



**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	7:30 p.m.	AMEn Chorus Spring Concert in Central Hall “Music from the High C’s “
Saturday, May 17	all day	Church Picnic and storytelling at Sugar Hollow Park Shelter A—near a playground with grassy area for games Bring a dish or two to share for our cookout Lunch at 12:30 p.m. We have use of the shelter from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 18	10 a.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 (please RSVP) 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.

**Please contact Kim 276.669.3157 to RSVP (needed) for the catered meal on May 18 following
worship!! RSVPs needed before May 11th! Catered by Janie’s Place, Bristol TN.**

Menu for meal, May 18th catered by Janie’s Place, Bristol TN:

meatloaf
mashed potatoes
green beans
cole slaw
rolls
sheet cake

May 7, 2025

Central Life

Sermons



Sermons:

May 11	Living the Promises of Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Central Hall
May 18	Homecoming 150th Anniversary Worship		Sanctuary
May 25	Living Life on the Way Home	John 14:1-14	Central Hall

Wednesday Night studies for Adults

May 7 - Central Trivia & Fun

Baked Pasta

May 14: Central's Got Talent Show (sign up today!)

Cook Out



Do you have questions about Central? Interested in Joining?

Are you interested in becoming a member of Central or to find out more about the work and ministry of Central? Then contact Rev. Ann Aichinger about setting up a time to learn more about our church and what we are doing in our community and world.



VARIETY SHOW, Wednesday, May 14 5:30 - 7:00

Calling all jugglers, comedians, singers, musicians, acrobats, and magicians! Can you balance a table on your chin? Do you sing opera? Can you dance? We need YOU to be a part of our "Central's Got Talent" how on **Wednesday, May 14, 5:30-7 p.m.**

This is an all-church event, and we hope everyone will come out to see the various talents of our church family. If you have seen the talent show in the past, you know we will have lots of jokes, dance, people who read stories, musicians...the possibilities are endless! We need for you to sign up so that we can create a program (get you in a time slot) and make sure you have enough time to shine! Please call Kim at 276-669-3157 to get on the schedule.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Pictorial Directory Photo sessions. This was a very successful endeavor, with 75 families being photographed. It looks like we will have a very nice directory. Your purchased photos should be arriving at your home soon. If there is any problem with them, please let Patty Caldwell know (423-797-0599). The new directories should be available in about two months. Again thanks!

Patty Caldwell, coordinator



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. Forms are 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, May 7

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner and activities at church.
Game Night!

Sunday, May 11

NO YOUTH! Happy Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 14

Dinner and activities at church.
Talent Show!

Sign up with Rev. Ann to show off your talent! This will also be our last Wednesday night gathering until we start up again in the fall.

Sunday, May 18

Come have dinner with us in Central Hall!
We will have some events over the summer so that we can still see each other!



Presbyterian Women Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. in Small Dining Room

We will open with a brief celebration of Presbyterian Women and what God is doing through us. This is our annual Birthday Offering led by Mary Ann Blevins.

Our Bible Study is Lesson #9 "*Sustaining Creation's Health for All*" led by Rev. Ann Aichinger.

We hope to see you there!

Co-Moderators: Mary Ann Blevins
Thais Sikora

History Moment of Central Presbyterian Church: Do You Know...?

That the banners in Central Hall tell a story about who we are as a church: that we are Worshiping Community, we are a learning community where the faith is taught, we seek to build community inside the church and with our neighbors outside the church, and that we seek to share the Good News of Jesus in our work and service and words;



That the organ in the Sanctuary was purchased in 1961 and is one of the premier pipe organs in the area;

The 6 banners in the Sanctuary illustrate the Great Ends of the Church and were designed and created by three women in Central as a way to enhance our worship time. (note that the common element in the banners is the dove that represents the Holy Spirit);

Central has had a 7 women who have gone into ordained PCUSA ministry: Dr. Lucy Rose, Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Rev. Jamie Butcher, Rev. Ann Fitzgerald Aichinger, Rev. Polly Deppen, Rev. Katherine Campbell and Rev. Victoria Krebs;

Apple Preschool moved to Central in 1986, and has been able to provide early childhood education for many children of our local community through the years;

That the butterfly garden on the bank in the alleyway was an Eagle Scout project by our own Becka Reese;

That there was a wedding at the Euclid building in the basement before the Sanctuary was completed;

That Central hosted a Boy Scout troop and a Girl Scout troop as well as had a church basketball team for the local league;

That the bell in the steeple came from the original church, and we now ring it on Sunday mornings as we begin worship and at the end of worship.

AGO Members Recital 5/10/2025

11 am Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA



Contemporary Organ Music for Eastertide
performed by Stone Alvarado, Robert Greene,
James Spirup and Timothy Hagy
Music of Jeanne Demessieux, Olivier Messiaen,
Robert Greene and C. Griffith Bratt
Free Admission

Contemporary Organ Music performed by:

Stone Alvarado, Robert Greene, James Spirup, and Timothy Hagy.

Concert begins at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Saturday, May 10 and is free to all!



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.

**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. 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.



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>



Ann Aichinger is going to lead a Wild Goose Rising!

The Wild Goose is a New Worshiping Christian community within Abingdon Presbytery, and was started through support of Central. It is located in Floyd County, and has worship on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Worship is a time of reflection and conversation and song (Bluegrass style). Plus there

are rocking chairs to sit in which make it a rockin' good time for community.

Ann Aichinger has been asked to lead worship on Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. There has been dinner as a part of this experience in the past. If you would like to go to this with Ann Aichinger, please let her know.

May 7, 2025

Calendar**May 7 - May 21**

Wednesday, May 7

Central Life Delivered

1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group
 5:30 p.m. Dinner - Baked Pasta
 6:00 p.m. Program - Central Fun!
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, May 8

7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Saturday, May 10

11:00 a.m. AGO Recital in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Mothers' Day

10:00 a.m. Worship - Central Hall

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

11:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Gamers meet in Central Hall

Wednesday, May 14

4:00 p.m. Finance committee meeting
 5:30 p.m. Cookout
 6:00 p.m. Talent Show
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Friday, May 16

7:30 p.m. AMEn Chorus performance \$10/adults, \$5/children

Saturday, May 17

10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Church picnic at Sugar Hollow park, Shelter A
 12:00 noon Lunch - please bring side dishes or desserts to share

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary - Ann Elyse Hicks preaching
 11:00 a.m. Catered luncheon (please RSVP) free

Monday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Perkins, ext. 7
 6:00 p.m. APPLE committee meeting

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Session meeting - Zoom & in-person

Wednesday, May 21

Central Life Delivered

1:30 p.m. Widows' Grief Group

PRAYER list...

Pastoral Concerns:

- * Mary Wampler is having knee replacement surgery on May 9th;
- * Josie Russell has Eustachian tube dysfunction (ears);
- * Jean Thomason has ongoing health issues;
- * Retta Vance fell and broke her foot;
- * C.J. Lewis received a diagnosis of cancer.

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:

Betty Russell, Josie's grandmother; Sherry Wilson, Sandy Wilson's sister-in-law; 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.

We extend special prayers to all the families and friends who are traveling to join us for Mothers' Day and for our 150th Anniversary celebration. May they have safe travels.



Please extend our Christian Sympathy to Karen Kelly and her family in the death of our long-time member, Caroline Jones. Caroline died peacefully in her sleep on 4/27/25. Cards may be sent to:

Karen & Brian Kelly
609 Harwood St.
Jackson, MI 49203

There will be a memorial service for Caroline on Saturday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m.. Visitation and reception will follow in Central Hall. The family asked in lieu of flowers to please send donations to Central Presbyterian Church.

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Bristol, VA 24201
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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