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Central will not be publishing its regular weekly e-newsletter this week, yet we do have a robust schedule of events the next couple of weeks. Here's a look at this week and a glance ahead!

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## Christmas Eve schedule at Central

- We are looking forward to experiencing this special time together! Our service of lessons, carols, and candlelight begins at 5 p.m. with preludes beginning about 4:45 p.m.
- The nursery will be available and will be open at 4:30 p.m.
- The parking garage will be open at 2 p.m.
- If you cannot join us in person, the livestream will begin at 4:35 p.m. with preludes beginning about 4:45 p.m.



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## Select Congregants to serve on the Nominating Committee

It is time to begin considering congregational leadership for 2025! The first step in that process is to elect Nominating Committee. This year, the Nominating Committee will be chaired by LaShawn Green.

But here is where you come in: We also need to elect **four congregational members** to serve alongside these leaders.

The primary task of the Nominating Committee is to discern the next class of spiritual leaders for CPC by bringing to the congregation a slate of ruling elders and deacons.

We want the Nominating Committee itself to represent a wide variety of experience, backgrounds, and voices so we can make sure we are listening as broadly as possible to what God hopes for us. PLEASE consider either nominating yourself or someone else for this important function of our ministry. The deadline for nominations is January 26. You can nominate someone by sending an email to [skershner@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:skershner@cpcatlanta.org), filling out a nominating card in the pew racks, scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/cpcatlanta/NominatingCommitteeNominees>



*Church offices will be closed Christmas Day through Wednesday, January 1. We will not be publishing our Weekly News emails during that period. Look for the Weekly News email again on Wednesday, January 9.*

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## Pick Up Choir on January 5

Central will hold a 'Pick Up Choir' on January 5 as we celebrate Epiphany that day with a wonderful arrangement of a Traditional Spiritual, "Walk In The Light" by André Thomas.

We will meet at 10:20 a.m. in the sanctuary and practice until 10:40. No experience or preparation necessary - but if you'd like a copy of the music and a recording to familiarize yourself, feel free to email Thom Dixon at [tdixon@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:tdixon@cpcatlanta.org). We welcome all voices and abilities into this wonderful community!

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## Winter Studies 2025: The Israel-Palestine Conflict begins January 5

The 2025 Central Winter Studies program will provide an opportunity to learn more about the Israel-Palestine conflict - not only the current and tragic armed conflict, but the ongoing tensions between neighboring peoples and the historical roots of those tensions. The program will provide five sessions, all of which will take place in the Oglesby Atrium space (aka the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center space, on the base- ment level of the Oglesby Building).

**January 5:** Dr. Brennan Breed, on the faculty at Columbia Theological Seminary, will talk about the Israel-Palestine conflict in a contemporary context.

**January 12:** Dr. Max Miller, formerly on the faculty of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University (now retired), will talk about the ancient roots of conflict between Israelites and other peoples in the Near East.

**January 19:** Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel, Palestinian by birth and former Moderator of the General Assembly of the PC (USA), will provide his unique perspective on the Israel-Palestine conflict.

**January 26:** Martha Moore-Keish (on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary) and Susan Landrum (a member of Central's staff) will discuss a trip they took to Washington D.C. and N.Y.C. in the spring of 2024 to learn more about the Israel-Palestine conflict.

**February 2:** A panel of Centralites who have visited Israel/Palestine in recent years will talk about their experiences and observations while in the Holy Land

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## Congregational Lunch on January 5

We have a congregational lunch following worship on January 5 in Tull Hall. The menu includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, black eyed peas, rolls, and banana pudding.

Join us for this time of fellowship as we kick off 2025 together.

You may register via Realm or the link below.

**<https://e.onrealm.org/events/6d96c769-0fac-41ac-a258-b229015d8b3f/meetings/ba2aaa28-78ef-436c-a8e7-b229015f3f18>**

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