

CENTRAL CALLING

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www.cscpc.org
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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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We will combine the following issues:

- April/May
- June/July/August
- September/October
- November/December



From the Pastor's Pen

Hello Central Members and Friends,

We are already two months into this year and rapidly approaching the Lenten Season. In 325, the Council of Nicea discussed a 40-day Lenten season of fasting, but it's unclear whether its original intent was just for new Christians preparing for Baptism, but it soon encompassed the whole Church. How exactly the churches counted those 40 days varied depending on location. In the East, the fasting took place on weekdays. The western church's Lent was one week shorter but included Saturdays. As we enter this spiritual season, how can you and all of God's children make the Lenten Season spiritual, relevant, and fruitful in 2022? It's becoming more and more difficult to connect the liturgical seasons of the church to a community and the world that are less and less Christocentric and Gospel centered. It's becoming more difficult to share worship experiences with people in the community and manifest our faith in Jesus Christ. Despite the challenges before us, we are called to worship our Lord with all of our hearts, souls and strengths.

We are entering the Season of Lent and this 40-day season begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2). I ask the question again, "How can you make the Lenten season spiritual, relevant, and fruitful this year?" My hope is that our prayers, meditations, and reflections will bring transformation in our hearts and lives so that we can walk closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ. The purpose of Lent is not to make us feel disheartened or uncomfortable in the way we live out our faith, but it is a call to self-examination of our faith and our attitude and behavior towards others. The traditional penitential nature of Lent is not intended to punish us, but to remind us of our need for God's grace and of our call to serve others around us. I hope you will take

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part in Central's Lenten Season, beginning with the Ash Wednesday worship on March 2 at 7pm. There will be imposition of ashes, which is a reminder of our mortality and the consequences of the original sin of Adam and Eve and need for repentance for our own sins. Join us during Lent on Wednesdays at 12noon for our Lenten Devotions on Zoom.

Lent is an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross. How much He suffered for us so that we can be redeemed in our relationship with God as His children. A couple of years ago I shared some practical encouragements for the Lenten Season...

- Use a good Lenten Devotional.
- Spend each day in reading of God's Word and in time of prayer.
- Keep a Lenten Journal so that you can reflect on your time with God during this spiritual season.
- Meet up with others to encourage them and also be accountable to them... form of spiritual fellowship with one another.

Here is a passage that is helpful for us in this Lenten Season... 1 Peter 5:6-7, *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."*

In Grace & Peace,
Mark



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

DEADLINES

April/May 2022 issue deadline is April 4th.
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 MARCH

Dried or canned beans; packaged rice

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

***Last month we donated 97 pounds of food to help
feed our neighbors in need.***



Sunday, March 13th!
Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour!

From our Director of Music Ministries:

Greetings from the Music Ministry!



The start of the 2022 calendar year has been quite successful for the music ministry! Since January 1, we have welcomed four new ringers to the handbells choir, which has more than doubled the size of the ensemble. This growth is exciting for the music ministry! In February, the handbell choir rang for the first time as a new, expanded ensemble. They were successful in their playing. There are still more bells to be rung and more tables to be filled! All are welcome to join!



Due to COVID, the music ministry took a brief hiatus from rehearsal, and the ensembles are still working to manage safety while still preparing music for worship. This has led to changes in rehearsal spaces and times. Beginning on March 1, all music rehearsals will resume a normal rehearsal schedule. Please see below for further information regarding rehearsal schedules.

The Handbell Choir will ring at least once per quarter with the goal to ring at least once per month. This ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. All are welcome to join our rehearsal, and you do not need to have prior musical knowledge to join!

The Central Choir and Praise Band will rehearse together and prepare the appropriate music as needed for weekly Sunday services. These groups will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 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.

Yours In Christ,
Nick Pierle
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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.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 4-6, 2022

Registration will begin June 2022

Our Christian Education team would like to have a volunteer to organize the retreat and will provide a working committee for you if you would like, or you may choose your own members to coordinate this event. Please contact Pam Brooks or Diane Price if you would like to volunteer.

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

Income to budget (1/31/21): \$54,357

Expenses from budget (1/31/21): \$32,033

Capital Reserve Fund balance (1/31/21): \$303,187

Scout Sunday



Birthdays—March

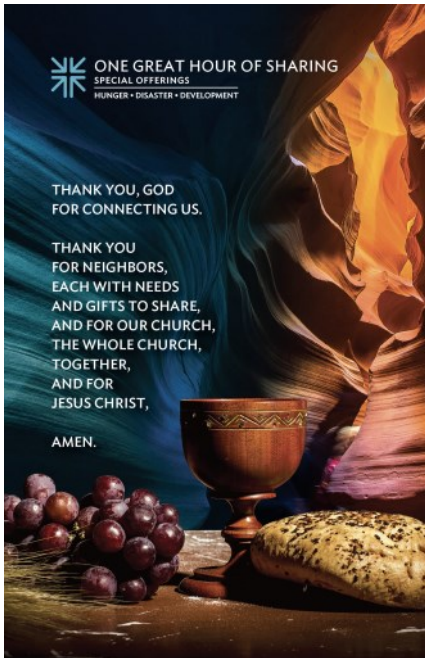
1-Devon Osborne
3-Michael Lee, Larry Arbuckle & Jill Wortman
8-Chelsea Hunter & Paul McNeill
12-Charles Wilkerson & Beth Young
13-Emily McNeill
17-Judy Brown & William Cook
18-Allison Burgess
19-Ken Price
20-Elaine Hood
23-Richard Hayes
25-Cheyenne Beaty, Dylan Beaty, Colby Perez & Pam Murphy
26-Betty Snipes Helton
27-Diane Wilson, Roger Palmer & Page Courts
31-Ann Clapham



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Diane Faust, Martha & Paul Sigmon, Herman & Teresa Canipe

In memory of Doug Youngblood, Steele Creek Printing, Pat & Sandy Hart, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Jeanne Smith



In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to restore hope, feed the hungry and empower the oppressed. The programs which address this are:

- Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People,
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Please donate on Palm Sunday, by giving securely on-line (see OGHS under special offerings), or sending a check to the church office.

Support for the Teens in the Steele Creek Community

Level Up is a new teen initiative for our community. The Steele Creek Y is developing a program which provides a holistic approach: supporting healthy mind, spirit and body. It is a comprehensive mentoring program, addressing social-emotional learning, profession and leader skills, drug and alcohol prevention, and college and career readiness as well as physical well-being. Includes are meals and time for physical activities, such as informal basketball games. It will be held two evenings a week throughout the year.

This is a free program for the teens, supported by a grant from the City of Charlotte. The Y will provide professional planning, staffing and appropriate, consistent programming. It will initially serve 20 teens.

MARCH HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Charlie Bricker

Ushers: Teresa Canipe, Herman Canipe



Overview:

We currently have 24 individuals enrolled in the program. The Ballantyne Arts Center continue to help with curriculum implementation. Registration for the 2022-2023 Preschool Year is open and we have people signing up.

The Before and Afterschool program has a total of 65 participants. This is between the Central location and our other site on South Tryon. We are only running before school at Central due to the bell times at schools, and we have begun picking up for Afterschool from two schools outside of the CMS transportation routes.

Soccer and Flag football is currently open for registration in a regional model using the facilities at the Morrison and Brace YMCA's. Basketball continues to be in high demand in this community with practices on Tuesday and Thursday, with games taking place on Saturdays.

We are expecting to receive some funding in the next few weeks to provide additional weekday programs to Teens in our community. As well as engaging activities, the Y plans to provide impactful experiences such as college and career readiness, violence prevention, life skills and more.

We are also preparing to launch an English as a second language (ESL) class to the community in the Spring. We look forward to working together for the Food Pantry at Central on 3/7.

Thank you!!!

A big thank you to Ann Mazinga and the Mighty Acts class who provided a muchly appreciated Valentines Day treat to the Preschool children. Thank you for your support and willingness to help.



CENTRAL FINE Arts ACADEMY



**GUITAR • VOICE • SCULPTURE
PERCUSSION • VIOLIN • PIANO**

Group and Private Lessons
Limited spots available

In-person Spring Session: March 15th - May 28th
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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Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00pm ~ In-Person Service with Imposition of Ashes

Zoom Lenten Devotions

- Zoom Lenten Devotion #1 Wednesday, March 9 @ 12noon
 - Zoom Lenten Devotion #2 Wednesday, March 16 @ 12noon
 - Zoom Lenten Devotion #3 Wednesday, March 23 @ 12noon
 - Zoom Lenten Devotion #4 Wednesday, March 30 @ 12noon
 - Zoom Lenten Devotion #5 Wednesday, April 6 @ 12noon
- Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85774801230?pwd=LzNBREVUbn3E2TF4S0x0dzFVU9HUT09>

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10, 10:30am ~ In-Person & Livestream

Good Friday

Friday, April 15, 6:00pm ~ In-Person with Communion

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 10:30am ~ In-Person & Livestream

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Please join the CFAA students and families to celebrate their progress in the Winter Session. We will be finishing out our 10 week session on March 12th with a pizza party and student showcase and we would love to spend this time of fellowship with the church family. We will be eating at 5:30pm and the showcase will begin at 6:15pm. This session we had piano, violin, sculpture, percussion, voice, and guitar private lessons, totaling 30 students. We are looking forward to even more growth in our spring session. If you know of anyone interested in our program, please refer them to arts@cscpc.org.



Food Share: March 7th

We have another opportunity to serve our neighbors who are dealing with food insecurity on March 7th (Monday morning: 9:45 – 11:30 am at the church parking lot) through the Food Share program. Loaves and Fishes provides families with a box of fresh groceries. As volunteers, we help organize the food boxes, set-up the drive-through location and load the grocery boxes into cars.



CENTRAL FINE Arts ACADEMY

SPRING SHOWCASE

March 12th
5:30pm Pizza Party (Please RSVP)
6:15pm All Student Showcase

Email arts@cscpc.org to RSVP

Families register with Loaves and Fishes prior to the event. They will line-up in the church parking lot, allowing the cars to drive through and receive the food box.

Central hosted 5 Food Share events this past year. We will work in partnership with the Steele Creek Y staff. Please volunteer by contacting Jeanne Smith jesmith8412@gmail.com or 704-408-7445





2022

MIGHTY ACTS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, MAY 16TH

NEW LOCATION

EDGEWATER GOLF CLUB

2380 CATAWBA RIDGE BOULEVARD
LANCASTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29720

1pm Shotgun Start

Per Player: \$75.00

(Mulligans Included)

Win Big with HIO Prizes Plus 50/50 Raffle

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



Weekend Food Bags

Thank you for your help in preparing food bags for at-risk students. With your help, 150 bags were assembled in 20 minutes! Each week, Central provides food bags for 35 children who are at-risk of being hungry over the week-end. The counselors at Steele Creek Elementary and South Pine Academy select children who come from families without stable housing (homeless) and are food insecure. Our bags of kid-friendly food items are distributed to the children on Friday.

