

# CENTRAL CALLING

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## December 2019

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Members of Central,

Christmas season is always an interesting time because people have different emotions about this season based on their perspectives and surrounding life circumstances. For some people it's the most exciting time of the year, but for others it can be a time filled with melancholy attitudes and feelings of despair. In the December 2017 issue of Forbes Magazine, there was an article entitled 'Why Does Depression Tend To Increase During The Holidays?' Here is an excerpt...

"Depression tends to increase during the holidays due to an increase in demands (perceived as stressful), family issues, and being unable to manage expectations." Another online article provides some remedy for the Christmas Blues... "Make plans in advance; Shop early; Ask for help; Don't buy things you can't afford; Don't allow perfectionism to wear you down; Make time to rest and rejuvenate; Spend time alone to reflect and grieve, if necessary; Don't isolate." While these remedies sound good, I promise you none of them will provide the answers to the question... "What is the TRUE meaning of Christmas".

The whole Bible is a redemptive historical account of the Savior, who is the essence of Christmas and the central truth of the Christmas story is that the Child of Christmas is God. Christmas is more than a birth and infancy of the Savior... it is about

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His death and the reality of God being born into the world. I believe Paul's letter to the Christians in Colosse sums up the true meaning of Christmas... "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." (Colossians 1:15~20)

Come and join us in learning about and seeking to live out the true meaning of Christmas during this Advent Season.

— Mark

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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

**January 2020 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 DECEMBER**  
**Canned Soups, Vegetables, and Meats**  
*Please place items in the donation box located in the Church Narthex.*

In November approximately 33 pounds of food were donated.

## CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

Room 301, 10:00am, Tuesday, December 3

Circle of Friends  
On Winter Break!

Women's Bible Study  
Room 300, 5:30pm, Tuesday, December 10

## Photos for Realm

On 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).

## Women's Retreat-August 28-30, 2020

A weekend of fellowship, Bible study, and fun awaits us in August as we gather at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC. Located just south of Hendersonville, this has become one of our favorite places to gather.

We have a choice of a single room for \$300.00, a double room for \$185.00 each person, and three to a room for \$145.00 each person. These prices include 2 nights lodging and 5 meals.

Registration begins in January, 2020. As space is limited, a \$50.00 deposit is requested with final payment due June 1, 2020.

Registration forms will be available in January. Questions about registration may be directed to Beverly Cheek or Kathy Bricker.

## Welcome New Members

Ben Huffaker and  
Page Courts



Bernard Simmons



Roger & Mary Jane  
Palmer



## FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 10/31/19: \$376,950  
Income (for budgeted items) received as of 10/31/19: \$327,213  
Capital reserve fund balance (10/31/19): \$281,042

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**In memory of Jim Wilkerson**, father of Charles Wilkerson; Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Mark & Debra Clapham, Pat & Sandy Hart, Kay & Jim Patterson

**In memory of Libby McGloughlin**; Herman Canipe Sr., Teresa & Herman Canipe Jr.

**In honor of Mike Brown**; Manley & Annette Caudle

**In honor of the PNC**; Herman Canipe Sr., Teresa & Herman Canipe Jr.

**In honor of Paul & Martha Sigmon**; Herman Canipe Sr., Teresa & Herman Canipe Jr.

**In memory of Marge Caselli**; Wilson Caselli, Jeanne Smith, Bill & Donna Young, Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Pat & Sandy Hart, George & Marilyn Hege, Bud & Pauline Shaney, Maureen Clements, Anna Haggerty, Daniel Haggerty, Feora Peloquin, Kay & Jim Patterson. Kenneth & Ann Peloquin

## 2019 Advent Events

### 1st Advent Sunday Worship

Sunday, December 1

### Christmas Breakfast

Sunday, December 8 @ 9am  
Family Life Center

### 2nd Advent Sunday Worship

Sunday, December 8

### 3rd Advent Sunday Worship

Sunday, December 15

### Central Fine Arts Academy Showcase

Tuesday, December 17 7:00pm

### 4th Advent Sunday Lessons & Carols Worship

Sunday, December 22

### Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Worship

Tuesday, December 24 @ 5:30pm



The **Central Fine Arts Academy** opened its doors September 2019. Offering high quality education in music and visual arts to students in kindergarten through fifth grade, the Academy employs teachers with outstanding credentials. The Academy fills a need in the Steele Creek area to provide elementary school students opportunities for artistic growth. Central Fine Arts Academy offers classes in sculpture, dance, guitar, violin and chorus.

Classes are taught in small groups and last one hour. All classes are supervised by a teacher and a church volunteer. The class sessions last for 6 weeks to provide enough time for the student and parent to assess interest. At the end of the session, students may continue in the same class or start a new class the next session. Presently, classes meet every Tuesday night from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. A parent hospitality room with WiFi is available at the church for parents to relax, fellowship, or catch up on work.

Higher level group classes and additional instruments will be added as students grow in their interests. Private lessons for piano and violin will start in 2020. One day and summer workshops are in the planning stages. Plans for preschool classes are also in development.

The CFAA mission, an arts center that serves the Steele Creek community and encourages growth through artistic expression within a faith-based environment, describes the purpose of the organization. Students and parents alike are welcomed every week by church members who know them by name.

The Central Fine Arts academy is enrolling now for upcoming sessions. To find out more information, visit [CSCPC.org/cfaa](http://CSCPC.org/cfaa) or call 704-278-1878 to speak with Lori Cauley, the Academy director.



## Advent Offerings

In this Christmas season, please consider a special offering to one or more of outreach programs that Central supports. Advent Offering Envelopes will be in the pew holders.

### December 1<sup>st</sup>: Angel Tree - Classroom Supplies

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 whiteboard markers, easels, floor pillows, storage boxes and sanitizers and tissues. Our church members and Sunday School classes select angel ornaments and purchase the items. We collect the gifts and deliver them to the school in early January. Financial donations to support these requests are also appreciated.

### December 8<sup>th</sup> : 10 cents –a -Meal

**10 cents –a -Meal** is an offering collected by the churches in the Charlotte Presbytery. The offering provides grants to provide food and nutrition items only, to agencies, pantries, shelters, and children and youth programs. The grants are in the range of \$500 to \$10,000. In 2018, a total of \$191,200 in grants were provided to pre-schools that serve children from low-income families, senior adult day centers, church based food pantries, support to homeless families and men, community meals for seniors or homeless, and youth enrichment programs and camps.

### December 15<sup>th</sup>: Loaves and Fishes

Loaves & Fishes provides a week's worth of nutritionally balanced groceries to individuals and families experiencing a short-term crisis through a network of 30 emergency food pantries located throughout Mecklenburg County. Loaves & Fishes allows clients to select groceries their family is most likely to eat. Clients are able to choose a specified number of items in the areas of grains, proteins, vegetables, fruit, and dairy based on the size of the family. The number of choices is determined by a Registered Dietician to ensure that enough food is available to create three meals a day for a week. It is important to the dignity of our clients to feel they have some control and requires them to invest some time in the process. Both grocery items and financial donations will be appreciated.

### December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering provides support to past, present and future church leaders. This includes: (1) financial support for retired pastors and church workers in times of need, such as the helping with the cost of extended illness or assisted living; (2) financial support for current pastors in emergency situations, such as helping to repair homes after the devastation of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, and (3) support of students at Presbyterian related schools and colleges in communities of color. We can never match God's perfect gift in Jesus, but through the Christmas Joy Offering we can help support leaders in the Presbyterian Church USA.



## Greetings from the Preschool...

This is such an exciting time of year! We love the month of December and talking to the children about the birth of Jesus and the true meaning for this special time. We also take them through the experiences of all the different sights, sounds, smells and feelings that come during this precious time of year.

We will have our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and you are all welcome to attend. The children have been working hard and are always excited to perform for their families. All of our parents usually attend and it is a special day for our preschool.

We will be closed for the Christmas Holiday December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup>.

We want to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Miss JoAnna

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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).


## DECEMBER HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

**Head Usher:** Diane Price

**Ushers/Servers:** Becky Helms, Paul McNeill, Sandy Hart

**Communion Server:** Ken Price

# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Missions, 11:45am	2 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm YMCA BB, 5:00pm Personnel Team, 5:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	3 Preschool, 9:00am Circle #1, 10:00am CFAA, 5:30pm Worship Team, 6:00pm	4 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm YMCA BB, 5:00pm Fine Arts Team, 5:30pm Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:30pm	5 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	6 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	7
8 <b>Christmas Breakfast, 9:00am</b> Worship, 10:30am	9 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm YMCA BB, 5:00pm Finance Team, 6:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	10 Preschool, 9:00am CFAA, 5:30pm Women's Bible Study, 5:30pm B&G Team, 6:00pm	11 Preschool, 9:00am CE Team, 10:00am AA, 12:00pm YMCA BB, 5:00pm Scouts, 5:30pm Choir, 6:30pm	12 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	13 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	14
15 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	16 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm YMCA BB, 5:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	17 Preschool, 9:00am Congregational Care, 3:30pm <b>Fine Arts Showcase, 7:00pm</b>	18 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm YMCA BB, 5:00pm Arts Task force, 5:30pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:30pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	19 <b>Preschool Christmas Program, 9:30am</b> Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	20 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	21 Choir Rehearsal, 10:00am
22 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Outreach Team, 11:45am	23 AA, 12:00pm	24 <b>Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service, 5:30pm</b> 	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> AA, 12:00pm	26 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	27 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	28
29 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	30 AA, 12:00pm	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>				

## Birthdays-December

- 4 Timothy Hood
- 6 Mark Clapham
- 10 Deborah Russell
- 11 Diane Faust
- 12 Wilma Price  
Will Moss  
Eric Smith
- 13 Miles Shepard  
Andrew Burns
- 15 Arthur Perkin
- 16 Matthew Clapham  
Pete Wortman
- 17 Geneva Godfrey  
Richard Moss
- 18 Max Tolley
- 19 Lynn McNeill  
Jeanne Sikes-McGrath
- 21 Kathy Bricker
- 28 George Bostick
- 29 Randi Clapham
- 31 Charlotte Burgess



## Worship Child Care Volunteers December 2019

December 1	Sallie English	
December 8	Pam Brooks	
December 15	Ann Mozingo	
December 22	Martha Osborne	
December 29	Teresa Canipe	