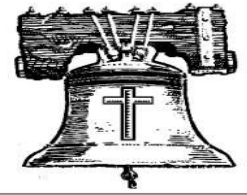


# CENTRAL Chimes



*Central Presbyterian Church*

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

Hello Friends:

As I write this little note to you, I am sitting at my dining room table surrounded by Bethany and the boys. We are all on our laptops because we got quite a bit of ice overnight, and the boys have an e-learning day. Bethany is working from home, too, and so am I! It looks like an “Internet Café” in here! Titus is also running around and getting into a lot of trouble. Let’s hope that February is a little better, a little warmer, and a little less snow and ice.

Lent will be starting very soon, with Ash Wednesday being on February 14. You should see some information in this newsletter about the upcoming Ash Wednesday Service. You should also see some information about the Men’s and Women’s Interdenominational Lenten Breakfasts/Studies in and around Petersburg. I am excited about these times of food, fellowship, and devotion during this holy season. I am planning to attend, and I hope you will make it a priority to attend as well in order to fellowship with other Disciples of Jesus in the community (assuming your schedule permits).

Let us take full advantage of this Lenten Season, preparing us for the joy of Easter Sunday! This is so important because if we neglect to humble ourselves, not taking ownership of our own sin and brokenness, what then are we celebrating on the day of Resurrection? Why then are we celebrating? Have we recognized our need for a Savior?—and do we revisit this reality on a regular basis? Have we sat in the upper room with the disciples, allowing Jesus to wash our filthy feet on Maundy Thursday? Have we traveled to Golgotha on Good Friday and laid our sins at the foot of the cross with tears, knowing that the blood of Jesus is our only hope? We take this journey during Lent so that our sorrow and grief may be turned into gratitude and joy! We recognize our need for Christ’s atonement and resurrection so that when the cross and the empty tomb enter into our experience we have much to celebrate, for “once we were lost, and now we are found!”

The forty days of Lent remind us of the forty days of fasting that Jesus experienced in the desert as He prepared himself for His ministry/His journey to the cross and as He successfully resisted temptation from Satan. We, too, can follow His example in these forty days by engaging in intentional prayer and study, by finding ways of denying ourselves in favor of seeking His Kingdom first, and in finding ways to serve the least of these. I look forward to going on this journey with you!

I close this letter with a prayer from Cally Logan: “Father, in Micah 6:8, You say, ‘O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.’ Today we choose to walk humbly with You. We choose to live by Your Holy Spirit and to follow Your lead. Help us to hear You clearly, for we do not want to walk by pride or self-sufficiency, we want to walk with You, in Christ we Pray. Amen”

Thanks be to God,

Amen!



Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor  
Edgeness79@hotmail.com



## Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, January 18, 2024

- Bank balance as of December 31, 2023: \$76,711.40.
- Home Communion was served to a total of 4 people.
- **MOTION: Communion will be served on the following dates in 2024: The first Sunday of every month, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday, Christ the King Day and Christmas Eve. Motion by Patrik Claussen from committee. Motion carried. APPROVED.**
- **MOTION: The following were approved for Financial Assignments for 2024:**  
**Church Treasurer—Rhonda Plaeger**  
**Major Maintenance Fund Treasurer—Rhonda Plaeger**  
**Endowment Funds—Chris Ford**  
**Memorial—Coleen Janssen**  
**Bereavement—Beth Kinningham**  
**Committee Assignment—Clerk of Session—Jane Stephenson**  
**Motion by Jane Stephenson, seconded by Steve Territo. Motion carried. APPROVED.**
- **MOTION: That John Godbey and Rebecca Rowe be approved to conduct the 2023 Audit of Books for Central Presbyterian Church. Motion carried. APPROVED.**
- **MOTION: That the three (3) trailers used by Scout Troop 54 which has disbanded, and owned by Central Presbyterian Church be sold at a price of \$2,000.00.**
- Pastor Edgecombe Report for December:
  - Made numerous home visits, hospital visits, nursing home visits, and telephone calls.
  - Thanks to all who made the Christmas Children’s Program and Christmas Fellowship possible. With a special thank you to Linda Claussen, Bethany Edgecombe, and Brianne Satorius.
  - Special thanks to all who made COATS for Kids ministry possible.
  - Regularly attends Food Pantry Meetings.
  - Continues weekly Bible Study.
  - Attended Session, Deacons meeting, and Worship Committee meeting.

### Administration Committee News

#### Financial

- In December, our congregation was very generous and contributed nearly \$26,000.
- Income year to date is \$23,273.10 above budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$11,471.16. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$13,167.46 higher than our expenses.
- Treasurer’s report and financials were reviewed.
- General, MMF, Obligated Funds were also reviewed.
  - MMF expenditures for 2023 were nearly \$24,000, mostly due to the elevator update.
  - Obligated Funds expenditures for 2023 were just over \$10,000, with \$6,900 being distributed from the Ebersolt funds.
- Janene Tice made her final report on the Endowment Funds, and has been faithfully taking care of these funds since 1993! She will be completing a detailed report on all monies and investments and then turning over their care to Chris Ford.
- 2024 budgeting work was reviewed and completed and will be presented to Session next week.
- The financial audit for 2023 will be completed.
- 2024 mileage reimbursement rate is 67 cents per mile.

## Building

- Shannon Wilhite inspected our phone system and has put us in contact with Americall in Springfield for a new system. It will be a VOIP system with new phones.
- The Boy Scouts have completed cleaning out their supplies stored at CPC. An offer for the Scout trailers was accepted by the committee.

Submitted by Chairperson Steven Territo

## 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 36: How did God use the people of Israel to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus?**

God made a covenant with Israel, promising that God would be their light and their salvation, that they would be God's people, and that through them all the peoples of the earth would be blessed. Therefore, no matter how often Israel turned away from God, God still cared for them and acted on their behalf. In particular, God sent them prophets, priests and kings. Each of these was "anointed" by God's Spirit—prophets, to declare God's word; priests, to make sacrifice for the people's sins; and kings, to rule justly in the fear of God, upholding the poor and needy, and defending the people from their enemies.

*Genesis 12:1-4 "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'"*

*Exodus 6:4-5 "I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant."*

*Galatians 3:14 "In order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."*

*1 Peter 2:9-10 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."*

### **Question 37: Was the covenant with Israel an everlasting covenant?**

Yes. With the coming of Jesus the covenant with Israel was expanded and confirmed. By faith in Him Gentiles were welcomed into the covenant. This throwing open of the gates confirmed the promise that through Israel God's blessing would come to all peoples. Although for the most part Israel has not accepted Jesus as the Messiah, God has not rejected Israel. God still loves Israel, and God is their hope, "for the gifts and

the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29). The God who has reached out to unbelieving Gentiles will not fail to show mercy to Israel as the people of the everlasting covenant.

*Jeremiah 31:3 "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."*

*2 Samuel 23:5 "For he has made with me [David] an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure."*

*Romans 11:29 "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."*

**Question 38: Why was the title "Christ," which means "anointed one," applied to Jesus?**

Jesus Christ was the definitive prophet, priest and king. All of the Lord's anointed in Israel anticipated and led finally to Him. In assuming these offices, Jesus not only transformed them, but also realized the purpose of Israel's election for the sake of the world.

*2 Corinthians 1:20 "For in him every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen,' to the glory of God."*

*Acts 10:37-38 "That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."*

*Luke 4:17-19 "[Jesus] stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'"*

## **Quotation Station**

*(Thoughts on "The Season of Lent")*

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."

--Pope Francis

"Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

--Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves—what is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." --Catherine Doherty

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." --John Chrysostom

"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

## Monthly Riddle/Joke

Tell Pastor Ryan the answer to this riddle/joke and win a prize! **“There is only one place where Christmas comes before Easter. Where is it?”** (Don’t Google the answer, as that would be cheating!)

## Lent 2024

Lent for the year **2024** starts on **Wednesday, February 14, and ends on Thursday, March 28, 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.

## Lenten Studies

### Men’s Lenten Breakfasts

Men’s Lenten Breakfasts will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m., followed by a devotion reflecting the season of Lent at 7:30, and dismissal by 7:45. Central Presbyterian Church will be hosting the March 27 breakfast. Dave Long will welcome volunteers willing to help out! The schedule is as follows:

February 14	First Christian Church, 210 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> St.
February 21	St. Paul Evangelical Free Church, 209 W. Douglas
February 28	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 120 W. Monroe St.
March 6	United Methodist Church, 221 W. Jackson St.
March 13	First Baptist Church, 103 W. Sangamon Ave.
March 20	St. Peter Catholic Church, 711 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
March 27	Central Presbyterian Church, 201 W. Douglas

### Women’s Lenten Studies

Women’s Lenten Studies will begin on February 21. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. with a lesson starting at 10:00. Central Presbyterian Church will be hosting on March 13. Please contact Coleen Janssen to find out how you can help! The schedule is as follows:

February 21	United Methodist Church, 221 W. Jackson St.
February 28	St. Peter Catholic Church, 711 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
March 6	St. Paul’s Evangelical Free Church, 209 W. Douglas
March 13	Central Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Douglas
March 20	First Baptist Church, 103 W. Sangamon
March 27	First Christian Church, 210 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> St.

## Ash Wednesday Service

United Methodist Church of Petersburg will be hosting a combined Ash Wednesday service with Central Presbyterian Church. This service will be Wednesday, **February 14** at United Methodist Church at **7:00 p.m.**

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting to review the 2023 Annual Report is scheduled for **February 25, 2024** immediately following worship service. Please plan to be in attendance!

## Easter Lilies

Easter lilies will again this year be available for order from Roseview Flowers, however, the cost is yet to be determined. When orders need to be placed will be known in the near future. Order forms will be available as soon as price has been made known.

## Endowment Funds Treasurer

Early in 2023, the Admin Committee was given the decision by Janene Tice that she was ready to hand over the position of Endowment Funds Treasurer. Janene finished the year after serving in the capacity for over 30 years! Through the years, Janene has worked tirelessly to be sure our funds were protected and earning effectively. The congregation is indebted to Janene for her faithful, attentive handling of the invested funds held by the church.

Chris Ford has agreed to succeed Janene as the Endowment Funds Treasurer. The two have been working together to assure a smooth transition. Thanks, Chris, for agreeing to take on this vital task!

## 2024 Elected Officers

During the Congregational Meeting following Worship on January 21, moderated by Rev. Charles Goodman, new elders and deacons and the 2024 Nominating Committee were elected, ordained, and installed. As Ruling Elders, Rodney Davis was elected to a 1-year term, and Jane Stephenson and Linda Claussen to a 3-year term. As Deacons, Cheryl Drake was elected to a 3-year term, and Beth Kiningham and Susie Sanert to a 1-year term. The 2024 Nominating Committee is Rodney Davis, Beth Kiningham, and Marilyn Montgomery. Central is truly blessed with members willing to serve in leadership roles. Thank you !!!



## Lunch with Pastor Ryan

Pastor Ryan outdid himself with his chili and potato soup! About 15 members and friends enjoyed a feast in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 29 at noon. The soup was complemented by muffins, salad, and desserts brought by participants. This was a cheery way to end January . . . with all the dreary days we experienced.

## 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 February 2024 *Chimes* to the church office no later than **Monday, February 19**. 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.

## 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  
, 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!

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

## What is Shingles?

Shingles is a viral infection that causes a painful rash. The rash can occur anywhere on your body. It typically looks like a single stripe of blisters that wraps around the left side or the right side of your torso.

Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. Only people who have had chickenpox can develop shingles. After you've had chickenpox, the virus stays in your body for the rest of your life. Years later, the virus may reactivate as shingles. Shingles is more common in older adults and in people who have weakened immune systems. Most older adults have had chickenpox during childhood, so this generation is at particular risk. Some people may have had a very mild case of chickenpox and not realize that they were infected.

A person with shingles can pass the virus to anyone who isn't immune to chickenpox. This usually occurs through direct contact with the open sores of the shingles rash. Once infected, though, the person will develop chickenpox rather than shingles.

Shingles isn't life-threatening. But it can be very painful. Vaccines can help lower the risk of shingles. Early treatment may shorten a shingles infection and lessen the chance of complications. The most common complication is post herpetic neuralgia. This is a painful condition that causes shingles pain for a long time after your blisters have cleared.

A shingles vaccine may help prevent shingles. People who are eligible should get the Shingrix vaccine. Shingrix is approved and recommended for people aged 50 and older, whether they've had shingles or not. Shingrix is also recommended for people who are 19 years of age and older who have weakened immune systems due to disease or medication. People who've had the Zostavax vaccine in the past or don't know whether they've had chickenpox may also receive the Shingrix vaccine. The shingles vaccine doesn't guarantee that you won't get shingles. But this vaccine will likely reduce the course and severity of the disease. And it will likely lower your risk of post herpetic neuralgia. Studies suggest that Shingrix offers protection against shingles for more than five years.

If you are at risk of shingles, speak to your health care provider for further information and to discuss your individual need for a vaccine. Medicare and many private health insurance plans cover the cost.

## **Menard County Food Pantry**

The Menard County Food Pantry is planning monthly food drives with the local churches and civic organizations on the first Sunday of each month. The committee will be asking for specific items for that month. For **February**, they will be collecting **canned fruit** (fruit cocktail, pears, peaches, pineapple, apricots, berries, mandarin oranges, applesauce, individual fruit cups, or cans of pie filling: apple, cherry, blueberry and pumpkin) and in **March**, they will be collecting **meat** (Hamburger Helper, beef stew, canned tuna/chicken, pork n beans). Donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex. Lindsay Wilken, FSS Coordinator, can be contacted for more information.

## **Thank You**

Thank you for your constant giving. It is truly appreciated by many in our community. We are blessed in Petersburg and in our great country that we can have a surplus to share with those who do not have much.

Cindy Godbey  
Menard Caring Board President

## **Diaper Bank Needs**

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



# Scenes from Central

*Sunday, December 31, 2023: Pastor Robert Henderson, Guest Pastor*

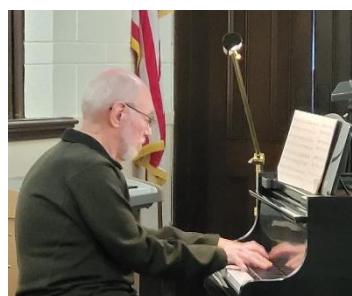


*Sunday, January 7, 2024*



*January 8, 2024  
CPC buddies, Zane & Ethan, became basketball opponents when PORTA travelled to Lincoln for a JH*

*Sunday, January 21, 2024*



*Sunday, January 21, 2024: Ordination and Installation of 2024 Officers*



*Sunday, January 28, 2024*



*Central Chimes*

*February, 2024*

## Two Ingredient Strawberry Fudge

*Taste of Home*

### Supplies

8-inch square baking pan  
Parchment paper  
Large, microwave-safe bowl  
Spoon

### Ingredients

2 2/3 cups white chocolate morsels  
12 oz. of store-bought strawberry frosting  
Pink and red sprinkles (optional)



### Directions

1. Line the baking dish with parchment paper, so that the fudge can be easily removed later.
2. Add the chocolate morsels and strawberry frosting to the large bowl. Microwave the mixture for 90 seconds. Remove the bowl and stir the mixture, letting the residual heat from the microwave melt the chocolate chips. If necessary, continue microwaving for 15-second intervals, stirring thoroughly between each zap. The mixture should be smooth and creamy, fully melted without lumps.
3. Scrape the fudge mixture out into the prepared pan and use the back of the spoon to spread it evenly. If desired, top with sprinkles while the mixture is still at room temperature.
4. Pop it in the fridge and let chill for two hours, or until the fudge is completely firm. Cut into squares and serve!

*This recipe only takes about 10 minutes of active cook time and less than \$10 to make.*

## Conversation Cupcakes

*Taste of Home*

### Ingredients

1 Pkg. white cake mix (regular size)	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 cup butter, softened	1/8 tsp. butter flavoring (optional)
1/2 cup shortening	4 cups confectioner's sugar
2 tbsp. 2% milk	assorted food coloring (optional)

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350<sup>0</sup>. Line muffin cups with foil or paper liners. Prepare cake mix batter according to package directions for cupcakes. Place 1 marble (or marble-sized foil ball) in each muffin cup between liners and muffin pan to create heart shape.
2. Fill prepared cups half-full. Bake according to package directions for cupcakes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool completely.
3. For frosting, in a large bowl, beat butter, shortening, milk, vanilla and, if desired, butter flavoring until smooth. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar. If desired, tint frosting with food coloring. Frost cupcakes and decorate with Valentine messages.

*Yield: 28 cupcakes. Total Time: Prep.: 45 min. Bake: 20 minutes + cooling*



## Happy Birthday!

Feb. 3	Doug Stark	Feb. 16	Jackie Horn
Feb. 8	Lindsey Carter	Feb. 20	Dan Stephenson
Feb. 8	Blair Rowe	Feb. 21	Lakin Bennett
Feb. 11	Lori Ann Denton	Feb. 22	Matt Hutton

## Happy Anniversary

Feb. 1 Ben & Beth Kiningham

### Worship Leaders

	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, Feb. 4	Marilyn Montgomery	Rebecca Rowe	Rebecca Rowe
Sunday, Feb. 11	Pat Claussen	Rhonda Plaeger	
Sunday, Feb. 18	John Godbey	Cindy Godbey	
Sunday, Feb. 25	Janet Scheina	Steve Territo	

*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

January 7	36	January 21	43
January 14	0	January 28	31

Average Worship Attendance: 36



**Members:**

Steve Hollis  
Ben Kiningham  
Alia Montgomery

Paul Montgomery  
Jo Ann Morris  
Ken Morris

Mary Rose Satorius  
Judy Stahl  
Linda Williams

**Friends of the Congregation:**

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)  
Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)  
Raeleigh Bess (P. & M. Montgomery's great niece)  
Steve Blaum (Pastor in Lincoln/Pastor Ryan's friend)  
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)  
Judy Boutelle (Rev. J. Boutelle's wife)  
John Buehner  
Jane Claussen (P. Claussen's mother)  
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)  
Mike Damler (J. Scheina's friend)  
Jim Daugherty (Former Boy Scout Leader affiliated w/CPC)  
Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)  
Bethany Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's wife)  
Vicki Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's mom)  
Katie Embrey (Phyllis Hunsaker's granddaughter)  
Family of Cimeron Frost  
Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)  
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)  
Jessie Heinz (C. Godbey's sister-in-law)  
Andrew Kelso (C. Godbey's nephew)

Family of Shelly Knuppel  
Cade Leesman (D. & C. Long's friend)  
Manny Martinez (D. Long's friend)  
Greg Mathis  
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 Schaaake (S. Territo's sister)  
Dawn Schafer (S. Schafer's daughter-in-law)  
Richard Schafer (S. Schafer's husband)  
Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)  
Judy Territo (S. Territo's sister-in-law)  
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)

*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:**

People affected by the Ukraine/Russian conflict  
People affected by the Israel/Gaza conflict  
Our country  
Victims of sexual assault  
Relief for island of Maui, HI

Memorial Health lay-off workers  
Racial equality  
Peace between nation neighbors  
Victims of gun violence/mass shootings  
Displaced peoples in the world

**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.*