



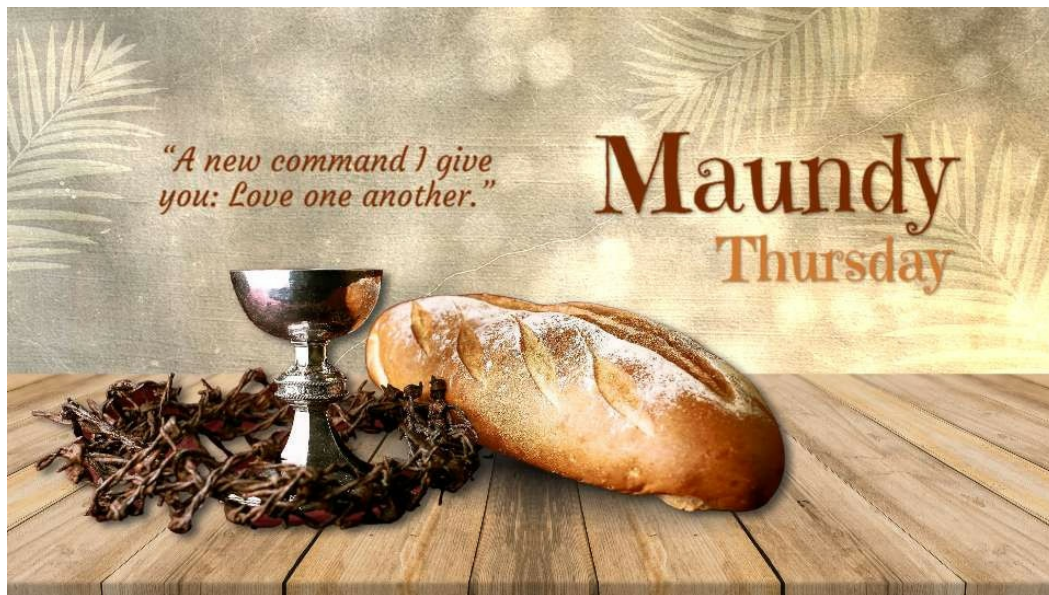
## The Weekly News

April 16, 2025

### HOLY WEEK

*Continue the Journey to Easter with Central*

#### Mark Maundy Thursday at a Member's Home



Maundy Thursday, April 17, will be celebrated at various homes throughout the city beginning at 6 p.m. Please use the buttons below to sign up for dinner and service at the home where you would like to attend.

Home of Robbie and Blake Ashe | 1336 Fairview Rd NE, Atlanta,  
GA 30306

Home of John and Ginger Heidbreder | 4663 Village Ct.,  
Dunwoody, GA 30338-5130

Home of Linda and Martin Lehfelst | 2329 Venetian Dr SW, Atlanta, GA  
30311-3309

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
7 p.m.

at Morningside Presbyterian  
Church

with Morningside &  
Covenant Presbyterian Churches

This year's Good Friday service will continue our tradition of observing this day with other churches. Please join us as we worship with Covenant and Morningside Presbyterian Churches. The service will begin at 7 p.m. at Morningside.







Before worship, please join us for Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship in Tull Hall. Our time together will begin at 9:45 a.m. in Tull Hall!

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Make plans to join us on Easter Sunday for our special service! Our service will feature special music, including brass and handbells!



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***PLEASE NOTE:*** We will not have Sunday School classes this Sunday. Details below in the Learn section.

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## Deliver Easter Joy with flowers



After you enjoy the gorgeous flowers that will adorn the Central sanctuary on Easter, please consider taking a little time to deliver a bouquet to a member who was unable to attend Easter services in person.



Following worship, the flower ministry is inviting members to the sacristy to repurpose these flowers into small bouquets for delivery. Please join us! Small vases are being collected in the sacristy for use in making small arrangements. If you have vases to donate, drop them off in the sacristy.

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*Church offices will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.*

## Children & Youth Updates



Mary Lillian Walker aka Miss M and Sean Smith opened up their beautiful



home and backyard for a lovely and lively Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday afternoon. More than 300 eggs were hidden and found, including ONE golden egg. We also reflected on what Holy Week teaches us about Jesus - that he was a kind and humble leader willing to do very hard things for the sake of the world. We are so grateful for this time and for Miss M and Sean's hospitality! -  
*Susan Landrum, Director of Family Ministries*



## Wiley Lum honored at the Capitol for essay

Susan was able to celebrate with Wiley, Jill and Brady on Friday over at the Capitol Building. Wiley won Third Place in GALEO's Leyendas Essay Contest for High School. His essay, written and read in Spanish, is on the intersections of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's and Cesar Chavez's philosophies and organizing strategies. It was reflective and

powerful to hear these connections made under the Gold Dome! Thank you, Wiley, for letting your Central family celebrate you.



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## Want to Take Action?

This bill that recently passed the U.S. House of Representatives would keep millions of people from being able to vote. It requires in-person citizenship documentation and would end online and mail voter registration; potential voters who don't have passports, access to their birth certificates, or access to documents following a name change would be excluded from voting.

The Save Act isn't about safeguarding elections. It's about silencing voters. Tell your senators to vote no on this dangerous bill and protect our voting rights. Click below for assistance in contacting your senators.

[STOP THE SAVE ACT](#)

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## Join Us and *Be Central* at the Inman Park Festival

The Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes takes place in one of Atlanta's oldest and most scenic neighborhoods. Developed in the late 1800s, Inman Park features an abundance of historic homes and several scenic parks. The Festival began in the early 1970s as a means to attract attention for revitalization efforts in the community.

You can find more information about the festival here: <https://festival.inmanpark.org/info/>

We want to have Centralites staff our booth (including youth and kids) to help spread the word about Central's mission and participate in our activities like

face painting, arts and crafts, and/or games.

Volunteers needed:

- Saturday, April 26 between 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, April 27 between noon and 4 p.m.

Our booth number is #74 in the Community Corner on Edgewood and the site map is attached. It is sure to be a fun place - join us!

Contact Rev. Kate Culver for more questions.

[Click here to Sign Up](#)

**AS A REMINDER:** The parking garage closes at 1 p.m. on Sundays following worship. If you need it open later, please contact Melissa Johnson at [mjohnson@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:mjohnson@cpcatlanta.org)



## GIVE

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

**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)

## Connect

**Thirsty Thursdays**  
**Thursday, April 24**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Manuel's Tavern**



Central members meet monthly (the fourth Thursday of the month) 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, April 22**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Home of Rod Hunter**

At our April meeting, Central's book club, Bookworms, will discuss *They Flew: A History of the Impossible* by Carlos Eire. Rod Hunter will lead our conversation about this compelling history, which, according to Yale University Press, "explores how a culture increasingly devoted to scientific thinking grappled with events deemed impossible by its leading intellectuals. Eire observes how levitating saints and flying witches were as essential a component of early modern life as the religious turmoil of the age."

Join us at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, at the Hunters' home, #302 at 417 Clairemont Ave., Decatur, 30030, to discuss the intriguing challenge: "Much of our present incredulity about these levitation narratives, along with the relative ease with which we dismiss them, rests on the assumption that we are more intellectually mature than our forebears; that Western history has followed a simple trajectory from a medieval age of superstition and credulity, through the progressive stages of a disenchanting Protestant Reformation and a scientific revolution, to arrive at a rational and enlightened modernity" (Public Discourse, Feb. 18, 2024). Are we "too smart" for miracles to have meaning for us?

Questions? Contact **Linda McCord**.

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## **Serve**

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### **Help Central Serve on Easter Morning**

Central Congregation will host Breakfast Ministry Easter Sunday morning! Please consider joining us before the congregation gathers to enjoy donuts and coffee for a time of community with our neighbors. We serve from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.. Your gifts of food (boiled eggs or fruit) and/or serving with us are most welcome. Sign up using the button below.

And our thanks to Central Book Worms who hosted a beautiful breakfast the first Sunday in April!



Let us know you'll 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\*](#).

## Worship

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Day

Isaiah 65:17-25 + Luke 24:1-12

***Following Jesus through the Gospel of Luke***

The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

## Learn

*There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Day.  
Classes resume Sunday, April 27.*

**Central Bible Study: The Gospel of John**

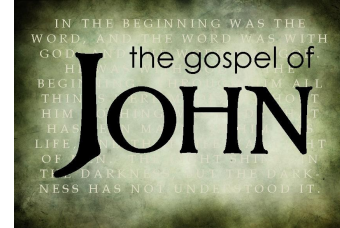
**Sunday, April 27**

**The Parlor**

**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**



Central Bible Study is a traditional Bible study class - what some would describe as "close examination of Scripture." The verse-by-verse approach will mean that we'll often cover, in a given class session, just one chapter of the Scripture book of interest. We'll use the NRSV translation of the Bible. The approach to Scriptural analysis will be critical in nature, and we'll engage in Scriptural interpretation that reflects our Reformed theology. The first book of the Bible that will be explored by the Central Bible Study class will be the Gospel of John.



Class location: The Parlor (off of Tull Hall).

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**Issues in Theology: Shakespeare and Theology**  
**Sunday, April 27**  
**Greene Room**  
**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

Our final week looking at "*Measure for Measure*" is this Sunday with *Public Health and Social Justice*. After a break for Palm Sunday and Easter, the group will study "*The Tempest*": *Revenge vs. Forgiveness* for three weeks, and finally on May 18 turn our attention to selected Sonnets.

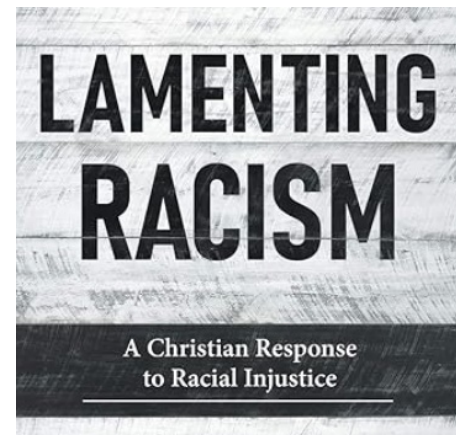


Questions? Please contact Tina Sizemore ([tinasizemore@bellsouth.net](mailto:tinasizemore@bellsouth.net)) or Rod Hunter ([rhunt02@emory.edu](mailto:rhunt02@emory.edu)).

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**Lamenting Racism**  
**Sunday, April 27**  
**Brotherhood Room**  
**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

You are invited to join us for a 6-week pop-up Sunday School class starting during Lent called *Lamenting Racism: A Christian Response to Racial Injustice*.



Here is how the course is described: In *Lamenting Racism*, a team of leading pastors and theologians invite us into the transformative and motivating practice of biblical lament as a powerful way to confront racism. Through their conversations in six thought-provoking videos, they name that God's people of every race are called to consider how we have been shaped and formed by race, and they guide us into experiencing lament as an anti-racism practice.

Encouraging congregations to reclaim the lost art of biblical lament, these pastors and theologians model a powerful way to pour out the fear, shame, grief, and rage of racism as we cry out to God in prayer. In the process, we will be transformed and motivated to reclaim hope and to act for a world shaped by God's inclusive vision of love and blessing.

We will gather during the Sunday School hour to watch a short video for the first 10-15 minutes and then have plenty of time for discussion and reflection. Our sessions continue April 27, May 4 and May 11, in the Brotherhood Room.

As a Matthew 25 church, Central has committed to dismantling systemic racism in our midst. With this short series, we have an opportunity as a congregation to name and lament racism and its impact as well as take new steps to live out our commitment to antiracism.

Contact M.E. Davis at [maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com](mailto:maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com) or 404-630-2678 with any questions.

## Give

### One Great Hour of Sharing is Easter Day. What is it?

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a special offering opportunity from our denomination that Central will collect on Easter Sunday. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



One of the many forms of witness provided by this offering is the Self-Development of People. The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2023 National SDOP entered into partnership with numerous projects that focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges. An interactive map with OGHS recipients is at [pcusa.org/oghsmap](http://pcusa.org/oghsmap).

Won't you help make a difference? Contribute now by clicking here. Envelopes will be in the pew pockets on Easter Sunday should you prefer to give in that way. - Gary Cornell

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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,  
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