

CENTRAL CALLING

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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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From the Pastor's Pen

January 2022

Happy New Year!! Welcome to year 2022. I hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's Eve. As we embark on a new year, we are still surrounded by the uncertainties of this COVID virus. I do not believe we can totally eradicate this virus and we need to learn to live with it and do so in the safest manner and care for one another. I hope you and your family will be safe and well, despite the challenges of this continuing pandemic.

At the beginning of a new year, people make resolutions like exercising more, eating healthier, finding a new job, and spending more time with the family. These new year's resolutions seem to be missing the most important one and that is fostering and growing our relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. I hope you will seek to grow in faith or seek to trust in the Lord if you are not a believer yet. Make a new year's resolution to pray more consistently each day and let me share with you a weekly prayer plan that I had shared when I first came to Central. Lift up our 'Central Focus'... "Develop a ministry to Young Families; Create a style of worship which reflects cultural diversity; and Modernize and improve facilities as program requires." There are some exciting changes taking place at Central and we are hoping that our vision will lead to spiritual growth and member growth. Let's pray each week without ceasing...

- Monday... Pray for your faith and for your family's faith
- Tuesday... Pray for Central to fulfill its 'Central Focus' and the Mission of the church.
- Wednesday... Pray for God to bring new members to our church and continue

to build unity among our current members

- Thursday... Pray for Central Fine Arts & Y Arts Preschool programs
- Friday... Pray for God's grace to be revealed in our church, community, our country and around the world
- Saturday... Pray for Sunday Worship Service to be powerful, encouraging, and inspiring.

Make a commitment to pray each day for 52 weeks in year 2022. Your prayer can be 5 minutes or 50 minutes each day... the important thing is to connect and converse with God every day. Year 2021 was a challenging year, and this new year is also going to be filled with challenges and struggles. Let us join to pray for God's grace to be revealed to us and be encouraged by these passages on prayer...

- Philippians 4:6-7... *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*
- 1 John 5:14... *"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."*

In Grace & Peace,
Mark



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School (some classes on hold)	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

February 2022 issue deadline is January 20th.

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

Articles received late will be included the next week.

Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact information, such as phone number, cell phone number, address, or email address. Thank you!



THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Canned Vegetables

**Please place items in the donation box
located in the Church Narthex.**

**Last month we donated 76 pounds of food to help
feed our neighbors in need.**



I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the kind words and cards that were received on the

passing of my brother Bob. He wanted me to make sure that everyone of our Church family were thanked for all of their prayers. He was ready.

George Bostick

From our Director of Music Ministries:



Greetings, all, and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a restful holiday season! Beginning this month, our musical ensembles will hold a different schedule and ***all ensembles will rehearse on Wednesday evenings.*** Please see the schedule below for rehearsal times:

5:30-6:15: Handbell Choir (meet in bell room)

6:15-7:30: Central Choir and Praise Band (meet in choir room)

The Handbell Choir will ring at least once per quarter with the goal to ring at least once per month. The first rehearsal for this choir in the new year will be Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30. All are welcome to join our rehearsal!

The Central Choir and Praise Band will rehearse together and prepare the appropriate music as needed for weekly Sunday services. The first rehearsal for this combined group will be Wednesday, January 5 at 6:15-7:30. If you play an instrument, especially the guitar or drums, sing, or want further information regarding this band, please contact me, and I can share further information! Also, if you know musicians who might have interest in joining us, please send them my way!

As I continue to plan music for our weekly worship, I would greatly appreciate your input. Please consider suggesting music for our worship by [clicking here](https://forms.gle/VumM8GbaQu66seEM6) or copying and pasting the URL below. Your hymn and contemporary music suggestions will be considered and used when possible.

<https://forms.gle/VumM8GbaQu66seEM6>

Yours In Christ,

Nick Pierle
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UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

Spending (for budgeted items) as of 11/30/21: \$322,588

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 11/30/21: \$302,398

Capital reserve fund balance (11/30/21): \$309,440



WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 4-6, 2022

Registration will begin June 2022



Central Fine Arts Academy News and Updates:

The Fall Session concluded on Sunday, December 12th with the Student Showcase. This was an informal recital for the 25 students to demonstrate what they had learned in the 10 week session. This followed a wonderful Christmas lunch when church members shared fellowship with the CFAA and the Y Preschool families. Thank you to the Fellowship Team and all the church members who contributed to the meal. A special thank you goes to Santa who excited the children with his visit.



The Winter Session will be held from January 4th through March 12th. Currently there are 25 students registered, including 17 new students. We expect the number to grow by next week. There has been more demand for piano lessons and so two new teachers have been hired for Saturday and Tuesday classes.

The CFAA provides a positive and creative environment for children in the Steele Creek community. It also is an important way that we can connect with young families and provide the nurture and support that a faith community provides. These are opportunities for you to help:

- ♦ Help monitor the classes so that CFAA can meet the youth protection requirements.
- ♦ Share information about the CFAA programs with family, friends or on social media.
- ♦ Be a member of the church oversight board.

Please contact Jeanne Smith (jesmith8412@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information.

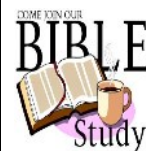
Pictures of the Advent Season



Decorating the campus

Christmas Luncheon

Santa!



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be studying the book of James beginning Sunday, January 16, meeting for 12 sessions by Zoom (for the near future). We will begin at 6 pm. We will be using Max Lucado's Life Lessons from James. If you are interested in joining in, please contact Chris Knapp or call the church office.

JANUARY HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Rhonda Weaver

Ushers: Lester Weaver, Beverly Cheek



Church Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2022 Central Steele Creek Church Scholarship (In

memory of Marion Blackwelder) and the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2022 are available in the church office. Any church member (church membership required) who is planning to attend an institution of higher learning in the 2022 - 2023 school year is urged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded on a year to year basis, so past recipients must reapply again this year.

The Gallant Scholarship is awarded yearly and if the recipient maintains an acceptable grade level, he or she will automatically receive the award in the next year with the possibility of receiving it up to 4 years.

Applications will be accepted through May 6, 2022. This year's recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.

Supporting Children and Families Facing Food Insecurity

Central serves children and families who are facing food insecurity through a number of programs. Please consider volunteering or contributing for these opportunities this winter:

- **Assemble Sunday: January 2nd, after worship service.** Please join the Community Outreach Team in the parlor after worship service on January 2nd to help assemble the 100 bags needed for January. The Weekend Food Bags provide kid-friendly food items to children whose families are housing unstable, often with no permanent home. Each week, Central provides food bags for 25 children at Steele Creek Elementary and South Pine Academy.

Our Partnership with Steele Creek Elementary:

Central supports the teachers by providing tools to help in the classroom. In early January, we provide gift cards to be used by teachers to help pay for classroom equipment or supplies. In addition, the student school supplies will be donated at a time when supplies are running low. These are the supplies of paper, pencils, crayons, glue, notebooks etc. which were collected in August and September. This is in addition to the many book bags which we supplied in early September to students who come from families with unstable housing - at Steele Creek Elementary, South Pine Academy and Southwest Middle School.

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• Loaves & Fishes

Last month Central members donated 113 pounds of food to Loaves & Fishes. In 2021, our church contributed 940 pounds of groceries to Loaves and Fishes.

Thank you to the many people who donated food as well as those members who helped distribute the food at the several Food Share events held at our church and elsewhere. The monthly donations were delivered to the Loaves and Fishes warehouse on Griffith St. by Mike Brown.

Loaves & Fishes normally provides a week's worth of groceries to individuals and families experiencing a short term crisis. Many life events can cause a financial crisis, such as medical expenses, major repairs to a car, unexpectedly high utility bills, etc. Clients must be referred to Loaves and Fishes by medical providers, school counselors human service agencies, or churches, assuring that those truly in need are served. Covid-19 has required new ways to distribute the food. In past years clients were served through a network of 30+ food pantries across Mecklenburg County. Now there are additional programs to have food boxes delivered directly to homebound elderly and disabled. In addition Loaves and Fishes has organized Food Share events such as the ones held at our church over the past year. Thanks again for all your efforts in helping feed those in need.

Birthdays—January

- 1-Sylvia Hendrix
- 3-Darby Noblett
- 4-Mary Phillips
- 5-Barry Choate
- 7-Brandon Russell
- 8-Glenn Litaker
- 9-Jeanne Smith & Donna Young
- 10-Della Medlin & Chris Knapp
- 11-Bryce Stevens
- 13-Joyce Smith
- 14-Brandon McGraw & Hugh Shannon
- 24-Kenny Burns
- 27-Bob Blackwelder & George Hege
- 28-Reuben Mozingo
- 30-Anthony Tucker
- 31-Bill Young, Jr.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Robert Bostick, brother of George Bostick, Joy Cheek

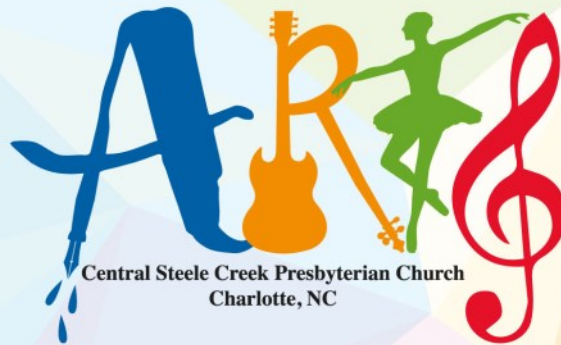
In memory of Clara Whitley, Rozanna Lawing, Pat & Sandy Hart, Donna Young

In memory of John Bricker, brother of Charlie Bricker, Pat & Sandy Hart, Donna Young

In memory of Doug Youngblood, Rozanna Lawing, Martha Sigmon, Donna Young



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***Group and Private Lessons
Limited spots available***

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Tuesdays at 5:30 - 7:30 pm Saturdays at 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Certified, Excellent Teachers

Cost: \$25 for 60 minute group lesson.

Private Lessons: \$25 for 30 minutes and \$45 for 60 minutes.

Scholarships available

Register online at
CentralFineArts.org

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