

April 9, 2025

Central Life



Holy Week Schedule

April 13-20, 2025

Sunday, April 13

Palm/Passion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship—Central Hall

Our worship services will focus on the Passion Story from Luke's Gospel. We will begin with the Palm Parade into Jerusalem and end at the crucifixion.

Wednesday, April 16:

Dinner & program for all ages

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. Children and Youth activities

Adult Study: Savior, Servant, Friend: Protector

Thursday, April 17:

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m. Communion and Tenebrae Service
In Central Hall

Friday, April 18:

Good Friday Community Walk

Every Tribe, Language, People Nation

1-2 p.m. Good Friday Walk with Jesus

Lee St. Baptist to Emmanuel Episcopal

Good Friday Event

7:00 p.m. at State Street United Methodist Church
Combined Choirs to present Faure's *Requiem*

Sunday, April 20:

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children

Please bring fresh flowers to be included into the Flower Cross

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Sermons



Sermons:

April 13 (Palm Sunday)	Reading of the Passion from Luke's Gospel	Central Hall
April 20 (Easter)	What are you Looking for? Luke 24:1-12	Sanctuary
April 27	Guest Preacher: Dr. Martin Dotterweich Ephesians 3	Central Hall
May 4	Guest Preacher: Dr. Martin Dotterweich Ephesians 4	Sanctuary

Wednesday Night studies for Adults

On Wednesday nights, we will be looking at the themes of our Lenten devotional: Savior, Servant, Friend. The schedule is:

April 9: Encourager	Baked pasta
April 16: Protector	Deli Night
April 23: Comforter	Breakfast for dinner

TALENT SHOW: MAY 14TH!!!

Wednesday Night dinner & programs will end May 14 with a cookout & talent show. Start polishing up your talents!! Sign up sheets are in the office to reserve your spot in the show...or call Kim at 276.669.3157 and she will sign you up.



Make plans now to join us for Homecoming Weekend Faithful Past—Joyful Future May 16-18, 2025

Here is the schedule for the weekend:

Friday, May 16	7 p.m.	AMEn Chorus Spring Concert in Central Hall
Saturday, May 17	all day	Church Picnic and storytelling at Sugar Hollow Park Shelter A—near playground with grassy area for games Bring a dish or two to share for our cookout Lunch at 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 18	10 a.m.	We have use of the shelter from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary Historical Reflection by Ed Whitehead Special Music Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks, Abingdon Presbytery leader, Guest preacher
	11:30 a.m.	Catered meal in Central Hall (RSVP needed) Sharing of stories and videos Ann Aichinger's State of the Church's Future address

Invite your family and friends to join us for any or all of these events as we celebrate our Faithful Past and our Joyful Future together.



REFLECTIONS FROM ADA RITCHIE

Recently Ada Ritchie was selected to attend the United Nations Conference on the Status of Women in NYC. This conference meets annually for two weeks to discuss how nations are addressing issues that women face within their countries. She attended as a young adult delegate through Presbyterian

Ministries at the United Nations. This office works on global relations guided by decisions made at the Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly Conferences. Here are some of Ada's reflections on being a part of this conference:

"This year's conference was particularly significant, marking 30 years since the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing +30) was adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Many meetings focused on reviewing the implementations of the Beijing +30 document. The Ecumenical Women's group identified twelve major areas of focus for this conference: women and poverty, education and training for women, women's health, violence against women, women and armed conflict, women and the economy, women in power and decision-making, institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women, human rights of women, women and the media, women and the environment, and the girl child.

Some of the most powerful events I attended included "30 Years After Beijing: Survivors Reflect and Speak Up," the Town Hall Meeting with the UN Secretary-General, and the Civil Society in the Margins of CSW 69, as well as a meeting with the Cuban Delegation. These gatherings were impactful, largely due to the personal accounts shared by participants. A woman I met at the meeting hosted by Nigeria told me, 'To read a story is one thing, but to hear someone who has lived through it describe their experience is a whole other matter. Personal accounts live in our hearts in ways that stories do not.'

While all the meetings I attended were enlightening, the memorable moments came from conversations I had with those attending the conference and volunteers. At the church that provided housing, I heard the story of the artist in residence and the mural he created. The mural was inspired by his daughter, who lost her life to drugs after experiencing sexual violence. It documented the lives of those lost to violence and incorporated interviews with the families of the victims, highlighting their cherished memories. The artist, Michael Pilato, is currently working on adding sound to the mural so viewers can hear the stories of those portrayed. He mentioned, "The mural can be quite sad, but it is also very beautiful and hopeful."

During my time in New York City, I spoke with a woman from Malawi who was passionately working to increase the number of girls attending school and to combat the challenges facing the "girl child". This term primarily refers to issues such as child marriages and female genital mutilation. She shared that she started as a teacher and observed that as girls grew older and matured, many began to disappear from the classroom. If girls remained in school, they often faced bullying for not having access to proper sanitary products, with some resorting to using banana peels to hide visible signs of menstruation. If lack of sanitary products didn't hinder their education, the threat of child marriage often did; nearly half of the girls in Malawi are married by the age of 18. She emphasized the importance of education for girls in Malawi as a key to creating more opportunities. One story she shared was about a classmate who had dropped out due to early marriage. When they met again later, the friend was surprised to learn that she was attending college. The friend remarked, "You are going to be the one on planes, educating others and helping my daughters to be able to go on planes too." This moment stuck with her and ended up being a prophecy as she just flew on a plane to attend a United Nations conference to advocate for girls in Malawi.

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I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference and to hear the stories of women from around the world. I take seriously my responsibility to advocate for and share these narratives. A worship song called "For Everyone Born: A Place at the Table" states: "For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born the right to be free." I believe this line accurately reflects what everyone attending this conference is fighting for and the passion driving their efforts. As a religious community, it is our responsibility to demonstrate God's love through compassion, mercy, and justice. I am so thankful to Central Presbyterian Church for making my attendance at this conference possible."



Do you like to cook or willing to put a meal together to share with someone in need in the church? Are you willing to be on a list to be called on to provide a meal for a family or individual who are in transition, or coming home from the hospital or rehab, or dealing with a new health issue? Through the Care and Concern Committee, we seek to offer help to our church family and friends who are in need. If you are able to be a part of this group, you would

have an occasional opportunity (as the need arose) to get the food together and deliver it, and you would be given plenty of time to do this. This is one of the ministries that our church has had in the past, but our list of available people to provide a meal has diminished. If you are willing to be on this list, please contact Ann Aichinger or Nancy Kiser, member of Care and Concern. Your participation is greatly appreciated and is a wonderful way to help those in our church family.

150th Anniversary Photo Directory



Don't forget your appointment to have your picture taken on April 11th or 12th!

SAVE THE DATE
Make your appointment to be included
in the new pictorial directory!
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, Va
Photo dates: APRIL 11, 12 2025

If you have forgotten when you have the appointment, please feel free to call Patty Caldwell at (423) 797-0399 or Kim Profitt (276) 669-3157. We both have the list of appointments and can assist you. Kim's office hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. but on the 11th, she will be closing the office early.

CHURCH
DIRECTORIES

Help Celebrate our 150 years of Ministry!

One way everyone can celebrate our 150 years of ministry as church is to become a sponsor in the Backpack program. For \$150 you can provide food for one child for half of a school year or \$250 covers a full school year of food for a child. As we provide 140 bags each week for children and youth in our community, we continue to seek support financially for this ministry. You will find a form in the newsletter or available in the church office. Join us in caring for so many in our community as well as celebrating our faithful past and our joyful future.





Wednesday, April 9

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner & pack Easter candy bags

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!!!

Sunday, April 13th 2:00 p.m. showing

Legacy Theaters, Bristol VA (exit 7)

King of Kings (90 minutes, animated)

rated PG



Charles Dickens tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what becomes as a bedtime story becomes a life-changing journey. Through vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside of Jesus, witnessing his miracles, facing his trials and understanding his ultimate sacrifice. The King of Kings invites us to rediscover the enduring power of love, hope and forgiveness through the eyes of a child. Please sign up in the church office so we can order tickets ahead of time. Cost is \$10 per person. If you can't go with the church family, we hope you will go and see this movie as we prepare for Easter.



Who is graduating in your family this Spring or Summer that you want recognized at Central? We need the name of the student, school attended, degree (and area of study), future plans (further schooling, work, etc.). Please send this information to the church office by email office.cpc@bvumet.net or by calling (276-669-3157). We will recognize our graduates on **Sunday, June 1** as a part of our worship service.

Easter Egg Hunt

Plan now to join us on Easter Sunday, April 9 at 11:15 a.m. for an Easter Egg hunt for children up to 5th grade. We will meet in the entry area of the church, and then go from there. We will hide lots of eggs outside (weather permitting) and then invite the children to go and find them. There will be candy bags for everyone afterwards. So get your basket or a bag to collect them in, and be ready for lots of Easter fun.



Foster's Closet at Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Wytheville, VA

Foster's Closet is a new venture by PCHH and they collect gently used clothes and shoes for children, youth and adults. Then they are able to offer those clothing items to those in need. Also Foster's Closet offers the youth of the PCHH opportunity to learn how to manage a store, and stock items as well as be involved with customers.

So as you are doing some spring cleaning, and changing over your closets to summertime, consider gathering clothing and shoes into bags or boxes, and bring them to the church to go to Foster's Closet in May. If you have any questions, please talk to Ann Aichinger. For more information about Foster's Closet see <https://www.pchh.org>

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Calendar

April 9 - 23, 2025

Wednesday, April 9

Central Life Delivered

4:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
5:30 p.m. Dinner - Baked pasta
6:00 p.m. Program - Encourager
7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Friday, April 11

2 - 7:40 p.m. DIRECTORY PICTURES APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, April 12

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. DIRECTORY PICTURES APPOINTMENTS

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school
10:00 a.m. Worship - Central Hall
11:00 a.m. Youth meet
2:00 p.m. Let's Go to the Movies - *King of Kings*

Monday, April 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study - Perkins, exit 7

Tuesday, April 15

12:00 p.m. Staff meeting
7:00 p.m. Session meeting

Wednesday, April 16

1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group
5:30 p.m. Dinner - Deli Night
6:00 p.m. Program - Protector
7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, April 17
Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship in Central Hall

Friday, April 18
Good Friday

1-2 p.m. Good Friday Community Walk - see Holy Week schedule
7:00 p.m. Combined Good Friday service at State Street

Sunday, April 20
Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary - Communion
11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children following worship

Monday, April 21

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study at Perkins, exit 7
11:00 a.m. Care & Concern meeting

Wednesday, April 23

Central Life Delivered

5:30 p.m. Dinner - Breakfast for Dinner
6:00 p.m. Program - Comforter
7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Pastoral Concerns:

- * Carol Bryer has torn a tendon in her foot;
- * Jean Thomason has ongoing health difficulties;
- * Jim Keith's brother, Gene, is in declining health.

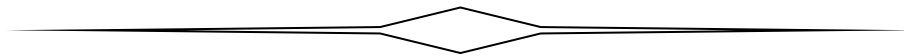
Continued Prayers for:

Wes Alderman and family, Nancy Arnold, Joy & Guy Briggs, Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, Barbara Mann, Mark McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss, Jim Otis, Archer Parsons, Marvin Tadlock, Gale Thompson, Ed Updyke, Glen Van Dyke, Rich Williams, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Christy Blevins' father, Roger; Betty Russell, Josie's grandmother; Sherry Wilson, Sandy Wilson's sister-in-law; Drake Steele, Joy Brigg's great-grandson; Cathy White's cousin, Laura Modena, David White's brother in law, Kenny Hagy; Scott Rasnake, Cathy White & Christy Blevins' friend; Ruby Parker, Cathy & David White's friend; 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.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS OF PRAYER:

Don't forget to set aside Wednesdays to be engaged in prayer for our Ukrainian friends, for our national response to the Ukraine/Russia war, and for peace to come to that area of the world. We know the power of prayer and we ask that you take some time on Wednesdays to offer special prayers concerning the people of Ukraine. As with any prayer, we ask for God's will to be done, and we offer ourselves as God's instruments of peace and hope. Please join us each Wednesday, wherever you are, and may we hold our friends in prayer before God.



Joy Smith-Briggs, who gave to the Backpacks program in honor of Mike Ellis and Mike Vollmer.

Ann Aichinger, who gave in memory of Leo Long, Josie Russell's grandfather.

Don't forget!!!! Hydrangea orders need to be turned in by Monday, April 14th!!

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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

Backpack Mission

Sponsor a Hungry
Child in Honor of Our
150th ANNIVERSARY



51% of Bristol city school kids are at risk for Hunger. The Backpack Mission provides 140 children with 7 nutritious meals each weekend for the entire school year!

I'D LOVE TO SPONSOR A CHILD IN NEED!

\$150 - Provides one child with weekend meals for a 1/2 year

\$250 - Provides one child with weekend meals for an entire year

Amount	# of Kids Sponsored	Total
\$150		
\$250		

*Please make checks out to Central Presyterian Church
write "backpacks" in the note line or donate or*

*You can TEXT to CentralPres (no spaces and Capital C and P) to 73256. You will be
directed to make your donation through Realm, please mark it "backpacks".*

Name:

Email or Phone:

*For more info about the program or to volunteer:
please contact Laurel Broadfoot at laurelbuerk@hotmail.com*