



The Weekly News

May 1, 2024

Congregational Meeting Takes Place This Sunday Following Worship

A congregational meeting has been called for this Sunday, May 5, at the close of worship for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2027. Following the meeting, we will have a congregational lunch to celebrate the election of new officers! This portion of our service will not be live streamed so please join us in-person.

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 a.m. 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!](#)

Congregational Lunch on May 5

Join us following the Congregational Meeting to celebrate the election 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!](#)



This Sunday, 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.

Central in The News



Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson
Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

During the legislative season, Central hosted multiple groups, including Presbyterians for a Better Georgia. In this video, produced by our friends with the Presbyterian Mission Agency, you can see multiple views of Central's interior and exterior, photos of Central staff and members venturing to the Capitol to advocate, and an interview with longtime Central member Gary Cornell! We are enthusiastic to have our campus used for such critical work and excited to be featured in this special video. Presbyterians for a Better Georgia Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



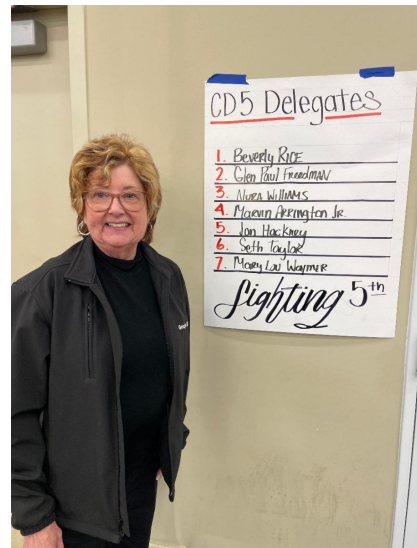
Centralite Mary Lou Waymer was recently elected as one of seven delegates from Georgia's Fifth Congressional District to represent at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August.

"I was proud to have Centralites Bobbie Paul and Betsey Smalley support me for a lengthy voting period in this effort! There were 71 convention delegates elected statewide on April 6," she said.

Waymer has a strong legacy in leadership with politics and civic work in Georgia. In 2016, she retired as Political Director of United Food and Commercial Worker (UFCW), which works to make sure that workers in a variety of sectors have health protections and pensions.

"I was able to secure the votes in Congressional District 5, once represented by our beloved John Lewis, now proudly represented by Congresswoman Nikema Williams, who belonged to UFCW as a teenager working in Alabama!" she said.

Waymer joined Central in 1980. Her late husband, Robert 'Bob' Waymer, had served for a decade on the Atlanta Board of Education.



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@cpcatlanta.org

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.

Central Women
May 16
7 p.m.
4555 Crestwicke Pointe
Atlanta, 30319



On Thursday, May 16, Central Women will meet for our last gathering of the program year at the home of Frances St John, 4555 Crestwicke Pointe, Atlanta 30319. After our time of fellowship and dinner, a panel of our own artists, including Betti Rosszer - visual art, Kate Culver - ceramics, and Althea Brown - filmmaker, will discuss the impetus for creativity. Please plan to join us for this enlightening conversation.

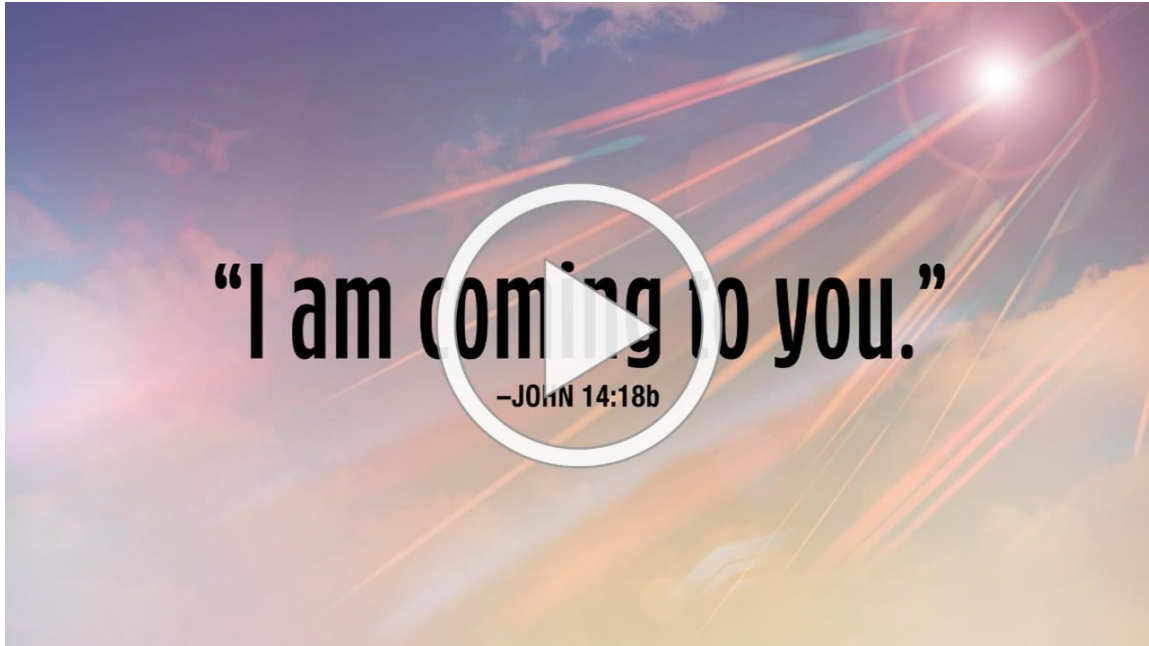
Thirsty Thursdays
May 23
7 p.m.
Manuel's Tavern

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! Manuel's is located at 602 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Questions? Contact **M.E. Davis** at maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com

Serve

Pentecost Offering to be Collected May 19



Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering on May 19, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come —children, youth, and young adults.

Learn more about the Pentecost Offering by clicking [here](#).

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.](#)

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.

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

Worship

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Psalm 47 & Acts 1:1-11, 23-26

The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

Learn

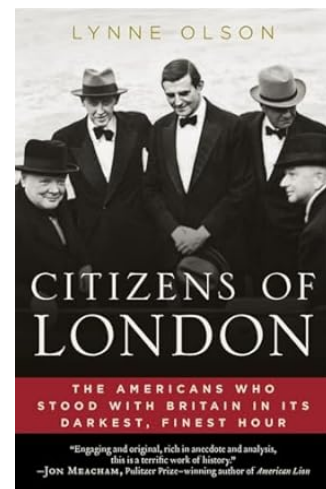
Bookworms

May 23

7 p.m.

Address TBA

Central's book club, Bookworms, will meet on Tuesday, May 23, at the home of Lynne Jones, where we will discuss ***Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour*** by Lynn Olsen. We will meet at 7 for our traditional end-of-season potluck dinner and conversation. Look for further details in next week's newsletter.



Questions? Contact ***Linda McCord*** (lindasavagemccord@gmail.com)

Issues in Theology

Sundays

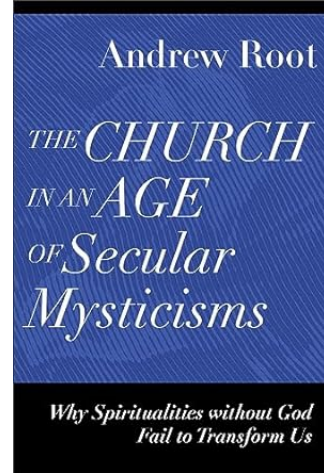
9:45 a.m.

Green Room

Issues in Theology will start reading, "***Church in an Age of Secular Mysticisms (Ministry in a Secular***

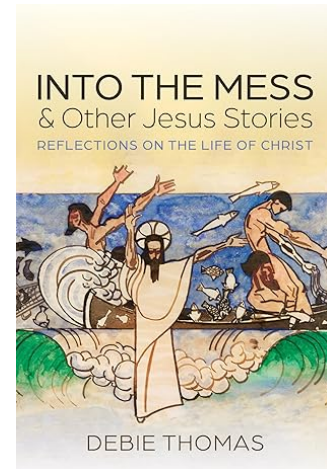
Age)" this Sunday. The class will break for the summer series (details TBA) and will resume the book in September. Class members take turns summarizing the readings so you do not need to read the selection to attend.

Contact Tina Sizemore at tinasizemore@bellsouth.net if you have questions.



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) and Robert Catterall (rfcatterall@gmail.com).

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

5/16/24: Home of Frances St. John
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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, 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 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

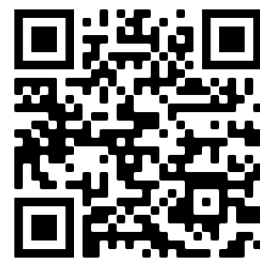
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Questions about your giving statement? Please contact **Kristie Johns** at (404) 601-3128.

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