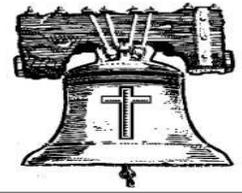


CENTRAL Chimes

Central Presbyterian Church

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



Hello Friends:

People have great stories to tell. I bet you have some great stories to tell, because God has made you special and has provided for you in unique and beautiful ways. I bet you have some great stories to tell, for there are countless ways that you have been recipients of God's Grace. I bet you have some great stories to tell because God has a purpose for you and there are some fascinating ways in which you have lived out that purpose. I encourage you to write down some of your stories and share them with your friends, family, and Church family. Write down these stories of Grace and Gratitude, and I know your Creator and Redeemer will see them as an act of worship.

Here is a story from my father, Jay Arthur Edgecombe, that I hope you will enjoy. *“I look across the field and watch in amazement as the giant combines engulf hundreds of acres of corn and soybeans like starving monsters; they can harvest more grain in a day than would have taken my father and his three sons over three weeks to finish. We worked long days picking corn two rows at a time starting in the early morning before sunrise and finishing way after dark. I still remember heading out the kitchen back door after breakfast to start my day. I remember the pride I felt when I was strong enough to start Dad’s old 1939 (G), John Deere tractor. That old tractor was started by turning a heavy flywheel, and I became strong enough with my good arm to make the heavy flywheel turn over. All at once, the old girl would jump alive with her belching and coughing. All at once she took off with a boom, fire shooting out of her stack as to tell me ‘I’m ready to go to work.’ Some boys became a man when they kissed their first girl. Others when they drank their first beer. For me, I became a MAN when I became strong enough to start that old John Deere tractor.*

When we finished picking the last row of the corn it was time to prepare for winter: putting the corn picker away in the tool shed, taking the corn dump down from the corn crib, and getting ready for the fall plowing. For over 150 years, farmers have used a steel moldboard plow to turn over the rich prairie soil. What we didn’t get plowed in the fall, we finished in the spring. Now the job of driving a tractor day and night through the field, turning over the rich earth of Illinois with John Deere’s steel plow is only just a memory. Now we know using those steel moldboard plows caused tons of precious soil to be lost to the winter’s winds via erosion. I remember when our father farmed 240 acres when I was a boy growing up. We milked cows and raised pigs and chickens. We had a large garden and our mother canned just about everything. It was a wonderful time in my life. I miss them so.”

Looking forward to springtime,

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
Edgeness79@hotmail.com



Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, February 20, 2025



- Bank balance as of January 31, 2025 is \$41,217.35.
- Home Communion was served to a total of 5 individuals on February 1, 2025.
- Communion Training has been completed for the following: David Drake, Linda Claussen, Jane Stephenson, Rebecca Rowe, Marilyn Montgomery, and Patrik Claussen.
- **MOTION: That Worship in the Park shall be held on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Motion from Committee, Seconded. Motion carried. APPROVED.**
- **MOTION: That Central will pay the sum of \$665.00 per year for our rental share of the Ecumenical Bill Board Sign coming in to Petersburg from the South on Rt. 97, said sums to be paid from the Endowment Interest Account. Motion from Committee, Seconded. Motion carried. APPROVED.**
- Thank you to Steve Territo and Rhonda Plaeger for all they do at Central.
- Thank you to David Long and his team for ordering and installing the brand new TV in the Sanctuary.
- Christian Education has purchased Lenten Booklets “The Easter Code” which will be available in the Narthex. They have also purchased, and will have available, Easter Coloring Books, “He is Risen”.
- Pastor Edgecombe Report for January:
 - Made numerous pastoral home visits, hospital visits, nursing home visits, telephone calls.
 - Attended PORTA Ministerial meeting.
 - Regularly attends Food Pantry Meetings.
 - Bible study finished “Daniel.” Bible Study will be discontinued during the Lenten Season.
 - Confirmation Class has started. It will be a total of 10 sessions with curriculum being used “Professing our Faith: A Confirmation Curriculum.”
 - Discussion with Methodist Church about hosting Vacation Bible School in 2025 is ongoing.

Administration Committee News

Financial

- Our income for January 2025 was \$1,628.91 above budget and expenses were below budget by \$381.01. Regardless of budget, our income was \$2,346.21 lower than our expenses.
- 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 checkbook balance, including Obligated Funds, is \$40,700.19. This balance does not include two \$20K CD’s that are held in savings.
- The 2024 Audit will be completed in March by John Godbey and Rebecca Rowe.

Building

- The phone in the elevator was upgraded to a wireless service on February 4.
 - The \$975.00 installation fee will be paid from Endowment Funds.
 - The \$55 monthly fee for the elevator phone is figured into our budget.
- On February 13 we had our annual inspection for the elevator (we passed!).
- CPC will participate with other local churches in having a billboard sign South of New Salem welcoming visitors to Petersburg. The one-year cost is less than \$700 and will be paid from Endowment Funds.

- The TV installation in the sanctuary was completed by Dave Long.
- The computer in the sanctuary will be changed with our 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 80: What do you mean when you speak of “the forgiveness of sins”?

That because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness and my life; Christ is my only hope. Grace alone, not my merits, is the basis on which God has forgiven me in Him. Faith alone, not my works, is the means by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with Him the forgiveness that makes me whole. Christ alone, grace alone, and faith alone bring the forgiveness I receive through the gospel.

1 Corinthians 1:30 *“Christ Jesus became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”*

Romans 11:6 *“But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”*

Ephesians 2:8 *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”*

Question 81: Does forgiveness mean that God condones sin?

No. God does not cease to be God. Although God is merciful, God does not condone what God forgives. In the death and resurrection of Christ, God judges what God abhors—everything hostile to love—by abolishing it at the very roots. In this judgement the unexpected occurs; good is brought out of evil, hope out of hopelessness, and life out of death. God spares sinners, and turns them from enemies into friends. The uncompromising judgement of God is revealed in the suffering love of the cross.

Isaiah 59:15 *“The Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice.”*

Hebrew 9:22 *“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”*

Romans 5:8-10 *“But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by His blood, will we be saved through Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life.”*

Question 82: Does your forgiveness of those who have harmed you depend on their repentance?

No. I am to forgive as I have been forgiven. The gospel is the astonishing good news that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Just as God's forgiveness of me is unconditional, and so precedes my confession of sin and repentance, so my forgiveness of those who have harmed me does not depend on their confessing and repenting of their sin. However, when I forgive the person who has done me harm, giving up any resentment or desire to retaliate, I do not condone the harm that was done or excuse the evil of the sin.

Colossians 3:13 *"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."*

Mark 11:25 *"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."*

Hebrew 12:14 *"Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."*

Question 83: How can you forgive those who have really hurt you?

I cannot love my enemies, I cannot pray for those who persecute me, and I cannot even be ready to forgive those who have really hurt me, without the grace that comes from above. I cannot be conformed to the image of God's Son, apart from the power of God's Word and Spirit. Yet I am promised that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Luke 6:27-28 *"But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."*

James 1:17 *"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."*

Romans 8:29 *"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family."*

Quotation Station

(Quotes on "Change")

"Prayer is reaching out after the unseen; fasting is letting go of all that is seen and temporal. Fasting helps express, deepen, confirm the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God."

Andrew Murray, 19th Century Dutch Reformed Pastor/Author/Missionary

"In Shansi, I found Chinese Christians who were accustomed to spend time in fasting and prayer. They recognized that this fasting, which so many dislike, which requires faith in God, since it makes one feel weak and poorly, is really a divinely appointed means of grace. Perhaps the greatest hindrance to our work is our own imagined strength; and in fasting we learn what poor, weak creatures we are—dependent on a meal of meat for the little strength which we are so apt to lean upon."

--Hudson Taylor, 19th Century Protestant, founder of China Inland Mission

"Fasting helps cultivate that spiritual hunger by forcing the hunger issue on us and making us ask if we really do hunger for God. Christian fasting, at its root, is the hunger of a homesickness for God."

--John Piper, Pastor and Author, Reformed Baptist Tradition

"Let us say something about fasting, because many, for want of knowing its usefulness, undervalue its necessity, and some reject it as almost superfluous; while, on the other hand where the use of it is

not well understood, it easily degenerates into superstition. Holy and legitimate fasting is directed to three ends, for we practice it either as a restraint on the flesh, to preserve it from licentiousness, or as a preparation for prayers and pious meditations, or as a testimony of our humiliation in the presence of God when we are desirous of confessing our guilt before him.”

--John Calvin, 16th Century Leader of the Protestant Reformation in Geneva

Monthly Riddle/Joke

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?

Answer: A rash of good luck!

What do you call a fake diamond in Ireland?

Answer: Sham-rock!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Answer: Bugs Bunny!

What did the mother worm say to the little worm who was late?

Answer: Where in earth have you been!

What did the seed say to the flower?

Answer: Ok, bloomer!



February 9—Praise for Service

Military Service Recognition

In gratitude for Mark Goeringer's service, Central recognized Mark's retirement from the Air National Guard after serving for 28 years. Mark was presented a plaque and honored at fellowship following worship.



Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, February 9, our Annual Congregational Meeting was held following worship for the purpose of reviewing the 2024 Annual Report. Rev. Gerald Boutelle was present as Moderator, along with Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session. Thanks to all who participated in and were active in the year's activities and to those who attended the annual meeting. If you did not receive a copy of the Annual Report, you may obtain one from the church office.

Election & Ordination/Installation of 2025 Officers

Following the Annual Congregational Meeting, Rev. Boutelle moderated the election of officers for 2025. Nominating Committee Chair, Rodney Davis, presented the slate of officers. Beth Kiningham and Susie Sanert were elected as Deacons to serve a one-year term; Debbie Davis will serve a 3-year term. Elected as Ruling Elders for a 1-year term were Rodney Davis and Camilla Long. The 2025 Nominating Committee will be Rodney Davis, Marilyn Montgomery, and Rebecca Rowe.



Congratulations!

Ethan and Alexa Stephenson welcomed Maeve Taylor at 10:31 a.m., on Wednesday, February 12. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and 19½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Dan and Jane Stephenson.



Lunch for Confirmation Class

There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table for volunteers to prepare a lunch for the confirmation class every Sunday from now until April 13.

Time Change: March 9, 2025



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.

Lent 2025

Lent for the year **2025** starts on **Wednesday, March 5, and ends on Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday.**

Lent is a Christian annual period that starts on Ash Wednesday lasting for 40 days (not including Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. This 40-day period for Christians is a time to reflect, fast, and give penance in preparation for the resurrection of Christ Easter Sunday.

Is Lent 40 Days?

Lent for Christians starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on either the evening of Maundy Thursday or on sundown of Holy Saturday (day before Easter Sunday). However, the practices of Lent do not end until sundown on Holy Saturday for all Christian denominations. So it is 44 days from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday and another two days with Good Friday and Holy Saturday added to give a total of 46 days for Lent. But Sundays are excluded from fasting during Lent and with 6 Sundays removed from the count we get Lent being a 40-day liturgical period.

Ash Wednesday Service

A combined Ash Wednesday communion service with United Methodist Church will be held at Central this year on **Wednesday, March 5**. Time of service is **7:00 p.m.**

Community Lenten Gatherings

Men and women of our community will be meeting on Wednesday mornings throughout Lent for fellowship and study. 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. Dave Long will welcome volunteers willing to help out! Women begin with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and then a service starting at 10:00. Please contact Coleen Janssen to find out how you can help! The schedules are as follows:

Men's Lenten Breakfasts

March 5	Central Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Douglas
March 12	First Christian Church, 210 S. 8 th St.
March 19	St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, 209 W. Douglas
March 26	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 120 W. Monroe St.
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. 6 th St.

Women's Lenten Studies

March 12	United Methodist Church, 221 W. Jackson St.
March 19	St. Peter Catholic Church, 711 S. 6 th St.
March 26	St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, 209 W. Douglas
April 2	First Baptist Church, 103 W. Sangamon Ave.
April 9	First Christian Church, 210 S. 8 th St.
April 16	Central Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Douglas

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, 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 no later than noon, **March 30**. 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 **March 30**. After that date, we are not guaranteed 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 19, 2025**. Thank you.

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 will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex once we are closer to the date. 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**. Time is yet to be determined. 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 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 Easter Sunday. Special offering envelopes are available in the church pews and on the table in the Narthex.





PORTA Hall of Fame Committee Announces Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2025

PORTA Hall of Fame Committee recently announced Brian Satorius as a member of the Hall of Fame induction class of 2025. Brian was a 1992 PORTA High School graduate and was active in both school and community activities during his youth. He was very involved in 4-H from a young age, showing hogs at both the Menard County Fair and FFA livestock shows. He also served as an FFA officer during high school. After graduation, Brian earned a degree in agriculture from Western Illinois University where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. Upon graduation, he began working for Midwest Technologies (Mid-Tech), a company in Springfield, Illinois, that later became part of TeeJet Technologies. Brian worked his way up from a position in technical support to becoming a key member of the support team and eventually part of the engineering team. During that time, he traveled throughout the United States and around the world to train sales people for TeeJet to help its customers use the products effectively. His work to improve farming techniques through technology was especially important to Brian because of his own farming operation in Menard County. He earned his Master's degree in Crop Science from the University of Illinois, and he worked with Southern Illinois University to establish a conservation and water drainage project on his farmland in Menard County. This was one of the first of its kind, and this project prompted U.S. Congressman Darin LaHood and other state officials to visit Brian's farm to tour and to learn about the project. Brian was also active in the Menard County Farm Bureau where he served as both an officer and president. He represented Menard County at state conventions, planned the Farm Bureau's 100th anniversary celebration, coordinated the annual Farm Bureau Dinners, and led the way to update the Farm Bureau building during his tenure as president. Brian was an active member of the Menard County Jaycees, the Petersburg PREP committee, and the PORTA FFA alumni committee; and he assisted PORTA FFA students with their project interviews. He was also very active in Central Presbyterian Church, serving on several committees as both an elder and treasurer. Tragically, in 2021, Brian was killed in a farm accident. In addition to his wife, Brianne, and his children, Ethan and Ava, Brian left behind a legacy of passionate commitment to his community and an example worth emulating.

The induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. at high school commons area. Tickets will be available for purchase at the high school office from the end of March through April 8. Tickets must be purchased by April 8.

(Excerpts from article in the February 13, 2025 Petersburg Observer)

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the **March 2025 Chimes** submitted to the church office no later than **Friday, March 22!** 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*

March 30 is National Doctor’s Day

Signed into order by President George Bush on October 30, 1990, Public Law 101-473 sets aside March 30 as a day to honor all physicians. This day honors physicians for their service and contributions to patient care, including the work they do for their patients, the communities they work in, and for society as a whole. It is their hard work and devotion that keeps all of us healthy and this day thanks them for doing that for us and our loved ones.

National Doctor’s Day offers an opportunity for health care institutions and patients to express their gratitude and appreciation for the tireless efforts of physicians. Consider sending a message, card, flowers, candy, or something else to a favorite or respected physician in your life. Messages of appreciation can include:

- "Happy Doctor's Day to the superheroes in white coats!"
- "Here's to the incredible doctors who selflessly serve humanity with their skills and expertise."
- Or a more personal message.

If you prefer to honor or thank your physician in a less public manner, you can say a short personal prayer on their behalf. In this way, we can shower our medical professionals with blessings on their special day and every day of the year.

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.

March is “Meat the Need” (Hamburger Helper, beef stew, canned meat, pork n beans). 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.

February Scenes from Central



The Best Shepherd's Pie

Taste of Home

Ingredients

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| 1 lb. ground beef | 2 tsps. minced garlic |
| 1 cup chopped onion | 1 tbsp. cornstarch |
| 2 cups frozen corn, thawed | 1 tsp. beef bouillon granules |
| 2 cups frozen peas, thawed | 1/2 cup cold water |
| 2 tbsps. Ketchup | 1/2 cup sour cream |
| 1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce | 3 1/2 cups mashed potatoes (prepared with milk and butter) |
| | 3/4 cups shredded cheddar cheese |



Directions

1. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, breaking it into crumbles; drain. Stir in the corn, peas, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and garlic. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook for 5 minutes.
2. Combine the cornstarch, bouillon and water until well blended; stir into beef mixture. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir until thickened, 2 minutes. Stir in sour cream and heat through (do not boil).
3. Spread mashed potatoes over the top; sprinkle with cheese. Cover and cook until potatoes are heated through and cheese is melted.

Prep/Total Time: 30 minutes

Sautéed Cabbage

Taste of Home

Ingredients

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| 2 tbsps. butter | 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes |
| 1 tsp. sugar | 1/8 tsp. pepper |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | 6 cups coarsely chopped cabbage |
| | 1 tbsp. water |



Directions

1. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in the sugar, salt, pepper flakes and pepper. Add the cabbage and water. Cook for 5-6 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.

Prep/Total Time: 20 min.

Green Flop Jell-O

Taste of Home

Ingredients

- 2 cups lemon-lime soda
- 2 packages (3 oz. ea.) lime gelatin
- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups lemon-lime soda, chilled
- 1 carton (12 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions

1. Microwave 2 cups soda on high until hot, 1-2 minutes. Place hot soda and gelatin in a blender; cover and process until gelatin is dissolved. Add cream cheese, process until blended.
2. Transfer to a large bowl; stir in chilled soda. Whisk in whipped topping. Pour into a 3-quart trifle bowl or glass bowl. Refrigerate, covered, until firm, about four hours.

Prep: 15 minutes+ chilling



Happy Birthday!

Octogenarian

March 15	JoAnn Morris	Countryside Estates, 19080 Sunny Acres Rd., Apt. 210 Petersburg, IL 62675	
March 1	Priscilla Reynolds	March 12	Gary Gerdes
March 2	Kayla Gerdes	March 17	Christopher Carter
March 2	Ken Morris	March 22	Patrik Claussen
March 6	Kristina Hutton	March 23	Liah Roberts
March 10	Seth Edgecombe	March 27	Austin Godbey
March 11	Phil Deverman	March 28	Amalie McLin

Happy Anniversary!

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

Worship Leaders

	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, March 2	Rebecca Rowe	Marilyn Montgomery	Marilyn Montgomery
Sunday, March 9	Jan Costello	Alice Studzinski	
Sunday, March 16	Linda Williams	Pat Claussen	
Sunday, March 23	Dan Stephenson	Rodney Davis	
Sunday, March 30	Cheryl Drake	Barb Sampson	

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

February 2	30	February 16	24
February 9	44	February 23	20

Average Worship Attendance: 30



Members:

Emma Lou Denton
June Gamage
Steve Hollis
Alia Montgomery

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

Jim Satorius
Judy Stahl
Dan Stephenson
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery’s cousin)
Mike Anderson Family (D & C. Long’s neighbor)
Family of Cory Beebe
Tim Bellinger (R. Plaeger’s nephew)
Family of Bill Benner (M. Montgomery’s cousin)
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)
Wallace & Wilma Dahm (Pastor Ryan’s friend)
Jim Daugherty (former Boy Scout Leader)
Serge Davis
Barb Deihl (L. Williams’ cousin)
Bethany Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan’s wife)
Vicki Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan’s mother)
Ellen (W. Carter’s friend)
Katie Embrey (Phyllis Hunsaker’s granddaughter)
Linda Ewing (D. & C. Long’s friend)
Family of J.R. Fawns
Liam Grogan (D. & C. Long’s nephew)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford’s sister)
Lucien Hill (grandson to a friend of M. Montgomery)
Phyllis Hunsaker
Ron Kelso (C. Godbey’s brother)
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 Janet McAtee
Family of Heather McHenry
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. Edgecombe’s uncle)
Dawn Schafer (S. Schafer’s daughter-in-law)
Richard Schafer (S. Schafer’s husband)
Family of James (Jim) Schoenherr
Co Shelton (J. Tice’s friend)
Family of Ruth Shoemaker (B. Satorius’ family)
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
“Bucky” Washam (Edgecombe 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. Call the church office at 217-632-2651 or send an email to office@central-pres.org.

New Address:	June Gamage Lutheran Hillside Village—SP1106 6901 North Galena Road Peoria, IL 61614
Phone:	309-689-2325

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, Sunday March 30!**.

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 19, 2025.***

