



The Weekly News

September 25, 2024

Central hosts discussion addressing downtown
Atlanta's issues surrounding our unhoused neighbors





Central recently hosted an informal gathering of faith-based, government, and civic groups for a discussion to address the needs of our unhoused neighbors in downtown Atlanta.

Multiple individuals and groups attended the meeting, including The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner and The Rev. Kate Culver from Central, Kimberly Parker, Executive Director of the Central OAC, Sarah

Zimbardi, Advocacy Coordinator, The Rev. Sean Smith, Senior Advisor for Faith Affairs for the City of Atlanta, members of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and various other mission and civic organizations. Some of the attendees took a tour of the work at the OAC prior to the meeting in Tull Hall. The group plans to continue meeting and working on possible collaborations.







CENTRALITES IN THE COMMUNITY

Jeff Hilimire has new book out!

Central member Jeff Hilimire has a new book which was recently published.

"The Purpose Playbook: The definitive guide to building your team's Purpose, Vision, Tenets, & Values (PVTV) (the Turnaround Leadership Series)" is out now and available on [Amazon](#) and other platforms.

Hilimire has a stellar track record as an author and business leader. This book is part of a series which continues to showcase his insight.

The Purpose Playbook, a companion guide to the *Turnaround Leadership Series*, is designed to help teams and businesses alike to develop Purpose-driven leadership. The methodology and corresponding activities help teams uncover and craft their Purpose, Vision, Tenets, & Values (PVTV), leveraging Hilimire's proprietary leadership concept.

The book was written by co-authors Hilimire, Teresa Caro, and Megan Barney and developed from their years of experience running this process with their own teams and countless consulting assignments working with partners going through their own journeys.

You can discover more about Hilimire, his books, and work via the website [here](#).



ACTS OF REPARATION

A DOCUMENTARY FILM
BY SELINA LEWIS DAVIDSON + MACKY ALSTON



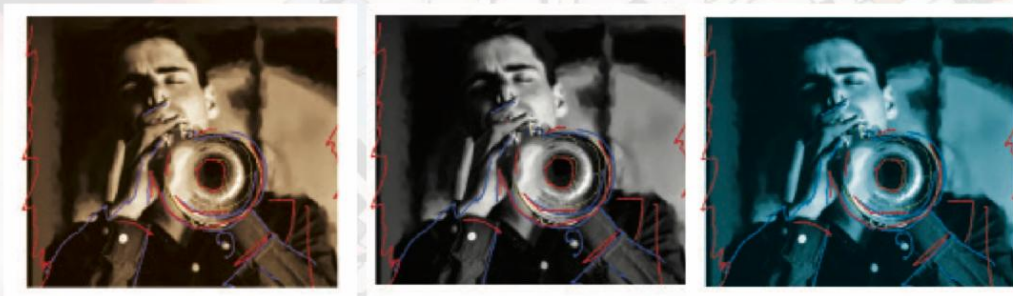
Please join Central member Jill Morehouse Lum and other Centralites for a screening of the film, “Acts of Reparation,” on Saturday, October 5 in Greensboro, Georgia. The film is inspired by reparations projects emerging in communities around the country. The screening event also includes African-American Genealogy Workshops, a cemetery clean up, and the opportunity to connect with producers, directors, and the people whose stories are told in the film.

All are invited. Please contact Jill Morehouse Lum at jill@lum.net for hospitality and logistical support on October 5, and to support future Atlanta screenings. Jill is proud to be associated with this beautiful film.

If you are interested in attending, please register using the button below. To learn more about the film and future screenings, go to its website: www.actsofreparation.com.

Register for "Acts of Reparation"

October 5 • 7 to 9 p.m.



GROOVE WITH CENTRAL

Join Central friends as we enjoy a cool night of jazz by the Trent Patten Trio in the plaza located between Central and City Hall. Bring a chair, picnic basket, and prepare to enjoy a night under the stars with music and friends



Doors open at 6 p.m. for picnic fellowship. Along with your lawn chair and supper, bring a lantern or a candle or two.

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@cpcatlanta.org

Connect

Thirsty Thursdays **Tomorrow** **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.

Next month:
October 24

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

World Communion Sunday Lunch **October 6** **12 p.m.** **Tull Fellowship Hall**

In keeping with World Communion Sunday, we're having a Mediterranean feast, catered by Ameer's Mediterranean Grill. The menu is as follows: chicken shawarma, falafel, Arabic rice, Lebanese salad, hummus, tabouli, baba ganoush, pita bread, and tahini sauce.

Everything except the tabouli and pita bread is gluten free! Everything's vegetarian except for the chicken. Cost \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$25 family max.

Register for Lunch

Central Women **October 17** **Place TBD**

Many of you have asked about when Central Women will meet this month. In keeping with good Presbyterian doctrine, thoughts about Central Women have been forming and ever-reforming since our meeting last May. No decisions have been reached and input is needed from all who are interested.

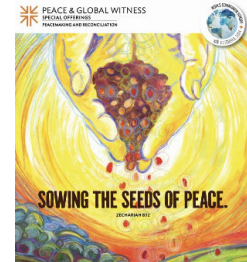
As a result, we will not meet this month but invite you all to mark your

calendars and attend a meeting on Thursday, October 17, our traditional third Thursday meeting time. Details TBD but, in the meantime, be thinking about your vision for this group, if and/or how we should proceed, and whether you would like to help facilitate the meetings moving forward.

Be on the lookout for more specific information as the month continues. Hope to see many of you on October 17. - *The Rev. Kate Culver*

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

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](#).

Beginning Nov. 6: Souls Needed to Soothe Soles

The weekly Central Foot Clinic at the Bashor Night Shelter in our gym begins on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Volunteers are needed each week until March 26. No experience necessary and volunteers do not need to commit for the entire time. We gather a shortly after 7 p.m. each Wednesday, except during the holidays, and finish by 9:30 p.m. Parking is available in the parking garage or on the street free after 7 p.m. Please come and see for yourself. For more information, contact Martha Crenshaw at mhcrenshaw@yahoo.com or by phone: 404.444.1958.

Worship

Sunday, September 29, 2024
Psalm 124 + Esther 7:1-6; 9:10; 9:20-22
The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

Learn



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

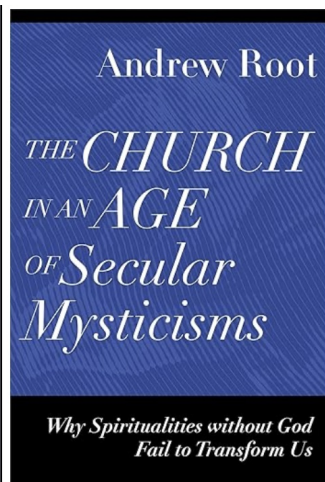
BY ROBERT CATTERALL

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.



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).



Join other faithful citizens at Columbia Seminary's Center for Lifelong Learning event, *Leading During Elections*, a live panel of faith and thought leaders who will discuss their own work in trying to shape richer and better politics both inside and beyond the walls of

the church. This panel will meet on the evening of Thursday, October 3 in the Harrington Center Chapel, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Registration is required - please use the QR code below. Seating is limited and the panel will also be streamed for those who cannot come to campus for the evening. The panel consists of:



- Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon, the Senior Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta and the co-chair of Presbyterians for a Better Georgia;
- Rev. Dr. Gregory Eason, the pastor of Flipper Temple AME Church and Bishop-elect within the AME;
- State Senator Elena Parent; and
- Dr. Jennifer McCoy, Regent's Professor of Political Science at Georgia State University.

Columbia is also offering 20 different workshops/interviews on a variety of topics related to faith and politics via its Moodle site. You can register for the workshops and interviews with the QR code below.

Columbia invites you to register, to attend, to use the resources, and to share information about *Leading During Elections* widely. And we note that though the program is obviously geared towards U.S. citizens, there are many resources within it that are applicable to political settings outside the United States.

If you have questions, please reach out Dr. Helen Blier in the Center for Lifelong Learning.



Montreat is hosting two evenings of conversation with Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary,

William Yoo. These discussions - virtual/recorded and in person at the conference center - will explore the intersection of politics and faith. You can attend just one or both!

October 8, at 7 p.m. - in person

"Was Not our Blessed Lord a Political Preacher?"

How the Abolition Movement and Proslavery Christianity Shaped the Relationship between Faith and Politics in the United States.

This session will be recorded and available at a later date.

October 9, at 2 p.m. - virtual

"The Church Cannot Be Silent, but What Should It Say?"

Confronting White Christian Nationalism and Pursuing Racial Justice in our Politically Polarized Nation.

This session will also be recorded and available at a later date.

For more information or to register.

Join Central's Bookworms for an enriching experience

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

OAC Seeks Snacks for Guests

At Central Outreach and Advocacy Center (OAC), we are seeing an increase in guests who show up daily to receive services and check mail. We like to be able to give a snack to every person who shows up. We are currently handing out 150 to 200 snack items per day which is a lot! If you could help us with snacks, we would greatly appreciate it!

Three easy ways to donate:

1. [**Amazon Wish List**](#)
2. Purchase the items and drop them off at the OAC.
3. Donate money (either [**online**](#) or by check) and indicate that the money is for snacks. We will then purchase snack items with your donation.

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.

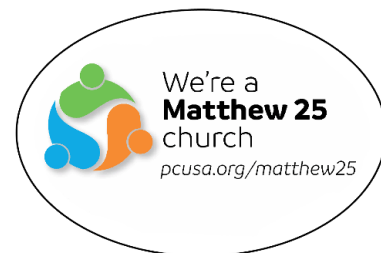
[**Click this link**](#) to give to Disaster Relief for Israel/Palestine (please note Middle East in the Disaster Supported box).

[**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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