



Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection Challenge

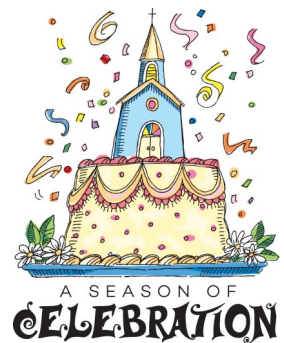
We're in our last week of collecting for the Emergency Food Pantry! As of February 4, we have collected \$2014 in cash donations.

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 entire 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.** Of course, you are welcome to give to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry through the church throughout the year. If you give a cash donation directly to the Food Pantry, you will need to keep track of your giving for taxes. If you give through the church, the Finance Director will track it and you will see it on your quarterly statements.

On Sunday, February 9, we will celebrate our Souper Bowl Challenge with a **soup luncheon following worship.** Please bring your favorite soup, or salad, or side dish, or dessert to share with everyone. Ann Aichinger will be bringing her famous, once-a-year Mulligatawny soup and Kim Proffitt will be bringing her infamous chicken noodle soup. What will you bring?

Abingdon Presbytery quarterly meeting: Thursday, February 13, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Abingdon Presbytery will be meeting at Central to help celebrate our 150th anniversary. As a part of worship at 9:30, we will sing *Come, O Servants of God* which was written by Robert Campbelle for the 150th Anniversary. Rev. Erin Skinner from the Presbyterian Foundation will be preaching. The meeting will be held in Central Hall with lunch to follow.



We will need people to help with parking and welcoming people to our church facilities. Everyone is welcome to come be a part of the day. It is a great opportunity to see the larger church at work. Worship is at 9:30-10:15 a.m. The meeting will be from 10:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.



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.

Welcome to New Members

We welcome the following people into the membership of Central by Reaffirmation of Faith. Please get to know them, and remember to tell them your name often.



Carol Bryer works at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center in Johnson City. She loves to sew, cook, travel and listen to music.

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Will Diebold is the husband of Savannah, and plays the electric guitar in the Praise Band. Will is a mail delivery person in Johnson City.

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We all know Igor Mashkin and are glad that he and his family are a part of Central. Igor is currently working as an accounting specialist for Appalachian Service Project, which works on rebuilding and repairing homes.

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Ethan Virts and his daughter Ginny are good friends with the Mark and Rachel Ellis and their daughter, Harper. Ethan works for the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality in Abingdon and works on water permitting. He enjoys fishing. Ginny is a first grader at Highpoint.

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Historical Reflection: 150 year Anniversary January 26, 1875-January 26, 2025

Shared at the worship service on January 26, 2025:

Today we begin a year-long of celebrations of the life, ministry and work of Central Presbyterian Church. 150 years ago this day--- on January 26, 1875, the Presbytery of Abingdon convened and the Goodson Presbyterian Church was organized and chartered. This was the beginning of what we know as Central Presbyterian Church.

On the following Sunday (January 31), Dr. James D. Tadlock. President of King College preached the first sermon to the small congregation. They met at the Episcopal Church which then was located at the corner of Cumberland and Moore Streets. That afternoon, the Session met for the first time and began the work of organizing a church in Bristol, VA.

This new church started with 31 people. Then in April of 1875, the church changed its name from Goodson to Second Presbyterian. Dr. Tadlock continued to serve the church for 2 years and 2 months as stated supply, at which point the congregation extended a call to him to serve as pastor. The congregation continued to meet at the Episcopal church for three years until they built their own church on the northeast corner of Moore and Cumberland Streets, across the street from the Episcopal Church. The frame church was completed in 1877 and served the congregation until it was destroyed by fire in 1903. In 1902, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. W. H. T. Squires, the church had a great revival and many new people joined the work and ministry. At this point the church's name changed for a third time to Central.

Central has had a faithful past, with 21 pastors serving in three different buildings. Through that time, it has maintained a sense of following the **Winds of the Spirit** in serving Christ in this community and throughout the world. Throughout the years, Central Presbyterian Church has sought to be a witness of God's love and grace in this community and in the world. The people of the church had a vision for sharing the Gospel and living in love and in grace. The conclusion of the 75th Anniversary history book of Central, these words are written:

“This is a history of which we can be proud. Those who have gone before have left to us a noble heritage. But although Central Church has a glorious past, her future depends upon what we do with the present. Let us make it our prayer that our Church, filled with the Spirit of Christ, may be a willing instrument in God’s hands for the accomplishment of even *greater things* in his kingdom.”

So as we begin a year of celebrations of our FAITHFUL PAST---may we look ahead to our JOYFUL FUTURE, as we seek to serve the Lord in this time and in this place---being willing to follow the Winds of the Spirit wherever it may call us to go.

One way you can be a part of the celebrations is to write your own memories of Central and significant people of your experiences here. If you are willing to share these, please drop these off at the church office as we work on compiling memories for our 150th history book.

You are also invited to write a note to someone in the church who has made a difference in your life here at Central. If you need a mailing address, please let the church office know, or you can use the Realm Church Directory which is online.

Sermons



Sermons:

Feb. 9: Luke 5:1-11
Feb. 16: Luke 6:17-26
Feb. 23: Luke 6:27-38

Leading by Invitation
Leading Through a New Perspective
Leading by Love

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.



February 5 Breakfast for dinner
February 12 Youth fix dinner - ham & cheese sliders, mac & cheese, spinach & strawberry salad, apple pie
February 19 Baked potato & chili
February 26 Baked Spaghetti

Presbyterian Women

Monthly Bible Study Tuesday, February 11, 2025

This will be a combined lesson of #5 “Air Quality “ and #6 “Climate Change”.

Time: 11:00 a.m. in the small dining room

Scripture teaches us to listen to prophets who warn of threats, avoid complacency and self concern, and participate with joy in the work God has given us to do.

Pastor Ann Aichinger will be teaching the lessons. Hope to see you there!!

Mary Ann Blevins & Thais Sikora, co-chairs



Laurel Broadfoot is happy to announce that Backpacks has just been awarded another grant from Feeding America! Thank you Laurel and crew for working tirelessly to feed the children in our community.

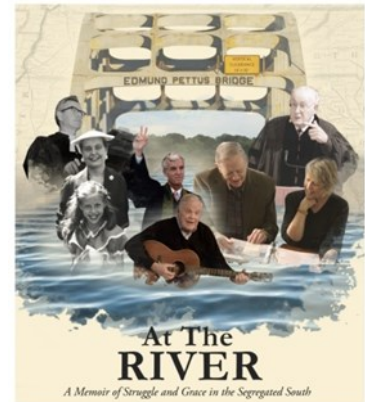
You are invited to a screening of
*At the River: A memoir of Struggle and Grace
in the Segregated South*

Sunday, February 16, 2025

3-5:30 p.m. in Central Hall

at Central Presbyterian Church

Bristol, VA



At The River is a feature length documentary about a certain time and place in the deep south. In the Civil Rights era of the 50's and 60's, most Presbyterian ministers stood on the banks of the cultural river of segregation and white supremacy. They opted not to stir the waters in their congregations and communities by speaking out. However, a few young southern Presbyterian ministers did brave those currents through their sermons, community organizing and participating in marches and protests. They faced dangerous, hate-filled consequences for these actions.

This film chronicles their lives and their decisions, as well as director Carolyn Crowder's first-hand experience as a young white southern girl from Montgomery, Alabama. During those mean and turbulent times these ministers, through their love and example, had a huge impact on her life in helping her overcome her southern racist brainwashing. When did you realize that what you were being taught about race as a white Southerner was wrong?

Filmmaker Carolyn Crowder, raised in Montgomery, Alabama, during the Civil Rights era, set out to ask this question of Presbyterian ministers she knew who had taken stands during those turbulent times. Often isolated in small towns in the Deep South, some chose to be brave in spite of the dangerous circumstances.

For the feature length documentary, Crowder travelled throughout the Southeast interviewing ministers, now in their 80's and 90's, about their experiences and what it took to go against the racist currents during those hard days within their local communities and congregations.

Her other question was why they dared...

The music in the film consists of old Presbyterian Scottish and English hymns mostly from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries - the music that the ministers and I grew up with. These traditional hymns provide historical context, setting the mood and giving the film emotional depth.

It was a disgraceful chapter in (Southern) Presbyterian Church history. This movie is a document, however, of those white ministers who tried to do the right thing when the right thing was difficult and dangerous to do.

For more information: <http://carolyncrowder.com/>

February 5, 2025

Central Life



Wednesday, Feb 5

Dinner (Breakfast for dinner) & activities

Sunday, Feb. 9

11:00 meeting in small dining room

Wednesday, Feb 12

Make and Serve dinner. Please come as soon as you can after school obligations. Josie will be at the church around 2:30 p.m. Come anytime after that!

AMEn Valentine's Day Concert: February 15, 3:15 p.m. in Central Hall

The Appalachian Men's Ensemble (AMEn) presents a concert titled "Vive L'Amour" on February 15 in Central Hall at 3:13 p.m. The program includes a variety of classic, folk and contemporary songs, and on themes of love, laughter, and loss. Audience members are also invited to a light reception after each concert. Donations will be accepted at the door, with suggested amounts of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.



"We invite the community to join us for a fun and tuneful program that has something for everyone," said Artistic Director, Noah DeLong. "From the beauty of British and Appalachian folk songs to the energy of pop and rock music, this concert will inspire you and your loved ones to 'Put a Little Love in Your Heart.'"

The Appalachian Men's Ensemble (AMEn) includes singers from across the Tri-Cities region who are committed to engaging audiences through musical precision, passion, and commonality. With a dual sense of spirited fraternity and artistic excellence, AMEn aims to bring a variety of choral music to our community, and to educate, inspire, and entertain audiences through its activities. The ensemble is conducted by Dr. Noah DeLong and accompanied by Steve Sensenig on the piano. www.appmensensemble.org



Spread the Love Campaign (WJHL)

Central has joined in the WJHL Spread the Love Campaign which seeks to share ways that love is being shared in the tri-cities. Ann Aichinger was interviewed by Chris McIntosh of Daytime Tri-cities and the interview will be aired on Wednesday, February 12 between 9-10 a.m. Throughout the week

of February 10, Central Presbyterian Church will be mentioned as a part of the campaign. Thanks to our own Kelly Hamrick for connecting us with this way of getting our name into the community. As a part of Spread the Love, there are some giveaways throughout the week. You can check out more information at: <https://www.wjhl.com/spread-the-love-giveaway>

February 5, 2025

Calendar

February 5 - 19, 2025

Wednesday, February 5	Central Life Delivered	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief group
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Breakfast for dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Program
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday, February 6	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels delivery
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education meeting by Zoom
Sunday, February 9	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
Souper Bowl	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Souper Bowl Luncheon - Central Hall
Monday, February 10	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study at Perkins, exit 7
	11:00 a.m.	Care & Concern meeting
Tuesday, February 11	11:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Bible study
	7:00 p.m.	Gamers meet in Central Hall
Wednesday, February 12	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Youth prep & serve
	6:00 p.m.	Program
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday, February 13	9:30 a.m.	Presbytery meeting - Choir sings!
Saturday, February 15	3:00 p.m.	AMEn concert (they gladly accept donations)
Sunday, February 16	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall - King Students observing
	11:00 a.m.	Youth meeting
	3:00 p.m.	"At the River" documentary shown in Central Hall
Monday, February 17	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study at Perkins
Tuesday, February 18	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Wednesday, February 19	Central Life Delivered	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Baked potatoes & chili
	6:00 p.m.	Program
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice

Pastoral Concerns:

- * Marvin Tadlock will have wrist surgery February 13;
- * Joy Briggs had knee surgery Tuesday, Feb. 4;
- * Barbara Mann is having medical tests;
- * Jim Otis is recovering from his broken hip and broken knee, and is at home;
- * Glen Van Dyke has been moved to Encompass, Bristol;
- * 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 improving;
- * Alderman family as they continue to travel twice a week to Knoxville for Wes' medical appointments;
- * Rich Williams is continuing treatments.

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.



We extend our Christian sympathy to John and Linda Barker in the death of Linda's brother.

Ann Aichinger donated to the church
in memory of Lee Budd's mother,
in memory of Robert Campbelle's sister.

Nancy Kiser donated to choir and backpack ministry
in memory of Robert Campbelle's sister,
in memory of Linda Barker's brother,
in memory of Lee Budd's mother.

*In Loving
Memory*

Jenny Vellon donated to the church in memory of Ken Brittle.

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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:
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Please call 276-669-3157 for
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