



## The Weekly News

April 24, 2024

This Sunday is Confirmation Sunday! Keep your eyes open for a special report on this journey of our young people coming in Friday's e-update!

### U.S. Senator Chris Coons visits, worships with Central





Central was honored to have U.S. Senator Chris Coons, D-Delaware, worship with us on Sunday. Prior to worship, he met with the Revs. Shannon Johnson Kershner and Kate Culver, along with members of Session, and had an informal discussion and Q & A session. The Senator and Central share a mutual passion for serving the people who experience homelessness in our cities and the millions who are in desperate need of affordable housing options. Coons is a lifelong Presbyterian, an ordained elder, and continues to preach regularly at houses of worship. He has been lauded in the Senate by his colleagues for multiple efforts and legislation and his work for bi-partisanship.

**Congregational Meeting on May 5;  
Lunch after worship to celebrate  
new officers!**



A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 5, at the close of worship for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2027. Please make plans to attend and to enjoy time with church friends at a church lunch after the meeting.



The congregational lunch on May 5 will be to celebrate the election of new officers!. Their installation will be the first Sunday of June. Join us following the Congregational Meeting to celebrate the installation of our new Session and Deacon class members. Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer to our community, we invite you to lunch. You can share a meal, make new friends, and experience the warmth of our Presbyterian family. ***Click here or scan the QR code to register!***

We will have baked chicken, green beans, wild rice, baked beans, rolls, banana pudding, with tea and lemonade. Lunch will be \$10 per meal for adults and \$5 for children, with discounts available for families.

We look forward to seeing you at our Congregational Luncheon – where good food and great fellowship go hand in hand!

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## Breakfast Ministry on May 5

Central Women have been asked to host the Breakfast Ministry on Sunday, May 5. Please use the link below to indicate how you can help with fruit, breakfast bread, hard-cooked eggs, or serving.

If you want to provide food but can't get it to Tull Hall by 8:40 am on that Sunday morning, you may take it to Ellen Thompson or Debbie Miller a day or two before, or check the SignUp periodically to find someone who might help with delivery.

***Sign up here!***

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## We want to hear from you!

We want to hear from you! Do you have photos from a Central event or gathering to share? Please send them to us so we can share to the congregation and community. Our deadline for each week's e-newsletter is Monday at noon. Contact [ajohns@cpclanta.org](mailto:ajohns@cpclanta.org)

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## Parking on Washington Request

Central would like to kindly request that members **not** park at our entrance on Washington Street unless there is a significant issue of mobility. This entrance to the church is often vital to our disabled member's ability to park and attend service. If you are parking on Washington without a mobility issue - such as to unload, please move your car no later than 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

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**Thirsty Thursdays tomorrow!**  
**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.

April 25  
May 23

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

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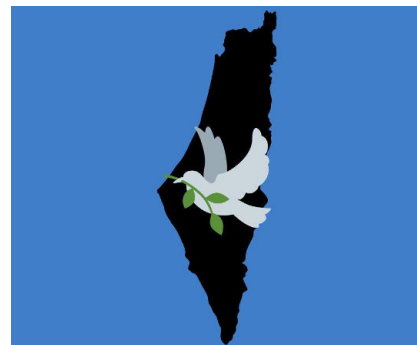
## Serve

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### 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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## 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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## 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!

# Worship

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

**Psalm 22:25-31 + John 15:1-8**

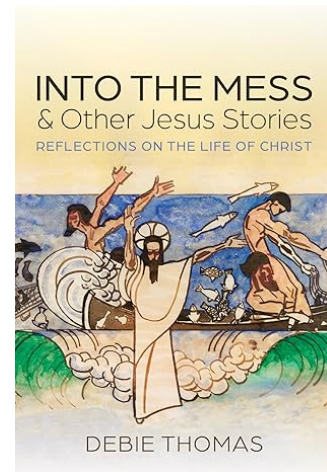
The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

# Learn

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

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** at [lindasavagemccord@gmail.com](mailto:lindasavagemccord@gmail.com)



# 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



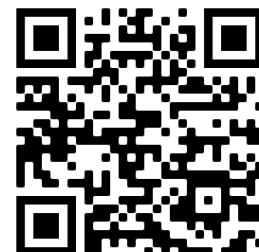
Cash/Check

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.

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

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

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Acting boldly and compassionately to serve  
people who are hungry, oppressed,  
imprisoned or poor.



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