

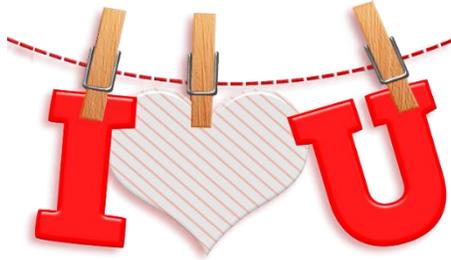
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Central Presbyterian Church

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



**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.”**

-- John 3:16 NRSV

Each year, we spend millions of dollars on Valentine’s Day candy, presents, and flowers. We spend our dollars on romantic dinners that most likely cost way too much and aren’t even close to being as good as a burger and fries!

When my kids were little, each Valentine’s Day they would get one of those little boxes of candy shaped like a heart with maybe four pieces of candy inside. The box would have a silly cartoon on the front or maybe a superhero or princess. They would each get a little stuffed animal of some kind, also. They loved it!

Just like kids, we as adults like to receive gifts, big or small. We adore the recognition, the attention, and the love that is bestowed upon us with a simple gift or word of thanks or a compliment.

John 3:16 tells us that God loved us SO MUCH he gave us his only Son as a gift that we may have salvation and eternal life. This is the treasure of the gospel, the ultimate gift of love from God. But it’s not the only scripture in John that we look to for the definition of love.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus tells his disciples, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Jesus’s love for us is sacrificial. As we are told to love as he did, ours must be the same. We must sacrifice for one another—both inside and outside these walls.

This Valentine’s Day, as I leave Central, I pray you do just that. The world needs you as Christians and as God’s children. May you continue to give and to share the love that brings you all together. Take care of each other as a family and push through this time in history knowing that the Lord is by your side.

Many blessings,

Pastor Stephanie



Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, January 14, 2021

- **MOTION: Central Presbyterian Church will move to in-house worship beginning February 7, 2021.**
- Pastor Stephanie's last day with us will be February 14, 2021.
- **MOTION: The following were approved for 2021:**
 - Church Treasurer – Brian Satorius**
 - Comptroller – Rhonda Plaeger**
 - Major Maintenance Fund Treasurer – Rhonda Plaeger**
 - Trust/Investment Treasurer – Janene Tice & Chris Ford**
 - Clerk of Session – Jane Stephenson**
- Checking account balance as of December 31, 2020: \$17,844.82.
- **MOTION: Approve the Final Budget as presented. Motion made by Steve Territo, seconded by Patrik Claussen. Motion carried.**
- **MOTION: A \$500.00 donation shall be made to Menard County Friend In Need program from the Ebersolt Fund.**
- Bulletins will continue to be sent to members.
- Home Communion was delivered to 7 homes and 12 members.
- Pastor Report: Pastor Stephanie has participated in the following:
 - Recorded Worship Services (6)
 - Confirmation Classes (3)
 - Administration Meeting (2)
 - Congregational Meeting
 - Session Meeting (2)
 - Special Session Meeting
 - Mission Meeting
 - Funeral Service
 - Worship Committee Meetings– as needed
- We ask that you continue to keep all of our health care providers in your thoughts and prayers.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 7

Due to the concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, every effort is being made to assure all members of Central Presbyterian Church are able to participate in this year's Annual Congregational Meeting and vote on motion presented for the 2020 Annual Report. Options are as follows:

- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, February 7, 2021.
- A drive-by voting session will take place Sunday, February 7, 2021, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- If unable to attend on Sunday, please call the church office by noon on Wednesday, February 3. The Clerk will call you to record your votes over the phone.

Copies of the Annual Report have been emailed to members and physical copies are available in the Narthex.

Committee News

Administration

Financial

- 2020 Income is \$10,711.65 above budget and 2020 expenses are below budget by \$12,518.50.
- Although Income is above budget and expenses are below, there is a shortfall between the two. YTD we have \$5,718.21 less income than expenses. The checkbook balance has dropped approximately the same amount this year.
- General, MMF, and Endowment funds were all reviewed.
- A recommendation was made to Session to send \$500 to Friends in Need from the Ebersolt Fund.
- The final 2021 budget was sent to Session for approval.
- 2021 Pledges are approximately \$1,400 lower than 2020 pledges with a few still outstanding.

Building

- Wireless service continues to have issues. A quote was received from Cass Communication for internet service. No decision has been made.

Office

- Bulletins will continue to be sent to members and sermons will be included, when available.

Steve Territo & Jane Stephenson

Administration Committee Co-chairs

Mission/Outreach

Birthday Party in a Box: We are planning a “Birthday Party in a Box” mission. We are planning to assemble packages with a cake mix, frosting, party hats and other birthday party essentials. The packages could be distributed through the housing authority and food pantry to help underprivileged children have a birthday party. If you have other ideas for this project, contact Jan Costello or Pat Claussen.

Community Outreach: We are looking at organizations to thank for their contributions to the community. Our past outreach has been appreciated by the recipients. This could not have been done without the help of our congregation. Thanks again to all who donated.

Food Pantry Sunday: Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday! The Menard County Food Pantry, housed in our church building, has recently reopened, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00. The pop-up food pantry outside County Market is currently the only other food pantry open in Petersburg. A basket is in the narthex to receive donations each week. After church, we deliver the donated items to the pantry. If you shop at County Market, they will make it very easy for you to donate items – just pay for the items and the County Market staff will deliver them to the pantry.

Housing Authority food distribution: Rebecca Rowe, Beth Kiningham and Jan Costello helped to deliver meals to 50 seniors in the community on December 23.

COATS: The COATS program will be different this year, with the shopping delayed. However, donations were accepted in November, as in the past. Extra envelopes will be available. If you didn't have the opportunity to donate to COATS and still would like to, just mark an envelope “COATS” and put it in the offering plate in the narthex or drop it by the church office during the week.

Facebook prayer chain: This continues to be used regularly. We are not sharing prayer requests during our recorded worship services, due to privacy concerns. Prayer requests are still being sent weekly to the full church email list by Joni. This private group is a great way to share our prayer requests through the week. Thanks to Pastor Stephanie for setting this up. If you would like to be included in the Facebook group, please let Pastor Stephanie know.

Reading Rocks: The start of the program is currently on hold due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns. This outreach program helps students who struggle with reading and other learning. Sue Carlson and Adam Power are leading the effort. We can all help by spreading the word about this program. Also, donations of puzzles and books suitable for reading levels up to about 6th grade are welcome. You can purchase supplies through the Reading Rocks page on our church website, or you can designate a gift to the church for Reading Rocks.

To offer help to the community during the COVID-19 crisis, the button on the church website is still active for anyone to ask for assistance with errands, masks, etc.

We are exploring a few other projects at this time. If you would like to help with planning any mission or outreach activities, contact Jan Costello or Pat Claussen. We will likely have a meeting in February, but the meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Patrik Claussen, Jan Costello
Mission/Outreach Committee Co-chairs

Worship

It has been decided that Central Presbyterian Church will once again hold in-church Sunday morning services, starting Sunday, **February 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

Please know that due to the concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, every effort is being made to assure all members of Central Presbyterian Church stay healthy and safe while attending worship services. That being said, it will be required for all attending to wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times while inside the church.

Rich Ford
Worship Committee Chair

Per Capita

The Per Capita amount for each member for 2021 is \$35.25.

What Does Per Capita Mean?

It is a Medieval Latin term that literally translated means, “by heads.”

What Is It For?

Per Capita takes all the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and General Assembly and breaks those costs down by the actual head count of the total population of *active members* in the Presbyterian Church (USA). For 2021, the breakdown of each \$35.25 per capita is as follows: the Presbytery receives 63% (\$22.46), the Synod receives 11% (\$3.81), and the General Assembly receives 26% (\$8.98).

Why Do We Pay It?

As Presbyterians, we are connectional people – meaning that we understand the importance of being connected with other Presbyterians. Per Capita payments help our denomination to take

our combined efforts to effect change in our country and around the world through the various ministry and mission programs at the various denominational levels.

Who Pays It?

Every *active member* is assessed \$35.25.

Who Is An Active Member?

Adults and *confirmed Youth* who participate in the work and worship of church; who have joined the church; and who are listed on Central's rolls (official records of the church that are reported to the denomination).

Emergency Contacts

Although Central soon will not have an installed pastor, 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, 632-2651

Camilla Long, Deacon Chair, 306-8086

Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session, 341-7599

Men's Lenten Breakfasts/Women's Lenten Study

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no Men's Lenten Breakfasts or Women's Lenten Study this year.

Countryside Estates Birthday Party

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, it is impossible for the Deacons of Central to host the February Birthday Party at Countryside Estates this year.

THANK YOU!



Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet up;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Until we meet again.*

A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Stephanie and my church family for the outpouring of love in the wake of my husband Billy Costello's passing. Your kindness, whether in prayer, word, or action, was appreciated beyond measure. In Billy's honor, I hope you continue to share his love of life—and maybe a joke or two.

With Loving Thanks, Jan Costello

Menard County Food Pantry Reopens

The Menard County Food Pantry reopened on a limited basis November 18, 2020. The Pantry had been closed since March, 2020, because of COVID-19 concerns and had offered food on an emergency basis only.

New procedures are now in place upon reopening. In order to receive a food order, persons in need must contact the Menard County Community Services Office located in the Menard County Courthouse at 217-632-4412 in order to schedule an appointment to receive a food referral. New hours for the Pantry are also in effect, and it is staffed by volunteers on Wednesdays only from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Food Pantry serves the communities of Petersburg, Tallula, and Oakford. It is located at 210 West Douglas in Petersburg, within the Central Presbyterian Church.

Sharing from a Food Bank Volunteer:

- Boxed milk is a treasure. Kids need it for cereal, which they get a lot of.
- Canned foods should be pop tops OR donate can openers.
- Oil is a luxury needed for Rice-a-Roni, which they get a lot of.
- Spices, salt & pepper are a real gift.
- Tea bags & coffee are caring gifts.
- Sugar & flour are treats.
- Seeds are great in spring & summer because growing can be easy for some.
- Tuna & crackers make a good lunch.
- Cake mix & frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
- Dishwashing detergent is very expensive & is always appreciated.
- Feminine hygiene products are a luxury & women will cry over them.
- Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

These items could be dropped off at the Food Pantry located within Central Presbyterian Church or the "Pop-Up" Food Pantry located at the County Market in Petersburg.

Diaper Bank Needs

The Diaper Bank, located at the Menard County Housing office, 101 W. Sheridan Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675, is not currently open to the public; however, if there is a need for diapers or diaper supplies, you can call the office at 217-632-7723. And, of course, they are always accepting monetary donations.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the March 2021 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than Monday, February 15. 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 centralpreschurch@sbcglobal.net.



Harvard Health Letter

Reinvent your walking regimen

Published: October, 2020

Switch the type of walking in your routine to stay motivated and active.

Putting one foot in front of the other is a simple way to trigger a cascade of health benefits. Regular brisk walks help lower LDL (bad) cholesterol; control blood sugar; and reduce the risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Brisk walks also strengthen muscles, burn calories, and lift mood.

Just one problem: some people find walking boring. Boredom may diminish your motivation and interest in exercising. Before that happens, mix up your regimen with different types of walking that maximize physical, mental, and emotional health benefits.

Exercise-focused walking

While all brisk walking is good aerobic activity, you'll boost physical benefits even more if you incorporate other exercises in your regimen. Here are some options:

An interval-training walk

Adding brief bursts of speed during a brisk walk boosts cardio fitness. "You speed up, push your intensity, recover, and then pick up the pace again," says Harvard fitness consultant and certified fitness instructor Michele Stanten. She recommends timing yourself for 15, 30, or 60 seconds at the heightened intensity and then doubling that amount of time to recover at your normal pace. "If you need longer to recover, that's fine too. When you feel ready, pick up the intensity and go faster." If you don't want to time yourself, use landmarks: speed up as you walk past two houses, go slower for four houses, and repeat.

A strength-training walk

At least twice per week, take a resistance band on your walk. "Work your chest, arm, or shoulder muscles by stretching the band while holding it in front or above you, or loop it around your back and press it forward," Stanten advises.

Sport walking

Some activities make walking feel more like a sport. Consider the following:

Nordic walking

Using Nordic poles (which have a special glove-like attachment) adds upper-body exercise to a traditional walk, engaging twice the muscles and increasing calorie burning. You can walk on level surfaces or on varied terrain, and you can even do it (with a doctor's okay) if you have balance difficulty, since the poles help keep you stable.

Hiking

Hiking with or without poles will get you out of the house so you can enjoy nature. If you use hiking poles, they'll help take pressure off the joints," Stanten notes.

Meditative walking

The repetitive nature of walking makes it a natural activity for meditation or self-reflection. Try one of these:



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A breath-focused walk

The combination of breathing and stepping creates a rhythm that helps quiet the mind. "Breathing and counting are key," Stanten says. "Match your footsteps to your inhalations and exhalations. Take four steps as you inhale, take four steps as you exhale. You can lengthen those counts as you relax."

A mindful walk

Use walking as an opportunity to become more mindful. "Really be present in your walk. Pay attention to what's going on around you, and feel the breeze and the sun on your body. Pay attention to what you're hearing — the birds chirping, the rustle of leaves," Stanten suggests.

Social walking

Think about walking as a time for social interaction. Some possibilities:

A chatty walk

Instead of sitting and talking to catch up with loved ones, chat during a walk in the morning, afternoon, or evening. The more you walk and talk, the more exercise you'll fit into your day.

A heart-to-heart walk

If you need to have a tough conversation with someone, walking can make it easier. "Walking relaxes your body, and you don't need to make eye contact with the other person when you're walking," Stanten says.

Note: Texting is a form of communication, but avoid texting during a walk; the distraction can lead to a fall or keep you from seeing oncoming traffic.

What Is Ash Wednesday? & Why Christians Celebrate It?

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. In 2021, Ash Wednesday falls on February 17. Often called the Day of Ashes, Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. Here's what you need to know about this significant holiday.

Kelly Givens Contributing Editor to Crosswalk.com

Each year, **Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of Lent and is **always 46 days before Easter Sunday**. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Have you ever noticed how once a year, usually in February or March, there are a lot of people walking around with an ash cross on their foreheads? You probably knew it had something to do with Lent, but you weren't sure why the ash cross was significant.

Or maybe, you grew up in a Catholic or Protestant church that held Ash Wednesday services each year, and so you're already familiar with the service, but aren't too sure about the history of Ash Wednesday and Lent, and what they have to do with the Christian faith. If you want to learn more about this important day in the liturgical calendar and why so many celebrate Ash Wednesday and Lent, read on!

Often called the Day of Ashes, Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. This happens during a special Ash Wednesday service.

What is the Meaning of Ash Wednesday and What Happens?

During Mass (for Catholics) or worship service (for Protestants), the priest or pastor will usually share a sermon that is penitential and reflective in nature. The mood is solemn - many services will have long periods of silence and worshipers will often leave the service in silence.

Usually, there is a responsive passage of Scripture, usually centered around confession, read aloud about the leader and congregation. Attendees will experience communal confession, as well as moments where they are prompted to silently confess sins and pray.

After all of this, the congregation will be invited to receive the ashes on their foreheads. Usually, as the priest or pastor will dip his finger into the ashes, spread them in a cross pattern on the forehead, and say, "From dust you came and from dust you will return."

Where do the Ashes Come from and What do the Ashes Symbolize?

In many congregations, the ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, churches bless and hand out palm branches to attendees, a reference to the Gospels' account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when onlookers lay palm branches on his path.

The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. "Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (**Genesis 2:7**), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash."

"When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy" (The **CatholicSpirit.com**).

With this focus on our own mortality and sinfulness, Christians can enter into the Lent season solemnly, while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy of the message of Easter and Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death.

When Is Ash Wednesday in 2021?

Here are the important dates of Lent and when they occur in 2021:

Ash Wednesday	The beginning of Lent, a day of reflection and repentance from sin.....	February 17
Palm Sunday	Celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.	March 28
Holy Week	The week leading up to Easter.....	March 28 - April 3
Maundy Thursday	Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.....	April 1
Good Friday	Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.	April 2
Easter Sunday	Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his victory over sin and death.....	April 4

The History of Lent and Ash Wednesday

The history and beginnings of Lent aren't clear. According to Britannica.com, Lent has likely been observed: "since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the First Council of Nicaea in 325 CE." Christian scholars note that Lent became more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313. St. Irenaeus, Pope St. Victor I, and St. Athanasius all seem to have written about Lent during their ministries. Most agree that "by the end of the fourth century, the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises."

What Are You Not Allowed to Eat on Ash Wednesday?

As far as the exact rules and practices of Lent, those have changed over the years. "In the early centuries fasting rules were strict, as they still are in Eastern churches," notes Britannica.com. "One meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs, and butter

were forbidden. The Eastern church also restricts the use of wine, oil, and dairy products. In the West, these fasting rules have gradually been relaxed. The strict law of fasting among Roman Catholics was dispensed with during World War II, and only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are now kept as Lenten fast days.”

Is Ash Wednesday Only for Catholics, Or Can Protestants Celebrate Too?

Catholic, Orthodox and many (but not all) Protestants appreciate and observe Lent. Though Lent is not named or observed in the **Bible**, as Christianity Today notes, “the path of Lent—prayer, fasting, and generosity over a period of time—is heavily emphasized by the authors of and characters in the Bible, including Jesus. The Bible commands a lifestyle of worship and devotion that looks considerably like Lent. Therefore, while the word is absent in the Bible, the reality of Lent is woven throughout the whole of Scripture, as we have discovered.”

In his Gospel Coalition article *Evangelicals Embracing (and Rejecting) Lent*, Trevin Wax gives us an important reminder regardless of whether we personally observe Lent:

“I hardly think the church is suffering from too much fasting,” Wax says. “But I do think the church is suffering from too much self-righteousness (and I include myself in this indictment). Lent – being either for or against – can become a way of climbing up onto the pedestal.”

He goes on to say, “What is more important than the practices we take on is the heart attitude behind them. If there’s anything we should give up this time of year, it’s our sense of superiority either to those outside the church or those inside the church who do things differently than we do.”

Verses to Reflect on for Ash Wednesday:

If you’d like to start thinking through and observing Lent and Ash Wednesday, here are a few verses specific to Ash Wednesday to meditate and reflect on, and then a prayer you can pray to observe the day.

- **Our Creation:** **Genesis 2:7** - Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
- **Our Curse:** **Genesis 3:19** - By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”
- **Our Cry of Repentance:** **Psalms 51:7- 10** - Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday:

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel the right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

Thank you, Lord, that Easter is coming! Death has no sting, no victory, because of Jesus! Glory and honor and praise to His name! Thank you for rescuing us. Help us keep both the weight and the joy of this season in our hearts as we move through the next several weeks. Help us bear the good fruit of your Spirit.

Thank you that the ashes on our forehead do not symbolize our ultimate reality. From dust, we might have been formed, but our bodies, our spirits, ourselves, await beautiful redemption and the restoration of all things. Help us long and look forward to that day, and let it come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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Loving Others with Our Prayers

This happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

2 Corinthians 1:9

READ: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

“Are people still praying for me?” That was one of the first questions a missionary asked his wife whenever she was allowed to visit him in prison. He had been falsely accused and incarcerated for his faith for two years. His life was frequently in danger because of the conditions and hostility in the prison, and believers around the world were earnestly praying for him. He wanted to be assured they wouldn’t stop, because he believed God was using their prayers in a powerful way.

Our prayers for others, especially those who are persecuted for their faith, are a vital gift. Paul made this clear when he wrote the believers in Corinth about hardships he faced during his missionary journey. He “was under great pressure,” so much that he “despaired of life itself” (2 Corinthians 1:8). But then he told them God had delivered him and described the tool He’d used to do it: “We have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers”

God moves through our prayers to accomplish great good in the lives of His people. One of the best ways to love others is to pray for them, because through our prayers we open the door to the help only God can provide. When we pray for others, we love them in His strength. There’s none greater or more loving than He.

--by James Banks

REFLECT & PRAY

Loving and Almighty God, thank you for the amazing gift of prayer and the ways You move through it. Please help me to pray faithfully for others today!



Members:

Mary Ella Allen
Barb Churchill
Delores (Dee) Free

Jo Ann Morris
Ken Morris
Dale and Mary Rose Satorius

Marilyn Schafer
Janet Scheina
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Michele Baker (C. Long's friend)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' dad)
Alan Bronson (S. Wilson's friend)
Carolyn Carr (J. Tice's friend)
Family of Billy Costello (J. Costello's husband)
Greg Grogan (C. Long's brother)
Mike Hance (husband of Kristi Hance; PES teacher)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)

Bob McLim (B. Winkelmann's brother)
Fred Pike (M./ P. Montgomery's friend)
Andrew Raes (R. Plaeger's cousin)
Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)
Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Mike Whitehurst (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)

Please pray for all we know who are homebound, residing in care facilities, 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
Displaced peoples in the World
Pray for our country

Healthcare Professionals

Members:

Alyssa Canady, Sherman Assisted Living
Jan Costello, Memorial Hospice
Kristina Hutton, Memorial
Vicki Johnson, Memorial
Bill Montgomery, Memorial Healthcare System
Ellie Montgomery, HSHS (St. John's)

Abby Noel, Springfield Clinic
Heidi Phillips, Memorial
Matt Roberts, Public Health, NYC
Blair Rowe, Springfield Clinic
Ashley Rutz, Indianapolis
Brienne Satorius, Menard Medical Center

Friends of the Congregation:

Matt Albrecht, Memorial (L. William's friend)
Dr. Stacy Coombes, Houston, TX (J. Tice's friend)
Jodi Foreman, Oncology, Peoria (J. Scheina's niece)
Kyle Johnson, Springfield Clinic (V. Johnson's son)
Sarah Mies, Central Baptist Village, Park Ridge, IL
Dr. Jason Pope, Savanna, GA (J. Tice's friend)
Morgan Ricketts, Tacoma, WA (R. Plaeger's niece)
Robyn Roberts, Public Health, NYC (Matt Roberts' wife)
Valerie Scheina, Springfield Clinic (J. Scheina's daughter in law)
Patty Smith, Nurse in Moscow, ID (E.L. Denton's niece)
Becca Stark, Interventional Radiology, OSF, Peoria (Ruth's daughter)
Kaylee Territo, St. Louis (Steve & Julia's daughter-in-law)
Alyssa Tucker, St. John's (Pastor Stephanie's friend)
Emily Zimmerman, Memorial (L. William's friend)
Memorial Hospice teammates & neighbors who are working on the frontlines

Educational Field

Members:

Hannah Kyes, PORTA Elementary
Adam Powers, Substitute Teacher
Laurelyn Roberts, St. Louis School System
Julia Territo, PORTA Central Office
Stephanie Wankel, PORTA Elementary
Lisa Willhite, PORTA High School

Friends of the Congregation

Mark Goeringer, Springfield Dist. #186

During our time of social distancing, we desire to keep those in prayer who are in need. Please keep Pastor Stephanie informed of members or friends that need to be placed on our prayer list by sending an email to pastorcentralpres@gmail.com or to the office.



Happy Birthday!

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

Happy Anniversary!

February 1	Ben & Beth Kiningham
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