

# CENTRAL CALLING

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## November 2019

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Members of Central,

It is time to pack up my handful of books and pictures hanging on the walls in the pastor's office. Time to move on and make space for Central's future and your new pastor. The past nineteen months have been challenging, engaging, transitional and filled with joy.

During my ministry with you water has been poured into the salt as we will all remember those who have entered into the Church Triumphant. Within a short period of time there have been many changes with staff and members. Remember that salt is also used to make bread. God will continue to use the tears of the past as Rev. Lee prepares a path of faith and hope. Leadership is strong and committed to serving Christ.

Keep asking; "What is God calling us to be and do at this remarkable location?" Listen, and with the guidance and assurance of the Holy Spirit, continue to move out to serve Christ. My daily prayer is that all members will find a place to serve. That Central will nurture the Fine Arts Academy as one way in which you can be transformative within the community surrounding the church and within the congregation welcoming those outside.

Lastly, please remember that Mark Lee is your pastor. You may occasionally see me in worship supporting my wife as she

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continues to direct the hand bell choir and supporting Rev. Lee as he, and his family, discovers the unique identity which is Central Steele Creek. Pray for him and work with him in serving Christ. Trust his decisions and trust the Spirit's promise to give above and beyond anything you can hope or image. (Ephesians 3: 20-21)

I thank God for the opportunity of serving Christ with you.

—John



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICIARY

At the most recent meeting of the Congregation (October 13, 2019), the following individuals were elected by the congregation to be installed to the position of Elder:

**Mrs. Martha Osborne**  
**Mrs. Judy Corbett**  
**Mr. Lynn Snuggs**  
**Mr. Charlie Bricker**

All four have been previously ordained into the office of Ruling Elder. A Service of Installation will be determined by Rev. Lee, the Worship Committee and those to be installed.

The Congregation also voted on those comprising the 2020 Nominating Committee. They are:

Debbie Stikeleather (chairperson),  
Judy Corbett, Rhonda Weaver, Pat Hart,  
and Ann Mozingo.

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Mark Lee	Pastor
Mary Jane Palmer	Interim Director of Music
Tom Schmutzler	Associate Director of Music
Nadja Sefcik-Earl	Director of Handbells
JoAnna Harrigan	Director of Preschool
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	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

## DEADLINES

**December 2019 issue deadline is November 21st.**

*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

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

In October approximately 142 pounds of food were donated.

## CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

*Circle #1*

**Room 301, 10:00am, Tuesday, November 5**

*Circle of Friends*

**Room 300, 10:00am, Saturday, November 2**

*Women's Bible Study*

**Room 300, 5:30pm, Tuesday, November 12**



Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my recovery. Bobbie Therrell

Marilyn Hege would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, and concern over her broke wrist. She is healing fine and although not 100% yet, she is doing much better. Thank you again and God Bless!

We want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers and the cards that were sent when Johnny's mother passed away. Also a thank you to John Earl and those that helped with the service. We love and appreciate our church family and all that you do especially during times like this. The John Burgess Family.



## Publicity Team Update

We are happy to report the Wi-Fi and Phone upgrades are now complete. Wi-Fi is now available campus wide.

The network name you will see on your device is:

**Central Steele Creek Presby**

and the password is:

**worshipandserve**

This information will be posted in our Sunday bulletins going forward for members and guests to use. In the narthex you can pick up a printed card with this information to carry with you.

## Photos for Realm

On Sunday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> following our worship service, 11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., a professional photographer will be on site to take individual and family photos that will be uploaded to Realm. You may upload your own photo if you prefer. However, if you need an updated photo, we encourage you to take advantage of this special opportunity. You can set an appointment by contacting Becky Helms at 704-488-0486 or via email at [rebechel3@aol.com](mailto:rebechel3@aol.com).

## Active Survival Training Recap

On Saturday October 19, 2019 more than 50 people, representing over 500 others who are on the campus of Central Creek Presbyterian Church each week, were part of the Active Survival Training Program put on by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. The presenter was Officer Jonathan Frisk, a 17 year veteran of CMPD.

Officer Frisk set the tone for the session by presenting details and slides of some of the most well known mass shootings of the last 20 years.

One of the most interesting statistics was that the average shooter event lasted 12 minutes with 69% ending in less than 5 minutes. The average CMPD response time was 6.2 minutes. This means that individual citizens had to make life or death decisions even when law enforcement was present or able to respond within minutes.

Officer Frisk demonstrated the ABC Survival Plan with the help of several members of the audience. The three parts of the plan are Avoid, Barricade and Counter. To get a full description of the plan go to the website "Surviving an Active Shooter-Charlotte Chamber".

The Cub Scout Pack 45 had a great month in October. We went to Camp Belk and Shot BB's, fished, made leather wristbands, climbed a tower, camped out and the families had a chance to see their boys do their best!



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## Mission: Focus on Education Supporting Students and Teachers at Steele Creek Elementary School

### Our Angel Tree supports students and teachers

We appreciate the dedicated teachers at Steele Creek Elementary School. Central supports the teachers by providing tools to help in the classroom. Each December in the church narthex, a Christmas tree displays angel ornaments which list teacher requests for classroom supplies. These needs vary by teacher but have included markers, easels, floor pillows, storage boxes and heavy duty pencil sharpeners. Our church members and Sunday School classes select angel ornaments and purchase the items. We deliver these items to the school in early January.

### Teacher Appreciation – Monthly Treats for SCES Staff

We continue our teacher appreciation throughout the year. Once a month (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday), we provide cookies and other baked goods for the teachers and staff. I have told by both the teachers and the administration how much the teachers look forward to these treats. Who can resist banana bread, chocolate chip cookies, lemon drop cookies and brownies? If you would be willing to be on the volunteer list, please contact Jeanne Smith (jeannes@netzero.com)

### Reading Buddies

The Reading Buddy program at Steele Creek has been delayed due to the time required to hire a new literacy facilitator. The Mission Team will stay in contact with the school and provide updates.

## FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 9/30/19: \$339,255  
Income (for budgeted items) received as of 9/30/19: \$296,251  
Capital reserve fund balance (9/30/19): \$282,167

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Sheila Fetner; Mighty Acts class

In memory of Jerry Cheek; Mighty Acts class (Dare to Care fund), Joe & Donna Stuart, Stan Morris, Rodney & Karen Winecoff

In memory of Pauline Burgess; Roy Youngblood, Rozanna Lawing, Bill & Donna Young, Dorothy Williams, Emma B. Young Living the Word class

3 In honor of Martha Sigmon; Wil & Marge Caselli

**Central Fine Arts Academy** is fulfilling its purpose of inspiring children in the creative arts. At the conclusion of the first 6-week session, our students gave this feedback.

- All the students said that they liked coming to class and learned a lot from their teachers.
- What did the students like the most? Responses included:
  - Learning new things that I did not know but now I do.
  - Singing the high notes. (Others: dancing, singing, learning Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star on the violin)
  - Making new friends and using my hands.

There were satisfied parents who saw their children enjoy and learn from the classes. A number said that their child learned more than they expected in the first session.

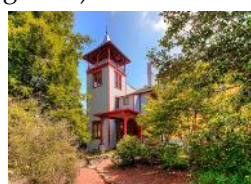
Many church members helped make this possible. Joy Cheek, Pam Wilkerson, Ann Mazingo, George and Ellie Bostick, Wray Moxley and Chris Knapp volunteered to attend each Tuesday evening from 6 pm – 7 pm to encourage the students and talk with the parents, as well as being the second adult in each class. One parent noted that “People are so friendly here”.

The CFAA Planning Team continues to take an active role.

The CFAA classes are organized into 6-week sessions. The 6-week format allows students to be introduced to musical instruments, an art focus or technique, and/or a dance style. Through this introduction in a small group setting, students can determine if the musical instrument or dance/art technique is one that they want to pursue further. Higher levels and additional instruments will be added as students grow in their interests. Five 6-week sessions are offered throughout the school year. Private lessons will be offered in the future. The next 6-week session will be November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evenings, 6 – 7 pm. There are ways you can help. Please encourage students and their families to participate. Please be an adult volunteer, building relationships with the children and their parents. Contact Jeanne Smith ([jeannees@netzero.com](mailto:jeannees@netzero.com), 704-408-7445) for more information or to volunteer.

## SAVE THE DATE:

August 28-30, 2020  
“Women’s Retreat”  
Bonclarken  
Hendersonville, NC  
(details coming soon)



## Greetings from the Preschool...

There is so much to give thanks for in our lives! Our Lord is an abundant Lord and never fails to amaze me with his willingness to bless us. We should take time everyday to thank God for everything! God has blessed my family with the improvement of my father’s health most recently. I appreciate all your prayers and kind words during this difficult time. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey in fighting stage 4 colon cancer. He is ready to fight this awful disease, but he is also faithful in God’s plans and timing. One day at a time!

This month at the preschool we will be talking to the children about thankfulness and how we can show how blessed we feel. We will also talk to them about the very first Thanksgiving and have our own Thanksgiving Feast here at school. We will decorate our tables and have a traditional Thanksgiving meal all together! My teachers and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Love,  
Miss JoAnna

The American Legion has changed its Charter. Membership is now available to all veterans with an Honorable Discharge. If you are interested, please contact American Legion Post 221 at [adj@steelecreekpost221.com](mailto:adj@steelecreekpost221.com).



Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free Twelve Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. Meetings are held every Thursday at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at 7pm in the library. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or visit: [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

## NOVEMBER HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

**Head Usher:** Jeanne Smith  
**Ushers/Servers:** John Burgess, Tim Hood, Joan Hedgepeth  
**Communion Server:** Sallie English

## Where God is Leading....

The Session met for their October meeting on October 24. The meeting opened with prayer and with a review of previous meeting minutes and facilities requests.

As an opening devotion, Dr. Earl focused on John 10:18 and the use of power as both a creative and destructive force within the church. His words were those of consolation and commendation to Central's leadership and faithfulness.

Clerk Chet Knapp provided a brief overview of his attending the "Meet and Greet" at the Presbytery Cluster meeting.

In a response following worship of this past Sunday, the Session officially received into the church membership Mary Jane Palmer, Roger Palmer, Beth Boykin, Page Courts and Ben Huffaker.

A brief period of sharing was held in paving the way for Rev. Lee. At the request of Rev. Lee, communion will be celebrated the second Sunday in November rather than the first. December will return to the sacrament being celebrated the first Sunday of the month. Adjustments were made to scheduled meetings of Session for November and December taking into consideration the holidays.

### **Motions Approved:**

Extension of the "Y" contract for the 2020 year. Discussion followed regarding a review of our partnership with the "Y" and addressing implications of anything more than an annual contract.

Included in the 2020 contract was a monthly increase of fees by \$100.00. Attention is being given to strengthening the relationship between the "Y" and Central by holding weekly informational meetings.

### Shared Information:

**Fine Arts Academy** announced "showcase" which will be held this Tuesday evening, 6:00 PM, in the choir room. All are invited to come and discover what the children have learned now at the conclusion of this six-week first session.

**Cultural Diversity Committee** will be meeting Monday, Oct. 28 to review information gleaned from meeting with the church architect.

**Finance Committee** will be receiving pledge cards from members with the 2020 budget to be approved at the November meeting of Session.

**Worship and Fellowship Committees** remind the larger membership of the Installation Service for Rev. Lee, Sunday, Nov. 17 (3:00 PM) with a reception to follow.

**Stewardship Committee** received pledge cards from Elders and will distribute the pledge packets this Sunday, October 27, in worship.

**Publicity Committee** gave an update on REALM and expressed gratitude for nearly 60 members logging on. More to come.

**Mission Committee** will be having a representative of Urban Ministry at their Nov. 10 meeting (11:45) to address the issue of poverty and those homeless within the Steele Creek area. Members are invited to attend the meeting.

**Christian Education Committee** shared that they are almost finished with commitments to those who participated in the most recent child/youth protection policy training. The Women's Retreat date has been set for August 28-31, 2020.

Presbytery meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, October 29 at Hopewell Presbyterian in Huntersville. Pat Hart is planning on driving the church bus enabling a good representation from Central to support the call to Rev. Lee. Departure from the church will be at 10:30am. If you desire to travel with others please contact the church office or Sandy Hart.

Prayer concerns were directed to Della Medlin, Marge Caselli, JoAnna Harrigan, Burns Taylor, Beth Boykin, Greta Lambert, Brad Tobias, and Herman Canipe. Joy was shared with Brad Tobias returning home from the hospital and Matt Wilkerson and his two years of continued healing.

Gratitude was Expressed to Charles Wilkerson and Steele Creek Printing for their work with stewardship, to Pat Hart and leadership with the Survival Training Workshop, to supporting church members of the Central Fine Arts Program and to John Earl for his leadership during the past eighteen months.

The meeting closed with prayer and the celebration of Holy Communion.



## MEMBER LOG IN INSTRUCTIONS

**On October 15<sup>th</sup> you will receive an invitation to join Realm, Central's new communication tool.** In preparation, we suggest you keep this page handy to assist you when logging into Realm the first time.

### SETTING UP YOUR PASSWORD

On October 15, after you open your email, click on the link and follow the prompts to set up your Realm password. You will need to be on a computer or tablet the first time you log into Realm. After you set up your password you will be able to download the Realm Connect app and log into your mobile device.

(You will need to use one of the following browsers: Chrome, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge for Windows and Safari for Mac computers. Realm will not work on Internet Explorer.)

### REVIEW YOUR PROFILE

After you set up your password and log into Realm, you will need to update your profile information. To do this:

1. Click on your NAME in the blue area located in the upper right hand corner of your screen. Select MY PROFILE from the drop down menu.
2. Click on EDIT PROFILE and update your contact information. Make changes as needed and be sure to click on SAVE at the bottom of your screen.
3. While in the EDIT mode, click on PERSONAL INFORMATION and update as needed and SAVE.
4. Next select MANAGE PRIVACY and select who you want to see your contact information and personal information. **IMPORTANT:** To be included in the online directory, you need to select EVERYONE. Be sure to SAVE any changes. (Being in the online directory means that other Realm users at your church can see your profile listed when they click **Directory** in the main menu. Think of it like being in the printed directory booklet that we used to publish.)

To log in in the future, enter the web address <https://onrealm.org>. We suggest you save the Realm link to your favorites.

This information is to help you get started in Realm. If you need further assistance or have questions feel free to contact one of your Realm team members:

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# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	2 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
3  Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Welcome Reception, 11:45am	4 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Personnel Team, 5:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	5 Circle #1, 10:00am B&G Team, 6:00pm Worship Team, 6:00pm	6 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 6:30pm	7 Preschool, 9:00am Realm Help, 9:30am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	8 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	9
10 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am Mission Team, 11:45am	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> AA, 12:00pm Finance Team, 6:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	12 Preschool, 9:00am Women's Bible Study, 5:30pm Fine Arts, 6:00pm	13 Preschool, 9:00am CE Team, 10:00am AA, 12:00pm Arts Task force, 5:30pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	14 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	15 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	16
17 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Outreach Team, 11:45am Rev. Lee's Service of Installation, 3:00pm Reception, 4:00pm	18 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	19 Preschool, 9:00am Congregational Care, 3:30pm Fine Arts, 6:00pm	20 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	21 Preschool, 9:00am Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	22 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	23
24 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	25 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	26 Fine Arts, 6:00pm	27 AA, 12:00pm	28 THANKSGIVING 	29 AA, 12:00pm	30

## Birthdays-November

- 1 Diane Hayes
- Whitney Smith
- Scott Moss
- 2 Rachel Cheek
- 3 Donna Stuart
- 4 Greta Lambert
- Joyce Quinn
- 5 Bernard Simmons
- 6 Kevin Kronk
- 8 Wade Shepard
- 9 Dorothy Williams
- 11 David Hillard
- 12 Herman Canipe, Jr.
- 14 Tim Hood
- Karen Noblett
- 15 Clara Whitley
- 17 Bob Hunter
- 21 Johnny Burgess, Jr.
- 23 Debby Moss
- 29 Rozanna Lawing



## Worship Child Care Volunteers November 2019

November 3	Sandy Hart	
November 10	Susan Osmar	
November 17	Diane Wilson	
November 24	Donna Young	