

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,

I've been "chiming" in my Sunday messages lately a lot about prayer, and so I thought I'd try to summarize some things that have been pivotal for me and which I hope will help you too.

First, Jesus and the New Testament writers seem to all be saying "Pray and Pray Often!" Paul says it bluntly..." Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5.17). While we may at first think this means we have to do all the talking, when we look at the bigger context we get in the Bible, we see it means that we should be in a continual state of openness to speak *OR* hear from God at all times. Just like you or I can spend time with our spouse that doesn't require that words always be spoken, so God wants that kind of closeness with each of us. That means we come to live with a 24/7 awareness of his being *right there*...as he in fact is. *That*, I think, is praying without ceasing.

Second, we can benefit from sometimes using the words of others to give shape to our praying. Just like I use YouTube to learn how experts do a home maintenance project, why would we not want to benefit from the words of other Christ-followers that say what we wanted to say, but we couldn't find the words? But you can then customize those words to make your own.

Third, I spoke a bit about the ancient practice of *lectio divina*. divine reading. It just means using Bible reading as a launching pad for our praying. I suggest it here especially if you do not have a regular prayer habit in place. It includes any of the following four steps, but they are not in priority order and do not all have to be done each time. I think we find ourselves in seasons where one is more helpful than others, but here we go:

1. *Receiving/Reading* the words of the Bible. This need be no more than a verse, or maybe a phrase of a verse that you read to yourself.
2. *Processing/meditating* on what the verse means, how it impacts you, how you need to apply it to your life. You might be doing this in your head, or talking to God out loud.
3. *Expressing* your "asks" to God, as a result of what you just read and also shaped by what you just read. This is a time to ask, to knock, to be persistent.
4. *Relishing/celebrating* how God is present with you and with those around you. Showing gratitude, recognizing that you are God's and he is yours, and just letting that capture your mind and heart.

I hope you will take time, as the summer winds down, to think about and practice praying with what I hope are some fresh perspectives. It's really just about putting ourselves in a stance where we are always ready to hear and speak and be dwelling with God, our Creator and our Savior.



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Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, July 21, 2022

- Worship in the Park will be September 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. in Shelter #3 by the river.
- Coop Vacation Bible School will be held at Central the first week in August from 6:00 to 7:30 nightly.
- 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 \$691.69 above budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$2,091.26 which puts us below our overall budget. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is only \$1,210.65 above our expenses.
- Our budget is in the positive because we do not have a full time minister and are relying on dedicated pulpit supply.

Building

- The landline phone and internet switch to Cass Comm has been completed. The new office e-mail address is office@central-pres.org
- The eaves on the North side of the building have been rebuilt. The door on the second floor has been inspected and there is no leak. We are waiting on the flashing to be completed at the tower. All repair work will be paid for through our Major Maintenance Fund.
- We are waiting for a bat removal person to look at our organ loft and bell tower.

Submitted by Steven Territo and Jane Stephenson, Co-chairs

Pastor Nominating Committee

The PNC has been meeting to review Personal Information Forms (PIFs) and prepare interview questions. We have sent out initial interest inquiries on three candidates with no response from two of them and a decline from the other. Pastor Kay Daniel has been attending our meetings and has provided valuable guidance and advice. We appreciate your prayers as we navigate through this search for a pastor.

Many blessings,
Linda Claussen, PNC Chair

New Email Address

Central Presbyterian Church has a new email addresses. The current address, centralpreschurch@sbcglobal.net is being phased out. Please update your address book and begin using this new address when communicating with the church office.: **office@central-pres.org**.

Co-op Vacation Bible School

Central Presbyterian Church is hosting the Co-op Vacation Bible School this year, August 1-5. It will be Monday through Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children aged Pre-K (age 4) through grade 6 are encouraged to participate.



“Knights of North Castle” is the theme and promises to be a wonderful week of learning and fun. North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King’s valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King’s Armor. But the armor isn’t what they think it is!

Sparky, our friendly and enlightening puppet, will join us each session and will help kick off each evening of learning Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and music. Our banner verse is, **“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.”** --Ephesians 6:10.

The VBS planning committee is Linda Claussen, chairperson, Brianne Satorius, and Beth Kiningham. Rhonda Plaeger will be coordinating snacks. We welcome anyone who would like to help in any way. Feel free to contact us with questions.

Thank You

Special Worship: Thanks to all who enhanced our services in July.



July 3: Ron Sanert shares Christian humor.



July 10: A classical piece, “Traumerei,” is played by Max Janssen



July 17: Ethan Satorius sings “I Got You and You Got Me” with Brianne’s support.



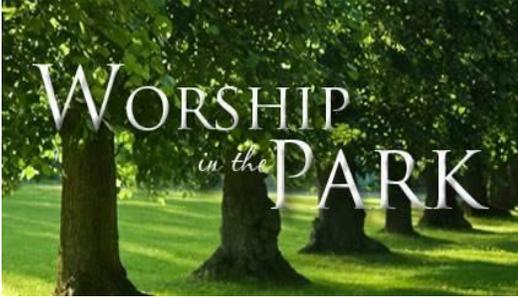
July 24: Coleen Janssen & Sherri Roberts sing “You are Mine.”



July 31: The congregation joins Ethan Stephenson in singing “I Saw the Light.”

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Worship in the Park



September 11 is Worship in the Park and is held along the river at Lincoln's New Salem's Sangamon Picnic Area, Shelter #3, located across from New Salem on Pritchettville Road. Since this is Grandparents Day, we invite and encourage all of the grandchildren and any children you can "adopt" for the day to join us for a special day at New Salem. Don't forget a lawn chair and your favorite dish to share for the picnic luncheon immediately following worship.

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. 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

Camilla Long, Deacon Chair, 217-306-8086

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

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.

Summer Food Distribution

Summer Food distribution is provided by Menard Caring and Menard County Men's Club. It is available for PORTA School District's school-aged children. Distributions will include pantry items and fresh fruits/vegetables. Activities will also be available for the children when their families come for food distribution.

No summer food program will take place within the school district, so this distribution will be in lieu of any summer food program.

The distribution will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of July and August from 4-6 p.m. at PORTA Central School parking lot. If you have questions, call or text Lindsay at 217-717-2551 or email lwilken@menardcha.org.

Back to School Assistance

Need help with back-to-school supplies for your children heading back to school in Menard County? Central Illinois Services can help! They partner with businesses, churches and individuals to purchase supplies. Please call 217-632-7723, ext. 4, to sign up. Distribution of school supplies will be August 10 from 1-5 p.m. at 113 W. Antle, Petersburg-Hillside Terrace Community Room, Petersburg. This event is sponsored by Ameren.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the September 2022 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than **Monday, August 22**. A *Microsoft Word file* attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. **Please reference "Chimes article" in the subject line.** Please email the church with any suggestions as to what you may want to see in the *Chimes*. Our email address is office@central-pres.org.

Health Notes: *submitted by Alice Studzinski*

What is Monkey pox and Should I Be Concerned?

Monkey pox is caused by a virus. It was first discovered in a monkey in 1958 but the first infection in a human was discovered in 1970 in a small child in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since then, most cases have been reported from rural, rainforest regions of the Congo Basin. Reported cases have been increasing over the last 5 to 10 years. What's different now is that we're seeing cases in other countries that normally don't have monkey pox. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), this new pattern of transmission is concerning and it's moving quite quickly. In 2003, the first monkey pox outbreak outside of Africa was in the United States of America and was linked to contact with infected pet prairie dogs. In May 2022, multiple cases of monkey pox were identified in several non-endemic countries including the United States. There were 53 cases reported in Illinois in 2022. Studies are currently underway to further understand the epidemiology, sources of infection, and transmission patterns.

Most people do not become very ill with monkey pox. It causes a rash that can be uncomfortable, itchy, and painful. The rash resembles smallpox. Other symptoms include fever and swollen lymph nodes. Symptoms last from 2 to 4 weeks. Severe cases can occur. In recent years, the case fatality ratio has been around 3–6%.

According to the WHO, monkey pox is transmitted to humans through close contact with an infected person or animal, or with material contaminated with the virus. Monkey pox virus is

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transmitted from one person to another by close contact with lesions, body fluids, respiratory droplets and contaminated materials such as bedding.

Persons at risk include those who have had the following risks:

1. Had contact with someone who had a rash that looks like monkey pox or someone who was diagnosed with confirmed or probable monkey pox;
2. Had skin-to-skin contact with someone in a social network experiencing monkey pox activity. This includes men who have sex with men who meet partners through an online website, digital application (“app”), or social event (e.g., a bar or party);
3. Traveled outside the US to a country with confirmed cases of monkey pox or where monkey pox activity has been ongoing; or
4. Had contact with a dead or live wild animal or exotic pet that exists only in Africa or used a product derived from such animals (e.g., game meat, creams, lotions, powders, etc.).

Treatment and protection are available. Vaccines used during the smallpox eradication program also provided protection against monkey pox. (Check your upper arm for that smallpox vaccine scar.) A newer vaccine has been approved for prevention of monkey pox and an antiviral agent developed for the treatment of smallpox has also been licensed for the treatment of monkey pox.

July 3	24	July 24	19
July 10	21	July 31	31
July 17	34		
Average Worship Attendance: 26			



15 Minutes BLT Pasta Salad

This BLT Pasta Salad is a refreshing and colorful salad perfect for summertime BBQ or party! It's one of the easiest pasta recipes and will be on your dinner table in 15 minutes. Your family and friends will ask for it again and again!

Ingredients

2 cups pasta farfalle (bowtie) uncooked	¼ cup ranch dressing
3 cups Romaine lettuce chopped	¼ cup plain yogurt (Greek)
¾ cup red onion chopped	¼ cup mayonnaise
1 cup tomatoes chopped	1 tbsp. vinegar red wine or apple cider vinegar
4 slices bacon cooked and crumbled	salt and pepper to taste



Instructions

- Cook pasta according to instructions. Prepare the rest of the salad.
- In a large bowl, add the tomatoes, lettuce, bacon and red onion.
- In a small bowl, mix ranch, yogurt, mayonnaise, vinegar and pepper.
- Drain the pasta and rinse with cold water.
- Then toss pasta with the dressing mixture until evenly coated. Serve and enjoy!



IZZYCOOKING

Crock Pot Pork Shoulder

Slow Cooker Pork Shoulder recipe is the best you'll ever have and incredibly easy to make.

Ingredients

3 lbs. pork shoulder boneless or bone-in	1 tsp. paprika
½ large onion sliced	1 tsp. salt
1 teaspoon garlic powder	1 tsp. pepper
1 teaspoon onion Powder	1 cup BBQ sauce



Instructions

Remove the skin and trim off large chunks of fat from your pork shoulder if necessary.

Rinse and then **dry with paper towels**.

1. In a small-medium sized bowl, mix together garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, salt and pepper.
2. Rub the seasonings into the pork roast.
3. Add the sliced onion to the bottom of the crockpot.
4. Add seasoned pork shoulder roast on top.
5. Pour in your favorite BBQ sauce.
6. Cover with the lid and cook on **LOW** for 8 hours or until fork tender.
7. After the pork has cooked, remove it to a cutting board or plate and let it rest for 15 minutes.
8. Shred with 2 forks to pull the meat apart. Add more BBQ sauce if you prefer.
9. Serve warm with buns or tacos.

****About Izzy:***
I'm a food lover and photographer. My blog aims to help you make and enjoy delicious and healthy food at home.

Notes: Leftover pork shoulder can be stored in airtight container in the fridge for **5 days**, and can be frozen for up to **2 months**. If your pork shoulder is frozen, you need to **thaw it in the fridge completely** before adding it to the slow cooker. Serves 12 people.

Nutrition: Calories: 282kcal | Carbohydrates: 32g | Protein: 18g | Fat: 6g | Saturated Fat: 2g | Cholesterol: 46mg | Sodium: 548mg | Potassium: 378mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 10g | Vitamin A: 330IU | Vitamin C: 2.6mg | Calcium: 96mg | Iron: 2.6mg



Members:

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

Friends of the Congregation:

Jane Arnold (K. Westervelt's mother)	Nancy Mehr
Family of Terry Babb (S. (DeCroix) Babb's husband)	Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Michele Baker (C. Long's friend)	Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)	Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)
Allen Blout (B. Satorius' grandfather)	Co Shelton
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)	Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)
Alan Bronson (S. Wilson's friend)	Gary Sorenson (L. Williams' friend)
Susan & Geordie Crossen (K. Hutton's in-laws)	Stahl family (S. Carlson's neighbor)
Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)	Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)
Greg Grogan (C. Long's brother)	Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)
Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)	Alana Wachtel (M. Montgomery's cousin)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)	Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Kelly Holtsman (B. Churchill's daughter)	Mike Whitehurst (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Theresa Hulbert (P. Claussen's friend)	Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Family of Bernie Lawrence	Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's granddaughter)
Anthony Long (D. & C. Long's son)	Debbie Woods
Dave & Diane Ludington	
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 (Including those not yet vaccinated)	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	Pray for our country
Victims of gun violence	

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.



Octogenarian

August 27 Emma Lou Denton 522 W. Washington, Petersburg, IL 62675

Happy Birthday!

August 1	Sue Wilson	August 23	August Wankel
August 3	Molly Buehner	August 26	Grady Winkelmann
August 8	Jerry Tice	August 26	Alyssa Canady
August 10	Ellie Montgomery	August 29	Linda Claussen
August 12	Jim Mies	August 29	Marcy Newbold
August 13	Alice Studzinski	August 29	Gage Godbey
August 16	Marion Ring	August 30	Jackson Phillips

Happy Anniversary!

August 7	Harriet & William Carter	August 28	Jim & Mary Mies
August 25	Dan & Jane Stephenson		



	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, August 7	Rebecca Rowe	Dan Stephenson	Jane Stephenson
Sunday, August 14	Linda Claussen	Janet Scheina	
Sunday, August 21	Sherri Roberts	Julia Territo	
Sunday, August 28	Chris Ford	Jim Satorius	

Special Worship

Sunday, August 7	Ben Kiningham & Cindy Godbey
Sunday, August 14	Children's Group
Sunday, August 21	Wildwood Strings Dulcimers

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.