

The Weekly News

September 21, 2022

Geneva Hand Bells begin practice



The bells are back! The Geneva Bell Choir recently kicked off the 2022-23 program year with a great rehearsal in the bell room! We look forward to hearing their ethereal sounds again when they will ring in worship for the first time October 30.

Did you know...approximately \$9,500 is invested annually in security services for our church campus. Without your faithful support, maintaining

safety at Central would be a challenge. Thank you!



Central at Columbia

Susan and Jasiel represented Central on Tuesday morning at Columbia Theological Seminary during their Supervised Practice of Ministry Sites Expo. They met with students and shared information about Central's various ministries and the possibility of serving as interns.

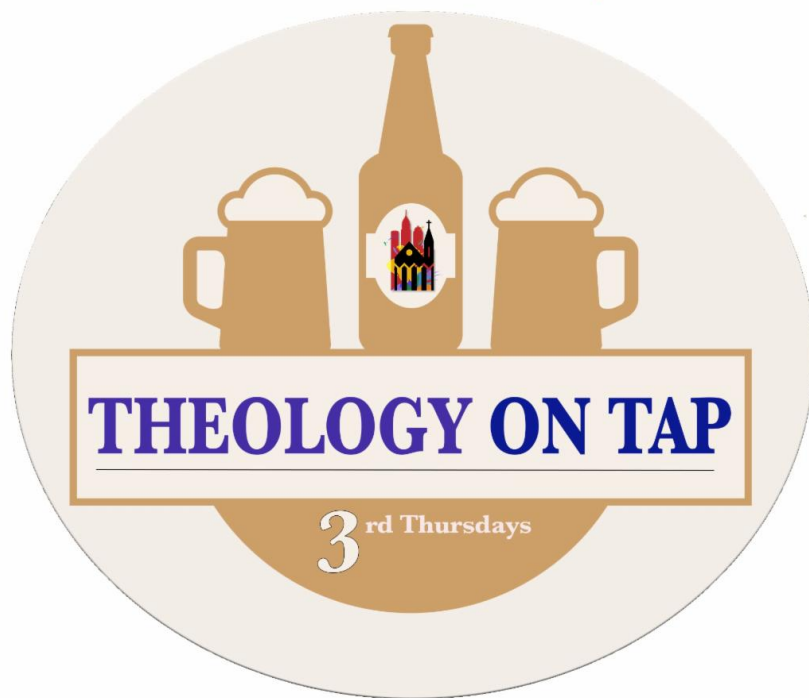


A reminder on COVID protocols

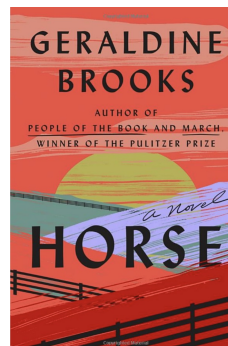
At its stated meeting earlier this month and upon receiving a recommendation from the 201 Task Force, the Session unanimously approved upgrading the church's covid protocol to reflect **mask-optional status, effective October 1. Masks are still required in worship and elsewhere on our campus through September 30.**

Connect

Theology on Tap begins this Thursday at 7 p.m.



Join Susan, Sam, and Jasiel starting **this Thursday, September 22 at Marley House** Decatur for a time of fellowship and theological reflection. Social time begins at 7 p.m., followed by a small group discussion at 7:30 p.m. We will meet on the third Thursday of September, October, November and December. The series will focus on reflections from previous sermons preached at Central and we will be centering our conversation around the question: "How do we live out our faith as Central?" We hope you will join us as we nourish our faith and the bonds of friendship with one another. Appetizers and your first drink are on us!



**Bookworms
meets September 27
7 p.m.**

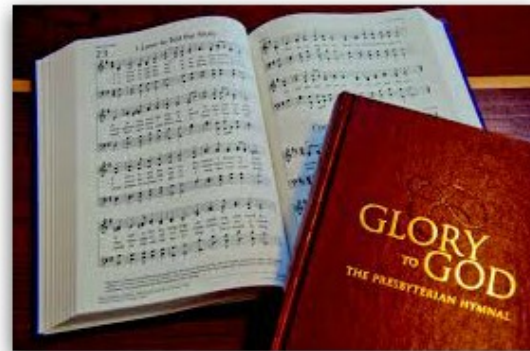
It's a perfect time to join Bookworms for the 202-23 program year, This group of eager readers meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at members' homes. Next Tuesday, September 27, we will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Lynne Jones in Sandy Springs, 545 Tanacrest Circle, Atlanta, 30328, where Bede Campbell will facilitate our conversation about **"Horse"** by Geraldine Brooks. Bring a potluck dish to share. It is always interesting to be together as we share a meal and discuss a compelling book.

Questions? Email [Linda McCord](#)

We look forward to seeing you all!

Hymn Fun Saturdays 10 a.m. via Zoom

Hymn Fun with Steve Fey takes place Saturdays at 10 a.m. The sessions begin at 10 a.m. each Saturday and run 45 minutes to an hour.



Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75531074580?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75531074580?pwd=N3ZzL1N0OHpObVlk3dHpVTkQ0YnV6QT09)

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Meeting ID: 755 3107 4580

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Children's and Youth Choirs Sundays at 9 a.m.

Children's and Youth Choirs: The children's choirs and youth choir will begin rehearsal this Sunday, September 25 at 9:15 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. This will give them a chance to assist in participating in the courtyard ministry before coming to choir and rehearsing for World Communion Sunday. Thanks to parents **Katie Sutton and Lizzie Holden** for fitting robes this past Sunday. We hope to have everyone's name on a robe by the end of this next Sunday!

Contact Ms. Vicki ([Vicki Fey](#)) if you can help.

Serve



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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
CELEBRATES OUR
ONENESS IN CHRIST
WITH ALL OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
AROUND THE WORLD.**

On **World Communion Sunday**, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God's house.

Peace is active, not passive. Peace is doing, not waiting. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

As a shared offering, your gifts on World Communion Sunday to the Peace & Global Witness Offering support peacemaking in your own community, your own region and places around the world. Thank you for your generosity; *for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.*



Text **PCUSAPEACE** to **41444**.



Children's Sunday School kicks off

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We still need people to step up to be a part of Sunday School. If teaching is not your gift, you can also sign up for the "Second Adult" spot on our sign up genius. It is imperative that we have two adults for Sunday School so we can maintain the guidelines for our Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth.

Please sign up and reach out to **Sam Phillips** for any questions.

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A9A72CA0F9CF8-childrens>



Tower bell ringers needed

We have a faithful group of folks willing to ring the tower bell each Sunday as it calls us to worship, but we would love to add your

name to the list! Instructions can be shared by former coordinator Lynne Rea or any of our current ringers. We also need a coordinator. Vicki Fey took on that task following Lynne Rea's retirement, but would love to give someone else the opportunity to serve in this way! If you would like to either serve as a ringer or coordinate ringing dates with folks, please contact **Vicki Fey**.

Courtyard Ministry seeks volunteers

This fall, we are shifting our schedule with groups expected to sign up for Sundays, except for the third Sunday of each month which will be hosted by the Central congregation.



Here is the sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5A82AAB9->

If you have questions, please contact Debbie Miller, debbietimmiller@gmail.com or Denise de La Rue, denise@denisedelarue.com.

-The Courtyard Ministry



Lector Recruiter Needed

Phyllis Lloyd, who has served as Central's lector recruiter for many years, is ready to pass the mantle to someone else! If you feel called to volunteer in this way, please contact **John Semmes, Phyllis Lloyd, or Vicki Fey**. Phyllis has all the documents you need to send to lectors each week – options for the Prayer for Illumination and various other blurbs. She also has a list of lector coaches. Vicki sends the lector texts to the recruiter a month at a time, so the recruiter doesn't have to search for the text.

Also, our thanks to Vanessa Hunter for starting the process of recruiting lectors for the year ahead during the recent all-church retreat. **Dates are still available**, so if you would like to read scripture during 11 a.m. worship for a week or more, please **let Vanessa know!**

The OAC needs snacks

What is your favorite snack? Want to share your favorite item with guests at Central OAC? We are in need of snacks and would greatly appreciate your help! If you don't think your favorite snack would be a good one to donate, here are some possible ideas:

- Peanut butter or cheese crackers
- Granola bars
- Packs of nuts
- Small cans of fruit or apple sauce (pull tab)
- Chips
- Cookies

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Kimberly Parker at kparker@centraloac.org. Thanks in advance for your support!



Worship

Sunday, September 25
11 a.m.

Learn

Friends on The Journey is on a one week hiatus

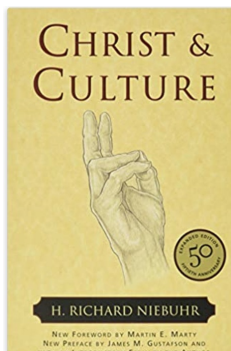
Our class is on a one-week hiatus for this Sunday as both conveners are unable to attend. We look forward to seeing you on October 2.

Information: M.E. Davis (maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com) and Mary Sidney Harbert (marysidneykharbert@gmail.com)

Living in Community | A Sojourners Class Sundays 9:45 a.m. The Brotherhood Room

The Sojourners Class is in the midst of a 5-week series called Live in Community (part of the PC(USA)'s Follow Me curriculum, which the Sojourners Class utilized this past spring). In this series, participants will explore the practice of living together in community as the body of Christ. The first session in the series will explore the intentional ways that God the Creator and Jesus the Christ called together diverse groups of people - thus the session's title, "Gather Across Differences." After going through the four sessions of this study, we will have a discussion on October 9 with Dr. Kathy Dawson, a faculty member at Columbia Theological Seminary and a contributor to the Live in Community series.

Class convener: Ed Carwile (carwile1230@earthlink.net)



Issues in Theology Sundays 9:45 a.m. The Taylor Conference Room

The Issues in Theology class will be discussing chapters 7, 8, and 9 of H. Richard Niebuhr's classic volume, *Christ and Culture*, on September 11th, 18th, and 25th. Following the conclusion of the study of Niebuhr's

book, in October the class will read a short, powerful new book by practical theologian Pamela Cooper-White, *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide* (Fortress Press, 2022). Cooper-White taught pastoral care and theology at Columbia Theological Seminary and more recently at Union Theological Seminary.

She is a major figure, and her book is a clear, accessible, insightful, and helpful guide to this vexing practical and theological problem.

For more information: Rod Hunter (rhunt02@emory.edu)

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4 Ways to Give



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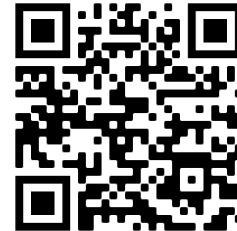


Cash/Check

There are four easy ways you can make your contribution to the mission and ministry of Central Church.

Give through REALM Connect mobile app

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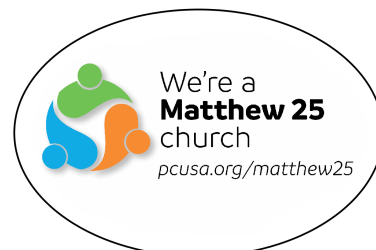
Please give generously, and thank you!

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Questions about your giving statement? Please contact Kristie Johns at kjohns@cpcatlanta.org

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