

CENTRAL

Chimes



Central Presbyterian Church

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

Dear Congregation,

At our recent Wednesday morning Bible Study, where we are watching “*The Chosen*” series (I now call this group “the Chosen Ones”), we had a great discussion about how God seems to weave together the right people at the right time to accomplish what seems improbable, if not impossible, tasks. He seems to cobble together the most unlikely people to achieve amazing things. Or he assembles skilled people that He uses in totally unlikely ways. Why?

Well, during one scene in the show, Jesus is talking to his new disciple, Simon the Zealot, who has in his mind that he will be Jesus’ protector and fight the Romans for his Messiah, with his trusty Sicarii dagger. But Jesus just unceremoniously pitches the expensive dagger into the nearby river and says, “I have a *better* sword.” Simon protests and cannot figure out why Jesus doesn’t want to use his well-honed fighting skills. Jesus responds, “I have everything I need. But *I want you by my side*—that will have to be enough for now.” [*For the record, this scene is not found in the Bible, but **The Chosen** does a very effective job of creatively filling in the back stories of the disciples’ lives with Jesus in ways that are consistent with the Bible’s portrait.*]

Sometimes we have our own plans and intentions for how God can put us to use—as if we know better than He does—but He often seems to thwart those plans and does something to remind us He is in control. He just wants us following close behind, to listen for his guidance. And He *will* speak to us, if we will turn down our other speakers so we can hear.

So let’s use this season of Lent to become better *listeners* and better *students*. I assure you I don’t mean that He doesn’t want us to serve actively in various ways, but I think we all need to learn to let Him tell us—and not the other way around—how we are supposed to do His will. We may think we are good at accounting, or carpentry, or some other skill that can be used to help the church. But we need to be ready to hear that He may intend to use us for something entirely unexpected. It might not be anything that looks important, but rather something like preparing snacks for the Cub Scout troop, or being a substitute driver for Meals on Wheels, or perhaps just sitting with someone sick and unable to be encouraged by anyone but you.

I encourage you to use Lent to take time to read or listen to Scripture—it can even be one verse at a time—and then allow some time to pray but also *listen* for ideas God might plant in your head. You can also talk to trusted friends and tell them what you think you heard Him say and ask them to validate it. Sometimes He speaks to us through the mouthpiece of trusted, wise friends. In all of this remember—always remember—that first and foremost, he wants you by his side. Sometimes that will have to be enough for now.

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Highlights of Regular Session Meeting on February 16, 2023

- Bank Balance as of January 31, 20223: \$65,138.37.
- February Home Communion served to 5 members.
- **MOTION:** Central Presbyterian Church host a Food Pantry Benefit Concert presented by Land of Lincoln Chorus and facilitating community performers. Motion by Patrik Claussen, seconded by Dave Drake. **Motion Approved.**
- Central has doubled the amount of food each week taken from the Food Pantry to the Pop-Up Pantry outside of County Market.
- **Motion:** That the following Central Presbyterian Church members be authorized to have access to the Financial and Historical lock boxes currently maintained by Alliance Community Bank for Central Presbyterian Church: Janene W. Tice – Trustee Endowment Funds; Christine Ford – Trustee Endowment Funds; Rhonda Plaeger – Treasurer; and Jane Stephenson – Clerk of Session. Motion made by Steve Territo from Committee. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- **Motion:** That the following members are approved by Session to conduct the Annual Audit for Central Presbyterian Church: John Godbey; Rebecca Rowe, and Rodney Davis.
- Thank you from Menard Animal Control; PORTA Student Assistance and Menard County Senior Transport for Central's donation. Donations were made from the Ebersolt Fund.

Committee News

Administration

Financial

- Income year-to-date is \$3,569.99 above budget, and YTD expenses are below budget by \$1,308.48, which puts us below our overall budget. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$4,092.82 above our expenses.
- Treasurer's report and financials were submitted.
- General, MMF, Obligated Funds were also submitted.
- Mileage reimbursement rate for 2023 is 65.5 cents per mile.
- The Audit for 2022 is being scheduled.
- Ebersolt monies were distributed in January totaling \$4,100.00.
- Additional names need to be added to the lock boxes at Alliance Bank. A motion to be made to Session for approval.

Building

- Elevator repairs need to be completed to change the smoke detector at the top of the elevator shaft. Johnson Control will replace the detector. Then George Alarm and Kone will need to make another trip to complete the repair and pass the inspection from the State. This requirement is new as of 2023 and has nothing to do with the day-to-day function of the elevator.

Personnel

- Personnel policies will be reviewed and submitted to Session for approval.

Submitted by Jane Stephenson & Steven Territo, Co-chairs

TIME CHANGE: MARCH 12, 2023

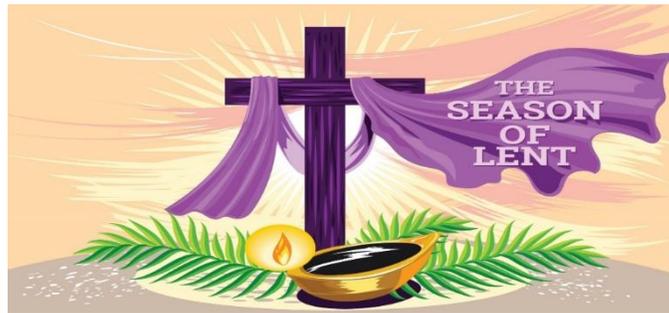


Time Change Song

God of sleep, and God of slumber,
Help us not be late, we ask:
Changing clocks one forward number,
May we not forget this task.
Choir directors, preachers, teachers
all will bless your holy name.

Welcome Aboard!

On Sunday, February 12, following worship, the annual Congregational Meeting was held, moderated by Rev. Kay Daniel. The 2023 election and installation of elders, deacons, and nominating committee was also conducted. David Drake was elected and installed to a 3-year term as Elder. Elected and installed Deacons include: Coleen Janssen (1 year), Sherri Roberts (2 years) and Marilyn Montgomery (3 years). The 2023 Nominating Committee is Patrik Claussen, Beth Kiningham, and Marilyn Montgomery. Please show your support and appreciation to these members for volunteering their time and talents to our congregation. Our gratitude goes to retiring Elder Ron Sanert and Deacon Camilla Long for their past service.



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. Central Presbyterian Church will be hosting the March 29 breakfast. Please contact John Godbey to find out how you can help! The schedule is as follows:

February 22	St. Paul Evangelical Free Church
March 1	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
March 8	United Methodist Church
March 15	First Baptist Church
March 22	St. Peter Catholic Church
March 29	Central Presbyterian Church
April 5	First Christian Church

Women's Lenten Study

Women's Lenten Studies will begin on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. with service starting at 10:00. Central Presbyterian Church will be hosting the March 15 breakfast. Please contact Coleen Janssen to find out how you can help! The schedule is as follows:

March 1	United Methodist Church
March 8	St. Peter Catholic Church
March 15	Central Presbyterian Church
March 22	St. Paul Evangelical Free Church
March 29	First Baptist Church

Easter Sunday/Lilies

One of the highlights of our Easter Sunday service is seeing the beautiful Easter lilies donated in honor or in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to participate in this wonderful symbol of life everlasting, please complete a form (one for each Easter lily), which you will find on the table in the Narthex or later in this Chimes edition, and return it with a check written to Central Presbyterian Church in the amount of **\$20.00**, to the church office by noon, **Friday, March 17, 2023**. If it is inconvenient for you to make it into the church, you will find a form at the end of this newsletter that you can complete and mail to the church along with your check. The form and money **MUST** be in the church office no later than **Friday, March 17, 2023**. After that date, there is no guarantee we can order more Easter lilies.

If you prefer to purchase your lily elsewhere, feel free to do so, but still return the form so that the names can be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you purchase your own Easter lily, please deliver to the church no later than Saturday morning, **April 8, 2023**. Thank you.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Palm Sunday is April 2. We will be celebrating this holiday with our Palm Sunday Breakfast before church from 9:00 to 9:45. 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. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex. 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.

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.

Easter Sunday Worship Service

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

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.

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!

Although Central does not have an installed pastor at this time, Preaching Associate, Robert Lackie, is available to the congregation each **Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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. or

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 April, 2023 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than **Monday, March 20**. 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*

Women and Heart Disease

Although heart disease is sometimes thought of as a man’s disease, almost as many women as men die each year of heart disease in the United States. The following are a few facts from the CDC about women and heart disease:

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States. By race and ethnicity, heart disease is the leading cause of death for African American and white women in the United States. Among American Indian and Alaska Native women, heart disease and cancer cause roughly the same number of deaths each year. For Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander women, heart disease is second only to cancer as a cause of death.

About 1 in 16 women aged 20 and older have coronary heart disease.

Although some women have no symptoms, others may have symptoms when resting or doing regular activities. The following are some of these symptoms: angina (dull and heavy or sharp chest pain); pain in the neck, jaw, or throat; pain in the upper abdomen or back; nausea; vomiting; and fatigue. Sometimes heart disease may be “silent” and not diagnosed until you have other symptoms or emergencies such as a heart attack, arrhythmia, or heart failure.

To lower your chances of getting heart disease, it's important to do the following:

- Know your blood pressure. Having uncontrolled blood pressure can lead to heart disease. High blood pressure has no symptoms, so it's important to have your blood pressure checked regularly.
- Talk to your doctor or health care team about whether you should be tested for diabetes. Having uncontrolled diabetes raises your risk of heart disease.
- Quit smoking. If you don't smoke, don't start. If you do smoke, learn ways to quit.
- Discuss checking your blood cholesterol and triglycerides with your doctor.
- Make healthy food choices. Being overweight raises your risk of heart disease.
- Limit how much alcohol you drink to one drink a day.
- Manage stress levels by finding healthy ways to cope with stress.

<i>Worship Attendance</i>			
February 5	26	February 19	24
February 12	31	February 26	
Average Worship Attendance:			

Best Chopped Salad Recipe

Author: Megan Porta

This classic chopped salad recipe makes a large batch to enjoy for lunch throughout the week or to serve at your next gathering!

Ingredients

12 cups assorted salad greens (spring mix, romaine and/or iceberg), rinsed and broken or chopped into small pieces

1 cup chopped Candied Pecans

2/3 cup dried cherries

8 oz. cherry or grape tomatoes (halved)

2 avocados peeled, pitted and chopped

1/2 red onion (thinly sliced)

1 cup feta cheese crumbles

Raspberry Vinaigrette

1/4 cup raspberry jam

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

2/3 cup olive oil

salt and pepper to taste



Instructions

In a large bowl, combine the greens, pecans, cherries, tomatoes, avocados, red onion and feta cheese. Toss to combine.

In a small bowl, whisk together the raspberry jam, red wine vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper.

Cover and refrigerate both bowls until ready to serve.

Just before serving, pour the dressing into the salad bowl and toss until coated. Serve immediately!

Nutrition: Calories: 297 kcal; Carbs: 20g; Protein: 4g; Fat: 23g; Saturated Fat: 4g; Polyunsaturated Fat: 3g; Monounsaturated fat: 15g; Cholesterol: 11mg; Sodium: 197mg; Potassium: 298mg; Fiber: 4g; Sugar: 11g; Vitamin A: 953iu; Vitamin C: 16mg; Calcium: 88mg; Iron: 1mg.

Quick Tater Tots Bake

Taste of Home

Ingredients

¾ to 1 lb. ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
Salt & pepper to taste
1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen Tater Tots
1 can (10 ¾ oz.) condensed cream
of mushroom soup, undiluted
2/3 cup 2% milk
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350° in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, drain. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Transfer to a greased 2 qt. baking dish. Top with Tater Tots. Combine soup and milk; pour over potatoes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered, 30-40 minutes or until heated through.

Total Time: Prep: 15 min. Bake: 30 min. Yield: 4 servings

Candied Pecans

Ingredients

6 tbsps. Brown sugar
1 ½ tps. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. fine sea salt
½ tbsps. water
2 cups (6 oz.) pecan halves
½ tsp. vanilla extract



Directions

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. Add brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, salt, and water to a medium skillet. Place the skillet over medium heat and cook, stirring often until the brown sugar melts into a bubbling sauce, about 1 minute. Stir in the pecans so that the brown sugar sauce coats them. Cook, stirring the entire time, until the pecans look candied and smell nutty, 2 to 3 minutes. As the nuts heat up in the pan, the sauce will slowly coat them and become shiny. Watch closely as the nuts cook so that they do not burn. Transfer the candied pecans to the prepared baking sheet and spread into one layer. Allow the pecans to cool down, and then break them up before serving. Store cooled candied nuts in an airtight container. They will last at room temperature for one week, in the refrigerator for a few weeks and in the freezer for a month, if not longer.

Fresh Peach Tea

Southern Living by Ann Taylor Pittman

Ingredients

8 ½ cups cool water, divided
2 family-size tea bags
3 cups chopped, unpeeled ripe peaches (about 4 medium)
1 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice



Directions

Bring 3 cups water to a boil in a large saucepan. Remove pan from heat and add tea bags. Cover and steep for 10 minutes. Combine peaches, sugar, and ½ cup water in a medium saucepan. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium; cook until peaches are very soft, mashing with a potato masher. Strain peach syrup through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl, pressing solids with the back of a spoon to extract as much liquid as possible. Stir remaining 5 cups water into steeped tea. Remove and discard tea bags. Combine tea, peach syrup, and lemon juice in a large heatproof pitcher. Serve tea over ice.

Tips: The pulp that is left in the sieve is too tasty to toss. Depending on the ripeness of your peaches, it will be either the texture of applesauce or relish. Either way, it is delicious stirred into oatmeal or pancake batter or blitzed into a smoothie. Enjoy!

Happy Birthday!

Octogenarians

March 5	Marilyn Schafer	13724 Newmansville Ave., Petersburg, IL 62675	
March 15	JoAnn Morris	118 Ash Knob, Petersburg, IL 62675	
March 1	Priscilla Reynolds	March 17	Christopher Carter
March 2	Kayla Gerdes	March 22	Patrik Claussen
March 2	Ken Morris	March 23	Liah Roberts
March 6	Kristina Hutton	March 24	Janet Scheina
March 11	Phil Deverman	March 27	Austin Godbey
March 12	Gary Gerdes	March 28	Amalie McLin

Happy Anniversary!

March 9	Ken & Jinnie Morris	March 26	Marion & Dee Ring
March 18	Dave & Diane Ludington		



	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Communion Steward</u>
Sunday, March 5	Dave Long	Camilla Long	Barb Sampson
Sunday, March 12	Jane Stephenson	Linda Claussen	
Sunday, March 19	John Godbey	Cindy Godbey	
Sunday, March 26	Steve Territo	Julia Territo	
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	

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, March 5	Martin Nagel
Sunday, March 12	Robert Lackie
Sunday, March 19	Jonah Steele
Sunday, March 26	Robert Lackie
Sunday, April 2	TBD (Palm Sunday)
Thursday, April 6	Robert Lackie (Maundy Thursday)
Sunday, April 9	Robert Lackie (Easter Sunday)
Sunday, April 16	Jonah Steele
Sunday, April 23	Robert Lackie
Sunday, April 30	Robert Lackie

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.



Members:

Harriet Carter
Barbara Churchill
Steve Hollis
Mary Mies

Jo Ann Morris
Ken Morris
Rebecca Rowe
Dale & Mary Rose Satorius

Marilyn Schafer
Judy Stahl
Nancy Van Etten
Lisa Willhite

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
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)
Kelly Holtsman (B. Churchill's daughter)
Theresa Hulbert (P. Claussen's friend)
Angie Janssen (C. Janssen's daughter-in-law)

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

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.

Easter Lilies Order Form

One of the highlights of our Easter Sunday service is seeing the beautiful Easter lilies donated in honor or in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to participate in this wonderful symbol of life everlasting, please complete the form below and return it, with a check written to Central Presbyterian Church in the amount of **\$20.00**, to the church office by noon, **Friday, March 17, 2023**.

If you want to purchase your lily elsewhere, please feel free to do so, but still return the form below so that we may include the names in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you.

Please use a separate form for each lily, but you can write one check for multiples.

- Please print below the name(s) of the person(s) to be honored or remembered **exactly as you wish it to appear in the church bulletin**.

Please HONOR _____

OR

REMEMBER (a deceased loved one) _____

- Please print below the name(s) of the person(s) donating the lily exactly as you wish it to appear in the church bulletin. If you donated in the past and want the same bulletin entry used, write **“SAME AS BEFORE”** on the line below.
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Please put an **X** by your choice below.

____ My check to Central Presbyterian Church is attached for \$_____ (\$20.00).

OR

____ *I will bring my own lily to the church on Saturday morning, **April 8, 2023**.*

