



The Weekly News

July 10, 2024

Sign up now for the Frontera de Cristo Mission Trip during September



Central Presbyterian Church Announces a Mission Trip to the Border to work alongside Frontera de Cristo

Central is preparing to head west in September to the U.S.-Mexican border for a mission trip to work alongside our friends with Frontera de Cristo.

Frontera de Cristo (FDC) is a unique Presbyterian ministry that seeks to forge relationships that demonstrate God's will and build bridges rather than walls.

The trip takes place September 20 to 25.

With so many people migrating, seeking refuge, and fleeing extreme poverty and violence, FDC works to address their immediate needs as well as the root causes of mass migration, creating safe and prosperous opportunities that allow people to stay in the land they call home, if they so choose.

FDC offers shelter, resources, education, emotional support, medical care, and new solutions.

The trip is being led by Central's Associate Pastor Kate Culver.

Central has been supporting FDC for many years in multiple ways, including, providing financial support to our mission co-workers, Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escoba, who both visited with us in 2022.

The purpose of these trips is to provide our members of our congregation a first hand experience about life on the Mexican/US border, building awareness of the issues involved while meeting key partners in this important work. Centralites should return from the trip enriched and eager to share their new understanding of the borderlands with the congregation.

We'll be met in Tucson by the FDC van for the two-hour drive to the border, crossing from Douglas, Arizona to Agua Prieta, Mexico. The lodging for five nights will be in a local Mexican hotel, very close to FDC. The five-day program, arranged by the professional staff of FDC, will include a wide range of activities, including visits to:

- Café Justo and Café Justo y Mas.
- The Migrant Resource Center.
- The Migrant Assistance Center at the La Sagrada Familia Church.
- Women's Co-operative at Douglas Prieta Trabaja.
- A trip into the Sonoran Desert and the Migrant Trails.
- Worship with the Iglesia Presbiteriana los Valles (Lily of the Valley Presbyterian Church).
- Tour a maquiladora (foreign owned factory in Mexico).
- Have a conversation with US Immigration and customs agents.
- Dinner with a local Mexican family. The delegation (maximum of 15) will be led by the Rev. Kate Culver.

We have another Zoom meeting taking place July 15. The information is below. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kate at kculver@cpatlanta.org

Frontera Info Session #2
Join Zoom Meeting
July 15
7 to 8 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2663658094?omn=83800054920>

Meeting ID: 266 365 8094

Rev. Kershner preaching at Union Chapel on Sunday

On Sunday, July 14, Rev. Kershner is preaching at the Union Chapel in Martha's Vineyard. **Union Chapel** is a historic inter-denominational church that welcomes all islanders and island visitors. They host a series of inspirational preachers throughout the summer, who hail from all over the United States with diverse backgrounds, religions, and home places of worship. Other preachers at Union this summer include the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Rev. Dr. Leslie Callahan, and Rev. Frederick Haynes. We are so glad Shannon is able to represent this congregation and appreciates our support!



Updates from the General Assembly

At times lively, with bursts of dancing and joy, and - at times - pin-drop quiet as commissioners and observers listened to the voices at the mics, General Assembly 226 – themed Live into Hope – was an ever-faithful time for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to ask profound questions about the shape and future of Christ's church. You can read more about the Assembly by clicking [here](#).



Central's Leroux opens one of the General Plenaries in prayer at the General Assembly



Central member Ximena Leroux was a Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly and invited to open one of the General Plenaries in prayer. You can click the link above to experience the moment at the 16-minute mark.

Upcoming Children & Youth activities

Central's Children & Youth Ministries has two opportunities coming up for fun and fellowship! The first is a pool hang this upcoming Sunday July 14 following worship. The event takes place at the Lum's home from 1 to 3 p.m. Please **Register in Realm** to ensure that we order enough pizza, The second event is an informal meet-up for ice cream on Wednesday July 17 at **Big Softie** from 7 to 8 p.m.. There is no need to register, just come ready to get ice cream together and connect! If you have any questions about either event, please reach out to Susan at slandrum@cpcatlanta.org.



Do you have an item for the e-news? Contact Director of Communications Mark Wallace Maguire at mwmaguire@cpcatlanta.org

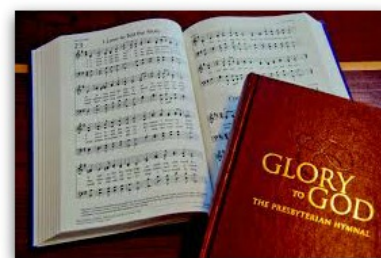


LOST & FOUND

This journal was discovered at Central. It is filled with handwritten notes. If this is your property, please contact **Melissa Johnson** so we may get it back to you!

Pick Up Choir takes place July 28

In town and feeling musical on Sunday, July 28? Join current and new Central choir members for an informal, pick-up choir on Sunday, July 28th. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary and practice until 10:30. Choir will help lead hymns and sing the offertory anthem in the service. About 15 folks have joined on thus far and there is still plenty of room in the loft. No experience or preparation necessary - but if you'd like a copy of the music and a recording to familiarize yourself, feel free to email Thom Dixon at tdixon@cpcatlanta.org





In times like these

Central Presbyterian Church All Church Retreat 2024

Additional updates on Children & Youth activities at the All Church Retreat; register now!

All are invited to enjoy fellowship with Central members at the annual Labor Day retreat. Our theme for this year, 'In Times Like These,' reflects our conversations of lament, finding strength, and is a call to action.

The event takes place Saturday, August 31 beginning at noon through Monday, September 2 at 11 a.m.

Central leadership is excited to share with you more information about activities for children and youth.

On Saturday afternoon, children will spend the day exploring Montreat and engaging in activities and art with a theme of "Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs." We will use an adapted set of activities from Illustrated Ministry to bring the theme to life and enjoy the gifts of Montreat and community. We will continue this theme on Sunday morning before worship as well during the adult programming block. Children will be led by our seminary intern (more info to share on this soon!) and Val and Pearl - two amazing Black Mountain locals who partnered with us last year.

Youth (grades sixth and up) will join George Rinker and Susan Landrum on Saturday afternoon for a focused time together exploring Montreat and engaging in activities and art incorporating this year's youth group theme of "Caring Connections: Healthy Relationships with Self, Family & Friends."

Susan and George are working together to ensure a meaningful and fun afternoon. On Sunday morning, youth will have the option to either create crafts and art or hike Lookout before worship. Those in eighth grade and up will also have the option for an Asheville excursion with Susan during free time on Sunday or they may choose from the other structured free time options in and around Montreat.

Retreat organizers are also enthused to announce that George Rinker, MS, MDiv., LPC has come aboard for multiple activities. He will lead our youth during the Saturday program times with content that aligns with our retreat theme. George is a friend of Central and has previously worked with our youth during All-Church Retreat. You may learn more about him [here](#) or via the link below.



Youth are invited to stay together in a special section within Winnsborough with Susan and other chaperones.

Plans are also in the works for our youngest Centralites during the Saturday program times.

If our parents, children or youth have any special requests for Sunday activities, please reach out to Vanessa Hunter at veegabriele@gmail.com

More details are coming! Stay tuned.

<https://counselorinasheville.com/more-about-me/>

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We will be lead by The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner, who serves as the Assistant Professor of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, and is a long-time friend of Central. You can read her bio below.



Registration costs include housing, program, Saturday lunch and evening meal and Sunday evening meal as well as housing in a traditional Montreat lodge. This year, we are trying something new and optimizing capacity to reduce expenses. Lodges available for adults and families will be Reynolds and Winnsborough. We will not have Glen Rock Inn or Apartments. The cost cap for families will be \$415.

Also new this year, we will offer an "a la carte" Premium Option. There will be no cost cap available for this category. We have provided for a non-subsidized lodging category by reserving 15 rooms at William Black Lodge (located behind

Assembly Inn). Maximum 2 adults per room at William Black Lodge. If you select this option, please contact [Vanessa Hunter](#) to confirm details.

Registration fee waivers are available. To learn more, ask questions, or request a waiver, please contact Vanessa Hunter at veegabriele@gmail.com

Please sign up soon to we can get a head count for this special time together! Read more and register via the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/CPCAllChurchRetreat>

July 21 picnic shifted to indoor BBQ

Due to the immense heat this summer, we are shifting our July 21 picnic celebrating Rev. Shannon J. Kershner's first year indoors to the cool temperatures of Tull Hall. We plan to have barbecue "with all the fixins'" on the menu. The cost will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, and a maximum of \$25 per family. Stay tuned for details!



<https://onrealm.org/cpcatlanta/Registrations/Info/8587c287-037e-4f18-92eb-b1730100dbde>

RIDER ALERT

Five Points Transformation
MARTA is renovating this station to improve your experience.

Starting July 6 Revised bus routes	Starting July 29 NO entry or exit; ADA changes	NO change Rail service & transfers
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To request this information in another language or in an accessible format, call 404-648-6037 or 404-648-9665 (TTY).

marta

MARTA begins its 18-month long transformation of the Five Points station starting July 6. If you board or depart at that station, your route and access might be impacted. Please visit the site below for additional information.

<https://www.itsmarta.com/five-points-station-temporary-closure.aspx>

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

Upcoming dates include:

July 25
August 22

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

Parking on Washington Request



The elevator in Rand Chapel has been repaired. 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.

Serve

Central OAC seeks volunteers this summer



Central Outreach and Advocacy Center has volunteer needs this summer. Here are multiple ways you can assist.

Alison's Boutique: We are looking for someone to volunteer once a week (preferably Tuesday or Thursday) to help Main Frame guests with choosing suitable outfits to wear to interviews and work. This person would also assist in helping organize the boutique and monitor new donations coming in. (Needs 1-2 people)

Intake: We are seeking someone to volunteer once a week (preferably Tuesday or Thursday) to work with our guests one-on-one to provide our services. This person will be required to utilize a computer. (Need 2 people)

Front Desk: We are looking for someone who can assist once a week at the front desk. This person will help with checking guests' mail, providing snack and hygiene items, as well as answering service questions. This position requires minimal computer skills but does involve a lot of standing. (Need 1 - 2 people)

If you would like to come and observe the position(s) to make the best decision, we would welcome you. You can email [Chattrelle Gillyard](mailto:Chattrelle.Gillyard)

(cgillyard@centraloac.org) to set that up. If you decide to volunteer with us, we will train you for any position you choose. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kimberly Parker (kparker@centraloac.org).

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 for collecting friendship pads

We have put our Lemonade fellowship on hold for the summer. However, we still need assistance collecting friendship pads each week.

help us to be part of the solution versus being part of the problem. This will class will take place in the OAC. Come, learn, and get equipped to take action to better care for the creation that God so loves.

JULY 14



Mary Lillian Walker, left top, a Central member who's gotten very engaged in the climate crisis issue since retiring from her practice of law, will lead a discussion of how we can assess our individual impact on Earth's climate; then, she and Ginger Heidbreder, left bottom, will spotlight one way in which we can make a positive impact: landscaping with native plants.

Member seeks new home for dogs

Central member LaShawn Green is seeking a new home for two dogs. Interested? Please contact her at glashawn01@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, 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



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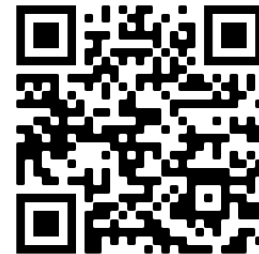
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Questions about your giving statement? Please contact [Kristie Johns](#) at (404) 601-3128.



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