

# CENTRAL CALLING

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## November/December 2021

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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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## From the Pastor's Pen

Hello Central Family & Friends!

John Wesley said, "Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will." This Thanksgiving take the time to pray. Pray with a grateful heart. Pray to offer praise to God for your life, family and friends. Pray for God to lead you in the path that brings glory to his name. Pray for our community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for the staff and leaders who work to make ministry meaningful at Central. Pray for all the people who serve and provide the financial resources for ministry to take place. Pray for our church as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of this community and the world.

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer. Give thanks to the Lord always with a grateful heart. I am thankful for you and our church. I am thankful for all that God is doing among us as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future. Psalm 136:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." Thanksgiving Day is only a few weeks away and I hope you will be filled with gratitude in your hearts and minds, despite your challenging circumstances. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." I know you have a lot on your minds and hearts... cast all of your concerns, worries and anxieties at the feet of cross and ask God to bless you with strength, guidance and hope. I pray you and your family will have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Soon after Thanksgiving, we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus

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Christ on Christmas Day. Just the mere mention of the word "Christmas" brings up all sorts of thoughts and emotions. For many, Christmas is a time spent with family and friends and is a joyous time of year. For others, it is a time spent alone due to family difficulties or losses and is a time of isolation. Many likely think of presents under the tree and the excitement of children and grand-children. We think of hot chocolate, delicious food, decorations, and the proverbial "white Christmas"... well, not here in Charlotte :-). But Christmas is so much more than these things. Christmas is about Christ, nothing more and nothing less. It is about the gift God offered to humanity through the giving of his son, the one who shed his blood at Calvary and paid the full price for our sins so that we might experience eternal life with him by placing our faith and trust in his work on the cross. Will you, this Christmas, place your faith and trust in Christ? There is truly no better gift you can receive.

During this Advent Season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole. I pray you have a blessed and joyous Christmas and I hope to see you in-person for the Advent Season.

I also want to thank all the volunteers of Central for your faithful service during this past year. I am so grateful for how you have served so sacrificially, despite challenging circumstances in your personal and family lives. Whether it's leading groups... shepherding children... serving coffee... setting up for worship... playing music... preparing and executing fellowship events, serving the community in various ways or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our faith community running, I am grateful to all of you. Thank you so much for all you do. Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!!



In Grace & Peace,  
Mark

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Nick Pierle	Director of Music Ministries
Nadja Sefcik-Earl	Director of Handbells
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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

**January 2022 issue deadline is December 20th.**

*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 NOVEMBER**  
*Boxed Pasta or Potatoes*

**THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**  
*Canned Soups, Vegetables and Meats*

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

### NOVEMBER HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Charlie Bricker

Ushers: George Hege, Pam Brooks

### DECEMBER HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Holly Clapham

Ushers: Wade Shepard, tbd.

## From our Director of Music Ministries:



Greetings, all!

The last eight months worshipping with you all has been a true blessing! We have had many musical highlights from our year, including our Hymn Sing in August, World Communion Sunday in October, and our Veteran's Day Celebration in November. This December, we will hold our Lessons and Carols service on December 19. I look forward to celebrating Christ's birth this Advent season!

At the start of the new year, our ensembles will hold a different schedule, and all ensembles will rehearse on Wednesday evening. The Choir will continue to rehearse at 5:30pm. The Praise Band and Handbell Choir will be scheduled after. More details will come as we get close to 2022. 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.

Lastly, after a successful Fall semester, our Central Fine Arts Academy has opened enrollment for their Winter and Spring sessions. Winter Sessions will run from January 4-March 12, and the Spring session will run March 15-May 28. Please contact Anna Edwards (arts@cscpc.org) or Jeanne Smith with any additional questions or referrals for the program

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](#) or copying and pasting the URL below. Your hymn and contemporary music suggestions will be considered and used when possible.

<https://forms.gle/VumM8GbaQu66seEM6>

Yours In Christ,  
Nick Pierle  
Director of Music Ministries

## UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

Spending (for budgeted items) as of 10/31/21: \$289,001

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 10/31/21: \$279,083

Capital reserve fund balance (10/31/21): \$311,770



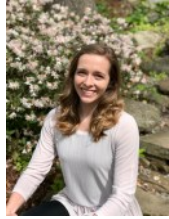
## WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 4-6, 2022

*Registration will begin June 2022*



# CENTRAL FINE Arts ACADEMY



## Central Fine Arts Academy News and Updates:

First, thank you to all of the CFAA teachers, church staff, and volunteers for your support and dedication to our program! Your commitments have made this session a success!

We have 27 students for the Fall and we have already gotten inquiries about the Winter session from new prospective families. Our classes run on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Tuesday evenings consist of piano lessons with Mr. Rone, guitar lessons from Mr. Perez, percussion lessons with Mr. Jenkins, and voice lessons with Mr. Geer. Our Saturday classes consist of violin lessons with Mrs. Boyer, piano lessons with Mr. Rone, and sculpture class with Mrs. Murphy. Students are working hard and we are looking forward to celebrating their accomplishments at the **Winter Showcase on December 12th!** After the Sunday worship service, there will be a luncheon with CFAA students and their families followed by the student showcase where students will demonstrate what they have been working on this Fall. This will be a time to fellowship with the CFAA students and families and we hope that you will be able to join us for these festivities.

CFAA is also gearing up for our Winter and Spring sessions, each 10 weeks of instruction for the students. Winter classes will be held from January 4th-March 12th. Spring classes will be held March 15th-May 28th. Our program is continuing to grow and we are thankful for your support!

If you would like to become a volunteer to sit in on some of our classes, please contact Jeanne Smith. We will be happy to have you.

Best,  
Anna Edwards  
CFAA Director



## Steele Creek YMCA Update:

We are currently serving 20 individual Preschoolers in the Preschool Art Academy. With help from the Morrison YMCA's long standing Art Preschool, we are implementing an Arts focused curriculum and the kids and families are having a great experience. Our current Preschool teachers are Jasmine, Jeannie, Brianna and Trevor. Preschool will finish on December 17<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and begin again on January 4<sup>th</sup>. We have 64 participants for Before and Afterschool between our two locations. Lillian and her team work with the kids on homework each day before providing a snack, and then activities such as Art, STEM or sports. The before and after-school team is Lillian, Yaz, Kierra, Reuben, Kyla, Bri and Trevor. We will run full day camps for kids out of school from 12/20-12/23 and 12/27-12/30. For sports, basketball season will begin with practices in December and games will start in January.



# CENTRAL FINE *Arts* ACADEMY



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

*Group and Private Lessons  
Limited spots available*

**In-person Winter Session: January 4th - March 12th  
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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## The Veterans of Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Proud To Be An American

Name	Rank	Branch of Service	Company	Period of Service
Clifford Austin		Army Reserve	Between Korea & Vietnam	1953-1965
John R. Blackwelder (Robert)	Private	Army		1954-1960
Bryan Bridges	Corporal	Army	Military Police 591st M.P. Co	Korean War
Mike Brown	Petty Officer 2nd Class	Navy	U.S.S. Basilone	Vietnam War
Teresa Canipe	Sergeant	Air Force	3210th Supply	Vietnam War
Herman Canipe, Jr.	Staff Sergeant	Air Force	3210th Supply 388 CSG-PACAF	Vietnam War
Kelly Caudle	Tech Sergeant	Air Force	145th Airlift Wing Chang	Gulf War, Enduring Freedom
Bob Caudle		Air Force	8th Fighter Bomber Wing	Korean War
Barry Choate	Specialist 4	NJ National Guard, Army Reserve		1955-1965
Brad Clapham	Staff Sergeant	Army		Korean War
Bob Hunter	Petty Officer 2nd Class	Navy	U.S.S. J.F. Kennedy	1974-1978
Toni Lambert	SP3	Army	273FA - Occupational Army	1954-1956
Glenn Litaker	Airman 1st Class	Air Force		Korean War
Reuben Mazingo	Airman 1st Class	Air Force		Vietnam War
James H. Patterson	E4	Navy	Supply Division	1962-1966
Jack Phillips	Machinist's Mate 2nd Class	Navy	U.S.S. Mattaponi, U.S.S. Corrigodor	Korean War
James Harold Price	Sergeant	Air Force	Strategic Air Command	Vietnam War
Ken Price	E-4	Army		Berlin Crisis
Gary Russell	Corporal	Marines	1811-Tank Crew Man	Desert Storm
Bud Shaney	Staff Sergeant	Army	Company B-423 Engineers	Korean War
Miles Shepard	Major	Air National Guard	245th Civil Engineering Unit	2003-Present
Eric Smith	Staff Sergeant	Army		Vietnam War
Jim Stikeleather	Petty Officer 2nd Class	Navy	JAQ-131	Vietnam War
Jack O. Wilcoxon	Sergeant	Marines	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 5 <sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment	Korean War
Bill Young, Jr.	Captain / Pilot F4E	Air Force		Vietnam War

### Deceased:

Name	Rank	Branch of Service	Company	Period of Service
W. David Abemethy, Sr		Army		Korean War
Jack C. Austin, Sr.	Staff Sergeant	Army	M-346 87th Division - Germany	WWII
Dean Bassett	Master Sergeant	Army Air Force	485 Bomb Squadron-Africa/Italy	WWII
John Z. Benton	Private 1st Class	Army Air Force		WWII
Charles F. Blackwelder	Private 1st Class	Army	Infantry	1946-1948
W. Haywood Bobbitt, Jr.	Staff Sergeant	Army	Intelligence Division-Philippines	WWII
Joe Broughton	Major	Army	Various Assignments	1941-1968
Thomas Choate	Private	Army	502 Ordinance	WWII

Name	Rank	Branch of Service	Company	Period of Service
Denny Deal	E6 Sergeant	Army Reserve	108th Training Division	1969-1975
John Ervin		Army		WWII
Jonas Ervin		Army	Infantry-European Theatre	WWII
Max Funderburk	Private 1st Class	Army		WWII
Clifton Gallant		Army		WWII
Thomas Gallant		Army		WWI
Bill Gleaton	Corporal	Army	Infantry 27th Division 8th Army	WWII
Harry Godfrey	Tec 5 Sergeant	Army	Combat Engineers-France/Germany/Austria	WWII
Bill Gordon, Jr.	Private	Army	222nd MP Battalion Infantry-South Pacific	WWII
Edgar Lee Grier, Jr.		Merchant Marines		WWII
Robert Ralph Grier, Jr.	Coxswain	Navy		WWII
Robert Ralph Grier, Sr.		Army		WWI
William Alexander Grier		Army		WWII
William Crawford Grier		Army		WWI
Bill Harkey	Boatsman's Mate 1st Class	Navy	U.S.S. Bates	WWII
Bill Inman	Seaman 1st Class	Navy		WWII
Michael Lane	1st Lieutenant Assault	Army	227th Aviation Battalion, Helicopter Pilot	Vietnam War
Herman Lawing	Gunner's Mate 1st Class, Master Sergeant	Navy Air National Guard	U.S.S. HP20, U.S.S. YP462, U.S.S. SC990	WWII
Joe McGrath	Machinist Mate	Navy	Aircraft Carrier	1960-1964
Royston Merritt	Private 1st Class-Bandsman	Army	Special Services	1946-1947
Carl Miller	Private	Army	South Pacific	WWII
Carl Eugene Neely	Staff Sergeant	Air Force		WWII
Buck Newsom	Lieutenant	Navy	Various Ships	WWII
Edward Norman	Fireman	Air Force	Occupational Army	USA
Wally Osborne	Petty Officer 2nd Class	Navy		Korean War
Sandy Grier Porter		Army		WWI
Harold Pratt		Army Air Force		WWII
James Wilson Price	Sergeant	Army Air Force	56th Troop Carrier Squad-South Pacific	WWII
Robert Madison Price	Corporal	Army	86 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron	WWII
Alan Sikes	Sergeant Specialist 4	Army	The Training Brigade	1993-2012
Bob Sikes	Specialist 4 Specialist 5	Army SC National Guard	The Student Brigade MP Company	1961-1967
Jerry Smith		Navy		Vietnam War
Coelle Snyder	Private	Army	Company D	WWII
John Thompson	Staff Sergeant	Marines	4th Division-South Pacific	WWII
Ralph Young, Sr.		Army Air Force	South Pacific	WWII
Bill Young, Sr.	Major	Air Force	Bombardier, Navigator, Meteorologist	WWII
Frel Youngblood	Staff Sergeant	Army Air Force	448th Bomb Group, 459th Bomb Group	WWII
Lester Youngblood	Staff Sergeant	Army Air Force	49th Service Squadron-S/W Pacific	WWII





## **2021 Advent Schedule**

**First Sunday of Advent-November 28**

**Second Sunday of Advent-December 5**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Third Sunday of Advent-December 12**

Showcase presentations from the Arts Preschool &  
Central Fine Arts Academy.

Christmas Luncheon in Family Life Center  
following service.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 19**

Lessons & Carols

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship-December 24, 5:30pm**



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## Angel Apple Tree 2021 Supporting the Classroom Teachers at Steele Creek Elementary School



Please donate to the Angel-Apple Tree fund to help Steele Creek Elementary teachers in their classroom instruction. Donations will be combined and then divided among the teachers, providing gift cards so that the teachers can purchase what is most needed in their classroom

Under last year's Covid-19 restrictions, the traditional Angel Tree program was adapted from purchasing requested classroom items to providing gift cards. As always, our members were generous and we were able to provide \$25 gift cards for all SCES teachers, specifying that the money was to be used to help in the instruction and learning of the students. We received many notes from teachers expressing their appreciation.

We want to continue this successful program. Please donate, remembering to mark "Angel-Apple" on your check memo line to designate your gift for this collection.

- During worship service- Use a special Angel-Apple envelope which will be available in the sanctuary or place a check in the offering plate.
- Mail or drop by your check to the church office.

*Let us help the teachers at  
Steele Creek Elementary!*

**Thank you from Steele Creek Elementary for the snacks for their Teacher Workdays earlier in October!**



CHRISTMAS JOY

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Please contribute to the Christmas Joy Offering any-time during Advent. You may place a donation in the offering plate, send a donation to the church office or contribute on-line (special offerings). Thank you.

By giving to the Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges who work with communities of color.

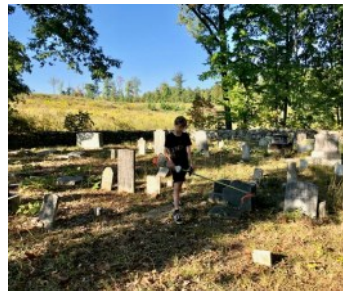


## Scout News

The Scouts cleaned up the Blackstock Cemetery in October. The grounds are in good shape now. Attached are some photos of the scouts and their team effort.

Blackstock Cemetery is located in York County, SC off Hwy 21 and Carowinds Blvd, approximately 1/2 mile from the NC/SC state line. The cemetery dates back to the 1700's and derived its current name from the first minister of Steele Creek Associate Reform Presbyterian Church, William Blackstock.

Lynn Snuggs  
Scoutmaster, Troop 45





# Birthdays—November

- 1-Whitney Smith, Cathy Lee & Diane Hayes
- 2-Mark Lee & Rachel Cheek
- 3-Donna Stuart
- 4-Greta Lambert & Joyce Quinn
- 5-Bernard Simmons
- 6-Kevin Kronk
- 8-Wade Shepard
- 9-Dorothy Williams
- 11-John McGloughlin
- 12-Herman Canipe, Jr.
- 14-Tim Hood & Karen Noblett
- 15-Clara Whitley
- 17-Bob Hunter
- 21-Johnny Burgess, Jr.
- 23-Hazel Wilson
- 24-Nick Pierle
- 29-Rozanna Lawing

## December

- 4-Timmy Hood
- 6-Mark Clapham
- 10-Deborah Russell
- 11-Diane Faust
- 12-Wilma Price & Eric Smith
- 13-Andrew Burns
- 15-Arthur Perkin
- 16-Matt Clapham
- 19-Lynn McNeill & Jeanne McGrath
- 21-Kathy Bricker
- 28-George Bostick
- 29-Randi Clapham
- 31-Charlotte Burgess



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Robert Bostick, brother of George Bostick, Pat & Sandy Hart, Ken & Diane Price

## Please Note:

Sunday, December 26th worship service will be **virtual only!** There will be **no in-person worship that day.** Please mark your calendars. Thank you!



## Community Outreach/Mission Projects

### Food Share:

Central held the 5<sup>th</sup> Food Share event on October 29<sup>th</sup>, serving 75 families. The Food Share program is sponsored by Loaves and Fishes and provides families with fresh groceries. As volunteers, we helped to pack the food boxes, direct the cars, and load the grocery boxes into cars. Thank you to the many volunteers!



### Helping Students with Food Insecurity and Housing Instability:

There are students in our area schools who face both unstable housing situations and food insecurity. In a small way, we are supporting these students by providing emergency food items. The students are identified by the guidance counselors and social workers at three schools: Steele Creek Elementary, South Pine Academy, and Southwest Middle School.

### Week-end Food Bags:

Thank you for helping assemble the week-end food bags after worship service on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. With so many people helping, we quickly assembled 100 bags each time. Each of these bags will help a child have extra resources to get through a week-end. The items are chosen to be kid-friendly, both in items that they like and can prepare on his/her own by using just a microwave. The school counselors at Steele Creek Elementary and South Pine Academy make sure that these bags go home in the child's backpack each Friday. Twenty to 25 bags are delivered to the schools each week.

### Thanksgiving Support:

For the students at Southwest Middle School, we will provide groceries to 10 families to help with Thanksgiving. These will be non-perishable foods such as a canned ham, vegetables, stuffing, canned fruit and pie filling, and mixes for muffins and pie crusts. Steele Creek Y will join with us by supporting 5 additional families.

