



**CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Weekly Newsletter

February 4, 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
Children's Sabbath

Lectionary texts for this week:

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

- 12:00 Noon [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Lunch is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children, and it is a wonderful time of fellowship.

This week's menu:

Cheeseburgers

French fries

Baked beans

Chocolate chip cookies

Change is Coming to Sunday Lunch!

Weekly Sunday lunch is an important part of congregational life at Central, and the church is taking steps to make Sunday lunch more financially sustainable for years to come.

Background: At the direction of the session, a Food Service Task Force began work in August 2017 to explore ways to make food service at Central more financially sustainable. The group conducted interviews and surveys, researched cost models, bench-marked costs with other churches, and received proposals from catering companies. At the recommendation of the task force and with the approval of the session, Central is moving from a full-time chef model to a catering model. We expect the change to save the

church upwards of \$20,000 per year, while still serving a delicious lunch and fostering community at Central.

What's New: In order to make Sunday lunch more financially responsible, our Sunday lunch process will change in two main ways:

1. The price will increase to \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, with a family cap of \$35. This price will go into effect on February 18, our catering kickoff Sunday.
2. RSVPs: Each week in the Weekly Newsletter, there is a link to RSVP for lunch. Please make every effort to RSVP on Wednesdays. When diners do not RSVP, we risk running out of food. Thank you for your help!

[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).



From the Organ Bench

The author of our Opening Hymn this Sunday ("All Things Bright and Beautiful") is Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander, born in Ireland in 1818. Mrs. Alexander authored almost 400 hymn texts, written mostly for children. This particular text, according to Carl Daw, was one of a series of thirteen written for children studying the Apostles' Creed, this text expanding on the phrase "maker of heaven and earth." Other texts by her in Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal include "Once in Royal David's City" and "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult." The tune ROYAL OAK is an English melody from the 17th century. The Opening Voluntary is based on this tune and, along with the Closing Voluntary, is by noted church music composer Michael Burkhardt. Michael is well known around the world for his creative

hymn festivals and for his work with children's choirs. He currently serves as Director of Worship and the Arts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, Michigan. Burkhardt is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist, and hymn festival leader and has led choirs and seminars at most of the denominational worship and music conferences around the country, including Montreat.



It's Souper Bowl Sunday!

Every year our youth collect funds for charities on the day of the Big Game. This year our donations will go to CEDEPCA, the faith based organization, which hosted our youth during the summer in Guatemala. These funds will be matched by a private donor through CEDEPCA and will go toward education and ministry for the people of Guatemala.



Traffic Notice this Sunday

The Hot Chocolate Half Marathon will take place this Sunday. [Click here](#) to find out if the race course impacts your commute to Central.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

- February 4** Children's Sabbath
- February 6** Prayer Labyrinth and Taizé
- February 11** Celebrate Central's 160th Birthday
Congregational Meeting to Elect Nominating Committee
- February 14** Ash Wednesday (services: 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel)

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



URNS 160 YEARS OLD!

Come and join us **February 11, 2018** after worship in Tull Hall. We will have trivia and celebrate our big birthday!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE

Nominating Committee

It's time for us to start the process to elect our next class of Elders and Deacons, and the first step is to select and elect the Nominating Committee.

*Would you like to serve on the Nominating Committee?
Do you know someone you think would be a great member?*

The Committee does the very important work of selecting a slate of Elders and Deacons who represent the Congregation and will help lead us into the future we are being called to here at Central.

The Committee will be chaired by Tricia Downing (who was Vice Chair last year), and Richard Woodring is the Deacon representative. A Vice Chair will be elected from the 2019 or 2020 class of Elders, and **4-6 additional members are needed** who are not currently serving as Elders or Deacons. The Committee will present its recommended slate of Elders and Deacons to the Congregation on Sunday, March 25, 2018.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee or know someone you want to recommend, please contact Tricia Downing by email (patriciadowning@bellsouth.net) or phone (404.944.2920) by Friday, **February 2, 2018**.

The Session has called a brief congregational meeting after worship on **February 11, 2018**, for the purpose of electing the 2018 nominating committee. The nominating committee is responsible for bringing a slate of elders and deacons to the congregation, who will then be elected at a March congregational meeting.



Rebekah Circle will meet on **Monday, February 12, at 11:00 am** at the Presbyterian Village. Carleen Savage is hostess. Berta Irwin will lead the study of Lesson 6 in Cloud of Witnesses. Contact Jane Conyers for more information.

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A graphic for Ash Wednesday Worship. The background is a close-up of a person's face with their eyes closed and a black cross of ash on their forehead. The text is white and positioned on the left side of the image.

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 14
12:15 pm David Cozad preaching
7:00 pm David Cozad preaching
Chancel Choir Singing
Both Services in Rand Chapel

A Case for Life: Death Penalty Discussion and Book Signing

Join community and faith leaders and special guest Sister Helen Prejean for a panel discussion on the death penalty in America. The forum will be followed by a reception and book signing of *A Case for Life: Justice, Mercy, and the Death Penalty*. This event is free and open to the public.

February 15, 2018, from 6-9 p.m.
Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA
805 Mount Vernon Hwy, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30327

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested. [Register here](#).

Within the new book, five authors make compelling arguments against the death penalty from their own perspectives - among them lawyers, faith leaders, and a supreme court justice. Their personal experiences with both victims and perpetrators provide a moral case for ending state-sponsored killing.

The book's contributors include:

- The Right Reverend Robert Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
- Stephen B. Bright, Attorney at Law, Southern Center for Human Rights
- Susan Casey, Attorney at Law, Appeals attorney for Kelly Gissendaner
- Bishop C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas
- Justice Norman S. Fletcher, Retired Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia

To accompany the authors, Sister Helen Prejean, author of the international best-selling book, *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty*, will provide her perspective from the front lines advocating for the abolition of the death penalty since 1981.

Program:

- 6 p.m. Doors open for registration and book sales
- 7 p.m. Event begins in the Church
- 7:30 p.m. Sister Helen Prejean will speak
- 8:10 p.m. Panel Presentation
- 8:25 p.m. Discussion among panelists with audience Q&A

Reception and book signing by Sister Helen, Bishop Wright, Susan Casey and Justice Fletcher to follow.

If you have questions, contact Peggy Hendrix:
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404-378-6995 or 404-771-8940

Pollard and Covenant Grants

Looking for a way to make a difference?
How about a "crash course" on small but effective nonprofits?
Want to know more about how Central's resources are used here in our immediate community?

Come join us in giving away some money! Sounds like fun, right? It may not be as easy as you think.

The Local Mission Committee is charged with allocating funds from the Pollard and Covenant Funds but the decision process is not limited to committee members. On **Sunday, Feb. 18, 12:30- 2:30 pm** we will meet to review applications from a variety of nonprofit programs whose work aligns strongly with the Mission of Central.

For more information please contact David Enniss at (404) 964-1767 or dpenniss@gmail.com

For more information on the Pollard and Covenant Funds, please visit our [website](#).



SHANE CLAIBORNE



LAUREN WINNER



PAUL WALLACE

February 25, 2018 | 5:00pm
First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta
www.TheoEd.com

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 25 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!

Mexico Border Mission Trip

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.

Global
Mission

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.



Central Women! It's that time of the year again-our annual retreat weekend. We will gather at the Calvin Center on Friday, **March 2**, at 5:00 p.m. Our retreat will conclude on Sunday, March 4 at noon.

This year our leader is Beth Johnson. Beth will lead us in exploring The Household of God: Sex, Celibacy, and Siblings. We will 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.

We have secured lodging for the same prices as last year.

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](#). Starting this Sunday, you may also register in Tull Hall before and after worship.



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.

Join a Choir in 2018!

Have you considered joining one of our choirs? Well, now is the time to do so in 2018! We have choirs for children, youth, and adults as well as Handbell Choirs, and Visual Artists. All are welcome! Contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music and Fine Arts for more information: dvandermeer@cpcatlanta.org



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."

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).



Lenten Small Groups

Have you ever found yourself amid Lent, a significant season in the worship life of the Church, and wished you had some help cutting through the noise of life so that you could more closely attend - to scriptures, to intuitions, to questions, to the voices of others, or to your own voice? Do you wish you had an opportunity to get to know a group of people at Central on a deeper level? If so, here is some really good news!

Central is hosting Lenten Small groups: groups of up to 12 people, meeting in the homes of Central members around the city, weekly throughout the 6 weeks of Lent (February 11 - March 18). To sign up for a group, visit the table in Tull Hall on Sunday after worship or email Central member Steve McKinney at smckinney.0601@gmail.com.

These are the small group choices:

Group #1: At Central Presbyterian
Host/Leader: Anne Sciarone
Day/Time: Sunday 6:00-7:30pm

Group #2: Emory Area in Decatur
Host/Leader: Mary Jane Cornell
Day/Time: Mondays at 7:30pm

Group #3: Buckhead
Host: Sherry Wright Leader: Kip Ladd
Day/Time: Mondays at 7:30pm

Group #4: Morningside
Host: Debbie Miller Leader: Steve McKinney
Day/Time: Tuesdays at 7:30pm

Group #5: In Midtown
Host: Steve Wade Leader: Katie Leware
Day/Time: Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Group #6: Decatur/Emory
Host: Doris Beachy Leader: Anna George Traynham
Day/Time: Thursdays at 10:00am

Group #7: Buckhead
Host/Leader: Dave Vandermeer
Day/Time: Thursdays at 7:00pm

Group #8: South Atlanta
Host/Leader: Linda and Martin Lehfelddt
Day/Time: Thursdays 3:00-4:30pm

Group #9: College Park or East Point
Hosts/Leaders: Anne Watkins and Hannah Palmer
Day/Time: Mondays at 6:30pm

When a Snack Matters

Throughout downtown Atlanta, many places offer daily meals to those experiencing homelessness. Central OAC is not one of those places, but we do offer snacks to our guests-but not to anyone who simply asks.

Why not? At the OAC, we believe that people who are hanging out in our lobby and not receiving services have ample opportunity to get to one of the many soup kitchens. However, guests who come to us for services might have to miss a meal in order to get the help they need from us. We don't want our guests to go hungry because they were waiting to apply for their birth certificate or getting assessed for the Main Frame Job Readiness program. So, we offer snacks to these individuals (and their kids, too!).



In order for these guests to receive the nourishment they might need, **we'd like your help!** A great way to contribute to our work is to provide healthy snacks like granola bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, packs of peanuts, small cans of fruit or apple sauce, etc. If you're interested in donating snacks, please leave them in the large bins at Central or in the church office marked "Central OAC." You may also visit our "Wish List" on our website and order them online to be shipped directly to the OAC. The link is:

<http://centraloac.org/get-involved/wish-list/>

We are grateful for your contributions that will help our guests stay strong and healthy as they work to overcome homelessness!

Central Outreach & Advocacy Center has recently published their **2017 Annual Report** and wanted to share it with you. The OAC Staff, Board and Guests are greatly appreciative of our many donors and volunteers who helped to make 2017 a successful year. Thank you!

If you would like to read the Annual Report, please click [here](#).



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