

CENTRAL CALLING

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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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From the Pastor's Pen

The month of April was a time of transformation for Central and society-at-large. It was almost a year ago (May 25) when George Floyd was killed while under the custody of the Minneapolis Police, which set off protests of emotions, frustrations, anger, bitterness and despair. My family lived in the suburb of Minneapolis for almost 8 years and I have driven by the street where Mr. Floyd's life was taken away by a white police officer, who placed his knee and his full weight on George's neck for more than 9 minutes... even after he became unresponsive. The trial took place in April and the verdict came back only after about 10 hours of deliberation. Former officer Chauvin was found guilty on all three counts and now he awaits sentencing in jail. Most people agree that this trial and guilty verdict will transform the policing in America, which will hopefully bring greater respect, unity and encouragement between the police and the African-American communities.

On Easter Sunday, I preached an Easter message regarding the power of transformation and how Easter is a "Difference Maker" in our lives. The resurrection of Jesus Christ fulfilled the promise Jesus made in regard to who he is and what he came to do... Christ is the Messiah whom the prophets spoke about and he came to die on the cross and resurrect on the third day to set us free from the bondage of sin and secure everlasting life for believers of Christ. I pray and hope that Central will always be impacted by the resurrection of Christ, not just on Easter Sunday, but every day of our lives as we are transformed by God's grace and love. There are transformations taking place in the ministry of God's church at Central as we welcomed Nick Pierle as our new Director of Music Ministry. Let us all cover Nick with our prayers and encouragements as God uses his spiritual gifts and talents to bring inspiration and transformation during our Sunday morning worship

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service. We also want to thank Emily Cheek for leading the music ministry during the past 5 months as God used her talents and leadership to provide much needed guidance at Central. Emily will be moving out to Utah for her internship in Music Therapy in July and she will be there for 6 months. Let us keep Emily in our prayers.

We are anticipating more transformations taking place at Central as we seek to fulfill the mission statement of... "Worshipping and Serving Christ in the Heart of Steele Creek." A task force was created to construct a strategic plan for fulfilling the mission of Central and we hope to present the plan to the church in the not too distant future. While changes are always difficult as we become comfortable with the familiar rhythm and pattern of life in the church, changes are necessary as we seek to move forward and grow as a church of God. We will provide updates and engage in constant communication to our members regarding the exciting plans for Central. Please be in prayer that God will bless his church and grow his church in the heart of Steele Creek.

In Grace & Peace,
Mark



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

DEADLINES

June 2021 issue deadline is May 18th.

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 MAY

Boxed cookies & crackers

Please place items in the donation box located in the Church Narthex. Last month 64 pounds of food was delivered to the pantry.

ATTENTION



Ladies of the Church:

Christian Education has postponed our Ladies

Spring Gathering for May 15. We hope to bring all of our ladies together at another time for a morning of devotion and reflection.

Learn about Effective Ways to Give to the Church:

The Finance Team wants to remind everyone that there are other ways to give to the church other than writing a check from your checking account or donating online via your credit card. While sending a check or donating cash is a great way to donate, you can also send stocks or other securities from your investment accounts to the church. Please contact Holly Clapham via email at holly.thomas3@gmail.com or call/text at 704-361-0317 if you are interested in attending a 30-45 minute virtual meeting to learn about other ways to donate to the church financially that may be beneficial in your current financial situation. This meeting will plan to take place in late March or early April. Thank you-Holly

From our Director of Music Ministries:



Greetings, all!

My name is Nick Pierle, and I am the Director of Music Ministries at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. Thank you all for welcoming me with open arms during the first few weeks of my time at Central. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you, and I look forward to getting to know everyone soon.

I am from Waxhaw, NC, and I have lived in the Charlotte area for almost 17 years. I have worked as a church musician for most of my life, having started singing in my church's youth contemporary praise band at St. Matthew Catholic Church. As I continued my undergraduate musical studies at High Point University, I became the Assistant Director of Music Ministries at Christ United Methodist Church, where I found my calling to church music. I continued church work in Greenville, NC at St. James UMC as I pursued graduate degrees in Choral Conducting, Vocal Performance, and Vocal Pedagogy from East Carolina University. Since graduating ECU, I have worked in several music ministries, most recently I worked with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Charlotte as a staffed singer. Now, in addition to my duties as Director of Music Ministries, I teach K-5 elementary music with the Mecklenburg Area Catholic School system at St. Ann and St. Patrick Catholic Schools. I also teach private voice and piano lessons as well as perform in opera and musical theatre productions when I am able.

As the Director of Music Ministries, my goal is to expand the music programs at Central and reach the Steele Creek community through the power of music to grow our church community. There will be new initiatives throughout the summer and into the remainder of the year that will encourage current and new members to join at least one of the music ensembles and programs offered at Central. If you are interested in becoming a part of the music ministry at Central or have other general inquiries about the music ministry, contact me at nick@cscpc.org.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Nick Pierle

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Spending (for budgeted items) as of 3/31/21: \$85,985

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 3/31/21: \$92,725

Capital reserve fund balance (3/31/21): \$293,780



We want to thank everyone for the prayers and cards when Johnny and I were sick with COVID. Thankfully we had mild symptoms but the prayers and cards still gave us comfort knowing our church family was thinking and praying for us. We love you all and look forward to the time when we can all worship in person again.

Johnny & Charlotte Burgess

Dear Church Friends,
Thank you for your cards, calls, support and especially your prayers during this difficult time. I want to thank everyone who attended the graveside service. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful service. Your presence helped make it so. I will forever be grateful. I miss all of you very much.

Love in Christ,
Annette Caudle

Calling All 2021 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 24th.

Attention Women of the Church:

Mark your calendars for our annual women's retreat at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC planned for August 20-22, 2021 (postponed from 2020). More information to follow in the coming months.

Questions? Contact Kathy Bricker at brickerjk@comporium.net

Y Youth Programs:

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The Y currently has 32 students in programs on our campus. This includes a small group of students who continue to be fully involved in remote learning and a larger group who comes to the afterschool program. This spring, the Y had to frequently adapt their program to the changes in the public school system. Planning is underway for the Summer Camp sessions. This year it will include specialty camps for music and the arts. The Central Fine Arts Academy is helping plan these programs.



SERVING THE STEELE CREEK COMMUNITY

Steele Creek Preschool Academy: Preschool Education through the Arts

The preschool at Central will transition to the **Steele Creek Preschool Academy** in the Fall. This is a joint partnership between Central and the Y. The focus will be Preschool Education through the arts in a caring and nurturing environment for children ages 2 to 4 years old. Hands-on early childhood learning experiences will help children develop key school readiness skills. Our Preschool program focuses on learning through music and dance, visual arts, and drama – all specifically designed to encourage a young child's creativity and personal expression. Our curriculum connects and integrates life skills, literacy and learning in a faith-based environment.

All classes will be taught by well-qualified preschool professionals and trained professional teaching artists who understand that learning is an integral part of a child's future growth and development. Preschool Director, Jasmine Young has 6 years of experience in preschool education and child development in the Steele Creek community.

Program Details:

- Schedule: September 7, 2021 – May 27, 2022
- Daily Schedule: 9 am – 1 pm
- Location: Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at 9401 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC
- Age specific arts based curriculum built into the schedule every day (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts etc.)
- Flexible Enrollment options: 2,3,4 and 5 day options available for ages 2-4.
- Financial Assistance may be applied to your tuition costs, if you qualify.

Registration: online under the Steele Creek "Branch" at <https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/programs/childcare-education/preschool> or contact Jasmine Young at Jasmine.Young@ymcacharlotte.org or call at 704-716-4900.

Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

Missions Team

Showing appreciation to the teachers at Steele Creek Elementary

Thank you for your many contributions to the Steele Creek Elementary Teacher Appreciation Snacks in April.

Please note: We will again provide snacks in May. Please bring your donation of snacks on the third Sunday (May 16th) or to the church office during the preceding week. These should be store-bought and in individual packets.



Food Share Update

Central helped 327 Steele Creek families (over 1300 individuals) who were dealing with food insecurity this winter. Central, together with the Y, held three Food Share events in our parking lot. Loaves and Fishes provided groceries which included frozen meat, fresh fruit, fresh and canned vegetables, and breakfast cereal. Church volunteers braved rainy and cold weather to load boxes of the groceries into cars, meeting the needed Covid-19 precautions. We plan to continue this effort with Loaves and Fishes and will alert you of the next date.

Dear Church Family,

The Mighty Acts Sunday School class treated the children and staff of our Y to colorful Easter bags with treats, toys, and notes from our members. Here are some of the notes from them, as they were written.

- Thank you to the Mighty Acts class for giving Easter bags to the Steele Creek YMCA children! We are grateful for you and your kindness. (The Steele Creek YMCA Staff)
- Thank you for the Easter bags. (Nova)
- Thank you Mighty Acts class. Thank you for the Easter bags a lot.
- 1st Prize Mighty Acts Class (Hearts and signed T.J.)
- Might Acts Class thank you for everthing you did (Madison and hearts)
- Thank you so much!
- Thank you for the Easter bags you gave me last week (Aaliya E.)
- Thank you for ever thiag Mighty Acts class (Tony)
- I love the YMCA and the Mighty Acts class. (Damari)

And the one that really touched our hearts:

- I love you so you are the best Can you love us

Well, Church Family, I think we CAN love them!

Together in Prayer

Central will join with 29 other churches in May to pray for CMPD employees, public health and safety officials and our community. Central has been assigned Tuesday, May 4th as our special day to be praying for:

- Police, for their safety and their integrity, for their physical and mental health, and for compassion and empathy as they serve our community;
- Other public, health, and safety officials, for their strength and perseverance and for wisdom to guide their decisions as they serve our community;
- Our community, that all people, whether black or brown, male or female, police officer or protester, gay or straight, Christian or Muslim, be recognized as created in the image of God; and,
- Our community, as we look more deeply into the causes of unrest, homelessness, and injustices exposed by the pandemic and work together to respond in acts of loving kindness and in tangible ways that make a difference.

Please join our church members and friends in prayer on May 4th, as a way to strengthen and build community in Steele Creek and Charlotte.



Church Scholarship Applications

Last Chance to submit your applications for this year's scholarships. Deadline is May 7th !! Recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday. If you have any questions contact Mike Brown.

Birthdays-May

1-Joe Stuart
6-Linda Blackwelder & Mike Brown
7-John Burgess & Christopher Canipe
8-Chris Winter
10-Patricia Salgado
12-Kay Patterson
13-Lester Weaver
15-Vernon Rogers & Roy Grier
16-Linda Preston
18-Lauren Perkin & Mitch Shepard
20-Joan Hedgepeth
21-Becky Helms
22-Joyce Martin
25-Aiden Hilliard
28-Pat Hart
29-Beverly Barbee & Lexi Burgess
31-Minah Lee



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Lester "Bill" Youngblood, Doug Youngblood's brother; Rozanna Lawing, Paul & Martha Sigmon

In memory of Manley Caudle; Herman & Teresa Canipe, Pat & Sandy Hart, Bob & Susan Hunter, John McGloughlin, Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Joy Cheek, Dorothy Williams, Mary & Jack Phillips, Lucy Choate, Regina Harrington

In memory of John Barnes; Paul & Martha Sigmon

In memory of Jeanette Hamilton; Toni & Greta Lambert

In honor of Rhonda Weaver; Annette Caudle



SCOUTS OF CSCPC Yard Sale

Now is the time to gather your unwanted items from your attic, garage and closets and give them to a worthy cause! We did not have a yard sale in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

Scouts of Pack and Troop 45, sponsored by the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 8th, 2021 from 7:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M. This is to offset the cost of our program. **We are looking to have items donated.**

If you would like to rent a space and tables to sell your items and keep the proceeds, the cost of a space and tables is still only \$20.00 and payable to CSCPC - Scouts 45. You will keep any money that is sold from your space and tables.

The Scouts thank you for your continued support!

Info and table applications are available from Allyson at the CSCPC church office. Her contact info is 704-588-1211 or (churchoffice@cscpc.org).

Please contact Charlie Bricker at 704-654-0919, Lynn Snuggs at 704-936-7894 or David Werner at 704-674-7558 if you have any questions.



Summer Newsletter Schedule

The June issue of Central Calling will be published/mailed on June 4th. We will be combining the July and August Newsletters and will be mailing that issue on July 16th.

MAY HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Chet Knapp

Ushers: Charlotte Burgess, Wade Shepard



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MIGHTY ACTS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Enter a team: \$60/person ~ \$240/4-person team

Sponsor a Hole: \$100

★ Enter a Team & Sponsor a Hole \$300 ★

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 / 1 PM
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