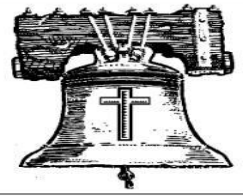


# CENTRAL

# Chimes



*Central Presbyterian Church*

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

Hello Friends:

Well... I wrote about Mothers last month, so I better write about Fathers this month! I am blessed beyond measure to have wonderful and faithful parents who have shown me in word, and action, and priority, the Love of God! I hope Bethany and I can be half the parents they were and are!

My Father has taught us more by example than anything else. He has shown us that God, making all of us "In His Image," gave us the ability to be resilient. Dad has exercised that God-given resilience (a limited form of transcendence that allows us to rise above our environment/culture/background) throughout his life. Dad was born with Cerebral Palsy in 1944; this affected him in such a way that his left arm and right leg have some paralysis. When dad was 5 years old my grandparents took him to Shriners Hospital in St. Louis, where surgery and physical therapy were provided so that dad could learn how to walk. Even though he had to stay there for many months and did not receive visits from his family because of hospital policies/instructions (this was very hard on my father... he still talks about it today), dad thrived and went home much stronger than when he left.

Dad found that some within his community made assumptions about him based on his physical appearance. Even a grade school teacher from Oreana, IL, insisted that dad was incapable of learning, and she didn't want him in her class. Thankfully, my grandparents met with that teacher and informed her that he could take instruction just as well as any other child and dad showed that teacher that he could learn! That God-given resilience kept on revealing itself!

When dad graduated high school, he had some choices to make. He loved living and helping on the farm, but wasn't sure that he could farm as a career due to his physical limitations. He decided to leave the farm, move to Chicago, and attend art school (The Chicago Academy of Fine Arts at the time located in the Oriental Theater Building on Randolph Street). His parents were pretty worried about him and didn't understand why he had to leave the farm. They wrote him every day and hoped that he would come back home to stay. They could not understand how anyone could make a living other than in farming! Dad continued to be resilient and creative. He worked hard and continued to surprise his family even in the midst of their well-meaning skepticism.

Dad graduated from art school, moved back to the Decatur area and started Edgecombe Studios. Over the years, he has created some amazing photographs, recognizing beauty in the world around us. He has been a faithful husband, father, provider, and follower of Christ. He is a great example of the resilience of God's children due to God's grace and mercy.

Who are the godly men in your lives that you need to honor this Father's Day? Tell them what they mean to you. If they are "gone from your sight," tell another friend or family member about them and how much you love them. In all cases, spend some time in prayer thanking God for that person.

Blessings,

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor  
Edgeness79@hotmail.com  
*Central Chimes*



*June, 2023*

## Highlights of Regular Session Meeting on May 18, 2023

- Bank balance as of April 30, 2023 is \$58,814.81.
- **MOTION: To consolidate all CD's being held at Petefish Skiles & Co. Bank and/or Alliance Community Bank to obtain a higher interest rate. Motion from Committee, seconded by David Drake. APPROVED**
- Worship in the Park has been scheduled for Sunday, September 10, 2023.
- The Church Website has been updated.
- Worship will be preparing a new Liturgist /Usher schedule for the second half of 2023.
- Home Communion was served to 7 members of the Congregation.

## Committee News

### Administration

#### Financial

- Income year to date is \$746.17 below budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$3,074.74, which puts us below our overall budget. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$2,328.57 above our expenses. The collection from the April 30 church service was not deposited until May 1, which is part of the reason that income is below budget.
- Treasurer's report and financials were reviewed.
- General, MMF, and Obligated Funds were also reviewed.
- Designated and Endowment Funds have combined the four unrestricted accounts into one account, and low interest-bearing CD's will be combined and converted to higher interest-bearing CD's at both banks.
- Our Boy Scout Troop will be combining with Troop 52 in Athens. The Scouts are currently working on an inventory of equipment and will confer with CPC before distributing any equipment or monies.

#### Building

- Elevator repairs will be completed by Johnson Control. Mark from Kone will make contact with the State Inspector once completed. George Alarm will then need to come and complete an inspection.
- We are anticipating tuck-pointing work to be started soon.
- Charlie Hubbard will be painting the baseboard and windowsills in the sanctuary this week.
- Arizona Tile has completed carpet repair in the sanctuary where the radiators were removed.
- We are investigating rekeying the building due to so many keys being hard to use.

Submitted by Jane Stephenson & Steven Territo, Co-chairs

## Communion Training Classes

The Presbytery (through our Moderator, Rev. Kay Daniel) will be offering Communion training for any ordained Elder or Deacon, current or past, interested in becoming a communion server. Training will consist of two classes held at Central; the first one will be Saturday, September 9. More information to be provided at a later date. If interested in taking the training, please contact the Church Office at 217-632-2651 no later than August 15.

Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session

## Catechism Corner

From *κατηχέω*, ("to teach orally")

Do you remember going through catechism? Were you brought up in a Church tradition that instructed young people in this way? I grew up in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and our local church did not follow any formal catechism. I probably did not even hear the word until I was much older (I am thankful for spell check because I may not know how to spell it otherwise 😊).

I thought it might be useful for us to review and reflect a little each month from a catechism used by the PCUSA. Hopefully, this will serve a purpose in helping us think deeper about our faith and even inspire us towards a greater pursuit of Christian Theology grounded in Holy Scripture. I pray you find this new section in the newsletter helpful.

Pastor Ryan

### **The Study Catechism: Full Version**

Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

#### **Question 1. What is God's purpose for your life?**

God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Question 2. How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?**

I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

#### **Question 3. How do you live for the love of God?**

I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart; especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

#### **Question 4. How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?**

By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

## **Changes at Central!**

Pastor Ryan is in his office at the church Monday and Wednesday each week, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He also plans to continue the Wednesday Bible Study group at 9:30 a.m. each week. If you wish to make an appointment to visit with him, please call the church office at 217-632-2651. You may also call or text his cell phone: 217-972-4859.

**Please note that worship at Central now starts at 10:30 a.m.** This change is needed in order that Pastor Ryan has ample travel time after his earlier service at Broadwell.

## Thank You and Job Well-Done!

Every year, during Lent, **One Great Hour of Sharing** is collected up through Easter Sunday. This year Central collected \$431.00 towards that worthy cause. Thanks to all that were able to donate.

*“The Edgcombe Family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to CPC for the beautiful welcoming reception provided after services on our first Sunday. We are grateful and humbled to have the opportunity to serve and worship alongside you all and look forward to what God has in store for this congregation as we strive to give Glory to our Creator and Redeemer!”*

May 14, 2023, Mother’s Day, is also **Blanket Sunday**. This year’s donations came to \$140.00. Thanks everyone who donated. Your simple act of kindness will provide a little extra warmth or a little extra cushion for someone sleeping on a floor or maybe on the street.

Many thanks to all who volunteered and delivered **Meals on Wheels** during the month of May. This has been an annual mission project of Central for many years. Your time and energy are very much appreciated!



## Pentecost

**Pentecost** is a celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension. It was held at Central on May 28 this year. If you were wanting to donate an item or two and have not done so yet, the plastic tub is sitting on the Narthex floor.

Thank you to all those that donated!

**The following is a wish list for needed supplies. This is only a guide; all gifts are welcome! Items in bold indicate an immediate need.**

General purpose cleaner  
**Disinfectant spray & wipes**  
Large trash bags (33 gallon)  
Small trash bags (13 gallon)  
**Paper towels**  
Dish soap  
Kitchen sponges  
Hand soap & lotion pump dispensers

Paper plates (no styrofoam, please), large & small  
Plastic **forks** and spoons  
**Paper coffee cups**  
**Cold drink cups (9-12 oz)**  
Napkins  
Kleenex–boxes & **pocket packs for pews**  
AA batteries

## Keep Connected!

Pastor, Ryan Edgecombe is in the church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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.

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe, 217-972-4859

Cindy Godbey, Deacon Chair, 217-652-9596

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

<i>Worship Attendance</i>			
May 7	40	May 21	29
May 14	28	May 28	26
Average Worship Attendance: <b>30.75</b>			

## 2023 Per Capita

### Who Pays It?

Every *active member* is assessed \$36.25. If you have not yet paid this year's per capita, please do so as soon as you are able. Thank you!

## Mark Your Calendar

St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church will host **Co-op Vacation Bible School** this year July **24-27**.

## Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the July 2023 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than **Monday, June 19**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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***

### **What is RSV?**

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common, contagious virus that usually causes mild symptoms. Although it has historically been thought of as a childhood disease, adults are also at risk. In older adults and adults with certain underlying conditions, RSV can cause severe infections.

Symptoms of RSV can range from mild to severe and can last up to 2 weeks. Symptoms may include fever, runny nose, headache, sore throat, tiredness, congestion, and cough. RSV can cause severe symptoms in older adults with serious complications such as pneumonia or exacerbation of congestive heart failure (CHF), asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). RSV can cause severe infections that may lead to hospitalization in adults aged 60 and older, and adults with certain underlying conditions like asthma, COPD, and CHF.

Like some other respiratory infections, a cough or sneeze can easily spread RSV. And while you're typically contagious for 3-8 days, some people, especially those with weakened immune systems, can be contagious for as long as 4 weeks—even after they stop showing symptoms.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, RSV cases in most regions of the US have historically risen during the fall (from mid-September to mid-November) and peaked in the winter (from late December to mid-February). However, in 2021, RSV cases began to rise in the southern region of the US in the spring months and peaked in July.

People can get RSV multiple times throughout their lives. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for RSV in adults but learning who is at risk of severe infections from RSV can help protect you and your loved ones. Remember to wash your hands, keep your hands off your face, avoid contact with sick people, cover your coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect surfaces around you, and stay home when you are feeling sick.

## Scenes from Central



**Wednesday Bible Study.** A loyal group of church members participates in the Bible Study organized by Robert Lackie. The study has been based on watching and discussing *The Chosen*. Pictured: Ben Kiningham, Jim Satorius, Will Carter, June Gamage, Robert Lackie, Coleen Janssen, Marilyn Montgomery, Emma Lou Denton, Beth Kiningham, Rich Ford, and Steve Territo.



**Central Welcomes Pastor Edgecombe.** On Sunday, May 7, Pastor Edgecombe greets the Young Disciples and delivers his first sermon. Following worship, the congregation welcomed the Edgecombe family (Right: Pastor Ryan, Zane, Lonnie, Seth, & Bethany) during Fellowship.



**Promotion Sunday.** The Sunday School students end this year with a Carnival on Sunday, May 21. Linda Claussen, Christian Education Chair, created the Carnival atmosphere, complete with games, crafts, and snacks. Ethan and Ava Satorius were recognized during Worship for their dedication to Sunday School throughout the year.



**Pentecost Sunday.** With the sanctuary adorned in red paraments, banners, flowers, clothing, and scarves on Sunday, May 28, Central celebrates Pentecost and Memorial Day. Pastor Ryan led a tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our country, those from Central in particular. Accompanied by Bethany, Pastor Ryan invited the congregation to join him in singing *Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies*. Bethany used a science experiment to demonstrate the concept of the Holy Spirit for the Young Disciples.



# Happy Birthday!

## Nonagenarian

June 7	June Gamage	19 Apple Loop, Petersburg, IL 62675	
June 6	Shane Marquardt	June 13	Susan Carlson
June 7	Christopher Willhite	June 14	Lonnie Edgecombe
June 8	Brent Carter	June 19	Blake Sampson
June 8	Julia Territo	June 19	Lesley Reynolds
June 8	Jared Long	June 21	Seth Sanert
June 12	Grace Gerdes	June 27	Steve Plaeger
June 12	Garrett G. Gerdes		

# Happy Anniversary!

June 1	Stanley & Janice Porter	June 17	Ryan & Bethany Edgecombe
June 2	Greg & Pam Brown	June 17	Bill & Alice Studzinski
June 4	James & Abby Noel	June 21	Mark & Pam Albrecht
June 7	Sandy & Jean Sandberg	June 23	Rodney & Debbie Davis
June 8	Zane & Hannah Kyes	June 29	Gary & Marisa Gerdes
June 12	Jerry & Janene Tice		



	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, June 4	Coleen Janssen	Dave Long	Barbara Sampson
Sunday, June 11	Cindy Godbey	John Godbey	
Sunday, June 18	Linda Claussen	Marilyn Montgomery	
Sunday, June 25	Jan Costello	Ron Sanert	

*If you cannot fulfill your duty as usher/greeter or liturgist, please find someone to take your place.*

*Also, let the church office know of the changes as soon as possible.*







**Members:**

Steve Hollis

Alia Montgomery

Marilyn Montgomery

Jo Ann Morris

Ken Morris

Bob Sampson

Dale & Mary Rose Satorius

Jim Satorius

Marilyn Schafer

Judy Stahl

Nancy Van Etten

Linda Williams

**Friends of the Congregation:**

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)

Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)

Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)

Judy Boutelle (Rev. J. Boutelle's wife)

Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)

Barbara Deihl (L. Williams' cousin)

Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)

Garrett Gerdes (G. & M. Gerdes' son)

Jake Gerdes (G. & M. Gerdes' son)

Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)

Barb Harrison (N. Mehr's sister-in-law)

Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)

Theresa Hulbert (P. Claussen's friend)

Angie Janssen (C. Janssen's daughter-in-law)

Family of Marjorie Leonard (Pastor Ryan'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)

Melissa Schaaake (S. Territo's sister)

Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)

Gary Sorenson (L. Williams' friend)

Karen Stark (D. & R. Stark's sister-in-law)

Ann Termine (C. & R. Ford's friend)

Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)

Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)

Ted & Arlyn Tisdale (E. L. Denton's friend)

Alana Wachtel (M. Montgomery's cousin)

Carol White (J. Morris' friend)

Mike Whitehurst (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)

Marti Williams (M. Montgomery's sister)

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

Displaced peoples in the world

Pray for the people who are affected by the  
Ukraine/Russian conflict

Pray for our country

Flood victims in Florida

**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](mailto:office@central-pres.org), or calling the church office at: 217-632-2651.*

## Vegetarian Pad Thai

*Taste of Home*

This is a simple pad thai loaded with crisp vegetables and zesty flavor. It is quick, simple, and fresh tasting.

### Ingredients

6 oz. uncooked thick rice noodles	1 medium sweet red pepper, cut into thin strips
2 tbsps. brown sugar	4 green onions, chopped
3 tbsps. reduced-sodium soy sauce	3 garlic cloves, minced
4 tps. rice vinegar	4 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 tps. lime juice	2 cups bean sprouts
2 tps. olive oil	1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
3 medium carrots, shredded	lime wedges
	Chopped peanuts, optional



### Instructions

1. Prepare noodles according to package directions. Drain; rinse well and drain again. In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar, soy sauce, vinegar and lime juice.
2. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; stir-fry carrots and pepper until crisp-tender, 3-4 minutes. Add green onions and garlic, cook and stir 2 minutes. Remove from pan.
3. Reduce heat to medium. Pour eggs into same pan, cook and stir until no liquid egg remains. Stir in carrot mixture, noodles and sauce mixture; heat through. Add bean sprouts and toss to combine. Top with cilantro and, if desired, peanuts.
4. Serve with lime wedges.

## Lemon Cake Mix Cookies

*Author: Jaclyn Shimmel* <https://crayonsandcravings.com/lemon-cake-mix-cookies>

### Ingredients

1 15.25 oz. box lemon cake mix	½ cup vegetable oil
2 eggs	powdered sugar, optional



### Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix well to combine cake mix, eggs, and vegetable oil.
2. Place dough in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to chill.
3. Preheat oven to 350<sup>0</sup>. Line cookie sheets with silicone liners or parchment paper.
4. Form dough into 1-inch ball. Roll in powdered sugar, if desired. Place dough balls on baking sheets at least 2 inches apart.
5. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Cool on cookie sheet for 3 minutes before transferring from cookie sheet to cooling rack to cool completely.

**Notes:** Chilling the dough works to keep the dough from spreading as it cooks and results in puffier cookies. However, if you are short on time you can skip chilling the dough. The cookies will still taste yummy. Store covered in an airtight container at room temperature. For even baking, make sure all cookies are the same shape and size.