

CENTRAL CALLING

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Volume 19, Issue 3

Dear Members of Central,

This past Thursday evening your Session addressed several key issues which will surely have a bearing upon future days and years. At the center of such decision-making is the continued desire to discern God's will. To ask:

What is God's call to Central?

What is God's desire if such action is taken?

What is God doing, and how receptive is the congregation?

Your Session voted unanimously to grant worship space to Iglesia Bautista Emanuel dependent upon a contract signed by both congregations. This decision was made with the desire to expand our cultural diversity and to welcome opportunities of shared occasional fellowship and worship.

Your Pastoral Nominating Committee presented to the Session for review the Ministry Information Form which is a first significant step in seeking your next pastor. This Form will next receive approval from Presbytery and then become part of the denominational process for circulation which in turn welcomes resumes from interested pastors.

The Committee on the development of an Arts Center presented their outline for a

four-week summer arts camp to occur this summer and their hiring of Ms. Jessica Edwards as the director of the summer camps. This becomes an exciting first step in moving toward a ministry to young families and more will unfold concerning the camps.

The Committee on Diversity in Worship continues to meet to identify short and long term issues. While there are no commitments made at this time, long term issues address sanctuary space and the absence of a central entry/gathering area.

Committees of the church continue in the process of updating their job descriptions, seeking out members to serve and being faithful to their monthly tasks.

The Facilities Task Force (which is reviewing our current policy on facilities rental) continues to meet and will report back to the Session in June.

At the end of the meeting the Session thanked God for the life and service of John Granger. They also expressed appreciation to Joe McGrath and his work on the grounds and filling in as custodian while Personnel Committee seeks a person for this position. Appreciation was expressed to those members who have helped clean and prepare

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Sheila Fetner	Director of Music
Tom Schmutzler	Associate Director of Music
Nadja Sefcik-Earl	Director of Handbells
JoAnna Harrigan	Director of Preschool
Allyson Haenlein	Administrative Assistant
Lauren Perkin	Financial Administrator
Jeanne McGrath	Financial Secretary
Chet Knapp	Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

*April 2019 issue deadline is March 22nd.
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 approximately 107 pounds of food were donated.

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1
Room 301, 10:00am, Tuesday, March 5

Circle of Friends
Room 300, 10:00am, Saturday, March 2

Women's Bible Study
Room 300, 5:30pm, Tuesday, March 12

Christian Education space for Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, to the Fellowship Committee for the Friendship luncheon and to Kipp Cheek for his program on mission to Uganda. Lastly, a note of appreciation was expressed to Jeanne Smith for her dedication to ministry and faithful leadership.

—John



Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, March 10, 2019!



New Contact Information:
Ruby Potts' new address & phone number:
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John Edward Granger, Jr.
October 26, 1944 - February 20, 2019

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Tom & Mildred Blackwelder; Roy Youngblood
In memory of Leslie Youngblood; Roy Youngblood
In memory of Lester "Bubber" Edwards; Roy Youngblood
In honor of Glenn & Liz Litaker; Roy Youngblood
In honor of Ken & Diane Price; Roy Youngblood
In memory of Everette Beaty; Joe McCutchen

Cub Scout Pack 45: NEWS!



On Saturday, February 2nd the Cub Scouts of Pack 45 held their annual Pinewood Derby race. The boys got to make and paint their own cars and then race them with all of the other boys. There was a lot of cheering and excitement during the race. The fastest racers were awarded 1st 2nd and 3rd place awards along with each racer receiving a ribbon for best design, best paint job, best Carolina Panthers color, etc.



On Sunday, February 10th, during our church service on Scout Sunday, Joe McGrath was awarded the Building Faith In Youth Award. This is in recognition of his many years as a



counselor for the God and Me program from the P.R.A.Y. organization and Central Steele Creek that requires extra bible study by youth. Joe was joined by one of his students, Adam



Vervoort, during the service.

The Cub Scout Pack 45 celebrated the graduation of our Arrow of Light scouts that have graduated from Cub Scout Pack 45 to Boy Scout troop 45.

The Arrow of Light award is the highest rank in Cub Scouting and the rank can be worn on the uniform, even as an adult. We are proud of their achievements!



Outreach Team Blood Drive

Saturday, March 23, 2019

12:00 - 3:00pm

CSCPC Fellowship Hall

For appointments, please email

<http://tinyurl.com/CentralSteeleCreek>

Walk-ins are welcome

All donors will receive a FREE T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Greetings from the Preschool



March has arrived and we are starting to look forward to spring!

We love getting outside more with the children and talking about all the new life that occurs during this wonderful season. We will devote a week to Dr. Seuss by celebrating his birthday and reading some of the amazing books he has introduced and shared with the world. We will also talk about wind, life cycles, new life and everything this time of year brings to us.

We are continuing registration for our 2019/2020 preschool year. Our three-year-old Classroom and Pre-K classrooms are almost full, with our current students that are moving up, along with a few new friends. We still have several spaces in our two-year-old room, however, that class normally fills up over the course of the summer! I have placed forms in the church office if you know of anyone looking for preschool beginning in September.

We are hitting a busy, and exciting, time of our school year as we prepare for Graduation and our end of year promotions. God has always blessed this special preschool with amazing families and teachers and the prayers and support you share are always appreciated!

Thank you,
Miss Joanna

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE:

Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 1/31/19: \$37,695
Income (for budgeted items) received as of 1/31/19: \$30,851
Capital reserve fund balance: \$291,193

Calling all 2019 Graduates

CSCPC is asking for names of any graduates this spring from high school or college. Please send names, school info, degree, and next steps in the life of these graduates to the church office by May 1st. Thank you.

MARCH HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

Head Usher: Susan Osmar

Ushers/Servers: Jessica Smith, George Hege, Pam Brooks

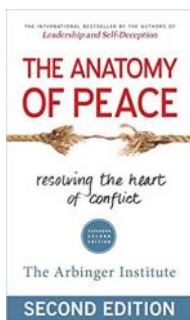
Communion Server: Ann Mozingo

Anatomy of Peace

Recently I was blessed to have attended the final session of the Pastoral Development Seminar. It is a ministry of nourishment and hospitality for new PCUSA pastors. A portion of the seminar included small group discussion around the book "The Anatomy of Peace" published by the Arbinger Institute.

The basic premise of the book is this: "In every moment, we are choosing In the way we regard our children, our spouses, neighbors, colleagues, and strangers, we choose to see others either as people like ourselves or as objects. They either count like we do, or they don't. In the former case, since we regard them as we regard ourselves, we say our hearts are at peace toward them. In the latter case, since we systematically view them as inferior, we say our hearts are at war." (p. 31)

The book goes on to unpack this concept. The pastors gathered with me at First Presbyterian Church Sarasota, engaged in meaningful discussion based on this premise. It's application to our personal and public lives, in addition to our work in ministry was boundless. I commend this book to you to review and (possibly) revise your perspective on the way one operates inwardly when interacting with others.



Church Scholarship Applications



Applications for the Central Steele Creek Church Scholarship (In Memory of Marion Blackwelder) for 2019 and applications for the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2019 are available in the church office. Any church member (church membership required) attending an institution of higher learning in 2019-2020 is highly encouraged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded on a year to year basis, so past recipients and others sophomores, etc. 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 3, 2019. This year's recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.

Teacher Workshop

Christian Education sponsored a workshop of teachers on February 2nd. Renda Brinson, Director of the Resource Center and Educator at First Monroe, led the workshop. The morning was dedicated to looking at survey results and beginning to see how we can develop a faith formation plan for children and youth unique to Central. The major takeaway is that there is a lot of thought to be put into this endeavor but the reward of sharing the faith in an intentional manner is important.

At noon, a fabulous lunch was prepared by sisters, Rozanna Lawing and Judy Corbett. Thank you!

In the afternoon the focus was on adult learners. The session included reminders about some of the basics: planning, types of questions, etc. We also talked about learning styles and how to include more styles and creative ideas in our teaching; we tend to favor our own learning style. When it comes to including participants with disabilities information on a plethora of situations was provided; mobility, terminal illness, hearing/vision impaired, autism, and Alzheimer's/Dementia.

Finally, the adult teachers group was reminded about the essence of reformed theology. Sample curriculum was provided, and it was noted that there are publishers more in line with reformed theology than others.

Keeping curriculum fresh and changing the "voice" we study is important to our spiritual growth.

The teacher workshop was time well spent for all who attended. Don't miss it next time!



The Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament will take place again this year at the Spring Lake Country Club in York, SC on Saturday, June 8, 2019, with a 1:00 p.m shotgun start. The player fee is \$60 PP, or \$240 for a foursome. The hole sponsor fee is \$100. If you organize a team and sponsor a hole the cost is only \$300, a special discount for supporting our fundraising efforts! We hope you will support our tournament this year to raise funds to help needy families and children in our community. Contact Becky Helms at 704-488-0486 if there are any questions.

Spring Workday March 30

Please join the Buildings & Grounds team on Saturday, March 30 anytime from 9:00am til 1:00pm. We will be working in various parts of our buildings. Snacks and drinks will be provided. This is a great opportunity to fellowship and work with other people as we get our church ready for Spring!



Young Adult Small Group Ministry Event:

Adult Bible study based on current events
Waterbean Coffee Shop
3607 Whitehall Dr.
Saturday, March 9th, 10:00am

For more information and to RSVP (due 1 week prior) go to www.tinyurl.com/CentralYoungAdults

Wednesday Lenten Community Services

12:00 – 12:30*

McClintock, Mt. Olive, Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill, and
Central Steele Creek

“The Way of Sorrows – Via Dolorosa”

March 6 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Steele Creek Presbyterian

March 13 McClintock Presbyterian
“The Man of Sorrows”
Isaiah 53:3 Psalm 35: 1-18 II Corinthians 7: 10-11

March 20 Steele Creek Presbyterian
“Rachel Weeping”
Matthew 2: 13-18 Psalm 30 Revelation 21:1-5

March 27 Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
“Don’t Cry”
Luke 7: 11-17 Psalm 126 I Corinthians 1: 18-25

April 3 Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
“Feet Wet with Tears”
Luke 7: 36-50 Psalm 51 Galatians 2: 15-21

April 10 Mount Olive Presbyterian
“Jesus Wept”
John 11:35 Psalm 22: 1-11, 22-24 I Corinthians 15: 20-28

April 18 Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM
Central Steel Creek Presbyterian Church

A Special Offering will be received each Wednesday and directed to “Beds for Kids”.

Beds for kids empowers families with children by delivering beds and other essential furniture items to supplement the family’s resources as they rise out of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

***Lunch is *not* provided by the churches however Showmars at Rivergate will offer 10% off the noon time meal when you show a copy of the Lenten bulletin.**

The Lenten Prayer Room

During the Season of Lent room 301 (off the office building) will be open every Friday, from 12 noon to 1:00 PM, to church members and those in the community. The room provides for spiritual reflection, prayer, and growth. The Prayer Room will also be open to church members from 9:15 – 9:45 AM on Sundays.

Christian Education Opportunities During Lent

April 7 9:45 – 10:15 A single class taught by Dr. Earl entitled: “Preparing for Your Own Funeral”. Location to be determined.

SEASON OF LENT – 2019 Worship at Central Steele Creek “The Cross We Carry”



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days and six Sundays prior to Easter Day. It is a period of spiritual discipline and reflection. The season officially ends at noon on Saturday prior to Easter Day. The liturgical color for the season is violet. The theme and focus of our 2019 Lenten journey is “The Cross We Carry”. Members are asked to wear their crosses during the season of Lent. Make visible the symbol of the season which affirms your faith and belief in the resurrection.

March 6 Ash Wednesday – Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

March 10 Lent 1 Luke 4: 1-1 “The Cross - A Reminder”
Art: Holocaust man – despair, anguish, despondency

March 17 Lent 2 Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 “The Cross – Vision of the Future”
Art: refugee child - heartbreak, hopeless, sorrow

March 24 Lent 3 Luke 13: 1-9 “The Cross – A Sign of Humility”
Art: Albanian woman - anguish, sorrow, mourning

March 31 Lent 4 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 “The Cross – Facing the Truth about Ourselves”
Art: Androgynous child - hopeful, anticipation, optimistic

April 7 Lent 5 John 12: 1-8 “The Cross – Facing Our Own Death”
Art: Iron Lung lady - death, resigned, reconciled

April 14 Lent 6 Palm Sunday Psalm 118, Luke 19:28-40

April 21 Easter Sunrise Service – Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Easter Day John 20: 1-18
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Central Missions-Read to Achieve Books for Summer Reading

For the last 2 years, Central provided packets of books to students who need additional help and are participating in the Read to Achieve Summer Program. In partnership with Mt. Olive, Pleasant Hill and Steele Creek Presbyterian Churches, we distributed reading-level appropriate new books to 295 children from the 7 elementary schools in our area. Books were selected with the help of a school media specialist in an elementary school. Each of the churches shared the cost of the books and provided a team to help assemble the bags. These were distributed to the schools near the end of the school year.

How you can help:

Help in planning the program and/or assembling the book bags will be appreciated next Spring. In addition, donations will be needed. Our church’s share has been \$600, since more than 2000 books were purchased for the 295 students.

Please contact: Jeanne Smith at jeannes@netzero.com



Central
Steele
Creek &
Mt. Olive

JOINT BOOK STUDY

Color and Character: West Charlotte High and the American Struggle over Educational Equality

****New Date & Location****

Sunday, March 10, 2019

1 to 3 PM @ Central Steele Creek PC
Lunch will be provided.

Guided Discussion

COLOR AND CHARACTER

**Books are available
at your local bookstore or online.**

Drawing on nearly two decades of interviews with students, educators, and alumni, Pamela Grundy uses the history of a community's beloved school to tell a broader American story of education, community, democracy, and race—all while raising questions about present-day strategies for school reform.

MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	2 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
3 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Missions Team, 11:45am	4 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Personnel Team, 5:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	5 Circle #1, 10:00am Worship Team, 6:00pm B&G Team, 6:00pm	6 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00pm @ Steele Creek Pres	7 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	8 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	9
10 Daylight Savings Begins Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am "Color & Character" Book Discussion, 1:00pm	11 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Finance Team, 6:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	12 Ladies Bible Study, 5:30pm	13 Lenten Noon Community Service, McClintock AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	14 A&S Cultural Dinner Event Food Addicts, 7:00pm	15 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	16
17 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Outreach Team, 11:45am	18 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	19 Congregational Care Team, 3:30pm	20 Lenten Noon Community Service, Steele Creek AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	21 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	22 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	23 Outreach Blood Drive, 12:00pm
24 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	25 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Facility Use Task Force, 6:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	26	27 Lenten Noon Community Service, Central AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	28 Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	29 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	30 Campus Workday, 9:00am 
31 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am						

Birthdays—March

1 Devon Osborne
3 Larry Arbuckle
Jill Wortman
Manley Caudle
4 Sue Birch
8 Chelsea Hunter
Paul McNeill
12 Jerry Cheek
Charles Wilkerson
Beth Young
13 Emily McNeill
17 Judy Brown
18 Allison Burgess
Michelle Flanagan
19 Ken Price
Tom Schmutzler
20 Elaine Hood
23 Richard Hayes
25 Dylan Beaty
Cheyenne Beaty
Colby Perez

25 Pam Murphy
26 Betty Snipes Helton
27 Diane Wilson
Doug Youngblood
31 Ann Clapham



Worship Child Care Volunteers March 2019

March 3	Ann Mozingo	
March 10	Barbara Choate	
March 17	Diane Wilson	
March 24	Pam Brooks	
March 31	Donna Young	