



# The Weekly News

May 8, 2024

## Celebrating this past Sunday!





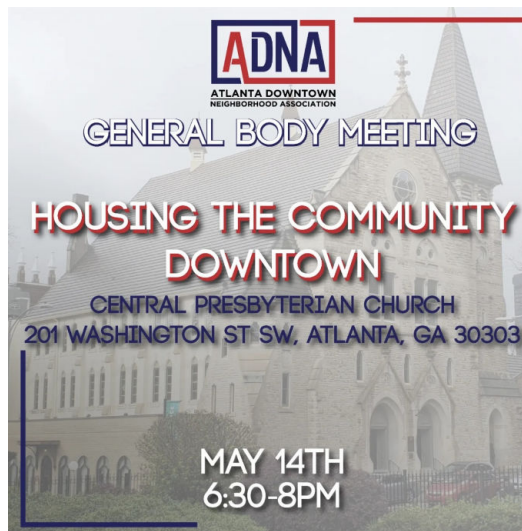
Following worship on Sunday, we enjoyed fellowship and a meal together in Tull Hall for two celebrations! The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner conducted an interview and Q & A with our new Director of Music and Worship Thom Dixon as we 'officially' welcomed him. We also celebrated longtime Central member Frances Padgett's 88th birthday! Thank you all for participating in this joyous afternoon!



## **Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting**

**May 14**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Central Presbyterian Church**

The Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association will hold their May 14 general meeting in Tull Hall at Central. During this meeting we will hear from the management of the Melody, the 40-person permanent supportive housing project in South Downtown and from Hope Atlanta that provides support for the residents of The Melody. Together we will explore ways in which Central can work with the South Downtown community to further support efforts to assist residents of the Melody and other unhoused people in downtown.





# Join Our Digital Ministry to Keep Us Connected on Sundays

Would you like to be a part of Central's dynamic digital ministry? If you have ever viewed our Sunday morning worship online, then you might have commented on the powerful sermon, beautiful music, submitted a prayer request or greeted a friend. We are expanding our digital ministry to make this a more meaningful experience, with volunteers to take confidential prayer requests, upload our bulletin to our social media sites and website at the beginning of each service, and assist with any other issues. Full training will be provided and it will only take an hour and a half each week to help keep our congregation engaged and connected wherever and however we are worshipping!. If you are interested, please email Mark Wallace Maguire, Director of Communications, at [mwwmaguire@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:mwwmaguire@cpcatlanta.org).

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**Rita Green Loyd**

Enjoyed both listening and watching this sermon. It has always been harder for folks to articulate their belief, than to show it through their actions. Both are needed! Thanks for the nudge in that direction.

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Reply to Rita Green Loyd



**Glenn Rainey** 🖱️ · 20:54

Good morning, Central! Peace be with you all.

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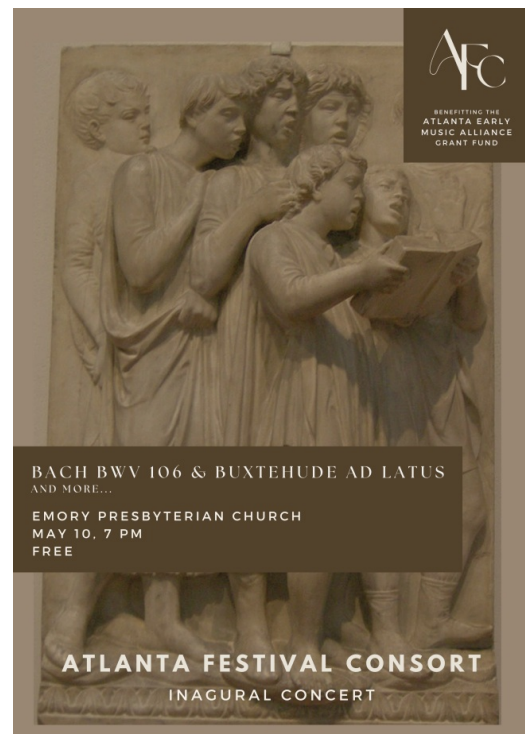
Shannon Kershner replied · 1 Reply



Central Music Intern Elizabeth Daly graces the stage once again in a captivating concert alongside the esteemed Atlanta Festival Consort. Set to enthrall audiences on May 10 at 7 p.m., the performance takes place at [\*\*Emory Presbyterian Church\*\*](#) located at 1886 N Decatur Rd, Atlanta, GA 30307.

This musical showcase serves a noble cause, channeling its proceeds towards the Atlanta Early Music Alliance Grant Fund, furthering the promotion and preservation of early music traditions.

Admission to the event is free. For further details about AEMA and its initiatives, please [\*\*visit this link\*\*](#). Let us extend our heartfelt congratulations to Elizabeth Daly as she continues to enrich our cultural landscape with her talent and passion.



## 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@cpatlanta.org\*\*](mailto:ajohns@cpatlanta.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.

## Join Central for Atlanta Streets Alive on May 19





On Sunday, May 19, from 1 to 5 p.m., we will gather after service along Peachtree Street to witness and enjoy "Streets Alive". The City of Atlanta will close Peachtree Street to automobile traffic to create safe, car-free spaces for us to bike, walk, play, and explore. This event is free, family friendly, and open to the public. It is also a great opportunity to walk at leisure in a festive environment and pick up a snack or bite of lunch from street vendors. More details coming soon! Contact **Gary Cornell** for more questions.

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



On Thursday, May 16, Central Women will meet at 7 p.m. 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, Rev. Kate Culver - ceramics, and Althea Brown - filmmaker, will discuss the impetus for creativity.

Please indicate your intention to attend and what you will contribute to our dinner at this link: [\*\*SignUp\*\*](#).

We are also looking for fresh leadership to plan programs and convene our group in the coming program year. If you are interested in assuming this responsibility or know someone who would be, please email [\*\*Linda McCord\*\*](mailto:lindasavagemccord@gmail.com) ([\*\*lindasavagemccord@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:lindasavagemccord@gmail.com)). We hope to see you on May 16!

**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.

Upcoming dates include:

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

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

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## Trou Jacques Celebration on May 1



Central's Haiti Partnership with Trou Jacques held a special celebration on May 1. May 1 is a special day in Haiti to celebrate agriculture and labor. Work and schools have a holiday. It is also the "feast day" for the saints Philip and Jacques, the patron saints of the church and school in Trou Jacques (Kreyol= Twojak).



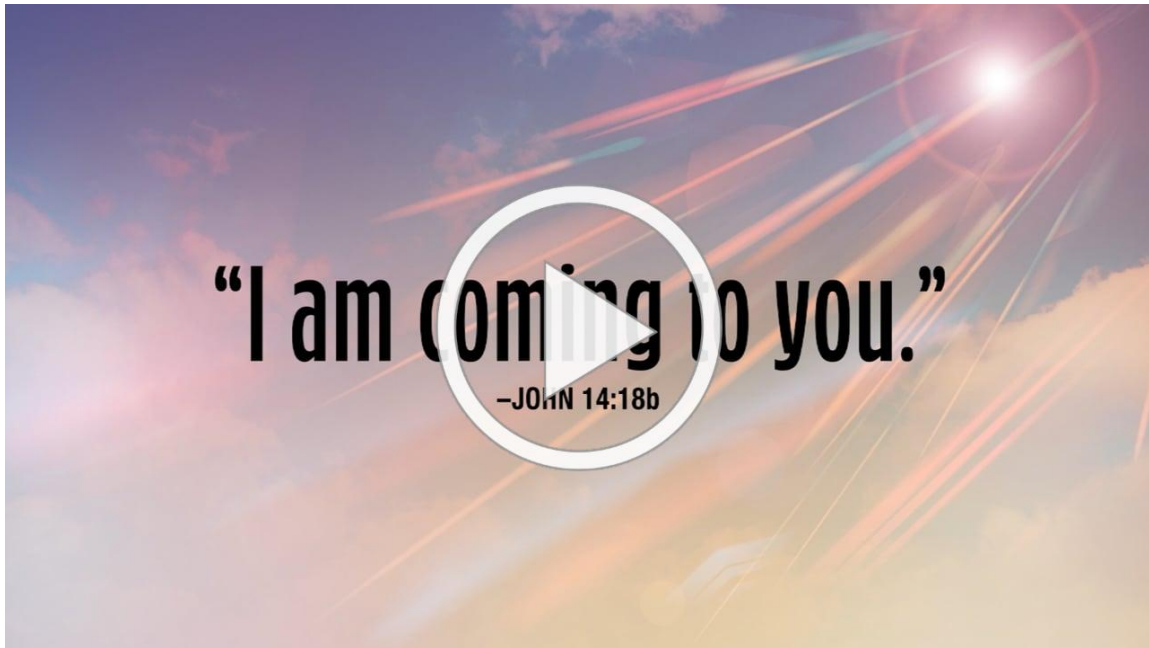
Recently, Twojak hosted a large worship celebration with lots of singing & a procession of dancers carrying fruits and vegetables to the altar. The service was attended by the community and folks from Bois Brule, Plaine Mapou, Nan Mango, Nouvelle Cite and St. Francis. New youth acolytes served for their first time. And of course, a wonderful community meal followed.



# Serve

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## 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](#) or viewing the video above.

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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.



## 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 12, 2024

**Psalm 100 + Luke 2:42-47**

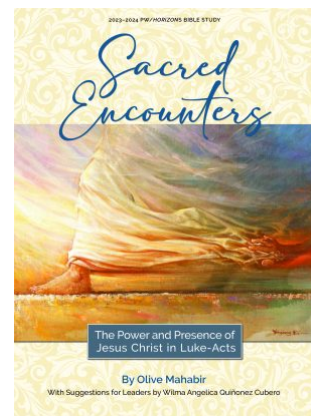
Children and Youth Sunday

## Learn

**The Rebekah Circle | Sacred Encounters**  
**May 13**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Zoom**

The Rebekah Circle will meet Monday, May 13, at 11 a.m. via Zoom. Kathy McCloud will lead Lesson 8 of the ***Sacred Encounters Bible Study*** book. Visitors are welcome. Please direct any questions to Frances St John at [fstjohn210@gmail.com](mailto:fstjohn210@gmail.com).

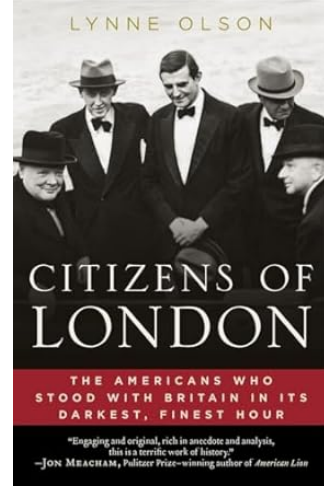
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**Bookworms**  
**May 23**  
**7 p.m.**

## 545 Tanacrest Circle Sandy Springs, 30328

Central's book club, Bookworms, will meet on Tuesday, May 23, at the home of Lynne Jones, home of Lynne Jones, 545 Tanacrest Circle, Sandy Springs, 30328 where we will discuss ***Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour*** by Lynn Olsen. a compelling examination of the complex relationship between Britain and the United States during World War II. We will meet at 7 for our traditional end-of-season potluck dinner and conversation. Please indicate your intention to attend and what you will contribute to our dinner at this link: [SignUp](#).

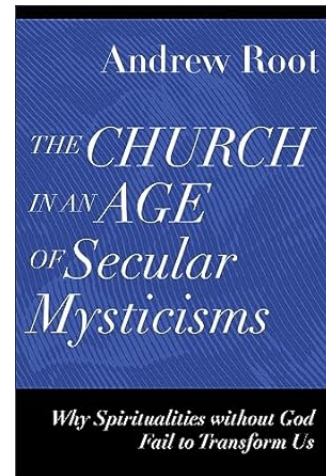


Questions? Contact [Linda McCord \(lindasavagemccord@gmail.com\)](mailto:lindasavagemccord@gmail.com)

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### Issues in Theology Sundays 9:45 a.m. Green Room

Issues in Theology will start reading, "***Church in an Age of Secular Mysticism (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.

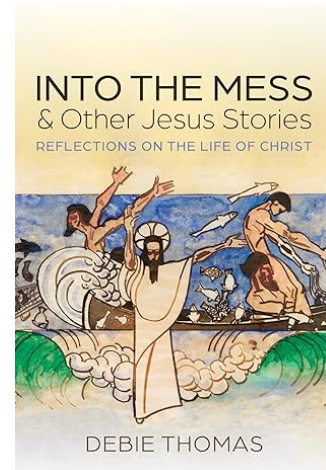


Contact Tina Sizemore at [tinasizemore@bellsouth.net](mailto:tinasizemore@bellsouth.net) if you have questions.

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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)).

# 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 [kjohms@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:kjohns@cpcatlanta.org) for help.

## 4 Ways to Give



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Text Giving



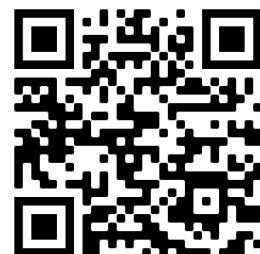
Cash/Check

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

### Give through REALM Connect mobile app

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



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

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