

**CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Weekly Newsletter

February 25, 2018

This Sunday @ Central

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
Youth Handbell Choir
Courtyard Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages (see article below for Adult Studies
topics/dates)

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
David Cozad Preaching

Lectionary texts for this week:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

12:00 noon **Sunday Lunch**

[Click here](#) to RSVP today! The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, with a \$35 family cap.

This Week's Menu:

Fruit and Salad bar

Sweet and Sour Chicken

Pepper Steak

Steamed Rice

Vegetable Eggrolls

[Click here](#) to read answers to frequently asked questions.

Food Service Task Force Members: Anna George Traynham (staff), Wills Moore (coordinator), Ann Hunter, Becky Battle, Tom Leslie, Dean Hammond (Administration Committee Chair), Gary Cornell (Operations Ministry Coordinator), Luis Suazo (Cashier Coordinator) and Trudy Loper (CDC Board Chair).



Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2021

Nominations Requested--It's a privilege and a Responsibility

Our Congregation elected Wende Ballew, Marcia Catterall, Chris Kelley, and Luis Suazo to the 2018 Nominating Committee, joining Tricia Downing, Chair representing the Session, Meridith Rentz, Vice Chair also representing the Session and 2019 Chair-Elect, and Richard Woodring, representing the Board of Deacons. The Nominating Committee asks your help in identifying qualified leaders to serve on the Session and Diaconate.

[Click here to open the nominating form](#)

[Click here to learn more about Deacons and Ruling Elders](#)

Electing Deacons and Ruling Elders is both a privilege and a responsibility as members of Central Church. Please pray about those whom you think God is calling to the next class of Ruling Elders and Deacons and let the committee know your nominees by **clicking here** to access the nomination form. The **deadline for submitting nominations is February 25**. The slate of officers will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting on March 25.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Place these important dates on your calendar and watch upcoming editions of the newsletter for information on each.

February 25	Deadline to send nominations for next class of Ruling Elders & Deacons
February 25	Deadline to submit deposit for Mexico Border Mission Trip
February 27	Bookworms Meeting
March 2	Central Women's Retreat
March 11	A Service of Lenten Readings and Music

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Registration for our annual retreat at Calvin Center ends soon!

Hotel-style and cabin lodging are available at the same prices as last year. Sign up in Tull Hall on Sunday before or after worship, or register now by clicking [this link](#). (If you have not set up your account within MyCPC, registering for this event is the perfect time to do so; just [click here](#).)

Beth Johnson will lead us in exploring **The Household of God: Sex, Celibacy, and Siblings**. We'll examine the multiple ways early Christians talk about families and family values, the ways they use kinship language to talk about God and themselves, and how these texts contribute to contemporary debates about families and family values.

Retreat check-in begins on **Friday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m.**, dinner is at 6:15, and our first session starts at 7:15.

There is a slight change in our schedule from years past--the retreat will conclude on Sunday after breakfast so you can attend Youth Sunday at Central, or you can spend the morning visiting with friends and enjoying the Calvin Center campus.

We hope to see you there!



Lent Origami Bird Kits

Origami bird kits are available in Tull Hall to make birds to add to our *A Wing and a Prayer* art installation in the fall of 2018.

Kits contain: names of congregational members, origami paper, and folding directions. Join in making birds during the season of Lent as a prayer practice.



There are several devotionals available in the narthex for your use during the season of Lent.



New Art Exhibit

Bacon-cur-ated, from the art collection of Steve and Edna Bacon, is now on exhibit in Tull Hall!



First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta is pleased to announce that they are gearing up for round two of their TheoEd Talks series! It will take place on **Sunday, February 25th** at 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. They have three dynamic speakers lined up:

- Lauren Winner, professor of Christianity Spirituality at Duke Divinity School and author of *Girl Meets God*, *Mudhouse Sabbath*, and *Wearing God*.
- Shane Claiborne, founder of The Simple Way and an activist known for his work in issues related to social justice, poverty, and the death penalty
- Paul Wallace, a professor of Physics from Agnes Scott who works in the area of faith and science

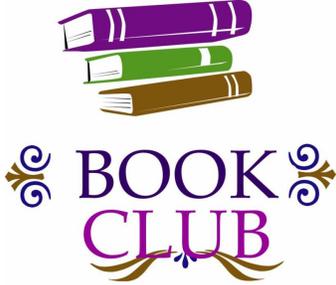
We at Central have been invited to be an Event Partner. Because of this, you can register for the event at no cost. For tickets, [click here](#) and enter the code "Central" at checkout.

For further details about the event and speakers, visit www.TheoEd.com. Their September event totally sold out, so you should register early!

Bookworms Meeting

We will meet next **Tuesday, February 27th**, to discuss "The Muralist" at 7:30 pm at the home of Wade and Julie Boggs:

1507 Peachtree Battle Ave., Atlanta, GA, 30327



Telephone: (404) 352-2258

Lynne Rea will lead the discussion. While the main character starts out as a painter of murals during the Depression era, she becomes a handy vehicle to tell about mid-twentieth century (modern abstract) art and WWII politics. Come and enjoy discussing what those abstract painters were all about. If you have any pictures of modern (20th Century) art, bring them, especially, work by any of the characters in book.

-Jean Ellen

Global Mission

TWO International Trips this Summer Sponsored by the Global Mission Committee

Mexico Border Mission

The Global Mission committee is leading a trip to Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Mexico. The dates are June 23 - 29. We will experience traveling through the desert to the border wall, meet people that work with and help those living in a border town, and learn about the realities of living in a border town. Central has taken this trip many times before, and we have always come home enlightened, convicted, and warmed by the hospitality of our partners at the border.

If you are interested in going, please email Jo McMurtrie at jo.mcmurtrie@gmail.com. To reserve your place, please pay a \$200 deposit by February 25. You can make a check payable to Central, with "Mexico mission trip" in the memo line.

Palestine/Israel Mission with Interfaith Peace-Builders

Thanks to a generous grant from Central's Education Endowment Fund, Global Mission is offering two full scholarships (\$2700 each) for the ground cost for a trip to Palestine/Israel, traveling with Interfaith Peace-Builders, a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC. A number of Central members have been IFPB delegates in recent years and Central provides financial support to the PCUSA mission co-worker based in Palestine/Israel. The 2018 dates are July 21 through August 3.

This delegation is an opportunity to explore the realities of life in Palestine/Israel. Delegates will investigate the travel and access restrictions, understand the Wall and its associated regime of physical and legal barriers, and connect with Palestinians and Israelis working for peace with justice.

As with all IFPB delegations, you will also meet additional Israelis and Palestinians working for peace and justice, as well as visit many important historical sites.

Additional costs to be covered by Central delegates are international airfare from DC to Tel Aviv (estimated to be \$1300 to \$1700), flight from Atlanta to DC, lunches and any other incidentals.

For more information, please contact Ann Hunter by email annhunter126@gmail.com or call 404-245-0532. You also may visit Interfaith Peace-Builders website at www.ifpb.org



Save the Date

Sunday, March 11th, 11:00 a.m. Worship
A Service of Lenten Readings and Music
Chancel Choir and Geneva Handbell Choir



Provide a Meal for College Ministry

Central is glad to partner with other Presbyterian churches in supporting Ukirk Atlanta, a Presbyterian campus ministry at Agnes Scott, Emory, and growing. Ukirk is in need of meals for their weekly campus ministry gatherings! [Please click here](#) to sign up to provide one meal on a Sunday or Thursday night this semester.



Lunch for the Main Frame Job Readiness Students

Lunches are needed! It's an easy way to contribute to Central OAC's Main Frame Job Readiness Program. We all pay much better attention if we have eaten and that is part of the purpose of serving lunch to the students prior to their afternoon classes. The time around the table also provides space for the students to get to know each other better and form relationships that can be encouraging as they each work towards finding employment. You can make a homemade

lunch. You can order something to be delivered. You can donate money in order for the OAC staff to order something. It's whatever works best for you! It's an easy way to make a difference in the lives of those the OAC serves. Take a look at the open 2018 dates and sign up to provide lunch on one of the days!

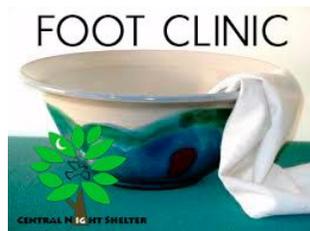
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aaa628a0f85-2018>

If your group is looking for ideas of items to provide for the Central Night Shelter, we are in immediate need of the following items:

- Disposable Razors
- Individual Hand Sanitizers
- Individual packets of Kleenex

Please leave items labeled "Night Shelter" in the main office.

Thanks so much for your generosity! We really appreciate it!



FOOT CLINIC

The Foot Clinic Needs Your Help

Every Wednesday night during Shelter season (November 1 - March 31), volunteers wash the feet of guests who request it, trim their toenails, smooth their callouses, massage their feet, and give them new socks.

We are in need of flip flops (which prevent the spread of athlete's foot in the showers) and shoe insoles (which can prolong the usefulness of old shoes). There is a basket in the narthex marked "Gifts for the Foot Clinic."

We are also in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Beth Paulsen (johnsonb@ctsnet.edu) or Ellen Logan (elogan@gsu.edu).



February and March Program

Listening for the Heartbeat of God | a Keystone Class

The Keystone Class will continue the exploration of Christian mystics with Listening for the Heartbeat of God by J. Philip Newell, a leader in understanding Celtic spirituality. Everyone is invited to join the class as we sit around the table to reflect on how our own spiritual formation may relate to Newell's writing. Dana Cozad will open the discussion of Newell during the first session, on February 4.

Teacher: Mary Amos

Convener: Jean Ellen Jones

Location: Taylor Conference Room

The Soul's Code | an Issues in Theology Class

Plato called it "daemon," the Romans "genius," the Christians "guardian angel"; today we use such terms as "heart," "spirit," and "soul." While philosophers, theologians and psychologists from Plato to St. Augustine to Jung have studied and debated the fundamental essence of our individuality, our modern culture refuses to accept that a unique soul guides each of us from birth. "What is it, in my heart, that I must do and be, and have? And why?" This class will address these questions and more with the assistance of James Hillman's book, "The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling."

Teachers: various class participants

Convener: Michael Lloyd

Location: OAC "arts room" (off of the Oglesby Atrium, basement level, Oglesby building)

Tending Eden: Environmental Stewardship for God's People | a Faith and Family Class

This class will examine how our faith heritage speaks to climate change and environmental injustice. Biblical texts, when viewed through an ecological lens, show us that caring for creation is an essential part of the good news of Jesus Christ. Climate change is scary, but there is hope. Come hear the good news.

Teachers: Kathy Harben, Mary Lillian Walker

Convener: Mary Elizabeth Pope

Location: Parlor (off of Tull Hall)

Christianity 101

This class is for those who wish to know more about such things as Presbyterian beliefs and practices, Bible basics, and where we at Central Presbyterian fit into the spectrum of 21st century American spiritual life. David Cozad will lead a relaxed discussion of the questions that class participants bring. We will begin with addressing your questions about what the Presbyterian Church stands for and how it operates. In ensuing weeks, we will move to others of these topics as interests of the participants dictate.

Teacher and convener: David Cozad

Location: Greene Room

Centralites: Witness in the Larger Community (Feb 4 - Feb 18), Christianity Through the Eyes of C.S Lewis (Feb 25 - March 11) | Sojourners classes

Centralites: Central members (two newer, one long-time) will tell their stories of what it's like to be a Central Presbyterian member and to witness their faith in the work place and beyond. Our first speaker will be Paul Zwier, a Session member currently serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee, is on the PNC. On February 11 our speaker will be Khaliah Johnson, specialist pediatrician.

C.S. Lewis: C. S. Lewis was a master teacher. Whatever he himself learned, he could and did teach others - especially through his writings about Christianity. Over three sessions, we will look at Lewis himself, warts and all, and discuss his teachings.

Teacher (for C.S. Lewis): Kemie Nix

Convener: Ed Carwile

Location: Brotherhood Room

Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington St SW Atlanta, GA 30303

