

# CENTRAL CALLING

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## August 2020

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

On July 17, 2020, John Robert Lewis passed away at the age of 80. He was a congressman from the state of Georgia, but he was so much more than just a congressman. John Lewis was a Civil Rights Leader for most of his life and one of the leaders of the 1963 March on Washington. In 1965, Lewis led the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in an incident which became known as "Bloody Sunday". Images from that "Bloody Sunday" shocked the nation and galvanized support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. His casket crossed that bridge one last time and the Alabama State Troopers were there to salute him... a stark contrast from the beating his body took back in 1965. His life was celebrated from Selma to Washington DC as his casket was laid in the Capitol Rotunda. John Lewis is the first Black lawmaker to lie in state at the US Capitol Rotunda. Lying in state is a tribute reserved for the most distinguished government officials and military officers. John Lewis began a transformation that continues to this day and we must all take up his work of bringing equality and justice in our society and in the presence of our God. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Central will be continuing our Virtual Worship Service through the month of August and our hope is that we will return to In-Person worship service in September. There are several reasons for this decision and the continued COVID-19 pandemic is one of the reasons. The

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replacement of the AC system in the sanctuary is another reason as it's difficult to worship without good air circulation in the sanctuary because it can be difficult for many people. I want to thank all of you for being patient and faithful during these difficult and challenging times. Let us all seek our Lord in these time of trouble for He is our Refuge and Strength. Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

On Saturday, August 8th from 10~11am, Central will be celebrating and congratulating Bud Shaney for receiving the Legacy Award from the Presbytery of Charlotte. This is a wonderful distinction for a lifetime of service to the church of Jesus Christ and the Presbytery had prepared a celebration for Bud and his family. But the COVID-19 pandemic has brought cancellation to the ceremony, so our church will have an outdoor Drive-Thru celebration for Bud and Pauline on August 8th. Please refer to the details of the celebration from the Fellowship Committee on page 5 of this newsletter and I hope all of you can come and take part in celebrating and thanking Bud for his lifetime of service.

—Mark



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Lauren Perkin	Financial Administrator
Jeanne McGrath	Financial Secretary
Anthony Tucker	Custodian
Chet Knapp	Clerk of Session

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

## DEADLINES

**September 2020 issue deadline is August 24th.**

*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 AUGUST

### Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

## CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

# ON HOLD

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Charles Winter; John McGloughlin

In memory of Pam Shaney New; John McGloughlin

In memory of Tommy Therrell; Donna Young

In memory of Joe McGrath; John McGloughlin

In memory of Mike & Phyllis Burrell; John McGloughlin

In memory of Sandy Porter; Jane & Henry Hilker

## Church Services to remain virtual for the month of August.

## Seeking Secret Saints!

We need four (2) volunteers for this upcoming school year to support our college students. This program provides support and love from our congregation to continually remind our students that their congregation cares and prays for them.

To ensure consistency amongst the students, the guidelines are as follows:

- Cards mailed to student for each holiday and throughout the year just to say you are praying for them.
- \$25 gift cards or gift sent at Christmas and on their birthday.
- Goodie boxes sent to students at the beginning of each exam period (early December, early May). These should not exceed \$25.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Ellie Bostick @ 704-309-3759 or [elliebostick@yahoo.com](mailto:elliebostick@yahoo.com).

## FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Spending (for budgeted items) as of 6/30/20: \$171,592

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 6/30/20: \$165,768

Capital reserve fund balance (6/30/20): \$300,350

## Church Office is Open

Here are some mandatory guidelines for anyone coming to the church office.

- Please wear a mask as you enter the office. Remember, you are protecting the health and well-being of others when you wear a mask.
- Maintain Social Distancing protocol... at least 6 feet apart.
- Outside door will remain locked, but Allyson will open the door for visitors.

## SEPTEMBER HEAD ELDER & USHERS

**Head Usher:** Charles Wilkerson

**Ushers/Servers:** Charlie Bricker, Joan Hedgepeth, Sandra Burke

## MISSION TEAM UPDATE:

Central is a partner to Steele Creek Elementary School. We support the students and teachers throughout the school year. This is how you can help now:

### School Supplies Needed even with Covid-19

School supplies are still needed – even with students involved in remote learning assignments as well as when schools re-open for in-school classes. They will need: wide ruled notebook paper, colored paper, glue, crayons, markers, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, file cards, spiral bound and 3 – ring notebooks, scissors, etc.

We will start collecting the items now to take advantage of the Back-to-School Sales. Please note: Some stores allow you to order on-line and have curbside or store pick-up. These include Office Depot, Walmart (some items) and Target.

Your donations can be left at the church office or brought to Narthex when worship services begin again. We will store the items at the church and deliver them as the teachers need the supplies.

### Teacher Appreciation Treats

Would you be willing to donate snacks or treats for the teachers at Steele Creek Elementary as they prepare to start the school year?

For the last few years, we have provided baked goods to provide support and encouragement to teachers each month. The homemade treats were much appreciated. The word would spread quickly throughout the school when they were delivered.

However, our teacher appreciation treats will need to be different due to the Covid-19. It is requested that we provide store bought and individually packaged items. Examples are snack size (lunch box) packages of cookies (like Oreos), individual bags of chips, Lance crackers, etc. We need to skip cookies from the store bakery, etc. since they are not individually packaged at the manufacturer.

If you can help, please drop off the items at the church office between now and August 5<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of Teacher Workdays.

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### **Support of Student Families with Food Insecurity**

Central members and friends helped to provide groceries for 21 student families from four of the Steele Creek area schools during the spring and summer.

Soon after the public schools closed, the school staffs identified student families that were hit very hard by

Covid-19 and struggling. Many of the families were already vulnerable due to lack of affordable housing, homelessness, chronic health problems, etc. When jobs were lost, they needed extra help. We have been able to provide emergency help in terms of groceries or grocery gift cards to be used for perishable items such as milk and eggs.

The need may continue or even increase this fall. The Mission Committee will reach out again with specific ways in which you can help.

Both the families and school principals have been appreciative of our support. Below is a thank you from the principal of Winget Park.



### **To Central Steele Creek Presbyterian:**

Mere words seem incredibly insignificant in expressing my sincerest gratitude and thanks for the support you have provided to our families during the past few months. Your generosity and kindness, to families you may not ever meet, is a blessing to our community. The past few months have been trying for all of us—but thanks to all of you, many families did not have to worry about having food and other items to support their children. If I, or any member of the Winget Park community, can ever repay your kindness and generosity in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out. Again, I thank you immensely for your support of our families and students during the past few months—we are so thankful to have such amazing people within our community!

Best,  
Rick Mohrien, Principal

## **Birthdays– August**

- 1-Karis Lee
- 2-Susan Osmar
- 3-Russell Helms & Ann Mozingo
- 5-Debra Clapham
- 7-Renee Perez & Fred Youngblood
- 8-Megan Shepard & Celia Shepard
- 11-Diane Price
- 12-Debbie Eargle & Paige McNeill
- 13-John Benton, Ardy Skidmore & Jim Stikeleather
- 15-Barbara Choate & Banks Wilson
- 18-Jennifer Doyle
- 19-Brad Clapham & Sallie English
- 20-Pam Brooks
- 21-Bud Shaney
- 23-Caroline Taylor
- 25-Donna Winter & Judy Corbett
- 26-Gary Russell
- 27-Debbie Stikeleather
- 28-Sandra Burke & Carter Patterson
- 29-Jim Noblett
- 30-Shirley Austin







Live, online interactive small group classes and private lessons for:

**Violin, Guitar, Dance, Drawing, Percussion and Voice.**

Group lessons are designed for students in grades K - 5. Private lessons are for kids of all ages!



# CENTRAL FINE ARTS VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Classes start August 17th  
in six week sessions.

Cost: \$25 / 30 minutes  
\$45 / 60 minutes

Registration Fee: \$20

Registration and  
information at  
<http://cscpc.org/cfaa>

Questions about format,  
scheduling, instrument rentals  
and more call Director Lori  
Cauley at 704-274-1878.

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## Vocal Bootcamp!

It has been over a month since I first joined you all at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian. I have received such a warm welcome and lovely feedback from so many congregation members and hope that you will join me in praying for the future of the music ministry.

As we adapt to ever-evolving circumstances, I am thrilled to share that we will be holding Vocal Bootcamp beginning this Sunday, August 2nd from 3-4:30pm via Zoom! You need not have any musical background to attend - we will be talking about and experimenting with some basics of voice training and getting to know each other. Many of us may be experiencing higher rates of vocal fatigue and underuse during these times, so please consider joining us, even if you do not intend to join the choir. Please RSVP to [elizabethbemis@cscpc.org](mailto:elizabethbemis@cscpc.org) to receive the Zoom link and to receive updates, as the meeting time may change. Elizabeth Bemis



## Greetings from the Preschool.....

Wow how I have longed to write those words again. The end of our 2019/2020 school year was a wild ride, and the preschool journey that lies ahead next school year is looking a bit different. However, with God as our guide, we will blossom and come out stronger and more faithful than ever. The families that are returning are excited to get their children back in the Classroom!

I do want to share a bit of important news from the preschool...I will be handing over the reigns as the Preschool Director to one of our teachers that has been part of this preschool family for 10 years. Christy Martell will take over as the Director starting Monday, August 3rd. Please stop in, say hello, and introduce yourself. I am excited for her and the preschool as she brings such energy and excitement, and her love for these children shines fiercely. I want to thank you all for trusting me to hold this position for these last 3 years and as a teacher for many years before. This special church and preschool have blessed my family, and I will forever be grateful for my time spent here. I pray that I have touched and influenced many children's lives over the years. I know that Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Preschool will continue to be a special place for many families, and continue to nurture these children and their relationships with God.

Thank you,  
JoAnna Harrigan



## Celebrate Legacy Award Recipient Bud Shaney!

Please join us as we celebrate Bud Shaney's selection as a Legacy Award Recipient thru the Charlotte Presbytery! The Legacy Award recognizes individuals who have been role models in their congregation since reaching the age of 70. They model living life fully, have used their gifts and talents in creative ways, and bear witness to Christ working in their lives. They embody the "gold" in their "golden years!"

The recognition event with the Presbytery was planned for earlier this year in March, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, had to be cancelled.

As the Central family, we are going to celebrate Bud ourselves!

- Please join us for a Drive-By Legacy Parade on Saturday, August 8, from 10:00-11:00am.
- Bud, Pauline, and other family members will be stationed in front of the Sanctuary building on the front porch.
- To maintain social distancing, you are invited to stay in your vehicle upon entering the church yard.
- Please enter the lot thru the SECOND driveway on South Tryon Street, closest to the Manse.
- Traffic directors will help you get into line and move thru the parking lot.
- You will drive by the front of the church, approaching from the Manse side, so that the driver's side of the car is closest to the front porch.
- You'll stop at the porch and take the opportunity to share your best wishes with Bud.
- We will have microphones and speakers in place so you can hear each other.
- Goody-bags with some of Bud's favorites will be provided to take with you in lieu of a reception. They'll be like Bud himself---very sweet and a little nutty too!
- You will then drive off and let the next vehicle pull forward to greet Bud.
- You will exit thru the other driveway onto South Tryon Street.

Please invite anyone in the community who would like to join us as we celebrate a legend in his own time! If you have any questions, please call Martha Osborne at 980-395-6695, or email her at [right1934@aol.com](mailto:right1934@aol.com).



*Thank you to everyone who sent cards, called or provided a meal during my recovery. Your kindness has been greatly appreciated.*

*Sincerely,  
Lynn McNeill*