



## The Weekly News

January 8, 2025

### 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 and Adam Seeley.

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

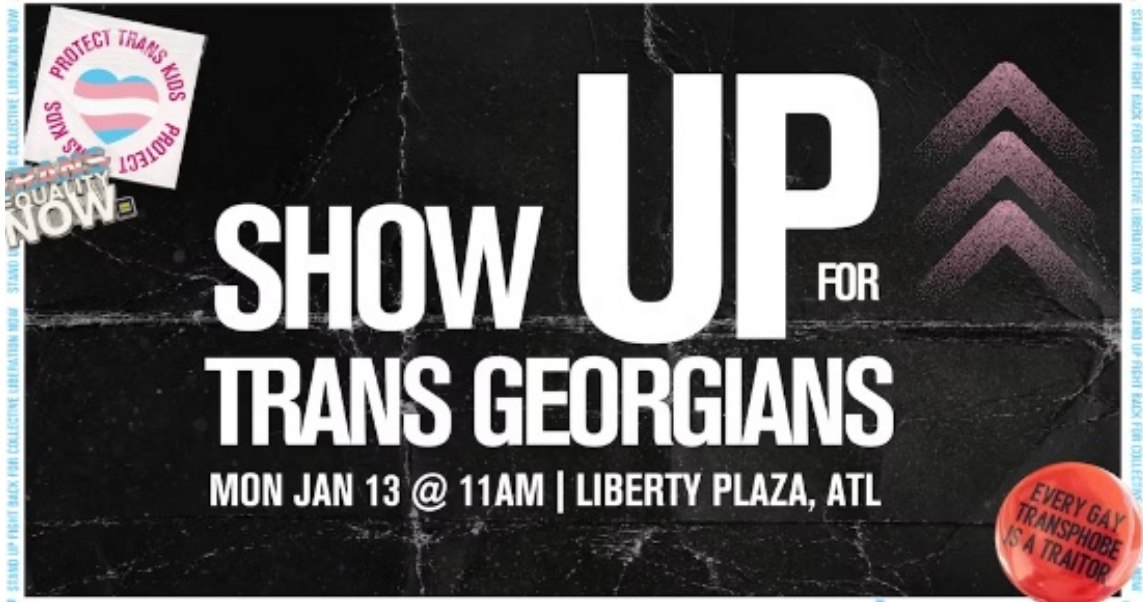
The primary task of the Nominating Committee is to discern the next class of spiritual leaders for CPC by bringing to the congregation a slate of ruling elders and deacons.

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>



## Show Up for Trans Georgians

**Monday, January 13**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Liberty Plaza**

Join human and civil rights organizations on the first day of Georgia's Legislative Session to stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with our transgender family. We believe that transgender Georgians should be afforded the same rights, opportunity, dignity and justice - we're rallying to show our state lawmakers that we won't sit by while our siblings are under attack by extremists.

[For More Information](#)

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## President Jimmy Carter Memorialized by Central Member

Central member Dane Jefferson's mural memorializing President Carter is displayed on Georgia's Own Credit Union in downtown Atlanta. Jefferson was commissioned for the work, and it will be on display through this week. ***You can read more here.*** Georgia's Own Credit Union is in downtown Atlanta.

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## GIVE

You may give to Central online using this QR code or by going to [cpcatlanta.org](http://cpcatlanta.org).

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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@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:hhwhite@cpcatlanta.org)

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## Connect

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**Rebekah Circle**  
**Monday, January 13**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Zoom**

Ann Hunter will lead Lesson 4 "Water Justice" from the Bible study book "Let Justice Roll Down." Visitors are welcome. Please direct any questions to Frances St John at [fstjohn210@gmail.com](mailto:fstjohn210@gmail.com).

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82078900904?  
pwd=uW0JIUtPmFXBhywjO86nDTTMI5Cldj.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82078900904?pwd=uW0JIUtPmFXBhywjO86nDTTMI5Cldj.1)  
**Meeting ID: 820 7890 0904**  
**Passcode: 579526**

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**Central Women**  
**Thursday, January 16**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Home of Jill Lum**

All Central women (and guests or friends!) are welcome to join us for our first gathering of 2025. We will meet Thursday, January 16 at Jill Lum's house at 1328 Avalon Place, NE, Atlanta 30306. We will gather for drinks and appetizers at 7 p.m. and will begin our meal by 7:30. Our program typically starts around 8 p.m. and we will conclude by 9:30 p.m. Facilitated by psychologist Melanie Bliss, we will discuss self-care practices with practical suggestions and considerations for winter months, challenging times, and adaptation as life circumstances change.

Please sign up here to bring a contribution to our meal or a donation to the kitty. Your sign up is your RSVP, and while we encourage advance sign-ups, we will always welcome last minute additions. Questions? Please contact

Sign Up to Join Us

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**Thirsty Thursdays**  
**Thursday, January 23**  
**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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**Bookworms**  
**Tuesday, January 28**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Home of Debbie & Jerry Miller**

Central's book club, Bookworms, will meet on Tuesday, January 28, at the home of Debbie and Jerry Miller, 1721 Noble Dr NE, Atlanta 30306. We'll gather at 7:30 when Ann Hunter will facilitate our conversation about Robin Wall Kimmerer's lovely and inspiring twining of "science, spirit, and stories," *Braiding Sweetgrass*. As a Potawatomi woman who serves as the SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology and as the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, Kimmerer fuses traditional native wisdom and contemporary environmental science in this provocative and heartening book. Questions? Contact **Linda McCord**.

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## Serve

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### The Bashor Night Shelter needs meals

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 date:

- Dinner for 70 men on Thursday, Jan. 30

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



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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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# Worship

Sunday, January 12, 2025  
**Isaiah 43:1-7 + Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**  
The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

# Learn

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## Winter Studies 2025 Focuses on Israel-Palestine Conflict

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 basement level of the Oglesby Building).

**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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## Give

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### New Crew Socks Needed

The foot clinic is in need of men's white crew socks that are new (in this case we cannot accept gently used) and more than 50% cotton. If you would like to donate, please drop off your gifts to the church office labeled "for foot clinic." And for all of you creative souls who are drawn to colored and cute socks, please remember we need basic white, mostly cotton men's crew socks. In this case, uniformity helps. If you have questions, please contact ***Martha Crenshaw***.

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### 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.

[Online Donation BMPC](#)

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#)

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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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people who are hungry, oppressed,  
imprisoned or poor.



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