



# Celebrations AND Anticipations

2023/2024



  
**Belonging to God**  
Sharing our Blessings



**I**n this new season of welcome and reweaving, we know that we have so much to look forward to at Central. We also want to pause and honor the imaginative and creative energy that has been moving through our church all year long. Our committees are sharing what they're celebrating already in 2023 and what they're anticipating in the months to come. Read on for a snapshot of what your gifts of time, talent and treasure have supported and what lies ahead!

## ■ Operations, Finance & Personnel

- ❖ The Endowment Committee has welcomed three new members, Vanessa Hunter, Ginger Heidbreder and Kelly Bray, who is also the Chair of the Finance Committee. Both the Senior Pastor – Head of Staff and the Director of Finance and Administration also serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee. These new perspectives are vital to the stewardship of Central's legacy funding.
- ❖ The Endowment Committee looks forward to updating the Endowment Basics document which is used to familiarize pastors, staff and church members with this crucial Central resource. Its anticipated publication date is the end of 2023 or early in 2024.
- ❖ The Finance Committee is now able to leverage the benefits of a streamlined and approved chart of accounts to make timely and informed recommendations on the use of Central's financial resources.
- ❖ The Finance Committee looks forward to continued refinement of their ability to accurately reflect, report, and give guidance on Central's financial resources to be able to support Central's many important missions.
- ❖ The Facilities Committee is looking forward to starting a building condition assessment in the fall of 2023 led by Arcollab architecture firm. This will give us a major maintenance roadmap for the next 10 years.
- ❖ Looking forward, the Facilities Committee is excited that in 2024, the architects will conduct a space utilization study. These evaluations of our facilities will spark new ideas for how we might share Central's space with community partners and create a welcoming environment for members.
- ❖ Central's Personnel Committee celebrates supporting staff through many transitions and getting to celebrate key anniversaries, including John White's 30th anniversary with Central and Kristie Johns' first anniversary!
- ❖ The Personnel committee is looking forward to a **full staff** at Central Presbyterian Church and deepening our relationships with our pastors and staff.



## Education

- ❖ The Adult Education Committee celebrates the powerful 2023 Summer Series program: "Living Into Our Mission as a Matthew 25 Church | Focus on Mission Work". The dynamic content and speakers ensured wonderful participation from our congregation.
- ❖ Looking forward to the fall and into 2024, the Adult Education Committee anticipates offering three unique classes to meet varied interests in our congregation.
- ❖ We're also looking forward to this year's confirmation class, using a new curriculum with an emphasis on what it means to be a missional church. This experience will be a part of Sunday School, complete with interfaith field trips and service opportunities.



## Mission

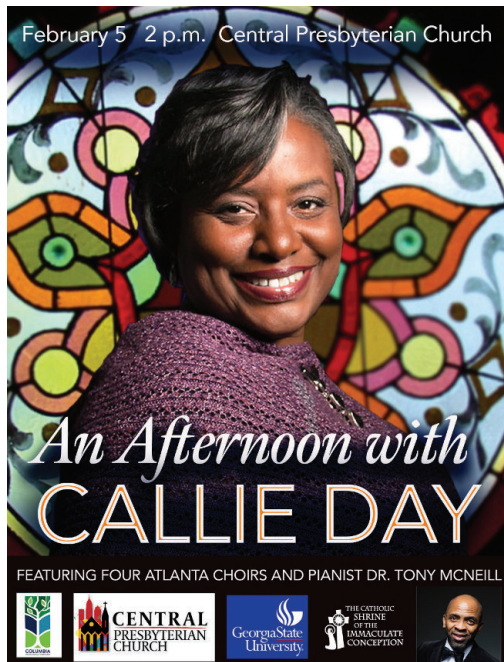
- ❖ The Mission Committee celebrates the arrival of the Our House Early Childhood ministry to our facilities with gratitude for the leadership of Denise DeLarue and Beth Webb -Woods.
- ❖ The Mission Committee is looking forward to a global mission trip! There are many incredible destinations to consider through our various partnerships and past experiences.

## The OAC

- ❖ The Central Outreach & Advocacy Center celebrates their emerging partnership with Intown Cares which enables the OAC to have a housing navigator on site. Because of this partnership, some of the OAC's guests who have been experiencing homelessness are now being housed.
- ❖ The OAC is looking forward to deepening the great work of the Main Frame Resource Lab in helping guests find employment. They are in the process of setting up a work clothing closet which will further support guests who are going to interviews and starting new jobs.

## Family Ministries

- ❖ Family Ministries celebrates so much joy in 2023, continuing to emerge from COVID and reconnect. There was a lively Easter Egg Hunt, full leadership of worship in May, a trip to the Montreat Youth Retreat and ample opportunities for children and youth to connect in between.
- ❖ Family Ministries looks forward to involving more congregation members in the opportunities to connect with children and youth, including Sunday School, confirmation, service trips and more!
- ❖ We are also grateful for the training of our staff on the Our Whole Lives curriculum, a holistic relationships, and sexuality curriculum that we'll begin to implement for our 7th - 12th graders in early 2024.



## Worship & Music

- ❖ Central's music ministry celebrates that they are back in full swing and partnering with other churches, ensembles and musicians throughout Atlanta! One of the highlights was the February 2023 afternoon concert with acclaimed singer Callie Day and guest pianist, Dr. Tony McNeill to benefit mission partner, Close Ties. Partners on this concert included GSU's Choral Union, The Shrine Music Ministry Choir from The Catholic Shrine and the choir from Columbia Theological Seminary.
- ❖ Looking forward, the music ministry is excited for more collaborations with other groups, made possible through the faithful support of the Central community. In the coming year, Central will host a concert of GSU students, Voces Amicis, and an organ recital with our very own Mason Copeland.

## Engagement

- ❖ The Engagement Committee is thrilled with the positive response to and the participation in our new Lemonade Fellowship ministry following worship in Tull Hall each Sunday.
- ❖ Looking to 2024, we hope to re-establish connections with members via more congregational lunches and new events that bring different groups of people together.

