

# Central Scene

The Monthly Newsletter of Central Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

July 2016

## Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World

It is almost that time and preparations are being finalized for Vacation Bible School 2016. This year's VBS will be held July 14, 15, & 16, and the curriculum is called *Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World*.

Dave Is Planning a Class for Adults During VBS on "Great Themes of the Bible" that will meet Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday morning. Let him know if you are interested.

We need volunteers to provide desserts (cookies, brownies, or cakes) for our meals. Please let Denise Mosley or Laura Cosner know if you can help us out with any of these items.

Also, our committee is working diligently to keep costs to a minimum, but help to offset cost is always appreciated! Be sure to watch the weekly bulletins for last minute details! We can't wait to see you there!

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## Presbyterian Women Host Brunch at Trinity Village

The Presbyterian Women of Central Presbyterian Church will host a Brunch on Tuesday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m., in the Great Hall at Trinity Village. The residents truly enjoy the brunch. They love the food, but they especially enjoy the company. If you have children or grandchildren who are available, bring them too! While the residents enjoy us, they especially love to see children. If at all possible please plan to attend, and if you can contribute something for the brunch refreshments let Kay Cromwell know.



## Neighbor to Neighbor's Annual School Supply Distribution Set for August

The Annual Neighbor to Neighbor School Supply distribution will be August 9, 10, & 11, this year. This program provides basic school supplies to children of low-income families. The children served by this program are from all schools in Jefferson County, grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Central has been asked to help support the School Supply Program again this year by collecting **60 1 or 1 1/2-inch, three-ring binders**. You may place the binders on the round table in McElyea Hall. Additionally, good, clean school uniforms can always be used. Neighbor to Neighbor tries to provide at least one uniform to the children that need them.

Registration for children to receive these supplies will be held July 19, 20, and 21, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Neighbor to Neighbor

The deadline for school supplies is **Friday, July 22**. For more information, contact Neighbor to Neighbor at 870-534-2883.

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## PNC Committee Update

What a wonderful time in the life of Central. We are closing in on our candidate at this time. Please continue to pray for our committee as they work on getting all the final steps in place and hopefully be able to release details on our next pastor! This is a very exciting time!



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**Clerk of the Session:** Betty Coles

**Presbyterian Women Moderator:** Betty Coles

**Youth Advisory Team:**

Marty Shell  
Maggie Shell-Howsen  
Dana Neal

**SESSION**

<b><u>Class of 2016</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2017</u></b>
Nelson Buchanan	Denise Mosley
Tommy Dunlap	Laura Cosner
Jemmie Moseley	Betty Coles (clerk)
Benjimen Neal	Marty Shell

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in Central Presbyterian Church is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. New members will be received upon baptism and profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer.

**CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

To celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith, and serve the needs of others.

## ***A Word from our Transitional Pastor***

Every other year when Our General Assembly meets, it's helpful to remind ourselves what it is. It's helpful to remember, too, how we are organized. The Presbyterian Church, USA is a "representational" Church. We are not a "hierarchical" church where many key decisions are made by a bishop or a central body. We are not a "congregational" church, independent from all other congregations and church bodies, making decisions that apply only to us.

- We follow a pattern we find in the Scriptures. We are led by "ruling elders," elected by a congregation, and "teaching elders," church pastors and others in different ministries.
- A group of Presbyterian congregations in a geographical area is a "presbytery." Central, Faith, and First here in Pine Bluff, along with almost 90 other congregations, are part of Arkansas Presbytery.
- Groups of Presbyteries in different regions of the country are called a "synod." Presbyterians in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana, are in the Synod of the Sun.

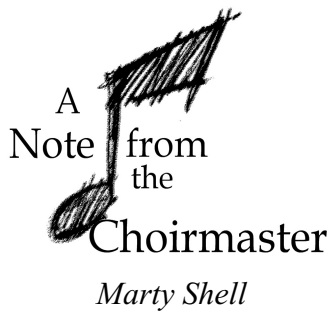
Every two years we have a national meeting, a General Assembly. Their mission involves speaking to us and for us about God's Good News. An equal number of ruling elders and teaching elders are elected by presbyteries to represent them. The General Assembly just finished a week-long meeting in Portland, Oregon.

General Assembly meetings are often like meetings in our local churches. People have different ideas and opinions and feelings and passions about different issues and concerns. There are moments of great unity and bonding, and there are discussions and decisions that are not unanimous. People speak with great conviction and fervor, and not everyone always agrees. Too often media coverage focuses on disagreements, controversies, and misunderstandings, often reported by people who don't understand or share our faith. It can miss moments of inspiration and unity.

Take what you have been seeing and hearing with large grains of salt. We'll have some information here at the church. You can also check our denominational website [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). Another source is [www.pres-outlook.org](http://www.pres-outlook.org), a responsible independent voice in our denomination. And when you have done that, let's talk.

See you Sunday,

Dave



We hope everyone is enjoying our summer fun season. It has been a pleasure to learn and enjoy some of the old hymns we grew up with. We were grateful to have First Presbyterian join with us last month for potluck and to tap a toe or just a simple

nod to "On the Jericho Road. Thanks for the additional choir members from First that helped us out. What a joy to share our faith, enjoy a meal and fellowship together. Looking forward to doing this again in the near future. We begin July sharing a memory of Danleigh Cosner presenting "I Am With You" on July 3rd. The rest of July we will be sharing more ole time hymn favorites. Join us as we celebrate this special time in the life at Central.

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## *Gifts to the Church*

***In Loving Memory of Louise Calloway***  
Ann Woolley-Presbyterian Women

***In Loving Memory of Betty Seymore***  
Mary Shannon and Lawrence-Fikes  
Ann Woolley-Youth Trip

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## Central Notes

- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Not Meet** during the summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.
- ▶ **The PW Birthday Offering Has Been Rescheduled** for Sunday, July 10, during morning worship. The Birthday Offering is a PW offering received in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support.
- ▶ **The Men of the Church Will Not Meet** during the summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, July 17, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Not Meet** in July.
- ▶ **The Deadline for the July Issue of the Central Scene** is Monday, July 18. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

## Summer Fun at First

Our friends at First Presbyterian are keeping busy this summer! Below are just a couple of the opportunities that everyone is invited to check out:

1. First Presbyterian Farmers Market - every Tuesday, 4-6 pm. Come support our local farmers and shop for your fresh veggies and fruits.
2. Camp Comes to the City! First Presbyterian's Vacation Bible School. Camp counselors from Camp Ferncliff come and provide a "day-camp" experience for your kids and grandkids. August 1-5, 2016, 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday. Registration forms are at the church office. First 40 to register are paid for by First Presbyterian!

For more information, contact them at 870-534-7831. First Presbyterian is located at 717 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 2016 SESSION MEETING

Meeting on Sunday, June 26, the Session:

- Met with our attorney and friend, Steve Matthews, about a legal matter.
- Had an extended conversation about our congregation's future, particularly about ways we might work together with First Presbyterian.
- Received and reviewed the Financial Statements for May which showed that our expenses the first five months of the year are growing faster than our income.
- Adopted a policy that those who are approved as check signers for the church checking account will also be signers for special accounts we might have from time to time.
- Directed Dave to continue to try to schedule our roofers about repairing leaks in McElyea Hall.
- Noted that two unwanted trees were removed from the south side of the Sanctuary.
- Discussed further changes to our guidelines for outside groups who use our building.
- Heard an update about planning for this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, July 14 and 15, and Saturday, July 16.
- Also heard about other possible youth activities being considered for later in the summer.
- Heard that the Fellowship and Nurture Committee sponsored a well-attended dinner in Little Rock on the 25th, and that a trip to the Village Steak House is coming up in August.
- Agreed that a gift of \$3.00 per rider to cover fuel for the van on trips like those would be appreciated. Dave will propose other policies for use of the van for the next Session meeting.
- Agreed that it is time to review the church's Wedding Policies.
- Received a positive report from the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Were reminded that our Presbyterian Women will be hosting at brunch at Trinity Village on Thursday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m. The PW has also rescheduled the annual Birthday Offering for July.
- Heard Dave report on some of his activities, and were reminded that they had approved his rearranging his schedule the first week in July to attend the NAMI Convention in Denver.
- Finalized a contract and job description for our Nursery Attendants, Laura and Zac Cosner.





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### Important Dates July

- 04 *Independence Day*
- 05 Noon Bible Study - Perdue Library
- 10 **PW Birthday Offering received**
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- 14 VBS: Cave Quest - 5:30 p.m.
- 15 VBS: Cave Quest - 5:30 p.m.
- 16 VBS: Cave Quest - 9 a.m.
- 17 Fellowship Luncheon - 12:15 -  
McElyea Hall  
Trinity Village Vespers - 4 p.m. -  
Trinity Village Great Hall
- 18 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Trinity Village Brunch - 10 a.m. -  
Trinity Village Great Hall
- 31 Blue Moon Sunday Program - 5:30  
p.m.



## Youth News

Be sure to join us for Vacation Bible School July 14-16. Many opportunities abound to help out for a great time in sharing, learning and fun. Contact Laura or Denise if you can help out in any way. We have over 20 kids already signed up for this adventure. Come out and be a part!

## Nursery News

One of our decisions at the June Session meeting was to hire Zac and Laura Cosner to be our Nursery Attendants. One or the other of them - and sometimes both - will be in the Nursery for our Pre-Schoolers on Sunday mornings during Sunday School and Worship, as well as other special services during the year. They will begin at 9:30 on Sunday mornings so some of our younger parents can take part in our Young Adult Class. Hope to see you then.

# SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

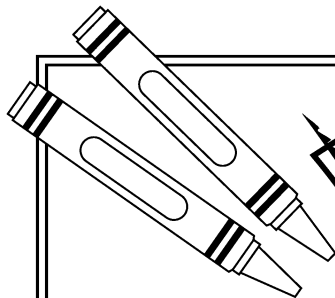
## What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

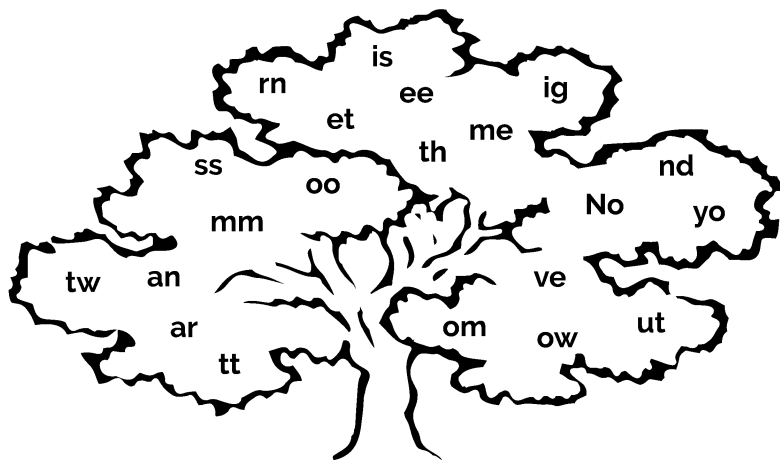


# PUZZLE

## Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.*



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Ma\_\_\_ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near." Matthew 24:32, NIV

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08 George Mosley	29 Shirley Wooten
08 Keegan Judkins	31 Blair Cromwell
12 Bubba VonTungeln	

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

14 Mr. and Mrs. David Perdue, Jr.

*If you or a family member has been omitted or would like to be added to the Birthday and Anniversary list, please contact the church office.*

### **Lectionary Readings for the Month of July**

#### **Sunday, July 3**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps. 30; Gal.6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

#### **Sunday, July 10**

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Amos 7:7-17; Ps. 82; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

#### **Sunday, July 17**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

#### **Sunday, July 24**

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Hosea 1:2-10; Ps. 85; Col. 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

#### **Sunday, July 31**

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Hosea 11:1-11; Ps. 107:1-9, 43; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21



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## Regular Group Activities at Central

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the work of the church or community? Maybe you would like to find a positive way to increase your social interaction with others? Are you in need of support for a personal issue with which you are dealing? Central offers, or is host to, many groups and activities that could help you do all of those things and more. Below is a list of group activities here at Central. We invite and encourage you to participate in as many of these activities as you would like. We hope you will join us!

**Ballroom Dance Lesson:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 7:00 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Ballroom Dance:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 8 to 11 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Blue Moon Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 5 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Central Choir:** Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Room

**Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - 8 a.m. (Will Not Meet During the Summer)

**Monthly Fellowship Luncheon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 12:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Noon Bible Study:** Thursday - 12 p.m. - Perdue Library

**Presbyterian Women Evening Circle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library (Will Not Meet During the Summer)

**Regular Session Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 3 p.m. - Conference Room

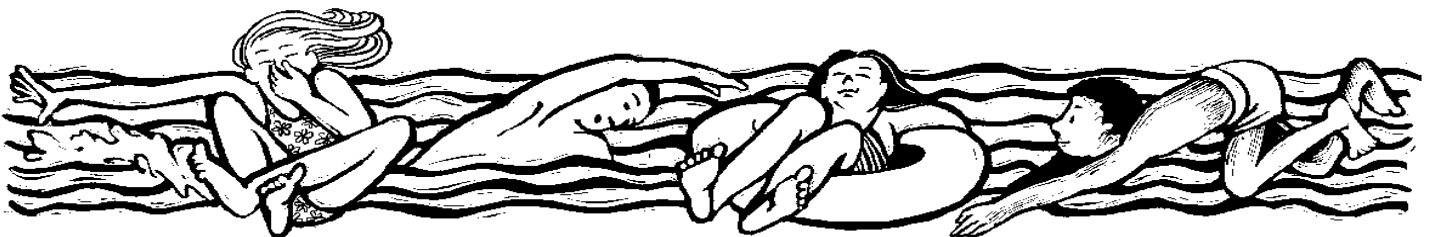
**Square & Folk Dancing:** Monday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**“The Firm Believers” Aerobics:** Mon. & Wed. - 9 to 10 a.m., Tues. & Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Trinity Village Vespers:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall

**Youth Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

*For more information on any of the activities listed, contact the church office at (870) 879-9074.*



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## Memorial & Gift Opportunities

### Youth Trip Fund

Each summer, our Youth take a vacation trip. We have traveled to many different locations like Magic Springs, Silver Dollar City, Six Flags and even Disneyworld! Our youth really look forward to this trip each year, and work hard fund-raising year round to help cover the costs of the trip. However, the cost of travel, food and lodging can be expensive. Your gift would go a long way to help offset these costs!

### Landscape Fund

We have completed the first stages of our Landscaping Project, but there is still a lot to be done. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing project in memory or honor of a loved one, or just give a gift toward the completion of this project, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

### Playground Equipment

We are also seeking special funds to continue work on our playground to support our growing group of young people. If you would like to contribute to this effort in memory or honor of a loved one, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

### Music Department

In years past, one of the ways in which members and friends have remembered loved ones was to purchase new music for the choir as a memorial dedicated to that special someone. If you would like to remember or honor someone special with a memorial gift of music, please contact the church office for details on how you can underwrite the purchase of new material for our growing music program.

### Youth Program

Our Youth program is thriving! One way that you can support this growing ministry in our church is by providing a meal for one of the weekly youth group meetings. The average cost to feed the group is \$40, but any and all gifts are appreciated!

### Memorial Bricks

If you have thought about making a lasting memorial to someone dear, now is a wonderful time to purchase a memorial brick on the sidewalk leading to our North entrance with their name permanently inscribed. The cost for each brick is \$65. If you would like to buy a memorial brick, please call the church office to request an order form. Please submit the information you wish to appear on the memorial brick with your check. Text must not exceed three lines of more than 15 characters (including spaces) per line. Bricks can be given in honor of a loved one, as well.

