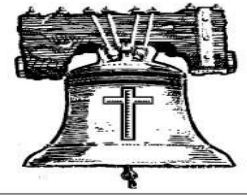


CENTRAL Chimes

Central Presbyterian Church

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



Hello Friends:

The other day, one of our church members came to me and wanted to know if I could meet with them sometime and help them plan out their funeral. This is a very healthy thing to do! It may not be fun to talk about, and some of you might not want to talk about the memorial service you will most likely be having one day. I can understand that. However, as Christ-Followers, any such conversation would naturally include hope, gratitude, and even joy as we reflect on our faith, on God's blessings throughout our life, and on the ultimate victory over death that the **Resurrection of Christ at Easter** has provided! Why do you think many churches have sunrise services on Easter Morning at a cemetery? Because Easter gives us a sure and certain hope, that death will not have the final say over our existence!

There is another reason to intentionally make your final arrangements and to plan any funeral/celebration of life/memorial service that you would like. This is a gift for your family. You don't want your family, while in many cases going through intense grief upon your passing, to have to guess on what you might have wanted for a funeral service or memorial, or if you wanted to be buried or cremated, or what kind of stone you might have wanted, or maybe you don't want a stone at all. Your family will have a better idea on how to honor you if you have it all written down. In a way, this is a final opportunity that you have to serve your loved ones. Don't put all these decisions off on the younger generations of your family!

If you would like to have these conversations, I would be honored to help you work through some of these questions. What hymns would you like included in a service? Any particular scriptures? Would you like anyone to share memories or personal reflections? Do you want a meal provided afterwards? Would you prefer to be cremated or have a traditional burial? Once again, these are not easy conversations to have for some. If your not ready for this, that's OK. I'm here if you are ready. It's because of EASTER that we can have these discussions with a hopeful, peaceful, and even celebratory heart!

1 Corinthians 15:20-22: *"But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life."*

Thanks Be to God, Amen!

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
Edgeness79@hotmail.com



Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, March 20, 2025



- Bank balance as of February 28, 2025 is \$42,317.53.
- Home Communion was served to a total of 2 individuals on March 1, 2025.
- **MOTION: To distribute the following monies from the Ebersolt Fund:**
 - **Petersburg Pharmacy \$500.00**
 - **Potter Drugs \$500.00**
 - **Menard County Senior Transport \$500.00**
 - **Central Illinois Services/Give n Take \$500.00 to be used for updating shelving so that distribution of items can take place indoors during inclement weather. Motion from Committee, Seconded. Motion carried. APPROVED**
- **MOTION: Boy Scout Troop 52 for Summer Camp. \$100.00 (\$500.00 total) per Scout or leader with funds coming from the Scout Obligated Fund account. Motion from Committee, Seconded. Motion carried. APPROVED**
- Central is participating with other churches in Petersburg to have a billboard south of New Salem State Park welcoming people to Petersburg. This sign will show the City of Petersburg website/worship and will list the churches. They are also working on a 5x8 card with the billboard on the front to be available at a number of sites in town.
- Worship is working with the Administration Committee to replace the Bibles in the pews.
- Pastor Edgecombe Report for February:
 - Made numerous pastoral home visits, hospital visits, nursing home visits, telephone calls.
 - Officiated a funeral on February 26, 2025.
 - Planned out Ash Wednesday Service held at Central in partnership with the Methodist Church.
 - Regularly attends Food Pantry Meetings. Food Pantry is expanding its work and attracting more clients due to the larger and more welcoming space. A special thanks to Jan Costello and Cindy Godbey who serve on the Board.
 - Confirmation Class is ongoing. Linda Claussen and Marilyn Montgomery have been attending to offer support/encouragement to the boys and their faith journey.
 - Discussion with Methodist Church about hosting Vacation Bible School in 2025 is ongoing.
 - A BIG “thank you” to CPC for all their support during Bethany’s heart attack and brief hospital stay!

Administration Committee News

Financial

- Our income YTD was \$2,586.10 above budget and expenses were below budget by \$2,477.72. Regardless of budget, our income was \$3,599.56 lower than our expenses. This amount is in line with anticipated shortfall with our 2025 budget.
- Treasurer’s report, General, Obligated Funds and MMF were reviewed by the Committee. Designated and Endowment Funds were also reviewed.
- Work is ongoing on transferring all Endowment Fund information to the new laptop. The completed Annual report is available in the office upon request.
- The checkbook balance, including Obligated Funds, is \$41,946.37. This balance does not include two \$20K CDs that are held in savings.
- The 2024 Audit was completed in March by John Godbey and Rebecca Rowe with no significant findings.

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Building

- An annual YouTube subscription for \$139.99 was set up with this being paid through the Endowment Fund, Taylor Fund (K). This will allow for easier showing of video clips during church services.
- The banners have been moved behind the Sanctuary and a new Plexiglas piece has been cut for the top of the Communion table (the tempered glass was very heavy).
- The computer in the sanctuary will be changed with our new laptop later in 2025.

Submitted by Steven Territo, Chairperson

Catechism Corner

Catechism Corner From *κατηχέω*, ("to teach orally")

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. I enjoy talking theology so come by the church if you have questions or thoughts about these!

The Study Catechism: Full Version Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Question 84: What do you mean when you speak of “the resurrection of the body?”

Because Christ lives, we will live also. The resurrection of the body celebrates our eternal value to God as living persons, each one with a unique and distinctive identity. Indeed, the living Savior who goes before us was once heard, seen and touched in person, after the discovery of his empty tomb. The resurrection of the body means hope for the whole person, because it is in the unity of body and soul, not in soul alone, that I belong in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

John 14:19 “In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.”

John 11:25 *“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.’”*

Romans 6:5 *“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”*

Question 85: What is the nature of resurrection hope?

Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth.

Isaiah 11:6 *“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.”*

Revelations 21:1 *“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”*

2 Peter 3:13 *“But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.”*

Question 86: Does resurrection hope mean that we don’t have to take action to relieve the suffering of this world?

No. When the great hope is truly alive, small hopes arise even now for alleviating the sufferings of the present time. Reconciliation—with God, with one another, and with oneself—is the great hope God has given to the world. While we commit to God the needs of the whole world in our prayers, we also know that we are commissioned to be instruments of God’s peace. When hostility, injustice and suffering are overcome here and now, we anticipate the end of all things—the life that God brings out of death, which is the meaning of resurrection hope.

Psalms 27:13 *“I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”*

Romans 14:19 *“Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”*

Deuteronomy 30:19 *“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.”*

Quotation Station

(Quotes on “Easter”)

“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!”

--Pope John Paul II

“It’s not about the bunny; it’s about the lamb.”

--Unknown

“I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren’t true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world and they couldn’t keep a lie for three weeks. You’re telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”

--Charles Colson

“The devil, darkness, and death may swagger and boast, the pangs of life will sting for a while longer, but don’t worry; the forces of evil are breathing their last. Not to worry—he’s risen!”

--Charles R. Swindoll

“The cross of Christ only triumphs in the breast of believers over the devil and the flesh, sin and sinners, when their eyes are directed to the power of his Resurrection.” --John Calvin

Monthly Riddle/Joke

What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Answer: Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Answer: Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Answer: Sampson. He brought the house down.

What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

Answer: Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?

Answer: Joshua, son of Nun (Joshua 1:1)



Lent 2025

CPC Hosts Men's Lenten Breakfast

On Wednesday, March 5, the 2025 Men's Lenten Breakfast series began with Central as host. The men cooked sausage Tuesday evening and met early Wednesday morning to prepare scrambled eggs to serve along with cinnamon rolls, juice, and coffee. Pastor Ryan greeted about 40 attendees at the door and later provided the morning's devotion followed by a sharing of prayer requests.

Thanks to David Long, who chaired the event, Patrik Claussen, David Drake, Rich Ford, John Godbey, Ben Kiningham, Steve Territo, and Pastor Ryan for providing an inspiring and hearty fellowship.



Ash Wednesday Service

More than 50 Methodists and Presbyterians joined to celebrate the service of Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 7 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church. Pastor Ryan opened the service, Pastor Rick Pierce gave the message, and both pastors led the Imposition of Ashes.



Community Lenten Gatherings

Listed below are the remaining Men's Lenten Breakfasts and Women's Lenten Studies in April. The Men's 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. Women begin with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and then a service starting at 10:00.

Men's Lenten Breakfasts

- April 2 United Methodist Church, 221 W. Jackson St.
- April 9 First Baptist Church, 103 W. Sangamon Ave.
- April 16 St. Peter Catholic Church, 711 S. 6th St.

Women's Lenten Studies

- April 2 First Baptist Church, 103 W. Sangamon Ave.
- April 9 First Christian Church, 210 S. 8th St.
- April 16 **Central Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Douglas**

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Palm Sunday is April 13. We will be celebrating this holiday with our Palm Sunday Breakfast before church from **9:30 to 10:15**. 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. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you wish to donate food items for the breakfast. 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 combined Maundy Thursday communion service will be held at United Methodist Church this year on **Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.** 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.

Community-Wide Good Friday Service

A community-wide Good Friday service will be held at Church of Christ on **Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday Worship Service

Resurrection Sunday Worship service will be **Sunday, April 20**, at 10:30 a.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (March 5 through April 20) 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.

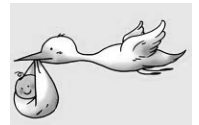
The offering is collected through **April 20** (Easter Sunday). Special offering envelopes are available in the church pews and on the table in the Narthex.

Thank You!

I want to thank you all for the prayers, food, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Marilyn Montgomery

A New Bundle of Joy!

Congratulations to Seth and Ryley Sanert on the arrival of Theodore (Teddy) John Sanert. Teddy was born Wednesday, March 12, weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz., and 21 inches long. Welcoming him home is 16-month-old Big Sister Sloane—who is thrilled! Ron and Susie Sanert are proud and doting grandparents.



Meals on Wheels

For many years, Central has provided delivery of Meals on Wheels in the Petersburg area in the month of May, and we are again scheduled to do so this year. May will soon be here! **There is a need for volunteers to make deliveries.** There are 2 routes—one inside the city of Petersburg and one for the Lake and rural area around Petersburg. Meals need to be picked up between 10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the High-rise, and the routes take about an hour to complete—5 days a week. So, we need to deliver 21 days in May; 2 routes each day. There is no delivery on Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day) so the Friday before (May 23) there will be an extra “cold” meal delivered to each person on the routes. That means filling 42 routes throughout the month!!! They're up to as many as **36 meals** delivered on the “in-town” route with several deliveries of two meals at one residence and up to as many as **10 meals** delivered on the “out-of-town” route.

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. If you have questions, please call Jan Costello, program chairperson. Her number is 217-899-2618.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the **April 2025 Chimes** submitted to the church office no later than **Monday, 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.

Keep Connected!

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

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
Marilyn Montgomery, Deacon Chair, 217-341-5361
Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session, 217-341-7599

Another option for keeping connected is through the use of the **Central Presbyterian Prayer Chain** on Facebook. Group prayer is so powerful. The congregation is encouraged to reach out with any prayer request—nothing is too trivial! The posts are seen only by group members. If you are a Facebook user but not yet a group member, look us up and join today!

Health Notes: submitted by Alice Studzinski

World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2005

World Autism Awareness Day, a United Nations-designated day, aims to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and promote acceptance and inclusion for individuals with autism. Autism is a neurodevelopmental disability that affects how the brain develops. For many years, autism was misunderstood, and autistic individuals faced discrimination in schools,

workplaces, and communities. This month is the perfect time to raise awareness about autism and to promote inclusivity.

The theme for World Autism Acceptance Month in 2025 is “Celebrate Differences.” It encourages us to see that each person is unique, and their differences are a normal part of life. Instead of thinking of autism as a condition that needs to be fixed, we should celebrate the differences autism brings.

There are five major types of autism, which include Asperger’s syndrome, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, Kanner’s syndrome, and pervasive developmental disorder – not otherwise specified. Understanding the unique challenges presented by each type of autism is important in helping the affected individual cope with the disorder.

The following are signs of autism that can occur at any age:

- Avoidance of eye contact
- Persistent preference for solitude
- Difficulty understanding other people’s feelings
- Delayed language development
- Persistent repetition of words or phrases (echolalia)
- Resistance to minor changes in routine or surroundings
- Restricted interests
- Repetitive behaviors (flapping, rocking, spinning, etc.)
- Unusual and intense reactions to sounds, smells, tastes, textures, lights and/or colors
- Loss of previously acquired speech, babbling or social skills

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the leading pediatric health organization in the United States, **recommends that all children be screened for autism at ages 18 months and 24 months**, in addition to undergoing developmental and behavioral screenings during their regular **well-child visits at 9 months, 18 months and 30 months**. By age 2, an ASD diagnosis by an experienced professional can be considered reliable.

Early identification is very important. Research shows that early intervention can make a lifetime of difference for people identified with autism.

Menard Caring Food Pantry

Menard Caring Food Pantry is at The Community Cottage in Petersburg, 119 W. Douglas Street. Hours of operation are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

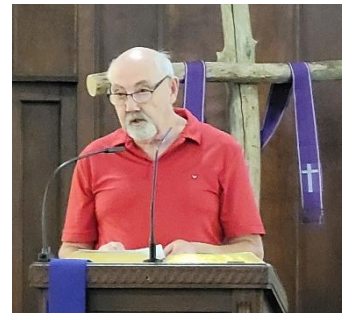
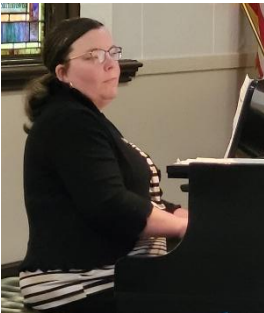
For questions or more information, please contact: Lindsay Wilken, Food Pantry Coordinator at 217-717-2551, or Anne Smith, Menard Caring Treasurer at 217-303-8968.

April is “Eat Your Veggies” (canned vegetables). Donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex.

Diaper Bank Needs

The Diaper Bank is currently in need of **sizes 1-4 diapers** and **pull-ups** as well as **baby wipes**. They are well stocked with adult briefs and pads at this time. Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation is always accepted.

March Scenes from Central



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 Court, Bowling Green, MO 63334

April 3	Jillian Kveton	April 20	Nicholas Territo
April 10	Susie Sanert	April 25	Ryan Edgecombe
April 19	Linda Williams	April 28	Dave Long

Happy Anniversary!

April 4	Joe & Nancy Mehr
April 6	Phil & Helen Deverman
April 28	Doug & Ruth Stark

Worship Leaders

	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, April 6	Dave Long	Camilla Long	Pat Claussen
Sunday, April 13	Cheryl Drake	Cindy Godbey	
Sunday, April 20	Rodney Davis	Jan Costello	Jan Costello
Sunday, April 27	Ron Sanert	Brianne Satorius	

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.

Worship Attendance

March 2	33	March 16	29
March 5 (Ash Wed.)	54	March 23	43
March 9	36	March 30	27

Average Worship Attendance: 34



Members:

Emma Lou Denton
June Gamage
Steve Hollis
Alia Montgomery
Marilyn Montgomery

Jo Ann Morris
Ken Morris
Charles (Sandy) Sandberg
Ron Sanert

Jim Satorius
Judy Stahl
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)
Mike Anderson Family (D & C. Long's neighbor)
Family of Lowell Beaverson (P. Claussen relative)
Tim Bellinger (R. Plaeger's nephew)
Raeleigh Bess (P. & M. Montgomery's great niece)
Kelly Bessie (M. Montgomery's friend)
Clarice Blout (B. Satorius' grandmother)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Judy Boutelle (Rev. Boutelle's wife)
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)
Family of Wallace Dahmm (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Jim Daugherty (former Boy Scout Leader)
Serge Davis
Barb Deihl (L. Williams' cousin)
Bethany Edgcombe (Pastor Ryan's wife)
Vicki Edgcombe (Pastor Ryan's mother)
Ellen (W. Carter's friend)
Katie Embrey (Phyllis Hunsaker's granddaughter)
Linda Ewing (D. & C. Long's friend)
Liam Grogan (D. & C. Long's nephew)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Lucien Hill (grandson to friend of M. Montgomery)
Family of David Hollis (Friend of J. Satorius)
Phyllis Hunsaker (former member of CPC)
Kristina & Matthew Hutton (D. & C. Long's daughter)
Family of Dorothy King (A. Montgomery's sister)
Cade Leesman (D. & C. Long's friend)
David "Anthony" Long (D. & C. Long's son)
Kathy Long (D. & C. Long's sister-in-law)
Manny Martinez (D. Long's friend)

Family of Willard Miller
Karen Myers (cousin of Pastor Ryan)
Jerry Naughton (D. & C. Long's friend)
Katie Niccolls (J. Koch's granddaughter)
Family of "Dan" Ormond (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Steve & Kim Rebbe (C. Ford's friend)
Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)
Kathy Ruppel (M. Montgomery's friend)
Robert Sandidge (M. Gheen's brother)
Kevin Scarlett (B. Edgcombe's uncle)
Dawn Schafer (S. Schafer's daughter-in-law)
Richard Schafer (S. Schafer's husband)
Co Shelton (J. Tice's friend)
Kay Siegrist (L. Williams' friend))
Jeff Smith (D. & C. Long's friend)
Patty Smith (E. Denton's niece)
Janey Spangler (C. Long's family)
Nancy Swift (R. Pinkston's cousin)
Randy Throckmorton
Family of Arlyn Tisdale
Libby Trone
Family of "Bucky" Washam (Edgcombe family friend)
Roger Whitaker (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Withers family
Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's granddaughter)

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:

Our country and our world
Peace between nation neighbors
Victims of gun violence/mass shootings
Our youth so that they may find Christ!

Displaced peoples in the world
Victims of sexual assault
Racial equality
Homeless Veterans

Please keep our healthcare workers, law enforcement, 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.

Tortellini with Asparagus & Lemon

Taste of Home

Ingredients

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| 2 pkgs. (9 oz. ea.) refrigerated cheese tortellini | |
| 3 tbsps. butter | 1 tsp. minced fresh parsley |
| 1 tbsp. olive oil | 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh dill |
| 2 cups cut fresh asparagus (2 in. pieces) | 1/2 tsp. grated lemon zest |
| 3 garlic cloves, minced | 2 tbsps. lemon juice |
| 1/8 tsp. pepper | 2/3 cup crumbled feta cheese |
| 2 tps. chopped chives | 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese |



Directions

1. Cook tortellini according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat butter and oil over medium-high heat. Add asparagus, cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add garlic and pepper; cook 1 minute longer.
2. Remove from heat; stir in herbs, lemon zest and lemon juice. Drain tortellini; transfer to a large bowl. Stir in cheeses and asparagus mixture.

Prep/Total Time: 30 min.

Banana Bars with Cream Cheese Frosting

Taste of Home

Ingredients

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| 1/2 cup butter, softened | 2 cups flour |
| 1 1/2 cups sugar | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 2 large eggs, room temperature | 1/4 tsp. salt |
| 1 cup sour cream | 2 medium ripe bananas, mashed |
| 1 tsp. vanilla extract | |

Frosting

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| 1 pkg. (8oz.) cream cheese, softened | 2 tps. vanilla extract |
| 1/2 cup butter, softened | 3 3/4 cups confectioners' sugar |

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Add eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in bananas.
2. Spread into a greased 15x10x1 inch baking pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean (do not overbake), 20-25 minutes. Let cool.
3. For frosting, in a large bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla until fluffy. Gradually beat in enough confectioners' sugar to achieve desired consistency. Frost bars. Store in the refrigerator.

Total Time/Prep: 15 min./Bake: 20 min + cooling

