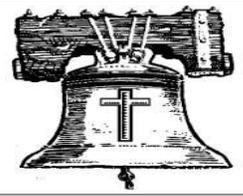


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Chimes



Central Presbyterian Church

P E T E R S B U R G , I L L I N O I S

Dear Congregation,

Happy Resurrection Day (which may or may not have arrived by the time you read this)! I hope we never stop being amazed by this Event, which is the very Crux of human history. I love John's account of that Sunday morning, because he provides interactions that feel like they were eye-witnessed (or he heard about them firsthand), based on the more minute kinds of detail he provides. The very first encounter with Jesus on that amazing Sunday is with Mary Magdalene. When she first notices him, she is likely not actually looking at him because she assumes He was an onsite gardener. But Jesus calls her name, and this gets her attention, and she sees that in fact it is Him. Just a little later He says to her "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, my God and your God" (20:17). By his resurrection, he made it possible for His Father to be *ours*.

In recent weeks, I have been noticing in the Psalms—and really in all the Bible—how often someone is longing to see God. And they long for them to be seen by Him as well. We also have famous Aaronic blessing, which says,

“May God bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make his face shine on you (so you see Him!) and be gracious to you.
May the Lord *look* with favor up on you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Interacting with God, even if He is invisible, seems to include the act of *seeing* him and letting Him see us (and into us). That act of seeing becomes a defining moment. Defining moments usually prompt us to say “Ah, I see!” We have eyes to see for a reason, and with them people (and God) see us, too—our real selves. For that reason, many of the Psalms talk about a yearning desire to see God in his temple or tabernacle, or just in prayer. In the Gospels, we have encounters where Jesus tells a disciple to “come and see,” and that act of seeing is a moment of radical change for that person. He tells Nathanael in John 1:48 that he “saw” him under a tree, and that is somehow all Nathanael needed to recognize Jesus was the coming King, the Anointed One.

Have you ever encountered a person that does not make eye contact when speaking face to face with you? I think we always assume a problem exists either within that person (extreme shyness or shame) or in the relationship we have with them. It seems our eyes are just meant to meet with others' eyes if we want to ever build trust and affinity—and love—with that person. And that is what God has been offering the human race, although we see him with the “eyes of our heart” (Ephesians 1:18).

I hope and pray you will not turn your eyes away from God, but rather probe and seek Him out this Easter season and beyond. Let's pray we will *see* Him in his fullness with fresh eyes, and see Him more easily in the regular pace of our lives by reading the Bible together or by ourselves, by praying, and by encouraging each other in random conversation and in our gatherings.

This is my last Chimes article, as Pastor Ryan will be starting next month. Please know how much I have loved being with all of you, especially those I have been able to *see* and interact with each Wednesday. Thank you all for helping me test out my sermon ideas on you and for your patience as I have tried to learn how to do it better. May God richly bless the church, and I hope you continue to BE the church, the outpost of the Kingdom, to the people of Petersburg and Menard County!

With much love and respect,

Robert Lackie, Preaching Associate
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Central Chimes

April 2023

Highlights of Regular Session Meeting on March 16, 2023

- Bank balance as of February 28, 2023 is \$58,828.56.
- **MOTION:** To approve Contract signed on February 17, 2023 between Ryan Edgecombe and Central Presbyterian Church, effective May 1, 2023. Motion by David Drake, seconded by Steve Territo. **APPROVED.**
- **MOTION:** Session, with the hiring of Ryan Edgecombe, approves 2023 Budget B. Motion from Committee. **APPROVED.**
- **MOTION:** That the following Petersburg Central Presbyterian members be authorized to have full and complete access to and be added to any necessary signature cards or forms for all Investment accounts held at Alliance Community Bank, Petefish Skiles & Co Bank, Edward Jones and VanGuard on behalf of Central Presbyterian Church: Janene W. Tice – Trustee Endowment Funds; Christine Ford – Trustee Endowment Funds; and Rhonda Plaeger – Treasurer. Motion made by Steve Territo, from Committee. **APPROVED.**
- **MOTION:** That Session approve the Bid from Smith Plumbing, Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$1,292.00, said funds to come from Major Maintenance Fund, for the removal of all pipes/radiators from the Sanctuary. Motion from Committee. **APPROVED.**
- **MOTION:** That Session approve the bid from Charlie Hubbard in the amount of \$4,500.00, said funds to come from Major Maintenance Fund, for the labor/material and painting of the Sanctuary. Motion from Committee. **APPROVED.**
- Repairs to Sanctuary walls completed by Ozella Construction. Tuck pointing on outside of building to be done soon.
- National Day of Prayer observance will be May 4 at Noon on the Courthouse Lawn.

Committee News

Administration

Financial

- Income year to date is \$1,631.67 above budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$544.82, which puts us below our overall budget. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$2,279.19 above our expenses.
- Treasurer's report and financials were reviewed.
- General, MMF, Obligated Funds were also reviewed.
- The Audit for 2022 was completed on March 8.
- Additional names have been added to the lock boxes at Alliance Bank.
- Updated 2023 budget was reviewed and approved adding a PT pulpit supply minister starting May 1. This budget will be presented at the Congregational meeting on March 26.
- Our Boy Scout Troop is looking into either re-chartering with a small number of Scouts or combining with Troop 52 in Athens. Steve Territo will keep the committee updated moving forward.

Building

- Elevator repairs need to be completed to change the smoke detector and relay switch at the top of the elevator shaft. Johnson Control has submitted a quote and will work with Kone to complete and have the elevator re-inspected. Also, the phone system is not communicating with George Alarm since our changeover to Cass Communication.
- We are anticipating tuck pointing work to be started soon.

- Lynette from Daily Bread met with us and is researching other possible locations for distributing Meals on Wheels. Central Illinois Services out of Springfield oversees this program. Although we have the kitchen and hall space for the group, we do not have the staff to maintain the sidewalks five days per week in the winter as well as limited parking for potential diners. This would also be a problem if we were to need the space for a bereavement dinner. Steve Territo is to reach out to Jennifer at Central Illinois Services.
- Quotes will be received this week from Ozella Construction for the wall repair needed in the sanctuary, Smith Plumbing for the removal of radiators in the sanctuary and from two painting contractors for the painting of the sanctuary. These will be presented to Session for approval. Monies will be taken from MMF.

Personnel

- Personnel policies will be reviewed and submitted for approval.
- Steve gave his resignation from the Personnel Committee effective May 1 due to his relationship with Ryan Edgecombe.

Submitted by Jane Stephenson & Steven Territo, Co-chairs

Deacon Correction

Julia Territo served as a deacon and finished her term last month. She did a wonderful job. Her name was omitted from the article in last month's Chimes as an outgoing deacon. Thank you Julia for your service to our church.

Men's Lenten Breakfasts

Men's Lenten Breakfasts began on Wednesday February 22, 2023 (Ash Wednesday). Breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m., followed by a gospel-centered devotion focusing on the purpose of the season, and dismissal by 7:45. The remaining April schedule is: **April 5—1st Christian Church.**

Women's Lenten Study

Women's Lenten Studies began on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Refreshments were served at 9:30 a.m. and the lesson started at 10:00. Central Presbyterian Church hosted on March 15. Many thanks to Coleen Janssen for coordinating the event for Central. Thanks also to our greeters June Gamage and Mary Gheen, all who contributed food, and those who took part in the lesson service: Emma Lou Denton, Cindy Godbey, Jan Costello, the Ladies' Ensemble, Janet Scheina, Coleen Janssen, and Sherri Roberts. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and is looking forward to next year.





Palm Sunday Breakfast

Palm Sunday is April 2. We will be celebrating this holiday with our Palm Sunday Breakfast before church from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Please join us for delicious foods and fellowship on this very special day in our Christian faith. The menu consists of assorted egg casseroles, muffins, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Even if you don't wish to eat, please come and visit over a cup of coffee or juice. Freewill donations will be accepted and will be added to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering that ends on Easter Sunday. We hope you will plan to join us for this fellowship.

Palm Sunday

Worship service will start at 10:00 and communion will be served.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

A Maundy Thursday communion service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, at Central Presbyterian Church. This service of remembrance focuses on the night Jesus gave to his disciples the gift of The Lord's Supper (also called The Last Supper, Eucharist, and Communion) and begins the movement toward the cross of Good Friday. This is both a somber and a celebratory event: somber in respect of the sacrifice made by Christ, and celebratory in response to the gift received by all his disciples.

Good Friday Community Worship Service

Ecumenical Good Friday service will be held Friday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 103 West Sangamon Ave., Petersburg. This service is hosted by the PORTA Ministerial Association.

Easter Sunday Worship Service

Resurrection Sunday Worship service will be Sunday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. and communion will be served.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable.

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From the initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The offering will be collected through Easter Sunday. Special offering envelopes are available in the church pews and on the table in the Narthex.

Meals on Wheels

For many years Central has provided delivery of Meals on Wheels in the Petersburg area during the month of May, and we are again scheduled to do so this year. May is almost here! **There is a need for volunteers to make deliveries.** There currently is such a need for delivered meals that there are 2 routes—one inside the city of Petersburg and one for the Lake and rural area around Petersburg. Meals are to be picked up by 11 a.m. at the Highrise, and the routes take approximately an hour to complete. Deliveries are back to 5 days a week. So, we need to deliver 22 days in May; 2 routes each day. That means filling 44 routes throughout the month!!!

You are asked to PLEASE:

- Prayerfully consider how you can assist with this very worthwhile mission in our community.
- Check your May calendar to see if you could schedule 1 day or more for making deliveries.
- Contact someone to partner with you—it's easiest if one person drives and another delivers to the door. If you have not participated before and want to start, pair up with an experienced volunteer to learn the routine.
- Feel free to invite friends outside the church to assist. This does NOT have to be only Central members.



A calendar is in the Narthex at the church for sign-up. You may sign up at the church or call the church office at 217-632-2651 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Group 1 is the City route; group 2 is the Rural route. Please be sure to include a telephone number when you sign up.

Changes Ahead for Central!

Hopefully by now, all have heard about changes coming in the upcoming weeks as a result of the Session action to hire Ryan Edgecombe as part-time pastor for Central Presbyterian. The end of the Easter season will begin a time of transition.

Central has been blessed for several months by the dedication of our team of Pulpit Supply Pastors. We wish them well as they continue in their Christian service. **Martin Nagel** has finished leading Sunday worship, but will assist with the Maundy Thursday Service. **Jonah Steele** will be worship leader April 2 & 16, and he will also participate in the Maundy Thursday Service. **Robert Lackie** will lead Sunday worship April 9, 23, & 30 and the Maundy Thursday Service, as well as continue Wednesday office hours through April. There are folders in the Narthex for those wishing to leave cards for them.

Ryan Edgecombe will begin work at Central on May 1. His first worship service will be on May 7. **Please note that beginning May 7, worship at Central will begin at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School preceding worship at 9:30 a.m.** This change is needed in order that Ryan has ample travel time after his service at Broadwell. Plan to join in welcoming Ryan and his family on May 7.



Meet Ryan Edgecombe

Everyone is anxious to get to know our new pastor. Below are questions and Ryan's responses about his career in ministry. Next month, we will learn more about him and his family.

1. *What led to your decision to go into ministry?*

I would have to say that I had a wonderful mentor growing up in my home church in Oreana, IL. Mark was our pastor during my challenging adolescent years and his impact and influence on me in that time period cannot be overstated. I found that the Church can truly be a place where one can belong, and that meant a lot to me in those days when I found it hard to know where I belonged! He actually started to train me in pastoral work without me really knowing it! I actually resisted going into vocational ministry as a Pastor for quite a while, recognizing that through my understanding of St. Peter, we are all called to a "Priesthood of all Believers" (1 Peter 2:9), and so we are all ministers in whatever occupation or vocation we choose. God gently guided and shepherded/herded me into this direction and I finally complied!



2. *Where did you study?*

I studied at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary in Lincoln, IL. My bachelors is in "Christian Business Administration," and I have a Masters of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Church History. I also was very blessed to be able to complete four units/years of Clinical Pastoral Education, which focused on the long-term care/nursing home clinical setting. I have always been a good student, although I will admit that I was getting pretty tired and/or burned out by the time I graduated from Seminary! The units of CPE though came later and were refreshing to my person, spirit, and ministry!

3. *Where have you served as pastor/chaplain?*

I have served at The Christian Village Retirement Community in Lincoln, IL for approximately 20 years as the Chaplain and have served as Pastor of Broadwell Christian Church for the last 10 years.

4. *Are there significant events or experiences that have been pivotal in your ministry?*

Unfortunately, experiences of great loss shape us, just as much if not more than experiences of great victory. Bethany and I lost a son, Benjamin Ryan Edgecombe, on January 3, 2011. He was born stillborn at/near full term. This day will stay with us for the rest of our lives, and obviously there is a lot of pain attached to it. One of the images that helped me to cope through that terrible season, was an image/picture of Jesus praying at the Garden of Gethsemane. In visualizing Jesus in the incredible pain that he was experiencing on the eve of the cross, I was able to more fully appreciate the fact that I had a Savior that was no stranger to pain. It really helped me to know that I was not alone in my pain and that Christ shared that pain. This has informed my ministry in the years following... I want people to know that they have a God who walks with them, understands, and feels their pain!

5. *What events or experiences do you feel continue to enhance your ministry?*

It has been such a joy these last 20 years to worship alongside Christians from multiple denominational traditions! At The Christian Village, I get to glorify Christ alongside Methodists and Presbyterians and Catholics and Baptists and Pentecostals and Christian Church/Church of Christ folks, etc. I really feel we can learn a lot from one another and it has been so "life giving" to me to be able to delight in The family of God across denominational lines and for us all to pursue Christian Discipleship together. There is a lot we agree on, and

there are things we don't agree on, and that's ok! Maybe that's a good thing as there can be opportunities to grow as a result of good grace filled conversations. I truly believe that I am a Christian First, and a member of any denominational affiliation second.

6. *What part of ministry do you particularly enjoy?*

Sundays are very busy for me, but at the same time a lot of fun and affirming and life giving! I currently have four services on Sunday that I officiate/facilitate. I will continue to have four services on Sundays when I start at Central Presbyterian (Broadwell Christian Church, Central Presbyterian Church, and two at The Christian Village in the afternoon). I particularly enjoy singing and hearing those old hymns! Nothing lifts my spirits like sacred music. You would think I would like the sermon best, but secretly it's the music! Don't tell anybody...

7. *What attracted you to the pastor position at Central Presbyterian Church?*

I am discovering that Central Presbyterian Church is very committed to the Petersburg community and to Menard County and that you all have found several ways to reach out to your neighbors and neighborhoods. I love it! We want the gospel to be preached in words but we also want the gospel to be preached through works of service and through action! I believe that Central Presbyterian Church has been living this out for quite some time and I am excited to be a part of it!

8. *What are your 'hopes and dreams' for your service at Central Presbyterian Church?*

I want to help foster an environment at Central Presbyterian Church that is conducive to our journey as Disciples of Jesus Christ. My hope and prayer for this new season of service might be summarized in this way... "May we deepen our walk with God through reading/reflecting/studying Scripture. May we deepen our walk with God through engaging in service within our community. May we deepen our walk with God through communing with and supporting one another as the Family of God.

9. *How can the members of Central Presbyterian Church assist you in the coming weeks and months?*

I appreciate your prayers as The Edgecombe Family looks forward to this exciting change. Change can be great and we are expecting this change to be great, but good changes can also be difficult at the same time. Growth is good but growing pains can happen simultaneously! I am also hoping that we will have some time in the near future just to get to know one another. Fellowship, conversation, and laughter is good medicine and is God-Honoring in and of itself. Sometimes it's just good to visit and enjoy each other's company... no other agenda is needed ☺.



March 5	30	March 19	30
March 12	20	March 26	33
Average Worship Attendance: 28			

2023 Per Capita

The Per Capita amount for each member for 2023 is \$36.25.

What Does Per Capita Mean?

It is a Medieval Latin term that literally translated means, “by heads.”

What Is It For?

Per Capita takes all the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and General Assembly and breaks those costs down by the actual head count of the total population of *active members* in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Why Do We Pay It?

As Presbyterians, we are connectional people – meaning that we understand the importance of being connected with other Presbyterians. Per Capita payments help our denomination to take our combined efforts to effect change in our country and around the world through the various ministry and mission programs at the various denominational levels.

Who Pays It?

Every *active member* is assessed \$36.25.

Who Is An Active Member?

Adults and *confirmed Youth* who participate in the work and worship of church; who have joined the church; and who are listed on Central’s rolls (official records of the church that are reported to the denomination).

Keep Connected!

Preaching Associate, Robert Lackie, will be available to the congregation each **Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., **through the month of April**. If you wish to make an appointment to visit with him, please call his cell phone, 217-971-8641, or the church office.

Members are encouraged to continue to stay connected with the church family. If you have an emergency or are in need of assistance from Central, please contact:

Church Office, 217-632-2651, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; or leave a message anytime.

Cindy Godbey, Deacon Chair, 217-652-9596

Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session, 217-341-7599

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the May, 2023 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than **Friday, April 21**. A *Microsoft Word file* attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. **Please reference “Chimes article” in the subject line**. Please email the church with any suggestions as to what you may want to see in the *Chimes*. Our email address is office@central-pres.org.

Menard County Food Pantry

The Menard County Food Pantry is open and staffed by volunteers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. To receive a food order, persons in need can either contact the Menard County Community Services Office located in the Menard County Courthouse or Lindsay Wilkin at the CCDC (Housing Authority) office at 101 W. Sheridan Ave., Petersburg. Lindsay is there to take referrals on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Food donations are needed for the two Petersburg area Food Pantries, especially the Micro-pantry next to County Market. Please put food items in the large basket in the Narthex to be taken to the Micro-pantry.

Diaper Bank Needs

The Diaper Bank, located at the Menard County Housing office, 101 W. Sheridan Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675, is currently not open to the public. However, if you are in need of any supplies, either visit in person (there is a doorbell at the front door) or call the office at 217-632-7723. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Senior Services Center is now in the Menard County Housing building, and they have a good supply of adult briefs and pads.

The Diaper Bank is currently well stocked with most sizes of infant diapers, but could use newborn and size 1 diapers, as well as baby wipes at this time. Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation is always accepted.

Health Notes: *submitted by Alice Studzinski*

Taking Care of Your Visual Health

Improving your eyesight is important—about 11 million Americans over age 12 need vision correction—but it’s just one of the reasons to get your eyes examined. Regular eye exams are also an important part of detecting eye diseases early and preserving your vision.

Eye diseases are common and can go unnoticed for a long time—some have no symptoms at first. A comprehensive exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist is necessary to find eye diseases in the early stages when treatment to prevent vision loss is most effective.

Eye exams at every life stage can help keep your vision strong. During the exam, visual acuity (sharpness), depth perception, eye alignment, and eye movement are tested. Eye drops may be used to make your pupils larger so your eye doctor can see inside your eyes and check for signs of health problems. Your eye doctor may even spot other conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes, sometimes before your primary care doctor does.

Early treatment is critically important to prevent some common eye diseases from causing permanent vision loss or blindness:

- Cataracts (clouding of the lens), the leading cause of vision loss in the United States.
- Diabetic retinopathy (causes damage to blood vessels in the back of the eye), the leading cause of blindness in American adults.
- Glaucoma (a group of diseases that damages the optic nerve).
- Age-related macular degeneration (gradual breakdown of light-sensitive tissue in the eye).

Though people tend to have more vision problems as they get older, children need eye exams to ensure healthy vision, too. Amblyopia (reduced vision because the eye and brain aren’t working together properly) is the most common cause of vision loss in children—2 to 3 out of 100 children. Amblyopia needs to be treated promptly to help avoid vision loss.

Eye Exams: How Often?

- The US Preventive Services Task Force recommends vision screening for all children at least once between age 3 and 5 years to detect amblyopia or risk factors for the disease.
- People with diabetes should have a dilated eye exam every year.

- Some people are at higher risk for glaucoma and should have a dilated eye exam every 2 years:
 - African Americans 40 years and older.
 - All adults older than 60, especially Mexican Americans.
 - People with a family history of glaucoma.

Ways to Protect Your Vision

- Get regular eye exams.
- Eat a healthy diet, including leafy greens such as spinach or kale, and maintain a healthy weight.
- Know your family's eye health history.
- Wear sunglasses that block out 99% to 100% of UV-A and UV-B radiation (the sun's rays).
- Quit smoking or don't start.
- Wear protective eye wear.

Easy on the Eyes

If you spend a lot of time focusing on one thing, such as a computer screen, your eyes can get tired. Try the 20-20-20 rule to reduce eyestrain: every 20 minutes, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds.

Other Reasons to See Your Eye Doctor

If you have any of the following eye problems, don't wait for your next appointment—visit your eye doctor as soon as possible:

- Decreased vision.
- Draining or redness of the eye
- Eye pain
- Double vision
- Floaters (tiny specks that appear to float before your eyes)
- Circles (halos) around lights
- Flashes of light

Diabetes and Your Eyes

Diabetic retinopathy is a common complication of diabetes. High blood sugar damages the blood vessels in the retina (a light-sensitive part of the eye), where scarring can cause permanent vision loss.

Diabetic retinopathy is also one of the most preventable causes of vision loss and blindness. Early detection and treatment can prevent or delay blindness due to diabetic retinopathy in 90% of people with diabetes, but 50% or more of them don't get their eyes examined or are diagnosed too late for effective treatment.

People with diabetes are also at higher risk for other eye diseases, including glaucoma and cataracts. If you have diabetes, an eye exam every year is necessary to protect and preserve your eyesight and eye health.

Looking Ahead

Due to our aging population, the number of blind and visually impaired people in the United States is estimated to double by 2030 and triple by 2050. Encouraging people to take care of their vision health as part of their overall health and wellness could significantly reduce that number and improve quality of life for millions of Americans.

Happy Birthday!

Octogenarians

April 7	Mary Gheen	704 South 10 th St., Petersburg, IL 62675
April 17	Coleen Janssen	17678 Lone Oak Circle, Petersburg, IL 62675
April 24	Barbara Churchill	602 Willow Ct., Bowling Green, MO 63334

April 3	Jillian Kveton	April 19	Linda Williams
April 10	Susie Sanert	April 20	Nicholas Territo
April 10	Jeremy Phillips	April 28	Dave Long

Happy Anniversary!

April 4	Joe & Nancy Mehr	April 7	John & Molly Buehner
April 6	Phil & Helen Deverman	April 28	Doug & Ruth Stark



	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, April 2	Rebecca Rowe	Jan Costello	Pat Claussen (Palm Sunday)
Thursday, April 6	TBD	TBD	TBD (Maundy Thursday)
Sunday, April 9	Jerry Tice	Janene Tice	Rebecca Rowe (Easter)
Sunday, April 16	Sherri Roberts	Pat Claussen	
Sunday, April 23	Rhonda Plaeger	Janet Scheina	
Sunday, April 30	Julia Territo	Dan Stephenson	
Sunday, May 7	Marilyn Montgomery	Brianne Satorius	Jane Stephenson
Sunday, May 14	Ben Kiningham	Beth Kiningham	
Sunday, May 21	Chris Ford	Jim Satorius	
Sunday, May 28	Pat Claussen	Linda Claussen	

*If you cannot fulfill your duty as liturgist or usher/greeter, please find someone to take your place.
Also, let the church office know of the changes as soon as possible.*

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, April 2	Jonah Steele (Palm Sunday)
Thursday, April 6	Robert Lackie, Jonah Steele, Martin Nagel (Maundy Thursday)
Sunday, April 9	Robert Lackie (Easter Sunday)
Sunday, April 16	Jonah Steele
Sunday, April 23	Robert Lackie
Sunday, April 30	Robert Lackie



Members:

Family of Harriet Carter
Steve Hollis
Alia Montgomery
Jo Ann Morris

Ken Morris
Bob Sampson
Dale & Mary Rose Satorius
Marilyn Schafer

Judy Stahl
Nancy Van Etten
Lisa Willhite
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)
Jane Arnold (K. Westervelt's mother)
Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Judy Boutelle (Rev. J. Boutelle's wife)
Tim Carter (R. & S. Sanert's brother-in-law)
Family of Linda Christensen
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)
Barbara Deihl (L. Williams' cousin)
Lori Denton (E.L. Denton's daughter)
Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)
Atreyu Frazier (S. & J Territo's great nephew)
Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)
Barb Harrison (N. Mehr's Sister-in-law)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Angie Janssen (C. Janssen's daughter-in-law)
Theresa Hulbert (P. Claussen's friend)

Dave & Diane Ludington
Bob McLin (B. Winkelmann's brother)
Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)
Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)
Gary Sorenson (L. Williams' friend)
Ann Termine (C. & R. Ford's friend)
Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)
Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)
Alana Wachtel (M. Montgomery's cousin)
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Mike Whitehurst (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's granddaughter)
Debbie Woods

Please pray for all we know who are homebound, residing in care facilities, undergoing surgery or medical treatment, serving in the military or who are away from their family and friends.

In Our Communities and In Our World:

All who are affected by COVID-19
Pray for racial equality
Peace between nation neighbors
Victims of gun violence/mass shootings
Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

Tornado victims in Southern states
Displaced peoples in the world
Pray for the people who are affected by the Ukraine/Russian conflict
Pray for our country

Please continue to keep our healthcare workers and those in the educational field in our prayers. They have been a guiding light to all of us in their courage and dedication to keeping us safe and helping the future generation. Thank You!

Please keep the church office informed of members or friends that need to be placed on or removed from our prayer list by sending an email to: office@central-pres.org. or calling the church office at: 217-632-2651.

Creamy Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes

Taste of Home

With five different dairy products, you know this make-ahead mashed potato casserole is going to be super rich and, of course, delicious. It gets even better topped with onions and bacon!

Ingredients

3 lbs. potatoes, peeled and cubed	1½ tsp. onion powder
6 bacon strips, chopped	1 tsp. salt
8 oz. cream cheese, softened	1 tsp. garlic powder
½ cup sour cream	½ tsp. pepper
½ cup butter, cubed	1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
¼ cup 2% milk	3 green onions, chopped

Instructions

1. Place potatoes in a Dutch oven, add water to cover. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cook, uncovered 10 – 15 minutes or until tender.
2. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove to paper towels with a slotted spoon; drain.
3. Drain potatoes; return to pan. Mash potatoes, gradually adding cream cheese, sour cream and butter. Stir in milk and seasonings. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish; sprinkle with cheese, green onions and bacon. Refrigerate, covered, up to 1 day.
4. Preheat oven to 350°. Remove potatoes from refrigerator and let stand while oven heats. Bake, covered, about 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 10 minutes longer or until heated through.

Total Time: Prep: 35 min. Bake: 40 min. Yield: 10 servings



Easy Coconut Cream Pie

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Ingredients

1 sheet refrigerated pie crust	3 large eggs, beaten
¾ cup sugar	1½ cups sweetened shredded coconut, toasted, divided
3 tbsps. all-purpose flour	1 tbsp. butter
1/8 tsp. salt	1½ tsps. vanilla extract
3 cups whole milk	

Directions

Unroll crust into a 9-in. pie plate, flute edge. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°. Line crust with a double thickness of foil. Fill with pie weights, dried beans or uncooked rice. Bake on a lower oven rack or until edge is golden brown, 15 – 20 minutes. Remove foil and weights, bake until bottom is golden brown, 3 – 6 minutes longer. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack. In a medium saucepan combine sugar, flour and salt. Stir in milk; cook and stir over medium high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat; gradually stir about 1 cup of hot mixture into beaten eggs. Return all to saucepan, cook and stir over medium heat until nearly boiling. Reduce heat; cook and stir about 2 minutes more (do not boil). Remove from the heat; stir in 1 cup coconut, butter and vanilla. Pour into crust; sprinkle with remaining coconut. Chill for several hours before serving.

