

CENTRAL CALLING

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 2021

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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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From the Pastor's Pen

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We are almost at the halfway point of this year and there are signs that things are improving as far as the pandemic is concerned. The CDC has issued a statement that fully vaccinated people can resume pre-pandemic activities without the mask. Here is the guideline from the CDC... *"Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."* Central will follow the CDC guideline and people can remove their masks during the in-person service if they have been fully vaccinated. But if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please continue to wear them and join us for in-person service.

During the past several months, there have been two task forces meeting to plan for the future of Central. The Strategic Plan Team has been meeting to lay out the ministry plans to fulfill the Mission Statement of Central... "Worshipping and Serving Christ in the Heart of Steele Creek." We want to establish short-term and long-term plans to expand the Kingdom of God at Central and enable His church to be a reflection of the community of Steele Creek. The results from the Strategic Plan Team will be conveyed to the Session and the congregation for review and approval. We are hopeful and excited about the guidance of the Holy Spirit in leading Central to fulfill the Great Commission of Matthew 28. The second Task Force is called "Central Serve Team" and they have been asked to prepare a community outreach event for the fall. We are planning a community outreach event on the campus of Central and the proposed date is Saturday, October 23. Central will partner with Steele Creek Police Department, local businesses, YMCA and hopefully our sister church,

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Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, as we seek to serve the Steele Creek community. Central needs to be much more proactive in seeking to serve the community and take the message of the Gospel to the people of this community. There is a more detailed announcement about this community outreach event in the newsletter and more announcements will come in the future. I hope all members of Central will take part in this service event and join together in prayer for Spirit's guidance and power.

I also wanted to share that my family has recently moved into the Steele Creek community and we are truly grateful for our new house. I look forward to running into some of you during grocery runs and trips to the home depot and other stores in the community.

-Mark



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Nick Pierle	Director of Music Ministries
Nadja Sefcik-Earl	Director of Handbells
Lori Cauley	Director of Central Fine Arts Academy
Allyson Haenlein	Administrative Assistant
Lauren Perkin	Financial Administrator
Jeanne McGrath	Financial Secretary
Anthony Tucker	Custodian
Chet Knapp	Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

DEADLINES

July/August 2021 issue deadline is July 9th.

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 JUNE

Baby food and formula

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



Mark & Minah Lee

14211 Highland Meadow Road
Charlotte, NC 28273

Greta & Toni Lambert

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825 Peninsula Drive, Unit 329
Davidson, NC 28036
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From our Director of Music Ministries:



Greetings from the Music Ministry!

As my first month as Director of Music Ministries comes to a close, I wanted to thank you all for welcoming me to the Central family. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you, and I am looking forward to our worship together as we approach the summer. Over the next few months, I hope to begin the growth of Central's music program. The music ministry's focus this summer is growth of its ensembles and other instrumental groups. To help plan for the summer, there are multiple surveys attached to better inform how our ministry can grow and prosper. Surveys include information about joining the choir or handbell choir, gaging interests in joining a Praise and Worship band and other musical skills, and listing your favorite worship songs. Please complete as many or as few as you would like. Links have also been provided, and you can copy and paste them into your web browser if the hyperlink does not work for you.

At Central, we have two main ensembles: **The Central Ensemble** and the **The Central Ringers**. Both ensembles meet weekly, and previous music experience is not required.

The Central Ensemble, directed by Nick Pierle, is the choir that sings on Sunday services and offers special music. The music they sing highlights the church seasons as well as weekly Scripture readings and sermons. This ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:30. New singers are welcome at any time. **The Central Ringers** are directed by Nadja Sefcik-Earl and meet weekly on Monday evenings at 6:45. This ensemble performs once a month during Sunday service. If you have two hands and can count to four, this is the music ensemble for you! [If you have any interest in joining either the Central Ensemble or Central Ringers, please click here to complete a short survey.](#)

Beginning this fall, we hope to begin the formation of a Praise and Worship band. If you would like to sing or play in this ensemble, [please click here](#). If you would like to offer your gifts as a solo voice or instrumentalist during a weekly Offering, please provide your information in this survey also, even if you do not wish to join a praise band.

Lastly, as I begin planning music for services in the summer and fall, I want to ensure people's spiritual needs are fulfilled through music. [If you have a favorite hymn or contemporary worship song that you would like to hear, please click here to complete a brief survey requesting that information.](#)

Your feedback will assist in the growth and development of our music ministry. With your help in sharing your musical gifts and talents, our music ministry will flourish and spread God's word throughout the Steele Creek community. I look forward to hearing from you!

Survey Links:

Survey 1: <https://forms.gle/VAm8x75FhaiXZtx7>

Survey 2: <https://forms.gle/9zdLwwRtTDsqZw6a7>

Survey 3: <https://forms.gle/2hBRZkxJKc2q5zAk9>

Yours In Christ,

Nick Pierle
Director of Music Ministries
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<http://cscpc.org/small-groups/music/>



Thanks to everyone for their cards and prayers concerning my recent medical procedure. It is good to know that so many of my church family care.

Mike Brown

Scout News

Our Scout Yard Sale on Saturday, May 8, 2021 was a big success. We had over 14 people who donated items and 16 tables were sold. We had over \$1,000.00 in sales. This was the most successful scout garage sale to date. The money that was received will help our scouts with needed registration, outings, and program supplies.

We wish to thank the people that, donated items, rented a table, participated, drove "clean up" trucks, supported us through prayer and who came by on Saturday morning to find a good bargain.

Charlie and I are grateful for the great support that Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church continues to provide the scouts of Cub Scout Pack 45 and Troop 45.

Lynn Snuggs - Scoutmaster, Troop 45



Teacher Appreciation: Thank you for your donations!

Picture: Pastor Mark Lee and Principal Karen Dozier help arrange the snacks for teacher appreciation



Summer Newsletter Schedule

We will be combining the July and August Newsletters and will be mailing that issue on July 16th.



Preschool Arts Academy: Preschool Education through the Arts

The Preschool Arts Academy will start at Central this September. Please view and share this video promoting the new Preschool: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2LmA0vgRI>

The Preschool Arts Academy will bring a special experience to young children by incorporating arts in the early childhood learning experience. Designed for children ages 2 to 4 years old, the 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. The 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 28273

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. This is a partnership program of Steele Creek Y and Central.

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.



Would you volunteer to help plan the future of Central Fine Arts Academy?

This June and July, a short-term team will meet to provide direction for the Central Fine Arts Academy for this coming year and beyond. This is the right time to look back over the 2 years that the CFAA has been operating and assess how best to move forward. Would you be willing to participate in 3 or 4 Zoom meetings to help this process?

Two years ago, the Central Fine Arts Academy was organized to be: *An Arts Center that serves the Steele Creek community and encourages growth through artistic expression in a faith-based environment.* We saw

this academy as an outreach to the community which lacked youth arts programs, especially with the cut-backs in music and arts education at the elementary schools. Arts education has a positive impact on children: channeling their energy into creative growth and being linked to improved academic success and social/emotional well-being. Very important to our congregation, it gave Central a unique way to build relationships with young families and attract them to participate in church life.

In September 2019, CFAA started with small group classes for elementary school children in sculpture, voice, guitar, violin and dance. The classes were high quality, taught by certified instructors – with experience working with young children. The director, Lori Cauley, had recently retired after 28 years in music education and elementary school education. Church members were the second adult in the room and developed warm relationships with the children. Many students progressed quickly, as shown by their end of session Showcase performances which many Central members attended along with the students' families. The parents were invited to spend the class time in the Central Café, a lounge area with Internet and light refreshments. This provided a place and time for church members to get to know the families.

And then there was Covid-19. After 6 months, the CFAA had to cease the in-person classes and wait for direction from the NC requirements and CMS school plans. When the Covid-19 lockdowns were extended in Spring 2020, CFAA quickly transitioned to virtual lessons. In June, a one-week pilot program showed that this was doable for students and teachers. Starting in September, the virtual private lessons continued for 4 sessions as the coronavirus continued to spread. In addition, the Summer Arts Camp had to be cancelled for a second year.

All church members are asked to consider participating in this short-term team. You could be interested in the inclusion of young families and youth, growing a music and arts program, or church diversity, etc. Already, analysis of the program and looking at opportunities has been started. This team would look at questions such as:

- How should the CFAA be organized in the fall? Should this be a hybrid model which includes in-person classes and private lessons and continues virtual lessons?
- Should partners be explored?
- Should CFAA include a focused outreach to special children and youth populations?
- Should special events be planned for promotion and exposure in Steele Creek?

If you would like more information or are willing to volunteer, please contact Jeanne Smith at jesmith8412@gmail.com or 704-408-7445.

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Spending (for budgeted items) as of 4/30/21: \$114,705

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 4/30/21: \$120,756

Capital reserve fund balance (4/30/21): \$297,505

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 early June. Thank you-Holly

To the congregation:

The Central Serve team has been meeting monthly since March. We are currently focusing on a first time community event on October 23rd that will host a job fair and fall festival on our campus. This will help support our mission "to worship and serve Christ in the Heart of Steele Creek."

We plan to take future endeavors out into the community so we welcome involvement and ideas from our congregation. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children and families in Steele Creek.
The Central Serve Team

JUNE HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Jeanne Smith

Ushers: Holly Clapham & Sandra Burke

Birthdays-June

1-Beth Patterson & Pauline Shaney
2-Anna Davis
5-Wil Caselli
6-Rhonda Weaver
7-Jim Martin
8-Dustin Shaw
9-Nadja Sefcik-Earl
13-Matthew Lee
17-Joy Cheek & Donna Cook
19-Ralph Hamilton
20-Erin Osborne
23-Bob Caudle & Helen Perkin
24-Suzi Elliott
25-Hunter Wilson
29-Renee Daniel



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Manley Caudle; Barbara & Barry Choate, Channing & Jeff Kirkpatrick, AMLC RM

Y Summer Camp

Steele Creek Y starts the Youth Summer Day Camp on the Central campus in early June. This is an enrichment program which includes a variety of camp activities including games, sports, swimming at Camp Thunderbird, and literacy. A preschool camp will be added this year. Sixty to 80 students are expected throughout the summer. The Y is coordinating their program with the CMS 6-week summer camp which is designed to provide academic enrichment after a year of remote learning. Please see more information at: <https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/programs/day-camp>
In addition, there will be one-week special activities camps. Pam Murphy will teach sculpture in two arts camps. CFAA students enjoyed Pam's sculpture classes during the school year. We hope that some of the Y students will want to continue in the fall. The Y has asked for support through donations of Sunscreen (spf 50). These can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you.



Congrats to our Grads!

On June 6, 2021, we will honor our two summer graduates, Michael Lee and Kate Noblett, during our 10:30 Worship Service. We hope you will be able to join us, either in-person or via live-streaming, to help honor and acknowledge these amazing young adults for their scholastic accomplishments. Baskets will be provided to collect cards for the graduates or feel free to mail a card to their homes. We will also have cookie bags at the door, so be sure to grab a bag on your way out.

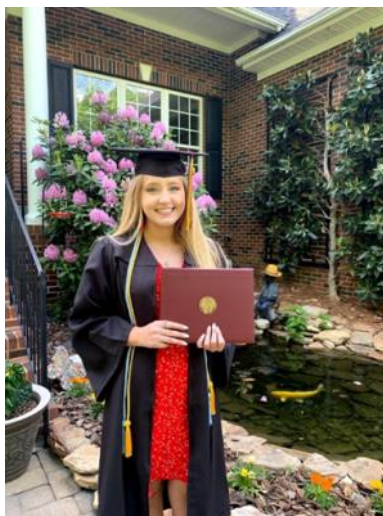
- Michael Lee 14211 Highland Meadow Rd, Charlotte, NC, 28273
- Kate Noblett, 351 Laurel Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC 29707-0167



Michael Lee graduated with the class of 2021 from Ardrey Kell High School with the following honors: A-Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society (Music Honor Society), Mu-Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, and Knights in Action.

During Michael's high school years, he was involved in a wide array of organizations and clubs, including, CMS Honors All County Orchestra (2017-2021), Science Olympiad(2017-2021), Chess Club (2017-2021), North Carolina Western Regional Orchestra (2017, 2019), Technology Student Association(2019, 2021), AK Chambers Orchestra (2017-2021), and Orchestra Pit(2019).

Michael will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall of 2021.



Kate Noblett: On May 8, 2021 I graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. I was recognized for graduating with Latin Honors of Magna Cum Laude. Now that I have graduated, I will be a substitute teacher for the remainder of the school year, and I have recently accepted a 2nd grade teaching position at Indian Land Elementary School starting in fall.



*Worshipping and Serving Christ in
the Heart of Steele Creek.*

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
SPRING LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
YORK SC 29745



TO REGISTER: WWW.CSCPC.ORG

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YEAR! COME JOIN US!



"Worshipping and Serving Christ in the Heart of Steele Creek."

2021 Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament
Saturday - June 12 - 1:00pm | Spring Lake Country Club
Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Proceeds from our tournament will provide support to families and children in need.

Sponsorship includes a custom printed sign advertising your company information that will be displayed on the course the day of the tournament. In addition, your information will be posted on our church website, FB page, and printed in our church newsletter.

Please provide the information below if requesting a custom printed sign. Required: Company Name, Contact Person and/or contact information and slogan if applicable.

First Line: _____

Second Line: _____

Third Line: _____

Fourth Line: _____

Email your company logo to Donna Cook at donnaleacock@att.net.

Please provide your name and contact number below in case there are questions about your sign:

Contact Person/Owner: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

PAY ONLINE Make payment on our church website at www.cscpc.org by clicking on the homepage tab "2021 Charity Golf Tourney." Email your completed forms to Donna Cook at donnaleacock@att.net.

If there are any questions contact Russell Helms at 704-905-8436; russell.helms@desouttertools.com, or Donna Cook at donnaleacock@att.net.

Checks and forms may also be dropped off or mailed to the church: Central Steele Creek Church, 9401 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28273, Attn: 2021 Charity Golf Tourney.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



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Saturday - June 12, 2021
Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament

Spring Lake Country Club, 1375 Spring Lake Rd
York, SC, 29745
Phone: 803-684-4541

4-Person Captain's Choice
Prizes: Top teams, longest drive, closest to pin & more.

■Registration: 11:30 ■Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30
■Shot Gun Start: 1:00



\$60.00 PER PLAYER



INCLUDES: FOOD, GOODIE BAGS, BEVERAGES, PRIZES, GREENS FEES, RANGE BALLS & PRACTICE.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT: FOR \$300, A TEAM CAN SPONSOR A HOLE (NORMALLY \$100). SPONSOR INFORMATION IS SHARED ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE, FB PAGE, AND IN OUR NEWSLETTER.

Team Captain Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

2ND Player Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

3RD Player Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

4TH Player Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

I am paying via the following: * ☐ Cash | ☐ Church Website | ☐ Check *(Amount paid: ☐ \$240 ☐ \$300)

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