



## The Weekly News

July 3, 2024

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**Central offices will be closed July 4 and July 5 in observance of Independence Day.**

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### Frontera de Cristo Mission Trip Preview



From September 21 to 25, Central will be taking a mission trip to the U.S.

Mexican border to work alongside Frontera de Cristo. Rev. Kate Culver gives us an overview of the trip and what to expect. Stay tuned for more details in next week's e-news!

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## Central Deacon Lunch







The Deacons broke bread together after church on June 23 at Rob Forbes' lovely home. We thanked the outgoing class of 2024 Deacons (missing Emmalee Hackshaw) and welcomed the incoming class of 2027 Deacons (missing Ann Watkins). Many thanks to all the Deacons for their continued care of the congregation inside the walls of Central and outside the walls of Central. - *Linda Massengill*

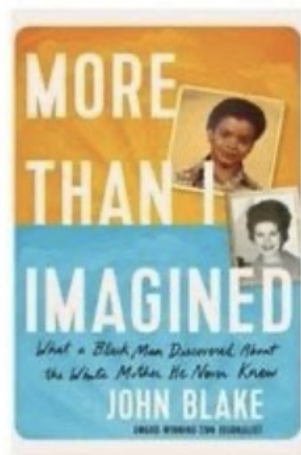
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## Blake named Georgia Author of the Year for Memoir; Coleman named Finalist

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Georgia Author of the Year Awards

### MEMOIR WINNER



## MEMOIR FINALIST



Central is unique in the number of authors who worship here. Two of those authors won honors in the 2024 Georgia Author of the Year Awards announced June 21. John Blake was the Winner in the Memoir category for, "More Than I Imagined." Mike Coleman was the Finalist in the same category for, "The Way from Me to Us." From among 124 nominees, one winner and one finalist were named in 13 literary

genres in this year's competition by the Georgia Writers Association. Judges said John's book is "a compelling take on our complicated racial inheritance informed by Blake's unique ancestry and career in journalism. In his moving account of his search for his birth mother and confrontations with his family, Blake reveals both how prejudice works and how it might be overcome."

John has won several other awards for the book, including a Christopher Award for books affirming the highest values of the human spirit. He is an award-winning CNN senior writer.

Mike's book was described as "a touching tribute to a lifelong gay relationship forged in the face of adversity, uncertainty and revolutionary change in American culture ... (revealing) how honesty, trust and community can help us imagine a newer world." Mike is retired after 45 years as a journalist, corporate and ad agency writer.

Congratulations to these Atlanta writing pros ... and a thank-you for sharing their stories with us!











A group of devoted Central members attended the rally for the Georgia Poor People's Campaign last week as the organization prepared to travel to Washington, D.C. for the national march.

In 2024, the Central Mission Committee adopted the Georgia Poor People's Campaign as a mission partner. The campaign works on a variety of tasks including, voting rights, affordable housing, just immigration and environmental justice.

The rally took place at North Avenue Presbyterian Church. Central members distributed food, directed guests, and attended the rally. The main speaker at the Atlanta rally was former U.N. Ambassador and Civil Rights Icon Andrew Young.



## 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!

## Updates on Children & Youth activities at the All Church Retreat; register now!

Retreat organizers are pleased to provide an update on activities for children and youth at our All Church Retreat taking place this Labor Day weekend.

Retreat organizers are 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](mailto:veegabriele@gmail.com)

More details are coming! Stay tuned.

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

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.



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](mailto: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>

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## RIDER ALERT

# Five Points Transformation

MARTA is renovating this station to improve your experience.

<b>Starting July 6</b>	<b>Starting July 29</b>	<b>NO change</b>
Revised bus routes	NO entry or exit; ADA changes	Rail service & transfers

To request this information in another language or in an accessible format, call 404-848-4037 or 404-848-5665 (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-cl>

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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! 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](mailto:maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com)

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# Sign up for text updates from the Presbyterian Outlook about General Assembly!

The 226th General Assembly is currently underway in Salt Lake City, Utah. You can sign up for updates on the latest news by clicking [here](#).



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## 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.

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## Serve

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### 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 ([cgillyard@centraloac.org](mailto: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](mailto:kparker@centraloac.org)).

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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 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.

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!

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

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## Worship

Sunday, July 7, 2024

**2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 + Mark 6:1-13**

Susan Landrum preaching

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## Learn

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# 2024 Summer Studies with Central

By Robert Catterall

Central Presbyterian’s 2024 Summer Series program will be focused on the climate crisis. Over the course of four Sundays in June and four in July, we are examining the climate crisis from a number of

Dr. Amy Spring, Associate Professor of Theology at Georgia State University, will provide a sociological perspective on the climate crisis.



Central member LaShawn Green is seeking a new home for two dogs. Interested? Please contact her at [glashawn01@gmail.com](mailto:glashawn01@gmail.com)



# Give

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## 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](https://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.

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## 4 Ways to Give



Mobile Giving



Online Giving



Text Giving



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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.

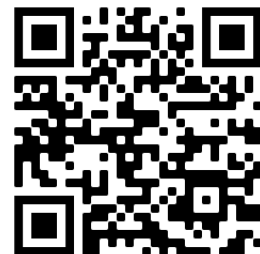
**2023 Pledge:** You may pledge through this [link](#)

### 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!**

*\*Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies.  
Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.*

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If you have any difficulty logging in to your profile or making your online gift within Realm, please contact **Melissa Johnson**.

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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