

CENTRAL CALLING

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February 2019

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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Beginning days of the new year are filled with planning and the committed time given by church leaders and members. Nightly meetings, Elders attending workshops, people devoted to planning and holding to a vision for tomorrow. There is good, healthy spiritual energy. The present does not need to have the final word. Slowly, with the tick of time there is the envisioning of what Central will appear to be with an Arts Center and expanding cultural diversity on the grounds. The continued, faithful work helps me to understand what it means to be a church "reformed and always reforming".

As your Session and the Pastoral Nominating Committee move forward with their work there continues the necessity for members to keep leadership in their daily prayers. It also calls for continued support and participation in the ministries which currently exist. We cannot reach for the future if we are unable to participate and celebrate the good in the present. Henri Nouwen once wrote: "Nobody can dream of a new earth when there is no old earth to hold any promises."

Looking into the immediate future is our season of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Our Lenten

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theme: "The Cross We Carry" will provide us with opportunity to examine 'how' and 'why' Jesus died. In many ways, this season is the least welcome of all liturgical seasons. Who wants to be continually reminded of the violence which surrounds us? There is the common tendency to selectively take the best teachings of Christ and conclude with a naïve good family, good relationships, be wealthy and wise adulterated Christianity. Absent is the cross and the best of our Lenten season is when we begin now to examine Christ's life and death upon our own lives.

When Jesus found himself praying in the Garden of Gethsemane his intense prayer to be spared from the cross was not answered. God's response to his request was far more. The response of God was greater than the answer hoped for. Carry this same understanding of God's work through your prayers for Central. Prayers are always answered. As shared several weeks ago from the pulpit, if we prayed more and complained less, how different would be the Church! Embrace the words of Isaiah: *'Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear'.*

—John



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JoAnna Harrigan	Director of Preschool
John Granger	Custodian
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

March 2019 issue deadline is February 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 FEBRUARY

Canned Soups

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

Last month approximately 59 pounds of food were donated.

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

Room 300, 10:00am, Tuesday, February 5

Circle of Friends

Room 300, 10:00am, Saturday, February 2

Women's Bible Study

Room 300, 5:30pm, Tuesday, February 12



Calling all women of Central! (and friends!)

Please join us at Shell Island Resort in Wrightsville Beach, NC for a retreat sponsored by Christian writer Andy Lee and her Beauty for Ashes team. The weekend, March 2-3, includes 3 keynote speakers, break-out groups, fellowship, snacks, crafts, and (hopefully) some warm sunshine on the beach. The \$90 registration includes the speakers, planning, and 3 meals - 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. We will leave Friday, March 1 and return Sunday, March 3. Rooms at the resort are \$119/night and can be shared by 2, 3 or 4 people (2 double beds). If you've never heard of Andy Lee, check out her website: wordsbyandylee.com. There is a link for the "Beauty for Ashes retreat", but also look around the site to get inspired by this amazing woman. If this sounds like something you would love to do, contact either Charlotte Burgess or Chris Knapp a.s.a.p. Rooms must be reserved by Feb. 22.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

Come One, Come All, and please bring a friend! Our annual Friendship Luncheon will be Saturday, February 23rd from 12-1pm. Menu includes Joy's infamous Chicken Spaghetti, Baked Ziti, green beans, salad, and dessert. Please RSVP to the church by February 15th.

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.

New Contact Information:

Ruby Potts' new address & phone number:
5100 Sharon Road, Apt. 314E
Charlotte, NC 28210
704-556-3415



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Sue Koster; Rozanna Lawing, Mary & Jack Phillips, Jean & Burns Taylor, Bill Gordon

In memory of Frel & Peggy Youngblood, John & Irene Youngblood & Lester & Martha Youngblood; Roy Youngblood

FEBRUARY HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

Head Usher: Wade Shepard

Ushers/Servers: Sharon Wilson, Ardy Skidmore, Teresa Canipe

Communion Server: Joy Cheek

Central Missions

Supporting Students and Teachers at Steele Creek Elementary School



Please clip these Box Tops for Education labels for Steele Creek Elementary School. Each label provides 10 cents to the school, with checks mailed 2 times a year. Hundreds of products include these labels including General Mills cereal

and food products (Fiber One, Natures Own, Annie), cleaning products (Lysol, Finish, Scott), storage and trash bags (Ziplock, Hefty), paper and office supplies (Papermate, Boise copy paper), and others. Please put the box tops labels in an envelope or plastic bag and give them to Jeanne Smith.

As you are aware, our church is in the midst of change, especially in the demographics of our neighborhood. As we begin our search for a new pastor, we have also begun work on three major initiatives which will require significant change, as we look to better serve our community. But as we grapple with change, we feel it is important to also remember our long history.

In order to reflect on that rich history, we have commissioned Meredith Ochoa to create a piece of art to capture both where we have been and where we are headed. You will notice in the artwork the artist's representation of our steeple and cross, with clouds in the distance. This represents Central's future and things yet to come. The artwork will be installed on the long hallway behind the sanctuary, between the bathrooms and the parlor. We hope you enjoy it.

Your Marketing / Publicity Team

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. 3

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE:

- Total 2018 income for budgeted items: \$385,947
- Total 2018 expenditures from budget: \$398,608
- 2018 budget deficit: (\$12,661)
- 2018 Capital fund income (not included in income shown above): \$145,881
- 1/1/19 Capital Fund Balance: \$285,906



Greetings from the Preschool

In February we talk about many important topics at preschool. It is a great time to think about the special people in our lives that we love and show them that love. Most important, it is a time to focus on the greatest love of all, God's love for every one of us! We are called to go out and show Jesus' love to others.

We will talk a lot to the children about developing healthy habits, from heart health to dental health and to taking care of our bodies with good hygiene routines and exercise. We will hopefully be starting a garden at the preschool in the spring, so if anyone has any advice, tips or would love to help in any way, we would welcome it greatly. You can email me at preschool@cscpc.org.

We will also begin our registration for the 2019/2020 Preschool year during the first 2 weeks of February. Tell your friends and neighbors about our special preschool!

Love, Miss JoAnna

Faith & Film:

Room 300 of the FLC was transformed into a movie theatre on January 27th, complete with popcorn, candy, and drinks. The film featured was **"God's Not**



Dead" which was on the big screen in 2014. This Christian film of extremes had a wide cast of villains, s/heroes, mentors, and innocents. We discussed our affection and/or disdain for each of them. Our facilitator guided us with in depth discussion about such topics as religion vs. science, propaganda, etc. All who attended had an enjoyable time and engaged in thought-provoking discussion. Don't miss it next time!

2019 Usher Schedule

February	
Head Usher	Wade Shepard
Usher/Server	Ardy Skidmore
Usher/Server	Sharon Wilson
Usher/Server	Teresa Canipe
Communion Server	Joy Cheek

August	
Head Usher	Becky Helms
Usher/Server	Kenny Burns
Usher/Server	Bob Hunter
Usher/Server	Della Medlin
Communion Server	Beverly Cheek

March	
Head Usher	Susan Osmar
Usher/Server	Jessica Smith
Usher/Server	George Hege
Usher/Server	Pam Brooks
Communion Server	Ann Mozingo

September	
Head Usher	Clint Burke
Usher/Server	Charlie Bricker
Usher/Server	Joan Hedgepeth
Usher/Server	Sandra Burke
Communion Server	Rozanna Lawing

April	
Head Usher	Debbie Stikeleather
Usher/Server	Diane Wilson
Usher/Server	Lynn Snuggs
Usher/Server	Susan Osmar
Communion Server	Judy Brown

October	
Head Usher	Joe McGrath
Usher/Server	Joyce Martin
Usher/Server	Pat Hart
Usher/Server	David Osborne
Communion Server	Judy Corbett

May	
Head Usher	Charles Wilkerson
Usher/Server	Martha Osborne
Usher/Server	Kathy Bricker
Usher/Server	Joyce Smith
Communion Server	Rick Murphy

November	
Head Usher	Jeanne Smith
Usher/Server	Sandra Burke
Usher/Server	Tim Hood
Usher/Server	John Burgess
Communion Server	Charlotte Burgess

June	
Head Usher	Andy Cheek
Usher/Server	Donna Young
Usher/Server	Herman Canipe, Jr.
Usher/Server	Renee Perez
Communion Server	Chett Knapp

December	
Head Usher	Diane Price
Usher/Server	Becky Helms
Usher/Server	Paul McNeill
Usher/Server	Sandy Hart
Communion Server	Annette Caudle

July	
Head Usher	Chris Knapp
Usher/Server	Sallie English
Usher/Server	Russell Helms
Usher/Server	Mike Brown
Communion Server	Pam Murphy

January '20	
Head Usher	Ellie Bostick
Usher/Server	Jessica Smith
Usher/Server	Lynn McNeill
Usher/Server	Reuben Mozingo
Communion Server	Rhonda Weaver



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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.

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Young Adult Small Group Ministry

Social

'Family Friendly' Bowling & Bonding

Saturday Feb 9th 11am - 1pm (bowling fees covered)

Piedmont Social House * 2135 Ayrshire Town Blvd.

Service

beds for kids warehouse * 2519 S. Tryon

Saturday Feb 23rd 9a - 12pm

child care available at the church

Spirit

Adult Bible study based on current events

Waterbean Coffee Shop * 3607 Whitehall Dr.

Saturday March 9th 10am

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

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	2 SS Teacher Workshops, 9:00am Circle of Friends, 10:00am CS Derby, 1:30pm
3 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Missions Team, 11:45am PNC, 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 Y Basketball, 6:00pm	6 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	7 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	8 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	9
10 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am PNC Meeting, 11:45am	11 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Finance Team, 6:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	12 Ladies Bible Study, 5:30pm Y Basketball, 6:00pm	13 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	14 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm 	15 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	16
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24 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	25 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	26	27 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		

Birthdays—February

3 Peyton Burgess
John Earl
Liz Litaker
4 Luke Tolley
6 Clifford Austin
Jack Phillips
Wanda Moris
7 Teena Benton
8 Carolyn Arbuckle
12 Alan Davis
Hayley James
14 Jim Patterson
17 Adam Wilsom
19 Mable Osborne
25 Hope Moss
26 Tim Osmar
27 Connie Hillard
28 Dave Barbee



Worship Child Care Volunteers February 2019

February 3	Pam Brooks	
February 10	Martha Osborne	
February 17	Barbara Choate	
February 24	Sandy Hart	