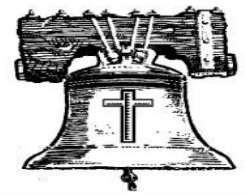


# CENTRAL Chimes



*Central Presbyterian Church*

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

Hello Friends:

Isn't it great to know that God continues to shape us, form us, and work with us over the years by His Amazing Grace? He is not through with us yet!!!! What a comfort that is. I know someone that God worked with, guided, shepherded, and formed throughout his life even when this person was not even sure there was a God. This person went through some of the most tragic times imaginable, and yet seemed to thirst after his Creator more and more over time. God did not push this person away in response to his skepticism, but embraced him in those divine loving arms in the midst of his brokenness and heavy heart.

I am talking about Abraham Lincoln, our beloved 16<sup>th</sup> President. I have been reading a book called "Lincoln's Battle with God" by Stephen Mansfield. In this resource, the author provides a progression or series of "seasons" illustrating how Lincoln's faith may have changed over time: "Lincoln had moved from believing in God as angry father to rejecting God as myth, and then had progressed from thinking of God as the kind of being who cursed a man (at one point Lincoln felt that God had rejected him), to accepting God as ruler of the world, and finally to honoring God as a good and covenant-keeping Father of all men." Some scholars seem to think that Lincoln's days as a skeptic, which were more of a hallmark of his youth, paint the entire picture of Lincoln's relationship to faith or religion, as if the totality of who Abraham Lincoln was or would ever be was frozen in that New Salem or Springfield period of his life. Lincoln changed, developed, and grew over time just like everybody else. The Good Shepherd was leading him through some very dark and difficult days.

He lost two children while he was living. One child was not quite 4 years old when he died in Springfield (Eddie). Another son, Willie, passed away in the White House at the age of 11. Tragedies like this could push someone farther away from God, but it appears that the loss of his boys impacted him in such a way that he, engulfed in grief, sought after a loving God in desperation.

His pastor friend, Dr. Gurley of the New York Street Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, spent quite a bit of time with him talking about the hope that we have in Christ and in His resurrection. He was seen often leaving the White House, and on one occasion, a parishioner saw him and he had just assumed that he was consulting with the president on the war effort. Dr. Gurley stated: "Far from it, we have been talking of the state of the soul after death. That is a subject of which Mr. Lincoln never tires. I have had a great many conversations with him on the subject—this morning, however, I was a listener, as Mr. Lincoln did all the talking." A Dr. Vinton, Episcopalian Priest from New York City, made a special trip to call on Lincoln after Willy's death in order to point Lincoln to the one who told the thief on the cross: "This Day you shall be with me in paradise," and by one account this encouraged the president immensely. He was quoted as saying at Willy's viewing: "My poor boy, he was too good for this earth. God has called him home. I know that he is much better off in heaven, but then we loved him so. It is hard, hard to have him leave us!" These are the words of a man who was looking for hope in the midst of incredible sorrow.

God is at work in our lives. God, in His sovereignty, can even use our deepest hurt to bring us closer to His Son. It looks like this could have happened in Abraham Lincoln's life. Maybe you can say something similar about your experiences. God can redeem grief like nothing or no one else. Let us express our gratitude to our Creator and Sustainer for this. Amen.

Have a great month! See you in Church on Sunday.

Thanks Be to God,

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor  
Edgeness79@hotmail.com



## Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, September 21, 2023

- Bank balance as of August 31, 2023 is \$54,802.05.
- Home Communion was served to a total of 5 members of the Congregation.
- **Motion: Session approved Marilyn Montgomery as a new counter of the weekly offering. She will join Beth Kiningham, Rhonda Plaeger and Alice Studzinski in the regular schedule, with Mary Gheen and Rebecca Rowe available to fill in as needed. Motion to approve by Jane Stephenson, seconded by Steve Territo. Motion Approved.**
- **Motion: That Allison Buehner and Laurelyn Roberts be moved from the Active Membership list to Friends List and that Mary Ann Beard be moved from the Friends List to the Active Membership list. Motion to approve by Jane Stephenson, seconded by Steve Territo. Motion Approved**
- **Motion: That a donation of \$500.00 be made from the Ebersolt Fund to Senior Transport. Motion Approved.**
- **Through communication from Great River Presbytery, Per Capita will increase \$1 for 2024 to \$37.25 per member.**
- Pastor Edgecombe Report for July and August:
  - Made 7 home visits and numerous telephone calls.
  - Officiated 2 Memorial Services in July and 1 Memorial Service in August.
  - Conducted 4 Bible Study Sessions – now looking at The Psalms.
  - Spoke with the Methodist Service Camp kids.
  - Attended 1 PORTA Ministerial Meeting.
  - Along with Pastor Rob Gallion, conducted an interdenominational Hymn Sing at Hurie Park on Sunday, July 30, 2023.
  - Attended 3 Food Pantry Task Force Meetings.
  - Attended Session, Deacons meeting, and Worship Committee meeting.
  - Central will host the PORTA Ministerial Alliance on October 18, 2023.

## Committee News

### Administration

#### Financial

- Income year to date is \$2,291.95 above budget and YTD expenses are under budget by \$13,095.84. Regardless of budget, our expenses are \$3,266.86 above our income.
- Treasurer's report and financials were reviewed.
- General, MMF, Obligated Funds were also reviewed.
- Ebersolt money requests were as follows:
  - Menard County Rescue: \$100.00
  - Jaycees Halloween Parade: \$100.00
  - Food Pantry gift cards from County Market: \$250.00
  - \*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* To take \$500.00 from Ebersolt Fund for Senior Transport
- A Stewardship letter will be presented to Session for review and approval. Also, Pledge Cards and Time and Talent cards.
- We will be starting on the 2024 budget next month. Committees are asked to review their budgets and submit requests for funding.

## Building

- All repairs have been completed on the elevator, and the Certificate has been submitted to the State.

Submitted by Steven Territo, Chairperson

## **Communion Training Classes**

The communion training class scheduled for Saturday, September 9 was cancelled and further information regarding the training classes has yet to be determined. Moderator, Rev. Kay Daniel, will be offering these classes.

Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session

## **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 22: What do you understand by God's providence?**

That God not only preserves the world, but also continually attends to it, ruling and sustaining it with wise and benevolent care. God is concerned for every creature:

*Psalm 145:15 "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing."*

In particular, God provides for the world by bringing good out of evil, so that nothing evil is permitted to occur that God does not bend finally to the good. Scripture tells us, for example, how Joseph said to his brothers:

*Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."*

*Romans 8:28 "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

*Psalm 103:19 "The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all."*

### **Question 23: What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?**

The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ watches over me each day of my life, blessing and guiding me wherever I may be. God strengthens me when I am faithful, comforts me when discouraged or sorrowful, raises me up if I fall, and brings me at last to eternal life. Entrusting myself wholly to God's care, I receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous against injustice, and confident that no evil afflicts me that God will not turn to my good.

*Isaiah 58:11 "The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail."*

*2 Corinthians 1:3-5 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ."*

**Question 24: What difference does your faith in God's providence make when you struggle against bitterness and despair?**

When I suffer harm or adversity, my faith in God's providence upholds me against bitterness and despair. It reminds me when hope disappears that my heartache and pain are contained by a larger purpose and higher power than I can presently discern. Even in grief, shame and loss, I can still cry out to God in lament, waiting on god to supply my needs and to bring me healing and comfort.

*Psalms 42:11 "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God."*

*2 Corinthians 4:8-10 "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies."*

## Worship in the Park

A congregation of 24 enjoyed beautiful weather, fellowship, and "Worship in the Park" on Sunday, September 10. Pastor Ryan led the congregation in a sing-along of favorite hymns while Emma Lou accompanied on the electric keyboard. Special music was provided by Ethan and Ava Satorius, Elise Ruppel, and Zane and Seth Edgcombe singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".



## Rev. Ann Schwartz Visits

On September 17, Rev. Ann Schwartz, Lead Presbyter of the Presbytery of Great Rivers, led the Sunday worship service at Central. Rev. Schwartz stated during her introduction that her goal is to visit every Presbyterian church in her district, and her hope is for renewed connections and strengthened relationships within the Presbytery of Great Rivers. Members were very appreciative of her presence and message.



## Thank You!

### Offering Counters

What happens to the offering after worship on Sunday mornings? Thanks to a devoted group of ladies, the offerings are counted, recorded, and deposited early each week. For a number of years, Mary Gheen and Rebecca Rowe have been among that group, and now they are handing the task over to others. We praise their efforts and thank them for their dedicated years of service. Marilyn Montgomery will join the existing members, Beth Kiningham, Alice Studzinski, and Rhonda Plaeger.

### Visitors to Central

Pastor Ryan would like to extend a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to Emma Lou Denton and Rich Ford for providing a beautiful “mini-concert” for several of the Christian Village Independent Living residents recently. Pastor Ryan took them on a “field trip” in the Village bus to Petersburg for lunch and a brief visit to Central Presbyterian. The “Lincolmites” had a good time in Menard County!



## Chancel Choir Practice

Choir practice has started again—at a new time of **6:30 p.m. every Wednesday**. Anyone interested in joining is always welcome.

## Sunday School

Sunday School started September 17, 2023. Right now, we have several active Sunday School children. Please advise me at [lrs1955@hotmail.com](mailto:lrs1955@hotmail.com) if you know of any other children who would like to attend on a regular basis. I also ask that you give me a few days' notice if you are bringing a child to Sunday School so that I have enough materials. Thank you!

Linda Claussen

## It's Time for 2024 Stewardship Drive

You will soon receive a mailing from Central that begins our annual Stewardship Drive. A steward is defined as "One who engages in Christ's mission using every resource at his command, both of **personality** and **possessions**, in grateful and obedient response to God's love." We encourage you to prayerfully consider your pledge for Time and Talent (personality), as well as to the General Fund and the Major Maintenance Fund (possessions).

The Time & Talent Survey card is needed at this time for planning next year's worship schedule, committees, and events. We would especially welcome more involvement in committees as we add back activities that were lost during the COVID pandemic.

Your pledges to the General and Major Maintenance Funds are vital in the budgeting process for 2024. The General Fund is used for monthly expenses (electricity & gas, insurance, payroll, supplies, etc.). The Major Maintenance Fund covers the costs of building needs (such as the removal of sanctuary radiators and carpet repair, painting of the sanctuary, exterior masonry repairs, repairs and upgrades of the elevator) without relying on the General Fund.

Please complete and return these cards, included in your mailing, no later than **Sunday, October 22**. Extra envelopes with cards will be available on the Narthex table if needed. Cards may be dropped off in the office, placed in the Admin. Asst. mailbox outside the office, mailed to the church (210 W. Douglas St.), or dropped in the offering plate next Sunday. The Administration Committee will begin work on the budget process in early October, so early submissions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your faithfulness in making a pledge to our church.

## Have Lunch with Pastor Ryan This Month!

Come by the Church on **Monday, October 16** for lunch and pleasant conversation in the Fellowship Hall. You don't need to bring anything except yourself! Pastor Ryan needs more experience cooking now that Bethany (The "Most Valuable Player" of the Edgecombe Family) is going back to school. Eat his cooking, and tell him how he is doing! Text or call Pastor Ryan at 217-972-4859 to RSVP so that he knows how much food to prepare.



## Food Pantry Fundraiser

On Sunday, October 29, Central will host a fundraiser to benefit the Food Pantry. A vocal music concert featuring local groups is scheduled for 3 p.m. A free-will offering will be received. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

## 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

Cindy Godbey, Deacon Chair, 217-652-9596

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!

## Chimes Deadline

Do you have an event or news that would be of interest to our congregation? Do you have suggestions or requests for topics to be included in the Chimes? All are encouraged to submit articles and pictures for the November 2023 *Chimes* to the church office no later than **Friday, October 20**. A *Microsoft Word file* attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. **Please reference “Chimes article” in the subject line.** Our email address is office@central-pres.org.

**Health Notes:** *submitted by Alice Studzinski*

## Give Blood, Give Life

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer.

### Facts about blood donations

- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.
- Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
- Nearly 5,000 units of platelets and 6,500 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.
- Nearly 16 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.
- Sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.
- Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- One donation can help save more than one life.
- According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.9 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2023. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.

The blood donation process from the time you arrive until the time you leave takes about an hour. The donation itself is only about 8-10 minutes on average.

If you want to give blood, you can make an appointment with your local Red Cross or contact them to find out the location of the next blood drive in your area. Phone number 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767); web site [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

### **Menard County Food Pantry**

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

A Micro Pantry is being provided at The Studio on the Square located at 115 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Petersburg on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-Noon. There is a drive-thru in the alley between The Studio and VFW for a convenient pick up. Lindsay Wilkin, with Menard County Housing Authority, runs the Micro Pantry. The hope is that this project will continue throughout the year as long as there is a need. Donations of pantry and toiletry items are appreciated and can be picked up at the church or dropped off at Menard County Housing Authority located at 117 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., right next door to the Studio. For questions, you can call or text Lindsay at 217-717-2551

Food donations are needed for the 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.

Thanks,  
*Lindsay Wilken*, FSS Coordinator

### **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.

<i>Worship Attendance</i>			
September 3	<b>30</b>	September 17	<b>26</b>
September 10	<b>24</b>	September 24	<b>31</b>
Average Worship Attendance: 28			



## Happy Birthday!

October 1 Abigail Phillips  
 October 4 Brittany Stout  
 October 4 Willow Kyes  
 October 5 Peggy Carter  
 October 6 Mary Mies  
 October 8 Barbara Hurt  
 October 9 Chase Sanert  
 October 10 Beth Kiningham

October 10 Abby Noel  
 October 11 John Godbey  
 October 15 Melissa Groh  
 October 17 Brooklyn Groh  
 October 22 Fisher Noel  
 October 25 Emerson Hutton  
 October 29 Camilla Long  
 October 30 Mark Goeringer

## Happy Anniversary!

October 2 John & Cindy Godbey  
 October 3 Steve & Julia Territo  
 October 3 James & Ashley Kveton

October 28 Shannon & Lisa Willhite  
 October 28 Gene & Jackie Horn

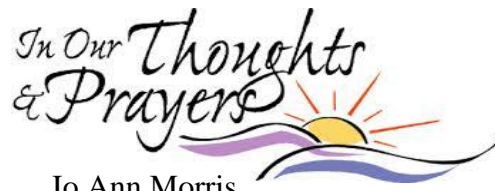


	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, October 1	John Godbey	Jane Stephenson	Jane Stephenson
Sunday, October 8	Camilla Long	Dave Long	
Sunday, October 15	Rhonda Plaeger	Linda Williams	
Sunday, October 22	Jan Costello	Linda Claussen	
Sunday, October 29	Sherri Roberts	Jim 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.*





**Members:**

Will Carter  
Steve Hollis

Alia Montgomery  
Marilyn Montgomery

Jo Ann Morris  
Ken Morris  
Dale & Mary Rose Satorius  
Marilyn Schafer

Judy Stahl  
Nancy Van Etten  
Linda Williams

**Friends of the Congregation:**

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)  
Family of John Anderson (B..Kinningham's friend)  
Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)  
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)  
Judy Boutelle (Rev. J. Boutelle's wife)  
Miriam "Mim" Brindley (Former CPC member)  
Danny Coffey (J. Goering's brother)  
Jim Daugherty (Former Boy Scout Leader affiliated w/CPC)  
Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)  
Jay & Vicki Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's parents)  
Katie Embrey (Phyllis Hunsaker's granddaughter)  
Linda Forbes (retired PORTA teacher)  
Michael & Sarah Gamage (J. Gamage's grandson  
& granddaughter-in-law)  
Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)  
Barb Harrison (N. Mehr's sister-in-law)  
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)  
Gene Horn  
Andrew Kelso (C. Godbey's nephew)

Dave & Diane Ludington  
Marsha Miller (D. Drake's friend)  
Jerry Naughton (D. & C. Long's friend)  
Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)  
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)  
Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)  
Joy Rogerson (J. Gamage's sister)  
Melissa Schaake (S. Territo's sister)  
Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)  
Karen Stark (D. & R. Stark's sister-in-law)  
Zach Stephenson (J. & D. Stephenson's son)  
Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)  
John Territo (S. Territo's brother)  
Ted & Arlyn Tisdale (E.L. Denton's friend)  
Carol White (J. Morris' 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:**

Victims of sexual assault on our campuses  
Pray for relief for Island of Maui, HI  
Memorial Health lay off workers  
Christian Village Nursing Home, Lincoln  
Food Pantry Task Force  
Pray for racial equality

Peace between nation neighbors  
Victims of gun violence/mass shootings  
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](mailto:office@central-pres.org), or calling the church office at: 217-632-2651.*

## Italian Pasta Bake

*Taste of Home*

### Ingredients

2 lbs. ground beef  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 jar (24 oz.) spaghetti sauce  
cheese  
1 can (14-1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 can (4 oz.) mushroom stems & pieces, drained  
1 tsp. Italian seasoning  
3 cups uncooked medium pasta shells  
3 plum tomatoes, sliced  
¾ cup shredded provolone cheese  
¾ cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese



### Instructions

1. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, mushrooms and Italian seasoning. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes
2. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350°. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Add to beef mixture and gently stir in sliced plum tomatoes.
3. Transfer to an ungreased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cheeses. Bake 25-30 minutes or until bubbly and heated through

*Yield: 8 servings. Total Time: Prep: 40 min. Bake: 25 min.*

## Contest-Winning Pumpkin Cheesecake Dessert

*Taste of Home*

### Ingredients

1 1/2 cups crushed gingersnaps (about 30 cookies)  
¼ cup butter, melted  
5 pkgs. (8 oz. ea.) cream cheese, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin  
Ground nutmeg  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
5 large eggs, room temperature, lightly beaten



### Directions

1. In a small bowl, combine gingersnap crumbs and butter. Press onto bottom of a greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish; set aside.
2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in the pumpkin, cinnamon and vanilla. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Pour over crust; sprinkle with nutmeg.
3. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around edge of baking dish to loosen; cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight.
4. Cut into squares; serve with syrup and, if desired, sweetened whipped cream. Refrigerate leftovers.

*Yield: 24 servings. Total Time: Prep.: 25 min. Bake: 40 minutes – chilling*