



# The Weekly News

March 13, 2024

## Join us for Historical Tour of Central this Sunday, March 17



The Atlanta Preservation Center is sponsoring a tour of our historic buildings on March 17 beginning at 1:30 p.m. We will start in Tull Hall with an overview of the history of our church and its neighborhood from 1858 to the present. Then we go from the Sanctuary, to Rand Chapel, the OAC in Oglesby, and to the Campbell-Eagan Building to tell the history and uses of each space. This would be a great adventure for new members, but even if you have



been here before, it's still a great opportunity to learn more about our history and neighborhood.

been a member for years you may not have this perspective of our grand spaces and their history. Sign up at this site and join us for free! - Gary Cornell  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/phoenix-flies-2024-guided-tour-of-central-presbyterian-church-tickets-833911039367?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

For information see Gary Cornell, Lee Carroll, Beth Grashof or Martin Lehfeltdt.

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## HOLY WEEK WITH CENTRAL

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Holy Week begins Sunday, March 24. Central is participating in a variety of events throughout the week as we commemorate this time. Below are the details. Have questions? Contact [Melissa Johnson](#).



### **PALM SUNDAY**

10:15 a.m.  
Procession around  
Capitol Hill.

11 a.m.  
Worship



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7 p.m.  
This evening will  
take place at various  
locations in members'  
homes.



## GOOD FRIDAY

7 p.m.

This service takes place in the sanctuary with participants from Covenant and Morningside Presbyterian Churches.



## EASTER

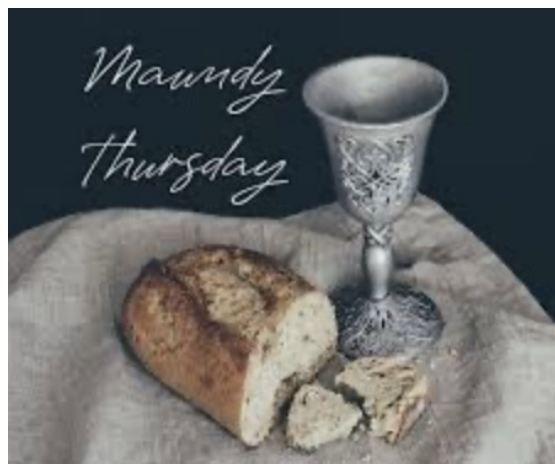
11 a.m.

Service in the sanctuary with communion.

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Maundy Thursday will take place at various homes throughout the city. Please use the links below to sign up for dinners and service at the home you wish to attend.

Bill and Marcia Crosland



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Frances St. John

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Linda and Martin Lehfelddt

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The Lum Family

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAD2FABF49-48353671-maundy>

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Our Good Friday service will be a service featuring the members and choirs of Covenant and Morningside Presbyterian Churches. We hope you can join us for this time. If you are unable to, the service will be live-streamed.



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## Volunteers needed to prepare lunches for the Night Shelter

Volunteers needed to provide sack lunches for the guests at the Bashor Night Shelter for Sunday March 24. Please contact **Chris Sciarrone** to sign up or ask questions"

***Bashor Homeless Mens Shelter***  
***(bashorhomelessshelter.org)***



**Monthly Community**  
**Conversation with Jill Morehouse**

**Lum & Avis Williams**  
**March 20**  
**6 to 7 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

Join us as Avis Williams and Jill Morehouse Lum speak about their growing and honest friendship at the intersection of land, race, money, and their faith. [Click here to register.](#)



Avis's enslaved ancestors built Emory College. Jill's enslaving ancestors lived in what is now the Dean's home. Avis has faithfully held property her family secured in 1870. Jill's ancestors received one of the 1807 land grants, 200 acres of free land to white male settlers. This history helped them find each other, but most of their story is about how a deepening friendship is fuel to keep going. As we always say in *Seeing Whiteness: Honesty Spurs Change*.

[Here's a great essay](#) about Avis in Newton Magazine. A powerful one hour film, [The Cost of Inheritance](#), amplifies much of Jill and Avis' hopes and dreams. These are worth watching and reading before the event. To show thanks and contribute directly to Avis Williams and her lifelong commitments, click [here](#).

*If your band is performing around town, you are in a play or part of an event in metro Atlanta, we want to hear from you! Contact [Alex Johns](#) or [Mark Wallace Maguire](#) so we can add your information!*

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## LOST & FOUND ALERT



Lost and Found Alert! Have you misplaced something during the memorable

events at Central Presbyterian Church? If these items belong to you, please contact **Melissa Johnson** to reclaim them. Let's ensure these meaningful mementos find their rightful owners! If not reclaimed by the end of each month, they will be donated to the OAC.

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**Central Women's Gathering**  
**Thursday, March 21**  
**1328 Avalon Place**  
**Atlanta, 30306**

Central Women will gather on Thursday, March 21, at the home of Jill Lum, 1328 Avalon Place, Atlanta 30306 for dinner, fellowship, and an opportunity to get to know Central's Executive Assistant & Event Coordinator, Melissa Johnson. Melissa has a rich career, including service as a PC (USA) missionary in Africa. Please use this [link](#) to register your intention to attend and what you will contribute to our meal. Questions? Email [Linda McCord](#).

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**Thirsty Thursdays**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Manuel's Tavern**

Central members meet monthly at **Manuel's Tavern** for a time of informal fellowship. While this event was initially for Young Professionals, the event is open to all ages. Guests are welcome and no RSVP is required! Below are the dates through May 2024. Manuel's is located at 602 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307.

March TBA  
April 25  
May 23

Questions? Contact **M.E. Davis** at [maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com](mailto:maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com)

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## Serve

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## Sunday Breakfast Ministry





This week, the Sunday Breakfast Ministry would like to extend an invitation to the congregation to participate in hosting on March 17, as it is the congregation's turn to take charge (3rd Sunday of each month). The ministry relies on the support of volunteers to bring food and/or serve during this meaningful event.

To sign up for your participation, [\*please visit this link.\*](#)

Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude for the turnout on March 3, photo above, where the Children and Youth Ministries and their families were served. Your support and participation contribute significantly to the success of these ministries, fostering a sense of community and fellowship.

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## Support Memorial Drive Ministries in Unique Ways!



MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES

## "WELCOME KIT" DONATION DRIVE!

To benefit refugee families in partnership with The Welcome Co-Op and the MDM community

**STEP 1: PURCHASE TOWEL, WASH CLOTH, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, SHAVING CREAM, DISPOSABLE RAZORS, TOILET PAPER (AT LEAST 4 ROLLS), & BATH SOAP**

**STEP 2: ASSEMBLE THESE INTO A CONTAINER (EITHER BAG OR BOX)**

**STEP 3: DELIVER ON SUNDAY APRIL 14TH BETWEEN 2PM AND 4PM TO MDM - 5140 MEMORIAL DRIVE 30083**

We will also accept notebooks, packs of pens, feminine hygiene products, & small stuffed animals.  
**ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.** Thank you!



Please join Central in supporting refugee families through a "Welcome Kit Donation Drive" organized by Memorial Drive Ministries.

MDM is collecting new items to create warm welcome kits distributed upon their arrival. The donation of new items ensures these families feel supported as they start anew in our community.

Please note, all donations must be new and can be dropped off at 5140 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 by Sunday, April 14, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Members can also drop off their items at Central!

Your support is greatly appreciated in making a difference in their lives.

## Rehoboth Bluebird Box

A sign of spring and renewal, bluebirds are believed to be messengers of hope and happiness during transitional times.

As we transition to a new year, you can invite bluebirds to spread joy and prosperity by providing a safe nesting site to establish new beginnings.



HE MOVED FROM THERE AND DUG ANOTHER WELL, AND THEY DID NOT QUARREL OVER IT; SO HE CALLED IT REHOBOTH, SAYING, "NOW THE LORD HAS MADE ROOM FOR US, AND WE SHALL BE FRUITFUL IN THE LAND."  
*Genesis 26:22*

### Rehoboth

The wood used for these bluebird boxes is Philippine Mahogany and comes from the sanctuary of former Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Ga. While Rehoboth - meaning "open spaces" - has closed as a congregation, its mission continues through church-based nonprofit, Memorial Drive Ministries (MDM). Located in the most diverse sq. mile in North America, MDM is a place of sanctuary and service for the Clarkston, Ga community.

These bluebird nest boxes are the fruit of combined creativity and craftsmanship of Brian Bishop, Elder, Deacon at Central Presbyterian Church and beloved Reverend Stephen Bacon. To honor the work and legacy of Rehoboth, Steve Bacon, and members of the greater Presbyterian community, proceeds of the birdhouses will be donated to MDM. To learn more and support the mission of Memorial Drive Ministries, please visit [mdmatl.org](http://mdmatl.org).




### Bluebird Nesting

Just as the church provides a safe and welcoming "open space" in the community, bluebirds also require a nurturing habitat to welcome the genesis of new life. In the South, bluebirds may begin looking for nests as early as January, so please prepare for your feathered friends. For important information about bluebird nesting conditions and how/where to properly install, maintain, and protect their nest box, please scan the QR code or visit [nabirdsociety.org](http://nabirdsociety.org) or [audeobon.org](http://audeobon.org).



There is another wonderful chance to aid Memorial Drive Ministries by acquiring a Bluebird box. By providing a safe haven for these exquisite birds, you're not only supporting new beginnings but also embracing the spirit of spring.

Crafted from Philippine Mahogany sourced from the sanctuary of the former Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Decatur, these Bluebird boxes are both meaningful and sustainable.

To discover more about purchasing a Bluebird box, please visit [here](#) or click on the flyer above. A suggested donation of \$50 helps support MDM's endeavors. Please mark any Bluebird box gifts as attn; David Roth.

## Humanitarian Response in Israel/Palestine

We have witnessed the millions of people caught in the middle of the devastating conflict between the government of Israel and Hamas. This humanitarian crisis is dire, and the loss of human life is unimaginable. Through



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Church (USA) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable and supporting partners in Palestine and Israel who are responding to the needs of their neighbors. Our biggest concern is the safety and care for those caught in the middle of this conflict and in need of humanitarian aid, no matter their religious beliefs, politics, or nationality.



PDA has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. Response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions, including but not limited to medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items and delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals.

Years of recovery lie ahead. Will you stand in the “GAP” for all affected by this conflict?

### **Give. Act. Pray**

- **Give:** [Click this link](#) to give to Disaster Relief for Israel/Palestine (please note Middle East in the Disaster Supported box).
- **Act:** Urge the U.S. government to advocate for an immediate cease-fire and the end of the blockade on Gaza to ensure urgent access to humanitarian aid, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.
- **Pray:** Our best response is prayer. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

*[You can also click here to read more.](#)*

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## Gift Cards Request from Central OAC

On the last Friday of each month, the Central OAC team holds a special event for their guests. It is a different way of serving those who walk through the doors each day.

Our previous and upcoming events:

- **January 2024:** Hot Chocolate and Conversations
- **February 2024:** Movie Day
- **March 2024:** Bloomin’ Bingo
- **April 2024:** Barbershop Day

We're eagerly preparing for OAC's exciting event in March. We're hoping to include gift cards as prizes, particularly fast food options, which are always popular. However, there are a limited availability of nearby options close to OAC. The closest establishments we've identified are Waffle House, Chic-fil-A, and American Deli.

To enhance the event experience for our attendees, we kindly ask for your support in donating gift cards to these locations. Alternatively, if you prefer, a donated Visa card would also be greatly appreciated. Even small amounts would make a significant difference and contribute to the success of our event. Your generosity will undoubtedly make our Bingo games even more thrilling for our guests. Thank you for considering our request!

If you have questions, please email Kimberly at [kparker@centraloac.org](mailto:kparker@centraloac.org).

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## One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.



The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way the Presbyterians come together each year to work for a better world.

***[Click here to view a video about the on-going story of OGHS.](#)***

***[Contribute now by clicking here.](#)*** Envelopes will be in the pew pockets should you prefer to give in that way.

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## Sunday Sign-Ups: Friendship & Fellowship

We are grateful for the many ways we're reconnecting in this new season. We need the support of our Central family to sustain two crucial ministries: the collection of the friendship folders and the hosting of our lemonade fellowship hour. Both of these Sunday activities are simple, fun, and crucial to our

continued engagement of visitors and of course, connecting with one another. Here are a couple of notes:

1. Individuals or groups (such as committees) are invited to host the lemonade fellowship. Supplies are provided.
2. Collection of the friendship folders is an excellent family activity! Please note the need to move easily in both the sanctuary and balcony.

Please use this [\*\*Sign-Up Genius\*\*](#) to claim a few Sundays that work for you to plug into these volunteer opportunities.

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## Flip Flops for Bashor Night Shelter Guests

The Foot Clinic of the **Bashor Night Shelter** gives each guest a pair of flip flops to wear in the shower to avoid catching or sharing athlete's foot. It is difficult to find them in the winter and they are frequently more expensive than in the summer. If you find yourself in Walmart or the Dollar Store or a similar place, will you please pick up a pair or two of men's flip flops, sizes 9 to 14, and bring them with you to church? There will be a box in the narthex where you can put your gifts. Thank you!



## Tower Bell Ringers

Thanks to all our "regular" ringers for taking care of the tower bell each Sunday. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday in March or beyond, click on the link below.

If you still aren't sure about it, go to the bell tower on Sunday morning and observe our expert ringers in action!

[\*\*\*Sign Up as a Tower Bell Ringer\*\*\*](#)

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## Worship

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Sunday, March 17, 2024

**Jeremiah 31:31-34 + Mark 13:1-8, 28-44**

The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

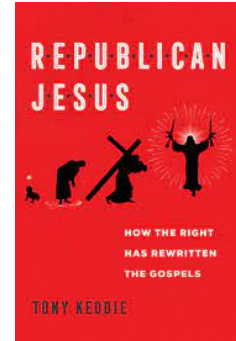
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# Learn

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## How the Right Has Rewritten the Gospels | Issues in Theology Class Sundays 9:45 a.m. Greene Room

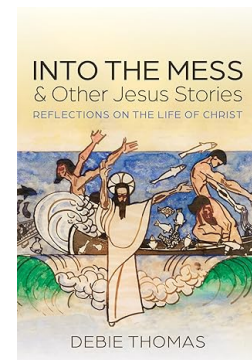


The Issues in Theology class will resume its discussion of Tony Keddie's book, *Republican Jesus: How the Right Has Rewritten the Gospels*. Keddie, a professor of Christian History at the University of British Columbia, wrote this book in response to what he feels is a political misuse of Biblical interpretation and history. The class will continue through consecutive chapters until finishing on March 17. Note that while this is a provocative book to read, a summary of salient points from a subject chapter is provided each Sunday morning, so one does not have to read the chapter in order to participate in the class discussion.

The Issues in Theology Class meets from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Greene room. More information about the class is available from Tina Sizemore ([tinasizemore@bellsouth.net](mailto:tinasizemore@bellsouth.net)) and Rod Hunter ([rhunt02@emory.edu](mailto:rhunt02@emory.edu)).

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## Grappling with Jesus's Teachings | A Sojourners Class Brotherhood Room Sundays 9:45 a.m.



The stories of Jesus' teachings that we find in the Gospels can present challenges in understanding and interpretation. In this class, we will grapple with these challenging stories with help from the thought-provoking essays of Debie Thomas in her recently-published book, *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. The "Wonders" section of this book, on the miracles of Jesus, provided the source for lively class discussions this past fall. In February and March, we will discuss stories from the "Teachings" section of the book: the beatitudes, the ten bridesmaids, the good Samaritan, and more. Join us for enriching dialogues that promise to offer fresh perspectives on Jesus' teachings.

The Sojourners class meets from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Brotherhood room. Information about this class is available from Ed Carwile ([carwile1230@earthlink.net](mailto:carwile1230@earthlink.net)) and Robert Catterall ([rfcatterall@gmail.com](mailto:rfcatterall@gmail.com)).

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## Central Women Schedule of Upcoming Events

All the women of Central are invited to join the group for any or all of our

upcoming programs. We'll have dinner at 7 p.m. followed by our varied and compelling programs. Questions? Contact [Linda McCord](mailto:lindasavagemccord@gmail.com) at [lindasavagemccord@gmail.com](mailto:lindasavagemccord@gmail.com)

<b>3/21/24:</b> Home of Jill Lum 1328 Avalon Place NE, Atlanta, 30306	Meet Melissa Johnson	Denise de La Rue
<b>4/18/24:</b> Home of Julie Boggs 1507 Peachtree Battle Ave Nw, Atlanta, 30327	Althea Brown and Filmmaking	Julie Boggs
<b>5/16/24:</b> Home of Frances St. John 4555 Crestwicke Pointe, Atlanta, 30319	Artists in Our Midst	Linda McCord

## Give

### Automated Giving through Realm

If you would like to make your pledge payments electronically, you can do so through your Realm account by visiting [cpcatlanta.org](http://cpcatlanta.org), navigating to the giving page, and selecting 2024 Member Giving from the drop-down menu. To set up scheduled giving, you can choose “give multiple times” with a start date and ending date and gifts will process automatically on the schedule you choose (monthly, weekly, bi-monthly, etc.).

### Realm does not update your scheduled gifts automatically with your new pledge

Should you already have an automatic gift set up, you may need to adjust the gift to match your new pledge or set up a new 2024 gift while canceling the 2023 gift if it does not have an end date. If your 2023 automated giving had an end date of December 2023, you will need to set up a new scheduled giving for 2024. This is done by logging into your Realm account, going to your giving tab, and clicking on the schedule button. You can use the three dots on the right to edit, hold, or cancel your giving. If you have any difficulties, please reach out to Kristie Johns (770) 888-9292 or [kjohns@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:kjohns@cpcatlanta.org) for help.

## 4 Ways to Give



Mobile Giving



Online Giving



Text Giving



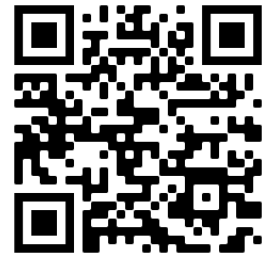
Cash/Check

There are four easy ways you can make your

contribution to the mission and ministry of Central Church.

**Give through REALM Connect mobile app**

Give through the Realm Connect mobile app; download from your device's store.



**2023 Pledge:** You may pledge through this [link](#)

**Give online**

Visit the **CPC website** to securely make your contribution.

**Text to give\***

Text **CPCATLANTA** to **73256** followed by your gift amount.

**Mail a check to our address**

201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Please give generously, and thank you!**

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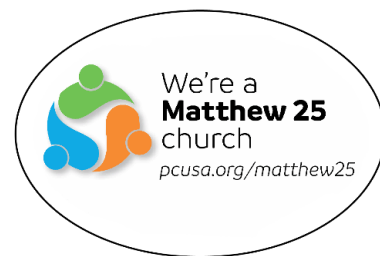
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Questions about your giving statement? Please contact **Kristie Johns** at (404) 601-3128.

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