

CENTRAL

Chimes



Central Presbyterian Church

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

Dear Congregation,

Two days ago (Oct 23), I was driving to Petersburg to preach that morning and went through the New Salem Dip (as I call it) on Route 97. WOW! The sun was filtering through the gold and red of the trees, and it was literally breath-taking! It was just stunningly beautiful. I am not sure if this fall has been more colorful than others, but perhaps because of the drier and sunny weather, we are all just enjoying it more!

By the time you read this, it may be that most of those leaves have fallen, but seeing that beauty reminded me of something that hit me several years ago while noticing a similarly beautiful burst of Fall color. I was sitting on the steps of a building at Wheaton College where I was attending. I found myself thanking God and asking something like “How is it possible these could be so beautiful, but why is it they are this way for such a short time?” The answer came right back: it’s because they are dying! We know that as Fall progresses, the chlorophyll that makes leaves green (and works in the photosynthesis process to produce food for the tree) stops producing, which leads to the vivid colors we see. Chlorophyll is not a bad thing of course, but is in fact essential to life. But when the leaves begin to die and the chlorophyll stops producing, the “true colors” of the tree come out and we get that “WOW” factor.

Could that be, perhaps, what would happen to God’s people when we “die” to the things that trap and enslave us, to our idolatries and compromises, to those things that make us accept “the way things are” and keep us from letting God do all He might be wanting to do in us? Would WE become as vivid and bold, compared to everyone around us, if we let our relationship with Jesus, the Messiah, be the one relationship we put before all others? Of course we learn to do that gradually, not all at once, so we might look more like those leaves in the early stages of the color change. I actually think it is not important if we try to see the color change ourselves, lest we take credit for it. Better that just God and other people see it. And say “WOW!”

When Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live but the Messiah in me” (Gal 2.20), Paul knew that in dying we become fully ourselves, what we were created to be. We also then become partners and agents of God’s rescue of the world from Sin and Death. Let’s let that change come, by surrendering to God a little more every day.



Robert Lackie, Preaching Associate
(217) 971-8641
Lackier26@gmail.com

Highlights of Regular Session Meeting on October 20, 2022

- Our budget is in the positive because we do not have a full-time pastor and are relying on pulpit supply.
- With Christmas Day falling on Sunday and having Christmas Eve Service on Saturday a motion was made as follows:
MOTION: That Central will hold Christmas Eve Service on Saturday December 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and that there will be no regular worship service on Sunday December 25, 2022 to allow families to spend time with their families. Motion made by Patrik Claussen, Seconded by Ron Sanert. APPROVED.
- It is that time of year again when Central is requested by Presbytery to make their 2023 Per Capita Pledge, the following motion was presented:
MOTION: That Central Presbyterian Church make their pledge to Presbytery of Great Rivers for the 2023 Per-Capita in the amount of \$3,516.25 which reflects 97 members @ \$36.25 per member. Motion made by Steve Territo, Seconded by Patrik Claussen. APPROVED.
- Rock Creek Presbyterian Church will be celebrating 200th Anniversary on Sunday, November 20. The Community is invited to a Worship Service at 3:00 p.m. followed by a Concert at 4:00 p.m. There will be a dinner at 5:00 p.m. for Rock Creek members only.
- **MOTION: That Central Presbyterian Church make a donation to the Town and County Women's Jaycee Park project at the Hopscotch Level in the amount of \$1,000.00, with said funds to be from the Ebersolt Fund. Motion made by Steve Territo, Seconded by Jane Stephenson. APPROVED.**
- We ask that you continue to keep all of our health care providers in your thoughts and prayers.

Committee News

Administration

Financial

- Income year to date is \$1,331.24 above budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$2,846.93, which puts us below our overall budget. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$4,103.72 above our expenses.
- We currently have an outstanding pulpit supply team, but our budget is in the positive because we do not have a full time minister.
- All church committees need to consider their needs for 2023 and submit budget requests quickly for consideration.
- Treasurer's report and financials were reviewed.
- General, MMF, Obligated Funds and Endowment Funds were also reviewed.
- Quarterly Committee reports were reviewed.
- The Stewardship letter will be presented to Session for approval.
- Dave Long is contacting George Alarm regarding phone lines.
- The Reading Rocks program has ended and the program has a bank balance. A motion is being made to Session to return \$5,000 to the Presbytery of Great Rivers (the RR program had received two grants from them) and the balance to the Ebersolt Fund.

Building

- We are waiting for a bat removal person to look at our organ loft and bell tower.
- Dave Long is working on scanning issues as well as the computer speakers.

- Doug Flanders has been contacted for tuck pointing work on the church. He will be giving us a quote but will not be able to complete the work until spring.
- New front and back entrance mats have been ordered, money to come from Memorial Funds.
- Steve Territo will contact A-1 Lock to adjust the front entry door.
- The Memorial Committee is researching having the church carpeting professionally cleaned.

Submitted by Steven Territo and Jane Stephenson, Co-chairs

Worship

If you are interested in volunteering to be a liturgist during a Sunday morning service, we are wanting you! Please be sure to indicate your willingness on the Time Talent Inventory card for 2023. Thank you!

Patrik Claussen, Worship Committee Chairperson

Sunday School

Sunday School is now in full swing with two active members. However, if you know of any other children who would like to attend on a regular basis, please contact me at lsr1955@hotmail.com. 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

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6, 2021



Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed Saturday, November 5! Daylight savings time ends on November 6 at 2 a.m.

Sprucing Up for the Holidays!

Arrangements have been made to clean all the carpeted areas in the building, as well as the tile in the Narthex. On Tuesday, November 8, the building will be closed for the cleaning, and we're told it will take only one day! Since the church office will need to be closed on the 8th, Joni will be working on Thursday of that week. Thanks to Coleen Janssen for making contacts and organizing this project.

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service held at United Methodist Church Sunday evening, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. An offering will be taken for Christmas Food Baskets.

Church Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

The Church office will be closed Friday, November 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. Please call Camilla Long, Deacon Chair, if you have an emergency.

Pledge Card Reminder

Your pledges to the General and Major Maintenance Funds are vital in the budgeting process for 2023. The General Fund is used for monthly expenses. The Major Maintenance Fund covers the costs of building needs (such as the repairs and upgrades of the heating & cooling systems) without relying on the General Fund. The Time & Talent Survey card is also needed at this time for planning next year's worship schedule, committees, and events.

Please return these cards no later than **Sunday, November 13**. 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 be meeting November 10, and will start to work on the budget process, so early submissions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your faithfulness in making a pledge to our church.

Membership Survey

It is time for Central to update our membership list. Last month a survey was distributed to all members of Central Presbyterian Church. It is our desire that each member indicate their membership status; we do not want to make any assumptions. At this time, about 60% of the surveys have been returned—Thank You! If you have not yet returned your survey, please do so as soon as possible.

COATS

Planning has begun for the 2022 COATS (Clothing of All Types and Sizes) program. Rebecca Rowe is coordinating this program again this year. We will be collecting during the month of November. The shopping trip with the kids has not yet been set, but usually takes place the first week of December. If you would like to donate funds specifically for this program, please use a labeled offering envelope from the pews or make a note on your offering envelope.

Thank You

A Thank You note has been received from The Winkelmann Family regarding their use of CPC's Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary during their Celebration of Life for Betsy Winkelmann on Friday, October 7. The card reads: "We cannot express our gratitude enough for all of the donations of food, help with and during Betsy's Celebration of Life, use of the church Sanctuary and basement, and expressions of sympathy to our family from CPC. We are happy to send these memorial donations in her name, as well as, make a donation from our family in her name. Betsy wholeheartedly enjoyed her church family and we are happy to see her name furthered in your good work. Love and Thanks." Signed Robert, Kyle, Carrie, Lydia, Grady, Arlo, Marcy, Rob, Harry and Jack



Special Worship



Far Left: During worship on October 9, Robert Pinkston provided violin accompaniment for Coleen Janssen, who sang a medley of *Shall We Gather at the River*, *You Are My Sunshine*, and *I'll Fly Away*.

Left: Robert Sampson shared some Lincoln history and the Sampson family's connection to Lincoln on October 30.

Keep Connected!

Although Central does not have an installed pastor at this time, Preaching Associate, Robert Lackie, has agreed to make himself available to the congregation. Starting **October 5** he will be in the church each **Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you wish to make an appointment to visit with him, please call his cell phone, 217-971-8641, or the church office.

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 3:30 p.m. or
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Camilla Long, Deacon Chair, 217-306-8086

Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session, 217-341-7599

Currently, our phone system is not providing for messages to be left when the church phone is called. Please call during office hours or leave written notes under the office door.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the December 2022 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than **Friday, November 21**. A *Microsoft Word file* attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. **Please reference "Chimes article" in the subject line.** Please email the church with any suggestions as to what you may want to see in the *Chimes*. Our email address is office@central-pres.org.

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 2:00 p.m. for any resident who resides within the PORTA School District.

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 infant diapers. Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation is always accepted.

Health Notes: *submitted by Alice Studzinski*

November is American Diabetes Month

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. Type 2 means that your body doesn't use insulin properly. According to the American Diabetes Association, it is important to know your risk for type 2 diabetes so that you can discuss the need for screening with your doctor. The following is a list of several risk factors to be aware of.

Age: The older you are, the higher your risk for type 2 diabetes.

Gender: Men are more likely than women to have undiagnosed diabetes; one reason may be that they are less likely to see their doctor regularly.

Family history: A family history of diabetes could contribute to your risk for type 2 diabetes.

Blood pressure: Having high blood pressure contributes to your overall risk for type 2 diabetes.

Activity level: Being inactive can increase your risk for type 2 diabetes.

Race and Ethnicity: People of certain racial and ethnic groups are more likely to develop type 2 diabetes than others.

BMI: The combination of your weight and height is your Body Mass Index or BMI. People with higher BMIs are at a higher risk.

If you are at risk for type 2 diabetes, take charge and turn things around. Starting today, make an appointment with your health care practitioner and follow your individual diet, activity, and treatment recommendations.

<i>Worship Attendance</i>			
October 2	27	October 23	25
October 9	26	October 30	23
October 16	28		
Average Worship Attendance: 26			

American Goulash

Article from *Eating Well*:

American goulash, also known as old-fashioned goulash, is the perfect economical family meal. The pasta cooks right in the sauce, so this satisfying dish can cook in just one pot.

Ingredients

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 ½ cups chopped onion
1 lb. lean ground beef
2 large cloves garlic, minced
2 tsps. Paprika
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground pepper
1 (14 oz.) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained
1 (8 oz.) can no-salt-added tomato sauce
1 cup low-sodium beef or chicken broth
1 ¼ cups whole-wheat elbow macaroni
2 tsps. Grated Parmesan cheese



Instructions

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and beef; cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Add garlic, paprika, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper; cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes and their juices, tomato sauce and broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook for 5 minutes. Add macaroni and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender, 6 to 9 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with Parmesan, if desired. **Nutrition Facts:** serving size: 1 1/2 cups. Per serving: 418 calories; protein 31.1g; carbohydrates 39.9g; dietary fiber 6.6g; sugars 7.9g; fat 16g; saturated fat 5.2g; cholesterol 73.7mg; vitamin a iu 1224.8IU; vitamin c 16mg; folate 42.6mcg; calcium 73mg; iron 5.1mg; magnesium 87.4mg; potassium 1022.7mg; sodium 725.9mg. thiamin 0.3mg; added sugar 1g. Servings: 4.

Best Hot Chocolate Recipe

Homemade Hot Chocolate Recipe <https://joyfoodsunshine.com>

This hot cocoa is smooth, creamy and made with two forms of chocolate for a rich, deep chocolate flavor. It's easy to make in 5 minutes with 5 ingredients.

Ingredients

2 ½ cups whole milk
¼ cup granulated sugar
2 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder
6 oz. (1cup) bittersweet chocolate
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
Homemade whipped cream



Instructions:

1. Add milk, sugar and cocoa powder to a medium saucepan.
2. Heat over medium heat, whisking occasionally, until the mixture just begins to bubble but does not boil.
3. Add chocolate and vanilla and whisk until the chocolate is melted and the mixture is smooth.
4. Pour into 4 small mugs and serve with homemade whipped cream

Store:

If you have leftovers, store in an airtight container (glass jar) for up to 5 days in the refrigerator.

Nutrition Facts: Serving: 0.5 cup, Calories: 397 kcal, Carbohydrates: 44g, Protein:8g, Fat: 22g, Saturated Fat: 12g, Cholesterol: 18mg, Sodium: 71mg, Potassium: 484 mg, Fiber: 4g, Sugar: 36g, Vitamin A: 268iu, Calcium: 202mg, Iron: 3mg.



Members:

Harriet Carter	Jo Ann Morris	Nancy Van Etten
Barbara Churchill	Ken Morris	Lisa Willhite
Jan Costello	Dale & Mary Rose Satorius	Linda Williams
Steve Hollis	Marilyn Schafer	Family of Betsy Winkelmann
Mary Mies	Judy Stahl	

Friends of the Congregation:

Jane Arnold (K. Westervelt's mother)	Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)	Family of Jerry Price (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)	Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Alan Bronson (S. Wilson's friend)	Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)
Susan & Geordie Crossen (K. Hutton's in-laws)	Blair Rowe (R. Rowe's daughter)
Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)	Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)
Greg Grogan (C. Long's brother)	Gary Sorenson (L. Williams' friend)
Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)	Lori Stayton (E. Denton's daughter-in-law)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)	Ann Termine (C. & R. Ford's friend)
Kelly Holtsman (B. Churchill's daughter)	Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)
Theresa Hulbert (P. Claussen's friend)	Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)
Angie Janssen (C. Janssen's daughter-in-law)	Alana Wachtel (M. Montgomery's cousin)
Sydney Janssen (C. Janssen's granddaughter)	Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Family of Georgia Leinburger	Mike Whitehurst (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Anthony Long (D. & C. Long's son)	Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Dave & Diane Ludington	Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's granddaughter)
Family of Janice Plaeger Marx (R. Plaeger's sister-in-law)	Debbie Woods
Bob McLin (B. Winkelmann's brother)	

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	Displaced peoples in the world
Pray for racial equality	Pray for the people who are affected by the Ukraine/Russian conflict
Peace between nation neighbors	
Victims of gun violence	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. or calling the church office at: 217-632-2651.

Happy Birthday

Octogenarian

Nov. 25 Judith Stahl Concordia Village, 4101 W. Iles Ave. #4135, Springfield, IL 62711
 Nov. 26 Janene Tice 16756 Schirding Ave., Petersburg, IL 62675

Happy Birthday!

Nov. 1	Cindy Godbey	Nov. 14	Lauren Johnson
Nov. 1	Vicki Johnson	Nov. 15	Jacob W. Gerdes
Nov. 3	James Kveton	Nov. 16	James Satorius
Nov. 4	Sadie Jane Groh	Nov. 16	Adam Power
Nov. 5	Sherrilyn Roberts	Nov. 17	Rodney Davis
Nov. 8	Wm. (Bill) Montgomery	Nov. 23	Robert Winkelmann

Happy Anniversary!

Nov. 28 Lloyd & Marilyn Schafer



	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, Nov. 6	Marilyn Montgomery	Janet Scheina	Pat Claussen
Sunday, Nov. 13	Brianne Satorius	Rhonda Plaeger	
Sunday, Nov. 20	Dave Long	Rebecca Rowe	
Sunday, Nov. 27	Linda Williams	Sherri Roberts	
Sunday, Dec. 4	Ron Sanert	Jane Stephenson	Jane Stephenson
Sunday, Dec. 11	Dan Stephenson	Barbara Sampson	
Sunday, Dec. 18	Cindy Godbey	John Godbey	

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 6	Martin Nagel
Sunday, Nov. 13	Robert Lackie
Sunday, Nov. 20	Jonah Steele
Sunday, Nov. 27	Robert Lackie
Sunday, Dec. 4	Martin Nagel
Sunday, Dec. 11	Robert Lackie
Sunday, Dec. 18	Jonah Steele

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.