



The Weekly News

October 23, 2024

Sunday, November 3: Commitment Sunday, Luncheon, Requiem for All Saints Sunday

The first Sunday in November is filled with opportunities to express fidelity to our community, to break bread together, and to worship together.

At 11 a.m. our first Sunday communion service will include the dedication of pledges for the upcoming year. A special luncheon featuring updates from the Center for Civic Innovation follows. At 2:30 p.m. the combined choirs of Central, Covenant, and Morningside churches will lead us in a requiem for All Saints Day.

If you have not already, please let us know you are planning to attend the luncheon.

[RSVP for Lunch](#)

The noontime program will focus on how your pledge supports and empowers nonprofit agencies throughout our city. The Center for Civic Innovation (CCI) is an Atlanta-based organization fighting to solve inequality in our city by reimagining the design, development, and delivery of local public policy. Members of the 2024 cohort of CCI Fellows will join us and share how their six-month involvement in the Fellowship program helped expand their thoughts about what public safety, education, and civic engagement in Atlanta can and should look like. Central has partnered with CCI in support of this program through a grant from the Pollard/Covenant Fund for the past two years.

November 3, 2024 2:30 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church

Eternal LIGHT

An All Saints' Worship Service

FEATURING THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Stroupe to Preach

The Rev. Gibson "Nibs" Stroupe returns to Central this Sunday to offer our sermon. Last Sunday he led a combined adult class based on his most-recent book, "She Made a Way: Mother and Me in a Deep South World." Stroupe and his wife Caroline Leach were, before their retirement, co-pastors of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur. The church drew national attention for its successful efforts to build an active interracial congregation.





A Stewardship Reflection from Ted Brothers

One of the many things my mom taught me was that stewardship happens in many different ways. She was always a busy and active woman, both at home and outside the home. In the church (Episcopal), she was active on the Women's Guild, in Sunday School, planning church dinners, and more. I also remember her working on stewardship drives as well as various church-related relief funds and charities.

She taught me that stewardship was not just about the financial gifts we give to the church but also in the time and work and effort we put into making the world around us a better place. At our local hospital, she served as the President of the Volunteers for several years and on the Board of Directors. She was on the state board for the Appalachian Regional Commission. She delivered food for Meals on Wheels. I could go on, but you get the picture. Stewardship is about all the gifts we bring to the table. Keeping Central operating and being a source of hope for our downtown neighborhood is critical, and for that we need financial support. But it's also important that we be the hands that do God's work here on earth. Our neighbors don't get fed, our children don't get taught, our music doesn't lift our spirits, without people giving of their money, time, and talents—no gift is too small to be of value.

Dedication Sunday is November 3. You may pledge via Realm by clicking this [link](#). Commitment cards will be mailed this week. Questions? Contact Kristie Johns at kjohns@cpcatlanta.org.

The Work Continues on Black Mountain

For those of you who would like to donate funds to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church's (BMPC) community support, you may give through Realm by clicking the button below. Central will ensure that these funds go directly to BMPC. If you'd like to support efforts throughout the region, donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by clicking the buttons below.



Palmer interviewed by AJC at Book Event

Last week, Central member Hannah Palmer was featured at The Garden Club at **Wild Heaven Brewery West End** for a discussion and book signing of her latest book, "The Pool Is Closed: Segregation, Summertime, and the Search for a Place to Swim." As part of the event, she was interviewed on stage by AJC senior editor Mike Jordan.

Several Centralites attended along with members of the community. You can purchase her book at local bookstores and online and discover more about her via on her website: <https://hannahspalmer.com>

THE 36TH ANNUAL
**HOMELESS
REQUIEM**

WE WILL REMEMBER

The Cathedral of St. Philip is hosting a holy evening of remembrance and community at its 36th Annual Homeless Requiem on Friday, November 1. You may find out more details via this link.

<https://www.cathedralatl.org/mission/outreach/homeless-requiem/>

A graphic for a vigil featuring several lit candles in shades of blue and purple against a dark blue background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Vigil for Trans Day
of Remembrance**
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 5 P.M.
Central Presbyterian Church Courtyard
201 Washington St. Atlanta 30214

the collective
an inclusive church for love and justice

CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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
This Thursday
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.

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

Serve

Safety Team Training Begins Sunday

Members and staff are exploring new ways to make our church buildings and the events we host both welcoming and safe. We want to provide a comfortable environment, and we also need to set clear expectations surrounding the use of our facilities when we gather.

Central's Facilities Committee and staff have begun working with Pegasus Solutions Group, a security firm composed of experienced emergency, fire, and safety professionals, to improve access to and security within our buildings. Part of that work is developing a staffing plan for different types of events. One suggestion, based on what security firm staff have initiated in their own congregations, is to gather a group of members to be trained as a safety team. Members know more about church buildings and the people who use them than anyone else.

With training and guidance provided by Pegasus, the team will learn how to respond to certain types of situations so that we are prepared to take action if needed. This is particularly important during the upcoming months as we approach the November election and its aftermath.

The goal is to find 10-15 members interested in participating. Members with medical or security training will be particularly helpful, as are those who frequently usher or serve Sunday breakfast. Team members would be on call each Sunday morning on a rotating basis to assist professional security staff in meeting the medical and security needs of members and guests.

Once this team is in action, you will notice an increased presence of members and security staff on Sunday mornings. We hope you will support this effort in the spirit of caring for one another.

If you are interested in helping church staff and members by serving on the

safety team, please plan to attend our first training session on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 12:15 p.m. in the Greene Room. The topic for the first session is *Basics of Safety Management in Church Programming*. We'll meet again at the same time on Nov. 3 for the final training session: *Central Campus and Specific Strategies*.

If you can't attend, please contact Gayle Knight at gsknight1952@gmail.com to express interest. Thank you!

The Bashor Night Shelter To Open Soon

This ecumenical ministry of hospitality to our homeless brothers has operated since 1980, providing nightly meals and a safe warm place to sleep. The Mission Committee is seeking Central groups to serve on the following dates:

- Lunch bags for 70 men on Friday, Nov. 8
- Dinner for 70 men on Wednesday, Dec. 11
- Lunch bags for 70 men on Sunday, Jan. 5

If your group is interested or if you have questions about the details, please contact Chris Sciarrone at sciarrone.chris@gmail.com or 404-966-0380.



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, October 27, 2024
Jeremiah 31:7-9 + Mark 5:1-20
The Rev. Gibson "Nibs" Stroupe preaching

Learn



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

BY ROBERT CATTERALL

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



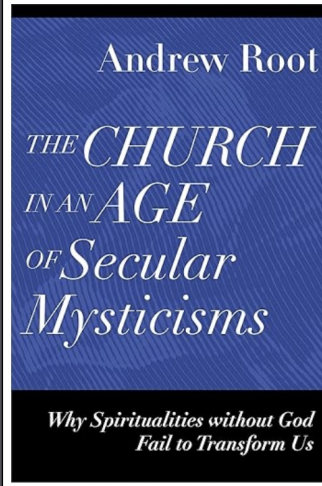
Sundays

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 Mysticisms." Following a few weeks exploring that topic, the class will announce an updated curriculum.

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



Sojourners Class

Sundays

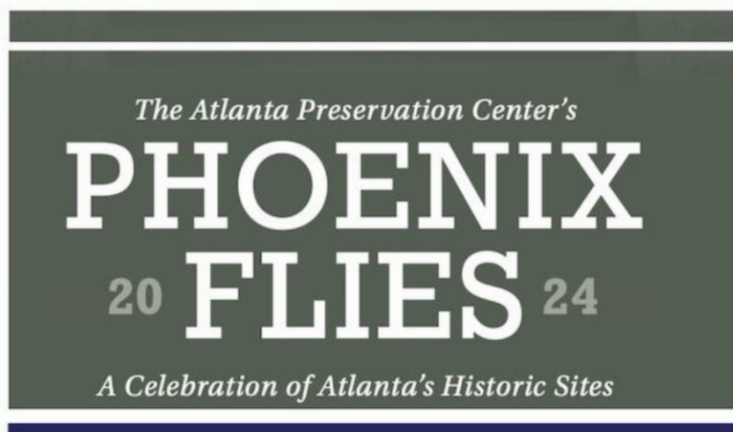
Brotherhood Room

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).

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 1:30 P.M.



Join the
Atlanta Preservation Center
for a tour of
Central Presbyterian Church

Tickets are \$19.50 and
available via eventbrite

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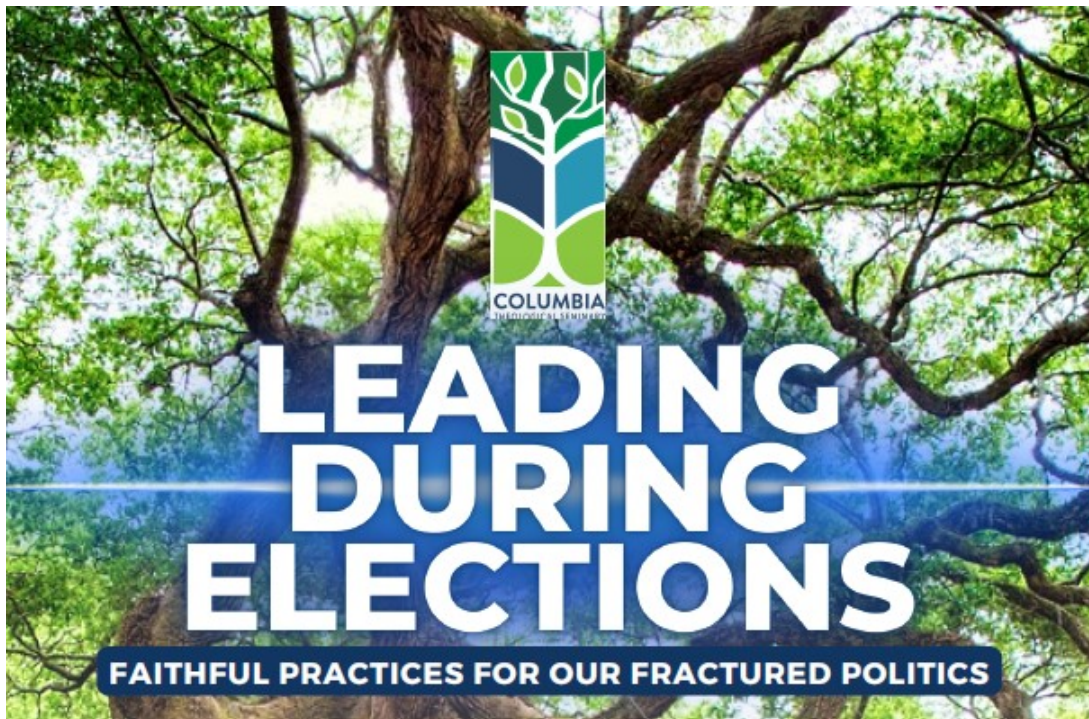
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 1:30 P.M.

**The Atlanta Preservation Center's
Tour of Central
Sunday, November 10
1:30 p.m.**

The Atlanta Preservation Center, the city's private non-profit preservation organization, is known for its tours of Atlanta's historic churches. Join them to tour our faith home and you just might learn something you didn't already know about our sacred space.

Founded in 1979, the Atlanta Preservation Center promotes the preservation of Atlanta's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods and landscapes through education and advocacy.

[Tour Tickets & More](#)



Columbia Seminary invites you to use its resources, and to share information about *Leading During Elections* widely. It is offering 20 different workshops/interviews on a variety of topics related to faith and politics via its Moodle site. You can access the information using the QR code.



And we note that though the program is obviously geared toward 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.

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.

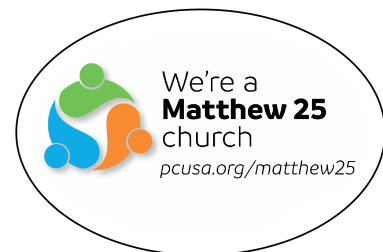
[Click this link](#) to give to Disaster Relief for Israel/Palestine (please note Middle East in the Disaster Supported box).

[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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imprisoned or poor.



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