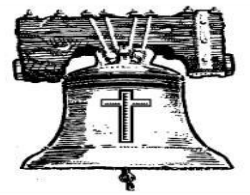


CENTRAL Chimes



Central Presbyterian Church

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

Hello Friends:

Bethany and I, as well as Zane, Seth, and Lonnie, want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you all as you have welcomed us so faithfully and genuinely into the Central Presbyterian Church Community. I can tell that the Holy Spirit is working within this local manifestation of the Kingdom of God, for I have witnessed sincere hospitality, compassionate service, a willingness to learn and grow as disciples and students of His Word, and merciful grace for your new preacher who doesn't always know what he is doing!!! The Edgecombe Family feels very blessed to be a part of Central!

Please feel free to call me, text me, or come by the church and see me. I want to hear from you! Do you have any suggestions for our worship time on Sundays? Are there any favorite hymns you would like to request that we sing? Do you have some ideas on how we could enhance our worship time together? Are there any particular sermon topics you would like to hear about (I have been following the lectionary, but could have a sermon series on a particular topic or set of scriptures if this would be beneficial to the congregation)? Do you have thoughts on the needs of our Petersburg Community and how we, as a congregation, might help to meet those needs? What do you want to see in the future for Central Presbyterian Church, and how can we get there together? Let's have some "vision casting" conversations!

Please consider coming by on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Bible Study. We have been focusing on Gospel passages that have been highlighted in the last episode of the 3rd season of "The Chosen," a wonderful series on the life of Christ and His disciples. We have a great group but have room for you! We have a time of prayer at the beginning and have been singing a hymn at the end of our time together. God is still teaching us as we walk along that pathway of discipleship! We are life-long learners!

Are you looking for a good resource to enhance your devotional time or Bible reading at home? The Church has some great resources that you can check out and use. I want to recommend to you an older resource, that is beautifully written, and would be a great help to you as you read the Scriptures at home. William Barclay, Minister in the Church of Scotland, and Professor at the University of Glasgow, wrote a great series called "The Daily Study Bible" which people have been using for decades. We should have the complete set, covering the New Testament, right here at the church. I have read them for years and love their devotional quality. I don't necessarily agree with everything the author says, but that's ok! It would be pretty rare to agree with everything that someone puts on paper!! If you haven't looked at these please do. Your understanding and appreciation of Scripture will be enhanced!

Have a great July & Pray for Rain!

Blessings,

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
Edgeness79@hotmail.com



Highlights of Regular Session Meeting on June 15, 2023

- Bank balance as of May 31, 2023 is \$56,794.33.
- To date in 2023, The Presbyterian Church USA has received a total of \$756.00 from Central Presbyterian Church for special offerings: \$325.00 for Christmas Joy Offering (collected late December paid in early January) and \$431.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Worship will be preparing a new Liturgist/Usher schedule for the second half of 2023.
- Home Communion was served to 6 members of the Congregation.
- A-1 Lock will be rekeying three (3) doors at Central on Wednesday June 21, 2023. New keys will be distributed at membership request.
- Menard County Food Pantry board is creating a Task Force to discuss the future of the Menard County Food Pantry. The meeting will be held at Central on Wednesday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m.
- Pastor Edgecombe Report for May:
 - Made 6 in-person/home visits and 3 phone calls in May to members.
 - Attended 3 local meetings: Ministerial Meeting; met with Pastor from Petersburg Baptist Church; and attended and participated in PORTA Baccalaureate Service.
 - Delivered Meals on Wheels on two separate dates.
 - Conducted weekly Bible Study sessions.
 - Attended Session meeting.
 - Met with the Chair of the Deacons.

Committee News

Administration

Financial

The Committee did not meet in June; a summary of financials and open concerns is as follows:

- Income year to date is \$11.27 below budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$4,870.00, which puts us below our overall budget. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$4,881.27 above our expenses.
- Two items are off budget at this point, elevator repair (possibly to be offset with MMF monies) and gas/electric which should balance out before fall. Those two items are nearly \$1,650.00.
- Treasurer's report and financials were presented to the Committee.
- General, MMF, Obligated Funds were also presented.
- In an electronic vote, the Committee authorized the purchase of \$250 worth of \$5 gift cards from County Market with the funds coming from the Ebersolt fund. These gift cards will be given to the Food Pantry for perishable items.

Building

- Elevator repairs will be completed by Johnson Control. Mark from Kone will make contact with the State Inspector once completed. George Alarm will then need to come and complete an inspection.
- We are anticipating tuck pointing work to be started next week.
- Charlie Hubbard has completed painting the baseboards and window sills in the sanctuary.
- Mark has asked us to look into purchasing a commercial vacuum cleaner. Quotes were presented, and a new vacuum will be purchased shortly.

Submitted by Co-chairs Jane Stephenson & Steven Territo

Communion Training Classes

The Presbytery (through our Moderator, Rev. Kay Daniel) will be offering Communion training for any ordained Elder or Deacon, current or past, interested in becoming a communion server. Training will consist of two classes held at Central; the first one will be Saturday, September 9. More information to be provided at a later date. If interested in taking the training, please contact the Church Office at 217-632-2651 no later than **August 15**.

Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session

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. This month I have included scripture references!

The Study Catechism: Full Version

Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Question 5. What does a Christian believe?

All that is promised in the gospel. A summary is found in the Apostles' Creed, which affirms the main content of the Christian faith.

John 20:31 "But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

Question 6. What is the first article of the Apostles' Creed?

" I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."

Question 7. What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

Lam. 3:22 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end."

1 John 4:8 "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

Question 8. How do you understand the love and power of God?

Through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, I see how vast is God's love for the world — a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.

Heb. 1:3 "He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being."

1 John 4:9 "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him."

Ps. 106:8 "Yet he saved them for his name's sake, so that he might make known his mighty power."

Question 9. What comfort do you receive from this truth?

This powerful and loving God is the one whose promises I may trust in all the circumstances of my life, and to whom I belong in life and in death.

Rom. 8:38-39 "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor

anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Question 10. Do you make this confession only as an individual?

No. With the apostles, prophets and martyrs, with all those through the ages who have loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and with all who strive to serve him on earth here and now, I confess my faith in the God of loving power and powerful love.

Heb. 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Changes at Central!

Pastor Ryan is in his office at the church Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each week. 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. He also plans to continue the Wednesday Bible Study group at 9:30 a.m. each week

Please note that worship at Central now starts at 10:30 a.m. This change is needed in order that Pastor Ryan has ample travel time after his earlier service at Broadwell.

Do You Need a New Key?

Recently, new locks were installed for all entrance doors to our building. New keys are available for members. Please call the church office informing us of your need; leave a message, if necessary. You will be able to pick up your new key on Monday, Wednesday, or Sunday through July from a designated mailbox slot in the kitchenette area outside the church offices.

Co-op Vacation Bible School

St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church will host Vacation Bible School this year July 24-27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. The theme is Bible Boot Camp. Each evening will begin with a light meal at 6:00 p.m. **Please** consider pre-registering to enable more effective meal planning. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex.



The organizers are asking for donations of large cardboard boxes—approximately 18" x 22" x 13". Boxes can be dropped off here at CPC or at St. Paul's. Any questions can be addressed to Vicky Sherren at 217-899-0485.

Connected!

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

<i>Worship Attendance</i>			
June 4	24	June 18	29
June 11	27	June 25	32
Average Worship Attendance: 28			

Thank You's!

Pentecost: Thank you to all who donated this year to Pentecost Sunday, May 28.

Worship Enhancement: Thanks to all who enhanced our services during the month of June.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the August 2023 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than **Tuesday, July 18**. 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.

Health Notes: *submitted by Alice Studzinski*

Migraine Headaches

A migraine is a headache that can cause severe throbbing pain or a pulsing sensation, usually on one side of the head. It's often accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and extreme sensitivity to light and sound. Migraine attacks can last for hours to days, and the pain can be so severe that it interferes with your daily activities.

For some people, a warning symptom known as an aura occurs before or with the headache. An aura can include visual disturbances, such as flashes of light or blind spots, or other disturbances, such as tingling on one side of the face or in an arm or leg and difficulty speaking.

Migraine attacks are three times more prevalent in women, likely because of hormonal differences. Genetic and environmental factors play a role in the development of migraine disease. And since it is genetic, it is hereditary. Meaning if a parent has migraine, there's about a 50 percent chance that a child may develop migraine as well.

There is a lot of stigma around migraine. That it's just a headache and that it's no big deal. But migraine is a genetic neurologic disease. It affects each person differently with a wide range of disease severity. Some have infrequent attacks, but others may have frequent disabling attacks. Expecting someone to push through or just take your mind off of it is never good advice.

Medications can help prevent some migraines and make them less painful. The right medicines, combined with self-help remedies and lifestyle changes, can often help.

New Micro Pantry Offered

A Micro Pantry is being provided at The Studio on the Square located at 115 N. 7th Street in Petersburg on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-Noon. A free art project will also be offered at that time! 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 and Mary Kate Smith with The Studio runs the activity. They are in hopes of continuing this project 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. 7th St. right next door to the Studio. For questions, you can call or text Lindsay at 217-717-2551

Thanks,

Lindsay Wilkin

FSS Coordinator

Menard County Housing Authority

117 N. 7th Street, Petersburg, IL 62675

Office: 217-632-7723 ext. 136 Direct Line: 217-717-2551 (call or text)

Menard County Food Pantry

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

Food donations are needed for the two Petersburg area Food Pantries, especially the Micro-pantry next to County Market. Please put food items in the large basket in the Narthex to be taken to the Micro-pantry.

Diaper Bank Needs

The Diaper Bank, located at the Menard County Housing office, 101 W. Sheridan Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675, is currently not open to the public. However, if you are in need of any supplies, either visit in person (there is a doorbell at the front door) or call the office at 217-632-7723. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Senior Services Center is now in the Menard County Housing building, and they have a good supply of adult briefs and pads.

The Diaper Bank is currently well stocked with most sizes of infant diapers, but could use newborn and size 1 diapers, as well as baby wipes at this time. Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation is always accepted.

Upcoming Celebration!



*Dan and Jane Stephenson & Robert and Velma Chamberlin
Invite you to celebrate the Marriage of
Their Children*

ETHAN STEPHENSON

AND

ALEXA CHAMBERLIN-STEPHENSON

Reception will be held Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon
Indian Creek Farmstead, 19468 Curtis Blacktop Road, Petersburg, IL

Hors d'oeuvres and Drinks will be served
Casual Dress



Scenes from Central



Sunday, June 11. Worship Enhancement, *Heaven Came Down*, was provided by the Ladies Ensemble, led by Coleen Janssen. Pastor Ryan's message to the Young Disciples, Sadie & Brooklyn, reminds them to not be afraid to make mistakes ... as God is always with you to offer mercy and help you learn from them.

Happy Birthday!

Octogenarian

July 23 Robert Sampson 16747 Tice Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675

Nonagenarian

July 31 Dale Satorius 10953 Smith Ave., Petersburg, IL 62675

July 2	Kyle Winkelmann	July 20	Ethan Stephenson
July 3	Brianne Satorius	July 22	John Buehner
July 8	Gail Horn	July 23	Ruth Stark
July 8	Barbara Sampson	July 24	Gene Horn
July 9	Larelyn Roberts	July 24	Ethan Satorius
July 12	Bethany Edgecombe	July 28	Stephanie Wankel
July 13	Kyle Stark	July 30	Carrie Winkelmann

Happy Anniversary!

July 8	Rich & Chris Ford	July 23	Steve & Rhonda Plaeger
July 10	Tim & Melissa Groh	July 24	Kyle & Stephanie Wankel
July 21	Mark & Pam Albrecht	July 30	Brent & Peggy Carter
July 22	Ron & Susie Sanert		



	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, July 2	Dave Long	Patrik Claussen	Patrik Claussen
Sunday, July 9	Rebecca Rowe	Barbara Sampson	
Sunday, July 16	Janet Scheina	Coleen Janssen	
Sunday, July 23	Patrik Claussen	Cindy Godbey	
Sunday, July 30	Julia Territo	Rhonda Plaeger	

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
Bob Sampson
Dale & Mary Rose Satorius

Jim Satorius
Marilyn Schafer
Judy Stahl
Nancy Van Etten
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)
Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Olivia Blout (B. Satorius' sister)
Judy Boutelle (Rev. J. Boutelle's wife)
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)
Barbara Deihl (L. Williams' cousin)
Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)
Katie Embrey (Phyllis Hunsaker's granddaughter)
Garrett Gerdes (G. & M. Gerdes' son)
Jake Gerdes (G. & M. Gerdes' son)
Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)
Barb Harrison (N. Mehr's Sister-in-law)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Dave & Diane Ludington
Bob McLin (B. Winkelmann's brother)
Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)

Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)
Mike Roberts and Family
Melissa Schaake (S. Territo's sister)
Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)
Gary Sorenson (L. Williams' friend)
Karen Stark (D. & R. Stark's sister-in-law)
Ann Termine (C. & R. Ford's friend)
Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)
John Territo (S. Territo's brother)
Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)
Ted & Arlyn Tisdale (E.L. Denton's friend)
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Mike Whitehurst (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's granddaughter)
Debbie Woods

Please pray for all we know who are homebound, residing in care facilities, undergoing surgery or medical treatment, serving in the military or who are away from their family and friends.

In Our Communities and In Our World:

All who are affected by COVID-19
Pray for racial equality
Peace between nation neighbors
Victims of gun violence/mass shootings
Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

Displaced peoples in the world
Pray for the people who are affected by the Ukraine/Russian conflict
Pray for our country
Flood victims in Florida

Please continue to keep our healthcare workers and those in the educational field in our prayers. They have been a guiding light to all of us in their courage and dedication to keeping us safe and helping the future generation. Thank You!

Please keep the church office informed of members or friends that need to be placed on or removed from our prayer list by sending an email to: office@central-pres.org, or calling the church office at: 217-632-2651.

Creamy Cucumber Salad

www.budgetbytes.com/creamy-cucumber-salad

This simple Creamy Cucumber Salad is the quintessential side dish of summer. It is light, fresh, and so quick to prepare!

Ingredients

½-cup sour cream	½ tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. lemon juice	1 large cucumber
½ tsp. dried dill	¼ red onion
1 tsp. sugar	



Instructions

1. To make the dressing, combine the sour cream, lemon juice, sugar, dill, and salt in a bowl. Set the dressing aside.
2. Peel the cucumber, if desired. Slice the cucumber and thinly slice the red onion.
3. Combine the cucumber, red onion, and dressing in a large bowl and stir to combine.
4. Let the salad sit for 5-10 minutes, give it another stir, then serve.

Serves 4 1-cup each Calories: 74kcal; Carbohydrates: 5g; Protein: 1g; Fat: 6g; Sodium: 302mg; Fiber: 1g

Luscious Lime Angel Squares

Taste of Home

A creamy lime topping turns angel food cake into these yummy squares that are perfect for potlucks or picnics.

Ingredients

1 pkg. (3 oz.) lime gelatin
1-cup boiling water
1 prepared angel food cake (8 inches) cut into squares
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
½-cup sugar
2 tsp. lemon juice
1 ½ tsp. grated lemon zest
One carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed (4 ½ cups)
Lime slices, optional



Directions

1. In a small bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Refrigerate until mixture just begins to thicken, about 35 minutes. Place cake cubes in a greased 13x9 inch dish/pan.
2. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Beat in sugar, lemon juice and zest. Add gelatin mixture; beat until combined. Fold in 1-½ cups whipped topping.
3. Spread over top of cake, covering completely. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until firm. Cut into squares; top with remaining whipped topping. If desired, garnish with lime slices.