



## The Weekly News

October 9, 2024



## Join Central as we participate in Pride weekend

Join us after worship on Sunday, October 13 as we head to the Atlanta Pride Parade to declare our love for ALL of God's children!

The parade starts at the Civic Center station and ends near the Charles Allen entrance of Piedmont Park (about a 1.5 mile walk). Please bring your lunch.

"We will be traveling via MARTA to the parade location which is the Civic Center MARTA station," said Rev. Kate Culver. "If you get lost, we are in Row F."

Kate also encourages participants to wear sunscreen, bring water, and wear

your Central T-shirt!

Central will also have a booth at the festival in Piedmont Park on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. We want to spread the word about Central's mission and will offer activities like face painting, arts and crafts, and/or games. We need Centralites (youth and children welcome!) to staff it from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. **Sign up here** for a two hour shift. (Booth number and map available on the Sign Up Genius.)

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for all Centralites.

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## Thank you for your donations for Black Mountain!



Central members answered the call this past Sunday and brought in multiple donations to take to Black Mountain, N.C. Our children and youth helped sort the items. We partnered with our friends at Trinity Presbyterian Church to send supplies and items to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church in western N.C. which is serving as a support hub for the area recently hit by Hurricane Helene.

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 button on the right.

[Online Donation BMPC](#)

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#)

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# CENTRALITES IN THE COMMUNITY

# Oakhurst Porchfest 2024

Oct 19 @ 1PM • 236 W. Hill St. Decatur, GA 30030

## WYLDE CENTAUR



Central's own Philip Covin and David Hunter, and their classic rock cover band, **Wylde Centaur** will be performing again this year at Oakhurst Porchfest on October 19. Come out to this family friend event with more than 200 performances all afternoon throughout the Oakhurst neighborhood. Wylde Centaur hits the stage for 60 minutes of U2, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Cranberries, REM and more at 1 p.m. at 236 W. Hill Street, Decatur, GA 30030. This event stays on a strict schedule, so don't be late!

Also performing is Bitter Sweet Reunion (BSR) featuring Centralites Kelly Bray and Chris Sciarrone. BSR is a new version of the band partly responsible for bringing both families to Central in the 1990s (see below for a throw-back black and white photo from the band's early days!). Come enjoy covers as diverse as Cowboy Junkies and the Velvet Underground, along with original compositions in an Alt-Indie-Folk Rock style. at 4 p.m. at 127 Greenwood Place in Decatur.

Check out the Oakhurst Porchfest website for the full line up and an interactive map of the area here: <https://www.oakhurstporchfest.org> Be sure to also follow Wylde Centaur on Facebook for upcoming dates and showtimes: <https://www.facebook.com/wylde.centaur>.



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**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@cpatlanta.org](mailto:hhwhite@cpatlanta.org)

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## Connect

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**Thirsty Thursdays**  
**October 24**  
**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](mailto:maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com)

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**Rebekah Circle**  
**October 14**  
**11 a.m. on Zoom**

Camille Gaffron will lead lesson two "*Land Justice*" from the Bible study guide, "*Let Justice Roll Down.*" Visitors are welcome. If you have questions, reach out to Frances St John at [fstjohn210@gmail.com](mailto:fstjohn210@gmail.com).

To join the Zoom gathering, use the link below.

Meeting ID: 820 7890 0904

Passcode: 579526

[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

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## Central Women October 17 Details 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.

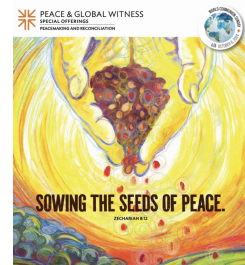
As a result, we will not meet this month but invite you all to mark your calendars and attend a meeting on Thursday, October 17, our traditional third Thursday meeting time. Details TBD but, in the meantime, be thinking about your vision for this group, if and/or how we should proceed, and whether you 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*

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## 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](#).



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# Serve

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## 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](#).

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## 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](mailto:mhcrenshaw@yahoo.com) or by phone: 404.444.1958.

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## Worship

Sunday, October 13, 2024  
**Job 23:1-9 + Hebrews 4:12-16**  
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.

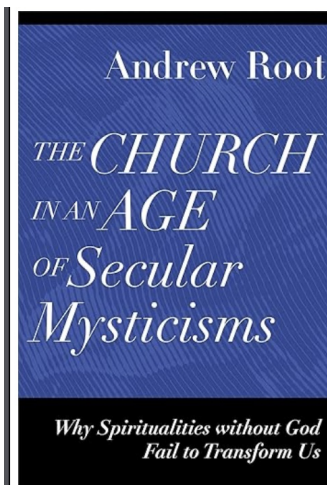


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**Issues in Theology**  
**Sundays**  
**Greene Room**  
**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

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.



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**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.

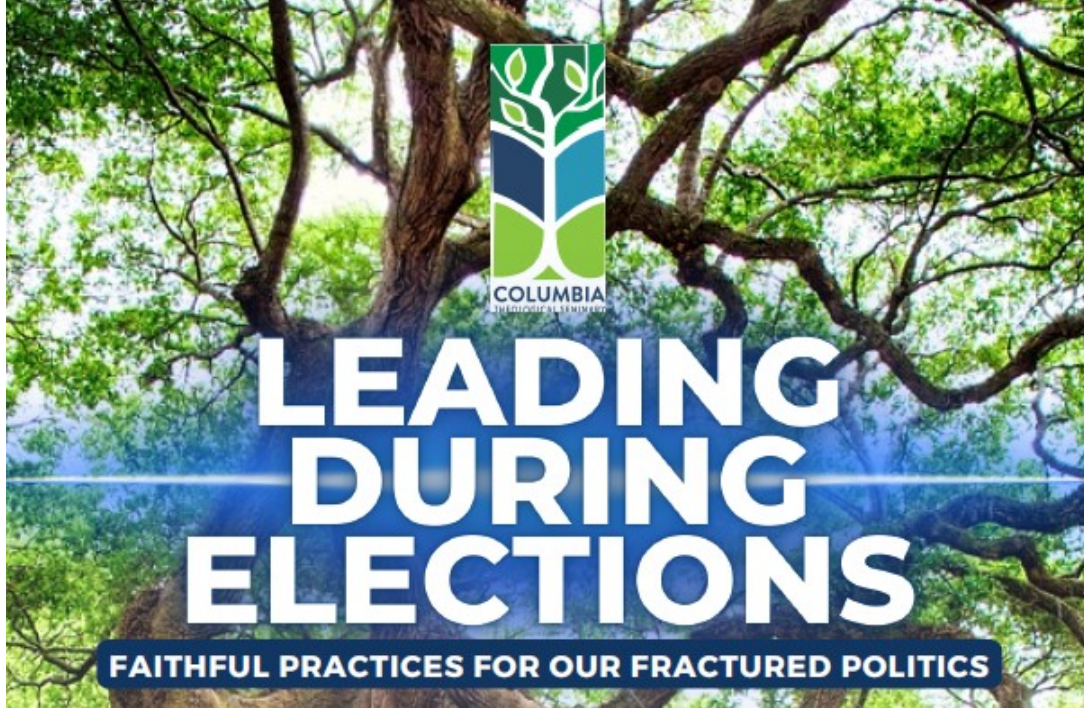
This fall, the class will turn its attention to Thomas' essays in the category that she calls "Mysteries," covering Jesus' washing of the Disciples' feet, the crucifixion, the empty tomb, and more. Join us for conversations about Jesus' life and teachings that perhaps will be different from many you've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

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**Rev. Nibs Stroupe: *She Made a Way***  
**Sunday, October 20**  
**Details TBD**

On two Sundays at the end of October, Rev. Nibs Stroupe will join Central to teach and preach. On October 20, he will teach a combined adult class based on his most-recent book, *"She Made a Way: Mother and Me in a Deep South World."* Described as "a memoir of survival and growth under the twin threats of white supremacy and male dominance. It is an intimate story of perseverance and coming of age: how a single, white working mother and her only son made their way in the patriarchal and racist world of postwar Helena, Arkansas, a Mississippi river town." Central member John Blake wrote the forward to the book. The next Sunday, October 27, Rev. Stroupe will be our guest preacher.

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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





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 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 &amp; 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.

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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.

***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.***

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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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