

CENTRAL CALLING

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Members of Central,

It is difficult to believe that summer days are almost over. Remember back in June when you thought of taking advantage of family time and a slower pace? If your life is like mine, that aspiration has not become reality. We are all less for not knowing that in 'everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven' and for not taking advantage of the quietness of summer days. Henri Nouwen once wrote: "A live without a lonely place, that is, without a quiet centre, easily becomes destructive."

The dog would not settle down so at 1:47 am I found myself letting him outside to do the things that dogs do at this hour of the morning. Perhaps I am mistaken. Perhaps our dog was calling me outside to pause and remember how essential it is to look up and uncover mystery and awe found in the early morning skies - opportunity to pause and look at the great dome of the universe and all the celestial configurations. I never could find and figure out all those lines defining each member. Looking up, there is still that amazing sense of wonder from the position of our smallness.

The night sky, with all its constellations, is one of the unchanging common points of wonder. I understand why some desire to have a star named after them. All desire some sense of immortality. Foolish. You can gaze at the heavens for merely a moment and forget all the issues which make our world so complicated. There are no Democrat or Republican stars, no walls which segregate and isolate the heavens but one large, massive blend which proclaims the Foundation of all creation. Surely God created the heavens to teach us lessons easily

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forgotten here on earth.

When you become anxious with the weight of the daily, during these final days of summer sky, go outside and pay attention to what God is saying. Just a moment of stellar silence can bring out the sense of wonder which has been buried deep inside for days. But even more; such looking upward helps all of us to not only overcome our difficulties but it also helps us to gain new inspiration and direction.

Lastly, in looking upward and outward, we all discover how much we all need each other. We also come to the realization how petty and insignificant are those things which easily divide and separate. Each star different and yet each contributes to the fullness and glory of the cosmos. The stars tell us many things but maybe the most important lesson is to remember how close we all are to each other and how meaningless is life without God at the center.

We slowly ooze ourselves into the routine of September. The Session did not meet in August encouraging Elders to participate in open-house at the local elementary schools to communicate our Fine Arts Academy. Please continue to keep in your prayers the work of your Pastoral Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committee for the positions of Ruling Elder. We return to our regular order of worship the first Sunday in September. Let me invite you to think of those who have been absent from worship and let me encourage you to find the boldness to invite them back home. We need each other to be the glorious Body of Christ.

—John



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Chet Knapp	Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

October 2019 issue deadline is September 23rd.

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 SEPTEMBER

Boxed Cereals

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

In August, approximately 82 pounds of food were donated.

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

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

Circle of Friends

Room 300, 10:00am, Saturday, September 7

Women's Bible Study

Room 300, 5:30pm, Tuesday, September 10

PLEASE NOTE: The Diversity Team is hosting an **INFORMATIONAL MEETING** with Bobby Patterson, a local architect on Sunday, September 15th from 9:00-10:00am in the Sanctuary. We are looking for congregational input towards any changes in our church property. Please plan to join us. Contact Kathy Bricker or Andy Cheek with any questions.



PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

You are cordially invited to the 82nd Annual Meeting and Picnic of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association on Sunday, September 15. Please plan to come, bringing your favorite foods, and enjoy the fellowship between members of Central Steele Creek and Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill. Lunch will be shared at 12:15 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room at Pleasant Hill. Our Business Meeting will follow.

Let's get connected.



Realm is the newest online church management software from the #1 church software provider of faith-based organizations, ACS Technologies®.

Starting in October, Realm will become Central's primary communication tool for all members, staff and leadership. As members you will be able to create a secure password and update your profile in the online member directory. Upload your photo and change/update your information 24/7. Access Realm on your mobile device or computer. Stay in touch with other members and groups and receive important notifications from the church office all in real time, all in one place.

Realm is only made up of the people in our church. It's not like social media that's open to everyone. Realm keeps your data safe and gives you control over what information you share and who can see it.

Stay tuned for more information on Realm and the sign up period coming soon. Have questions? Reach out to one of Central's Realm team members: Charlie Bricker, Jeanne McGrath, Becky Helms or Allyson Haenlein.



The family of Jerry Cheek acknowledges with grateful appreciation all of the kind and wonderful ways our congregation cared for us during Jerry's illness and memorial service. You are amazing!

God Bless,

Joy, Andy, Beverly, Kipp, Kim, Maddie, Rachel, Meg, Emily and Gunnar

Central Fine Arts Academy

How can you help ignite the love of music and art and the creative spark in children?

How can you help cultivate relationships with young families that show the care and connection that a church community can provide?

Central Fine Arts Academy is an outreach ministry to our Steele Creek community. It will provide quality music, art and dance instruction for elementary age students in Grades 3,4,& 5. The classes start on September 17th and will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

The classes will be scheduled for five 6-week sessions throughout the school year. Initially these will be chorus and small group classes which include:

Chorus - as the Steele Creek Children's Choir

Violin (beginning) –introduces students to string Instruments

Guitar - learn the fundamentals and experience the fun of playing music with others

Chimes - introduces reading music, rhythm and participating in a music group

Sculpture – increasing a child's awareness of 3-D through work with clay

Dance – emphasizes expressive movement.

The variety of classes will change as the academy grows. In the future, private lessons will be added to the program. The tuition and fees include:

Registration fee for a new student: \$30

Each Class: \$120 per 6 week session

Discounts of \$20 per session are available for:

- Students with a parent who is a member of Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church.
- Students when more than one family member is taking a class.

Scholarships are available based on need. Scholarships are provided by the Sheila Fetner Memorial Fund and other donations.

As part of this ministry, it will be critical that we build relationships with young families and to welcome them to participate in our faith community. Every member of our congregation can help, as shown below.

- Be a class volunteer. Each class will require a second adult as part of our child safety policy.
- Be a host in the parent hospitality room.
- Attend the performances (recitals or exhibits) that are planned for the end of each session:
- Help prepare a reception for students and their families after the performances.
- Financial gifts. Scholarships will be provided to students with financial need.
- Help promote Central Fine Arts Academy with friends, family and neighbors.

To volunteer, please fill out the CFAA cards in the pews and put it in the offering place or contact one of the team members: Jeanne McGrath, Rick and Pam Murphy, Debbie Stikeleather, Jeanne Smith and Charles Wilkerson.

A Fine Arts Academy that serves the community and encourages growth through artistic expression within a faith-based environment.

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 7/31/19: \$263,865

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 7/31/19: \$233,762

Capital reserve fund balance: \$289,397

Remember Room In The Inn ... as you travel this summer.

While you are enjoying your summer vacations, please consider bringing the complementary hotel toiletries back home and donating them for use by the Room In The Inn. These travel size soaps, shampoos, etc. are ideal for the one time use by our guests who will be staying at our church during the winter months. Thank You in advance for all your support in this worthwhile mission.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Sheila Fetner; Page Courts

In memory of Bill Gordon; Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Joy & Wayne Allgood

In memory of Phyllis Burrell; Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Guy & Tricia Gosnell, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Herbert Gengler

In memory of Mike and Phyllis Burrell; Dean Bassett class

In memory of Beverly Truesdale, sister of Rick Murphy; Emma B. Young class

In memory of Steve Taylor; Burns & Jean Taylor

In memory of Jerry Cheek; James & Barbara Caldwell, Jeffrey Turney, Donna Hedgpeth, Mr. & Mrs. David Arthurs, Pat & Sandy Hart, Bob & Susan Hunter, Joyce Quinn, Annette & John Freeman, Dorothy Williams, Rock & Sallie English, Toni & Greta Lambert, Bill & Donna Young, Charlotte Lofton, Mary & Jack Phillips, Barbara & Barry Choate, Donnie Smith, Rozanna Lawing, Manley & Annette Caudle, Burns & Jean Taylor, Paul & Martha Sigmon, Emma B. Young class, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Kay & Jim Patterson, Lisa & Anthony Svendsen, Portia & Harry Weatherly, Richard Ayers, Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Bobbie & Tommy Therrell, Mark & Debra Clapham

In honor of Pat Hart; Circle of Friends

Mission: Focus on Education Showing Teacher Appreciation Each Month

We provide baked goods each month to show the teachers and staff at Steele Creek Elementary that their work with the children is much appreciated. I have been 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?



Would you be willing to be on our bakers list? You will be asked to provide a batch (2-3 dozen) of sweet or savory baked items on the third Sunday of each month. An email is sent out early in the 2nd week asking if you would be able to contribute that particular month. The baked goods (wrapped or in containers) are left in the kitchenette next to the parlor on Sunday for delivery to the school on Monday morning. For this month, the Sunday is September 15th. Please contact Jeanne Smith (jeannees@netzero.com) if you would like to contribute to this program.

Box Tops for Education:

Please clip the Box Tops for Education labels for Steele Creek Elementary School. Each label provides 10 cents to the school. 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 or leave them in a blue box in the narthex.



COMING THIS FALL

CENTRAL
FINE *Arts* ACADEMY



Greetings from the Preschool...

We pray that everyone has had a wonderful summer! We have enjoyed our time; however, we are ready for the kids to return for another great school year. We are very busy in September with helping the children adjust to new teachers, new environments and new routines. The first few weeks are always interesting and we utilize a lot of patience and prayers! It always feels nice to hit the restart button each school year. All of our teachers returned this year and it is a great feeling to have one year behind us and be able to continue to learn and grow as a team from where we left off! Please pray for our children, especially the ones that will be away from mom and dad for the first time ever. Pray for our families and pray for our teachers.

I would like to thank Mr. Joe McGrath and Mr. Ken Price for helping dump and spread the mulch for our playgrounds. They look great and the kids will love having that extra cushion under their feet! I appreciate your help so very much.

JoAnna

fa | **FOOD ADDICTS** *in recovery anonymous*

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.

SEPTEMBER HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

Head Usher: Clint Burke

Ushers/Servers: Charlie Bricker, Joan Hedgepeth, Sandra Burke

Communion Server: Rozanna Lawing

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Mission Team, 11:45am	2 Labor Day! Church Office closed AA, 12:00pm	3 Preschool, 9:00am Circle #1, 10:00am B&G Team, 6:00pm Worship Team, 6:00pm	4 Preschool, 9:00am Arts Task Force, 5:30pm	5 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	6 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	7 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
8 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am	9 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Personnel Team, 5:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	10 Preschool, 9:00am Ladies Bible Study, 5:30am	11 Preschool, 9:00am CE Team, 10:00am AA, 12:00pm Arts Task Force, 5:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 5:30pm	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 Informational Meeting., 9:00am Worship, 10:30am Outreach Team, 11:45am	16 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	17 Preschool, 9:00am Congregational Care, 3:30pm	18 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Arts Task force, 5:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 5:30pm	19 Preschool, 9:00am Finance Team, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	20 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	21
22 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	23 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Finance Team, 6:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	24 Preschool, 9:00am	25 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Arts Task Force, 5:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	26 Preschool, 9:00am Session, 6:00pm 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 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm					

Birthdays—September

1 Noell Duran
Holly Lawhorn
Lauren Shaw
3 McKenzie Clapham
4 Matt Smith
7 Marilyn Hege
Pam Wilkerson
8 Tricia Herrington
(Young)
10 Stephen Perkin
11 Katie Hunter
13 JoAnna Harrigan
16 Hayden Griffin
Jessica Manner
18 Mary Young
20 Martha Sigmon
Sharon Wilson
Mary Pat Fowler
24 Hayes Shepard
25 John Williams
27 Kevin Stevens

28 Susan Hunter



Worship Child Care Volunteers September 2019

September 1	Diane Wilson	
September 8	Pam Brooks	
September 15	Donna Young	
September 22	Sallie English	
September 29	Susan Osmar	