

# The Weekly News

July 31, 2024

# Central in the news! Article on Trinity Central Flats

Thanks to whatnowatlanta for the recent article on Trinity Central Flats, the unique development led by the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Development Corporation, an organization formed by Central, The Catholic Shrine of Immaculate Conception, and Trinity United Methodist Church. Trinity Central Flats is a unique mixed-use affordable housing project, which will also feature solar power and an urban



garden. Thanks to our members, Central in the City, and, in particular, member Jerry Miller for leadership on this project.

https://whatnowatlanta.com/affordable-housing-across-from-city-hallmoving-forward/

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

## Members showcase Central at Streets Alive







Central members and staff braved the stormy weather on Sunday afternoon to represent Central at "Streets Alive" on Peachtree Street. For this event, The City of Atlanta closed Peachtree Street Sunday afternoon to automobile traffic

to create a safe and family-friendly environment for downtown nonprofits, residents, and businesses to mingle.

Central has additional upcoming events laster this summer and fall where we will be out in hte community. Stay tuned for updates on how you can participate as we share God's love to all people. *Thanks to Debbie Miller for the photos.* 



## We still have spots open for our mission trip in September

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

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kate at *kculver@cpcatlanta.org* 

## Sign up now for the All Church Retreat



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. You can click the video above to get an overview!

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/

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









# **Pulling Back the Curtain**

EPISODE TWO The Legal Labyrinth of a Capital Case

Thursday, August 1 · 12:00 p.m. *with* Patrick Mulvaney

> Director of Capital Litigation Southern Center for Human Rights



The Mission Committee at Central has long supported Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (GFADP). In an attempt to educate Central members on a series of issues surrounding the death penalty, GFADP is offering its second seminar in a series tomorrow entitled "Pulling Back the Curtain: Legal Labyrinth of a Capital Case." This free webinar with Patrick Mulvaney will be Thursday, August 1 at 12 p.m.via ZOOM. All are invited to tune in and participate! http://bit.ly/dplegal

## 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. Collection of the friendship folders is an excellent family activity! Please note the need to move easily in both the sanctuary and balcony. You may sign up via the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAD2FABF49-50442701-friendship



## **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, August 4, 2024 **Psalm 78:23-29 + Ephesians 4:1-16** The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

## Learn

# Final Summer Series class takes place this Sunday

By Robert Catterall

Central Presbyterian's 2024 Summer Series program is focused on the climate crisis. Please join us for our final Summer Series program this Sunday in the Central OAC Atrium on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

**August 4:** A group of Central people (including Robert Catterall and Susan Landrum) will facilitate a session in which we engage in



"ideation" on ways that we can positively impact the climate crisis (this is planned to be an inter-generational session, with Central youth participating)





# 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.

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