



The Weekly News

September 11, 2024

New members join Central on Rally Sunday



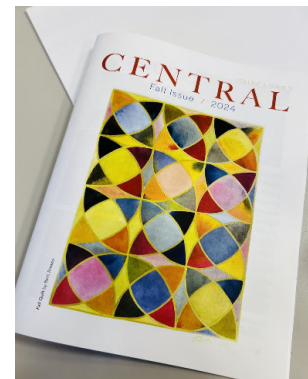


Central had a dynamic Rally Sunday as we segued into our fall season. Fall Sunday School classes for adults began, children and youth choir rehearsals started, we had a Congregational Lunch. Most importantly, we welcomed several new members to our church!

Central's fall magazine is available

Central's fall magazine is hot off the presses! You can pick up a copy at church on Sunday. The issue contains updates, previews on fall activities, and columns from our staff. Thanks to Betti Rosszer again for the cover art!

You can also read the digital version by clicking [here](#).



DEADLINE REMINDER: As a reminder, our deadlines for the Wednesday e-weekly is Monday at noon. If you have an announcement, please email Hala Hess White at hhwhite@cpclanta.org



Book Launch Party - and You're Invited!

HANNAH PALMER
in conversation with the AJC's **MIKE JORDAN**

THE POOL IS CLOSED
Segregation, Summertime, and the Search for a Place to Swim
HANNAH S. PALMER

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16
7:00 PM

Location:
The Garden Club at Wild
Heaven Brewery West End
1010 White Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

Free Entry!
Books will be available for purchase!

A Cappella BOOKS
WILD HEAVEN BEER

Central member Hannah Palmer has a new book coming out! Her book, "The Pool is Closed," will launch in October and she will be featured at The Garden Club at Wild Heaven Brewery West End as part of a conversation with the AJC's Mike Jordan.

This event is free and open to the public. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the venue

Copeland to have organ recital on Sunday

This Sunday at 3:15 p.m. our very own organist extraordinaire, Mason Copeland, will present an organ recital at The Cathedral of St. Philip in Buckhead. Let's see



how large a cheering section of Centralites can be there to support him!

TRAFFIC ALERT: For our Chancel Choir members coming to the church next Wednesday, September 18 for rehearsal, please be aware that there is a match at the Mercedes-Benz stadium between Atlanta United and International Miami with an estimated attendance of 70,000.

Connect

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.

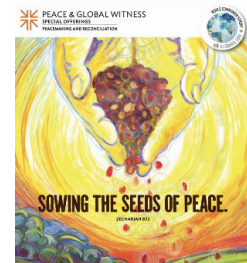
Upcoming dates include:

September 26
October 24

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

Season of Peace is underway

The PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering is underway. The denomination produces a special devotion for this time. You can receive daily devotions by subscribing via this [link](#).



Serve

**Central to participate at GFADP
This Saturday
Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Ebenezer Baptist Church**



The Mission Committee is strengthening our partnership with GFADP and sponsoring a table to participate in the Mary Ruth Weir Celebration and Annual Awards Ceremony held at Ebenezer Baptist Church by Georgians for Alternatives for the Death Penalty (GFADP).

Longtime Central member Peggy Hendrix is slated to be recognized at the event.

It is a family friendly event and lunch is included. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$25 for students.

Questions? Contact **Bobbie Paul**

Here is the link to the site where you can purchase seats AND/OR make a donation.

Break bread with our neighbors!

This Sunday, September 15, is the third Sunday of the month and our congregation's opportunity to host Breakfast Ministry. Last Sunday, more than 130 of our brothers and sisters were fed at Breakfast Ministry. We really appreciate all who are able to help us and join in fellowship and hospitality. Here is the [link](#) to the sign up.

We hope you will join us this Sunday or another Sunday soon for a joyful time together.



A shout out, and thanks, to those who came and served Labor Day weekend, photo above, while most of the congregation was on retreat or vacation. Your presence was a blessing!

Sunday Sign-Ups for collecting friendship pads

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 by clicking [*this link*](#).

Worship

Sunday, September 15, 2024
Psalm 19 + Hebrews 12:1-3
The Rev. Kate Culver preaching

Learn



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

BY ROBERT CATTERALL

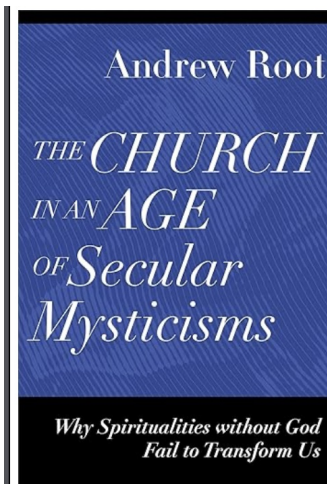
Another fall, and another set of compelling, thought-provoking and enriching adult learning offerings for Centralites.



Issues in Theology
Sundays
Greene Room
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

This class will pick back up on its discussion of Andrew Root's "The Church in an Age of Secular Mysticism." Following a few weeks exploring that topic, the class will announce an updated curriculum.

Click [here](#) for more about the book.



Sojourners Class

Brotherhood Room **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

The Sojourners class will return to the brief but powerful essays on Jesus' life and teachings found in Debie Thomas' book, *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. Thomas focuses particularly on teachings of Jesus and events in the life of Jesus that present challenges in understanding and interpretation, and she acknowledges these challenges and provides her own refreshingly candid thoughts and associated questions for consideration. The "Wonders" and "Teachings" sections of the book have provided a basis for rich discussion in past class sessions.

This fall, the class will turn its attention to Thomas' essays in the category that she calls "Mysteries," covering Jesus' washing of the Disciples' feet, the crucifixion, the empty tomb, and more. Join us for conversations about Jesus' life and teachings that perhaps will be different from many you've had before. The Sojourners Class meets in the Brotherhood Room, off of Tull Hall. The class convener is Ed Carwile (carwile1230@earthlink.net).

Antiracist Practices for Faithful Leadership **This Sunday** **The Parlor** **12:45 to 1:45 p.m.**

As a Matthew 25 church, Central has committed to dismantling systemic racism in our midst. One of several efforts in the recent past was undertaken by a group of Centralites who took a live, virtual course together in the spring facilitated by NextChurch. The course, "Antiracist Practices for Faithful Leadership" was designed for people in the church looking to take the next step in their antiracism journey. As the course ended, we decided to keep encouraging each other to practice antiracism in their work at Central and throughout their lives. We meet from time to time to check in and plan actions for Central to consider. We are not a committee or taskforce; the significance of this means all are welcome to contribute to this important work of the church. Indeed, it will not be possible to dismantle structural racism in and around Central without more participation from a wide array of people.

Our next gathering is this Sunday, September 15, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., in the Parlor. Lemonade hospitality in Tull Hall will give us a chance to grab a snack and drink. You are also welcome to bring your lunch. We encourage all Centralites interested in this ministry to attend and lend your ideas, expertise, and curiosity.

The Morgan Forum
September 19
1 to 7 p.m.
Pitts Theology Library,
Emory University



The Morgan Forum is an annual conversation about the past, present, and future of the Bible. Started in 2023, in connection with Pitts Theology Library's establishment of the J. Michael Morgan English Bible & Psalmody Collection, this annual event brings together biblical scholars, translators, collectors, and the general public to consider the impact of the Bible on the church and culture and to learn from one of the world's premier collections of English Bibles.

Morgan was Organist Emeritus at Central for many years and an integral part of the church's fabric before his death.

Information: <https://candler.emory.edu/about-candler/events/the-morgan-forum/>

Bookworms begins September 24

Bookworms, Central's book club, is open to all readers. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month (note the exception in November / December) at members' homes to discuss the books and their impact. Check out our reading list for the upcoming program year and plan to join us! Questions? Contact [Linda McCord](#).

Date	Title	Facilitator	Host
Sept 24	<i>Somehow</i> , Lamotte	Julie Boggs	Wade & Julie Boggs
Oct 22	<i>Demon Copperhead</i> , Kingsolver	Linda McCord	Frances St John
Dec. 3	<i>Heaven & Earth Grocery Store</i> , McBride	Vicki Collier	TBD
Jan 28	<i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> , Kimmerer	Ann Hunter	Debbie & Jerry Miller
Feb 25	<i>An Unfinished Love Story</i> , Goodwin	Ellen Thompson	Ellen Thompson
Mar 25	<i>The Women</i> , Hannah	Vicki Norman	TBD
Apr 22	<i>They Flew</i> , Eires	Rod Hunter	Rod & Ann Hunter
May 27	<i>The Pool Is Closed</i> , Palmer	Hannah Palmer	Martin & Linda Lehfeldt

Give

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.

Click this link to give to Disaster Relief for Israel/Palestine (please note Middle East in the Disaster Supported box).

You can also click here to read more.

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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people who are hungry, oppressed,
imprisoned or poor.



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