Todd Pruett | 2 | Phyllis Tanner | 14 |
| Diane Abbey | 3 | Barbara Mann | 15 |
| Randy Carrier | 4 | Dick Gordon | 16 |
| Cole Lewis | 9 | Lydia Clark | 16 |
| Cathy White | 9 | Judith Conn | 18 |
| Valerie Coker | 9 | Vivian Wycoff | 18 |
| Anne Pratt-Proctor | 9 | Josh Kite | 18 |
| Scott Mercer | 10 | Lauren Eckley | 20 |
| Lynn Butcher | 10 | Randy Broyles | 20 |
| Kim Pruett | 12 | Rosa Van Zyl | 25 |
| Andrew Clark | 12 | Vicki Myers | 26 |

Session Minutes

The session met on Tuesday, Jan 21, at 7 p.m. Christy Blevins gave the devotional and opening prayer. New members were received, and will be welcomed on Sunday at worship: Igor Mashkin, Ethan Virts, Carol Bryer, and Will Diebold. There are others who will join at a later date.

Ann Aichinger gave her report and included her vacation and study times away, and those who will be preaching and leading worship in her absence. Central will be hosting Abingdon Presbytery on Thursday February 13 as a part of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Everyone is welcomed to be a part of worship at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:15 a.m.

Victoria Krebs, seminary graduate and member of Central has accepted a call to be the pastor at First Presbyterian, Bluefield, West Virginia. She will be received into the West Virginia Presbytery on February 21.

Good News that Ada Ritchie has been selected to be a Presbyterian Delegate to the United Nations Conference on Gender Equity in March, 2025 in New York City.

The Session called for the Annual Congregational Meeting of the church on Sunday, March 2, following worship. At this meeting, the 2025 budget will be presented, the nomination committee will be elected and Ann Aichinger will give the State of the Church report. All members are asked to attend.

The committees made reports on their work, and future events coming. Reminder to everyone about the Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection that goes through February 9. On Sunday, February 9, we will have a Soup Fellowship Lunch in Central Hall following Worship. Everyone is asked to bring soup, side dishes, salads and/or desserts to share.

After sharing pastoral concerns, the meeting was adjourned and Terry Graybeal closed the meeting with prayer.

January 22, 2025

Central Life

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner and activities at church



Sunday, January 26

Congregational lunch at Eggs Up Grill following worship

Wednesday, January 29

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner and activities at church.

Sunday, February 2

Youth meeting right after worship 11:00 a.m.

Ada Ritchie has been chosen as the Presbyterian Delegate to the United Nations conference for Gender Equity in New York City in March! Let's all wish her a safe trip and congratulate her for this honor!



NOW HIRING!! [APPLE Academy of Central Presbyterian Church](#) is hiring! Are you passionate about nurturing young minds and making a positive impact in children's lives? Do you enjoy the joy and excitement that comes with caring for toddlers and young children? We are looking for a dedicated and caring individual to join our APPLE team in providing exceptional care for children.

Send in your resume to applepreschool@yahoo.com or call Michelle at 276-669-9328.

SNOW POLICY FOR CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN

Always check the website, Facebook, and your email for last minute changes and updates.



The policy Central is:

Information will be posted at www.CentralPresBristol.org and on the Central Presbyterian Church Facebook page as well as sent out by email to the church family;

If Bristol, VA schools are closed (or are dismissed early), large group weekday activities at the church likely will be cancelled, including Presbyterian Women and Wednesday Night Activities, Committees, Music Rehearsals, Small Groups, etc.

Please contact your leader to decide whether to meet; or not;

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship will almost always be held. Come if you can get here safely, but be aware that the parking lot can be extremely slick even when roads are clear.

Before coming to church when the weather is challenging, always check the above sources or call the church office (276-669-3157) for updated information.

January 22, 2025

Calendar

January 22 - February 5, 2025

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| Wednesday, January 22 | Central Life Delivered 5:30 p.m. Dinner - Baked spaghetti 6:00 p.m. Program - God's gifts to me and my Story 7:00 p.m. Choir practice |
| Friday, January 24 | 9:00 a.m. Gamers at Caldwell's |
| Sunday, January 26 | 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary - with Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks Kick-off for the 150th Anniversary 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Eggs Up (near Kroger) |
| Monday, January 27 | 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study at Perkins |
| Wednesday, January 29 | 11:30 a.m. Widows' Grief Group Lunch at 620 5:30 p.m. Dinner - Soup & Sandwich 6:00 p.m. Program - What is my passion and how can it be used? 7:00 p.m. Choir practice |
| Sunday, February 2 | 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Worship - Central Hall - Communion 11:00 a.m. Youth meeting |
| Monday, February 3 | 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study at Perkins 4:00 p.m. Care & Concern committee |
| Tuesday, February 4 | 7:00 p.m. Worship committee |
| Wednesday, February 5 | Central Life Delivered 1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group at church 5:30 p.m. Dinner - Breakfast for Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program - Using my gifts for the Common Good 7:00 p.m. Choir practice |

From the Finance Director: When making a cash donation to the church, you may put your donation in an envelope (found at the entrances to Sanctuary and Central Hall) and write your name on the envelope. Then I can know who made the donation and give you credit for it. This may be used for tax purposes and I send out quarterly statements so that you may keep up with your giving.





Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection Challenge

During the month of January until February 9, Central Presbyterian Church will be engaged in five week Souper Bowl food and money collection challenge to support the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry. This year we are inviting the whole congregation to work together to meet **the goal of 5,000** food items and/or dollars. Each food item counts as \$1 toward the goal. The Mission Committee encourages everyone to participate.

There will be Food Pantry Barrels in the entry area, and blue buckets for your monetary gifts at the doors to worship area. We will keep the donation amount posted for all to see. Then on Sunday, February 9 (Souper Bowl Sunday), we will conclude our formal collection. But we hope that this will encourage us all to continue to contribute to the Food Pantry as they help so many in our local area for have food insecurity issues.



Though our efforts will be within our church family, the real winner will be **Bristol Emergency Food pantry**. This is something everyone can participate in. Let's make a difference together, and continue to be about the work of Christmas (caring for the needy, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger), and living as a Matthew 25 Church.

Items needed: (PLEASE no glass jars or containers; no ramen noodles)

Meal kits that **don't** require extra ingredients (ie. Hamburger Helper)

Pancake and muffin mix that only require **water**

Canned soups

Canned pasta meals (ravioli, spaghetti)

Canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken, beef stew, Spam)

Canned vegetables

Canned pork and beans

Canned fruit (no fruit cups)

Dry rice or pasta

Instant mashed potatoes (plain or flavored)

Spaghetti sauce (no glass jars)

Cereal (hot and cold)

Jelly and peanut butter

Breakfast bars/granola bars



Macaroni and cheese (preferably not needing milk or butter)

Pantry staples (small containers of flour, salt and pepper, sugar, catsup, oil, etc.)

Please do not bring anything in glass jars; they tend to break and are hard to handle.

If you have any questions, please talk to Sheree Taylor, Bernice Hagaman or Ann Aichinger. Let's work together to meet the GOAL!!! For more information about the Souper Bowl of Caring, see the website: <https://tacklehunger.org>

Pastoral Concerns:

- * Glen Van Dyke is in the hospital;
- * Sasha Moha is working in the North Pacific on a ship for 3 months;
- * Makenzie Self, grand-daughter of Diana White, had medical tests on January 15;
- * Sherry Wilson, Sandy's sister-in-law, is in the hospital;
- * Alderman family as they continue to travel twice a week to Knoxville for Wes' medical appointments;
- * Rich Williams is beginning his treatments today.

Continued Prayers for:

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

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Drake Steele, Joy Brigg's great-grandson; Cathy White's cousin, Laura Modena - bleeding ulcer; David White's brother in law, Kenny Hagy - heart surgery; Scott Rasnake, Cathy White & Christy Blevins' friend; Ruby Parker, Cathy & David White's friend - cancer; 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.

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.



A gift was given in honor of Ed Updyke by Eugene & Linda Waldron

We extend our Christian sympathy to:

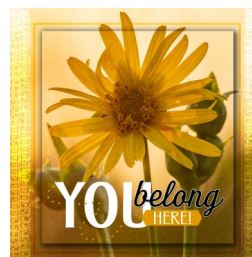
Robert and Susan Campbelle with the death of Robert's sister, Dianne Butler, on Tuesday, 1/21/25 in Columbia, SC.

Lee Budd in the death of his mother on Tuesday, 1/21/25 in the Washington DC area.

As part of our 150th Church Anniversary Celebration, the congregation is invited to join us at Eggs Up Grill located at 180 Stateline Center, Bristol VA. It is in the Kroger parking lot, next to AM Vets. We have reserved the private room . Their menu includes breakfast (Kim Profitt says the Eggs Benedict are well worth the trip!) or you may choose from their menu of lunch items.

Welcome New Members!

Carol Bryer
Will Diebold
Igor Mashkin
Ethan Virts



We have others joining at a later date. Yay!!!

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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
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- * 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