

Central Scene

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

May 2016

Annual NAMIWalk Set for June

Mark your calendars now for the annual NAMIWalk -- Saturday, June 11, at Dickey Stephens ballpark in North Little Rock. Our church has been a long-time supporter of NAMI's programs and advocacy for individuals and families dealing with emotional problems, and we had a great turn-out last year. In addition, everyone who takes part will get a free ticket to that evening's ballgame against Northwest Arkansas Naturals. The game will begin at 5:30 and will be followed by a concert. Check with Dave for more information.

Let's Play Bingo!

Blue Moon Family Bingo & Potluck Night is Sunday, evening at 5:30 p.m., in McElyea Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a \$5.00 gift to play. See the signup sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or call the church office for more details. We hope to see you there!

PNC Committee Update

We are asking your sincere prayers during this time. As we have made many calls, research and examination of the candidates that have been referred to us, we are in the final selection stages. It is an exciting time and yet a time of concern. Are we listening to God's direction? Are we prayerfully making the correct choice? The committee has been working extremely hard to make this selection process fair, equitable, and equal to all candidates. Please give us your support in prayer as we enter into this part of the process. We cannot do this without your help. Continue to pray for God's direction in the decisions to be made for Central's future. Blessing and peace to all.

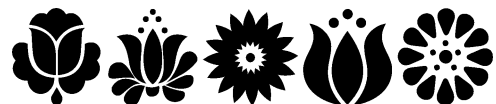
Get Ready for The P.L.A.C.E.!!

The Third Annual "The P.L.A.C.E.", Presbytery Leadership Academy for Congregational Enrichment, is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. We are ready to offer a good variety of workshops for church leaders, teachers, officers and pastors, including:

- ▶ Navigating Change, Personal and Congregational
- ▶ What to do in active shooter situation
- ▶ Congregational Disaster Preparedness
- ▶ For the Beauty of the Skies: How perception of beauty informs our theology of God
- ▶ Zombies and Easter Hats: What "The Walking Dead" can teach us about resurrection
- ▶ Clerk of Session Training for new clerks
- ▶ Changes in the Board of Pension Plan
- ▶ Equipping congregations to help people age with grace and dignity.
- ▶ Questions for the new GP: FAQ for Stewart Smith
- ▶ Healthy Boundaries 101
- ▶ End of Life: Life's Last Great Challenge
- ▶ Presbyterian Pilgrimage
- ▶ Spirituality Center: How to create one in your church. Second Presbyterian will have a Spirituality center set up for us to experience that day.

If you have workshop ideas please contact Kristi Button at kbutton@fupecfay.org as soon as you can.

The P.L.A.C.E. is Saturday, August 6th from 9:30 to 2:45.



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Marty Shell
Maggie Shell-Howsen
Dana Neal

SESSION

Class of 2016

Nelson Buchanan
Tommy Dunlap
Jemmie Moseley
Benjimen Neal

Class of 2017

Denise Mosley
Laura Cosner
Betty Coles (clerk)
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

One of the Bible stories we hear after Easter is the one in Acts about that great enemy of the early Christian movement. Saul was widely known for his zealous persecution of Jesus' followers. We don't know if he was responsible for the death of any, but we do have many stories of his passion to punish them for distorting their Jewish faith. He saw Jesus as a fraud, one of uncountable imposters who claimed to be God's appointed Messiah.

Remember the story? One day Saul was riding on a horse, punishing followers of Jesus, when he was blinded by a vision and knocked off his horse. A voice spoke to him: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" You know the rest -- Saul was renamed Paul to signify the change in his life, and his life was dramatically turned around.

This kind of dramatic change has become the model for many in how we become followers of Jesus. For many, what matters is how we change our minds and change our lives.

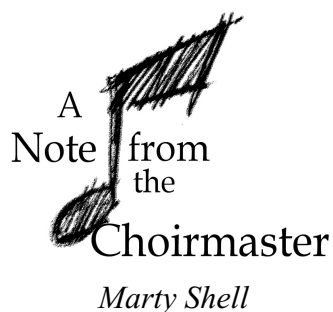
But what really matters is that the story says that no one -- not anyone -- is beyond God's power to change lives. This murderous zealot wasn't changed by his own efforts, but by the power of God that is available to all God's people. The early church used words like "redemption" to describe what was happening to them. The hard part of understanding and accepting God's actions in our lives is the challenge of growing in this new insight of God's forgiving love for us. That's why we get together each Sunday -- to be reminded, to encourage one another, to hear words of hope and encouragement.

Hope you can see how God's grace and peace are working in your life.
See you Sunday.

Dave

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Thanks to our new soloists, Benjamin Neal, Denise Mosley, and Laura Cosner. We are grateful you are sharing your talents with us at Central. We look forward to hearing more from you! School is quickly coming to an end which will bring up our summer fun time. If you

have a favorite musical selection, please let one of the choir know so we can use them this summer!

If you would like to join us in our choir, just let someone know. We have an extra chair or two we would love to get filled. It is truly a blessing to share your talents! Many blessings to each of you!



Gifts to the Church

In Loving Memory of Gene Lackey

Ann Woolley-Youth Fund
Karen & David Perdue-Undesignated
Alpha & (the late) John Pickell

In Loving Memory of Joan Pierce

Karen & David Perdue-Undesignated
Marty Shell-Choir

In Honor of Karen Perdue's Birthday

Ann & Al White-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of John Pickell

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated
Marty Shell-Choir

In Loving Memory of G. A. Shandy

Sheila & Jimmy Horn-Undesignated
Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated

Central Notes

- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **The Day of Pentecost is** Sunday, May 15. The Pentecost offering will be received that morning during worship.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, May 15, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, May 15, following the Fellowship Luncheon, in the Conference Room.
- ▶ **The Deadline for the June Issue of the Central Scene** is Monday, May 16. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.
- ▶ **The Men's Group Is Looking for Feedback** and help in shaping our future. So, we ask all men of the church to take a few minutes of their time and fill out our survey enclosed in this issue (see insert). It's very important to hear from as many of you as possible! We look forward to having a great time together and doing the work of the Lord!
- ▶ **Memorial Day is Monday, May 30.** The church office will be closed that day.



VBS 2016 Planning is Underway!

The dates have been set, and preparations are being made for Vacation Bible School 2016. This year's VBS will be held July 14, 15, & 16, and the curriculum is called *Cade Quest*. Be sure to watch the monthly *Central Scene* and weekly bulletins for more details!

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 Classes: Tuesday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Ballroom Dance Lesson: 2nd Saturday - 7:00 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Ballroom Dance: 2nd Saturday - 8 to 11 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Blue Moon Sunday: 5th Sunday - 5 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.

Monthly Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Sunday - 12:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle: 2nd Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library

Regular Session Meeting: 3rd 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: 5th Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall

Youth Group: 2nd & 4th 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.

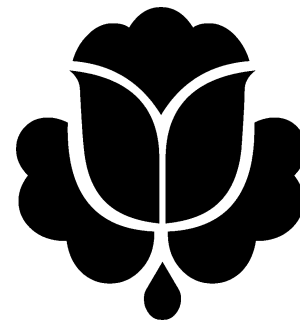


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Important Dates May

- 08 *Mother's Day*
- 09 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 15 *Day of Pentecost* - Pentecost offering received
Fellowship Luncheon - 12:15 - McElyea Hall
Session Meeting - 1 p.m. - Conference room
- 16 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 23 **Blue Moon Bingo & Potluck Night** - 5:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 30 *Memorial Day* - Office Closed



Youth News

Watch the bulletin as we are planning Youth Sunday. You don't want to miss this opportunity to see our youth take over and lead us in worship. It should be a real treat again this year. As the plans are put together we will let you know, so watch the bulletin for the latest information. We are also looking at some of the summer youth events. If you have ideas, please let our youth advisors know. We certainly welcome your input!

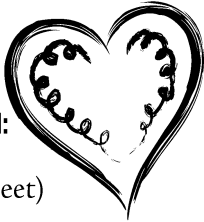
Congrats, Brianna!!

We are proud to announce the graduation of Brianna Nicole Rodriguez from Rison High School. All are invited to attend May 12, at 8:00 p.m., at the Rison Football Field, 700 Main Street, Rison, AR 71665.

Congratulations, Brianna, on this achievement, and we wish you all the best in all of your future endeavours!!

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

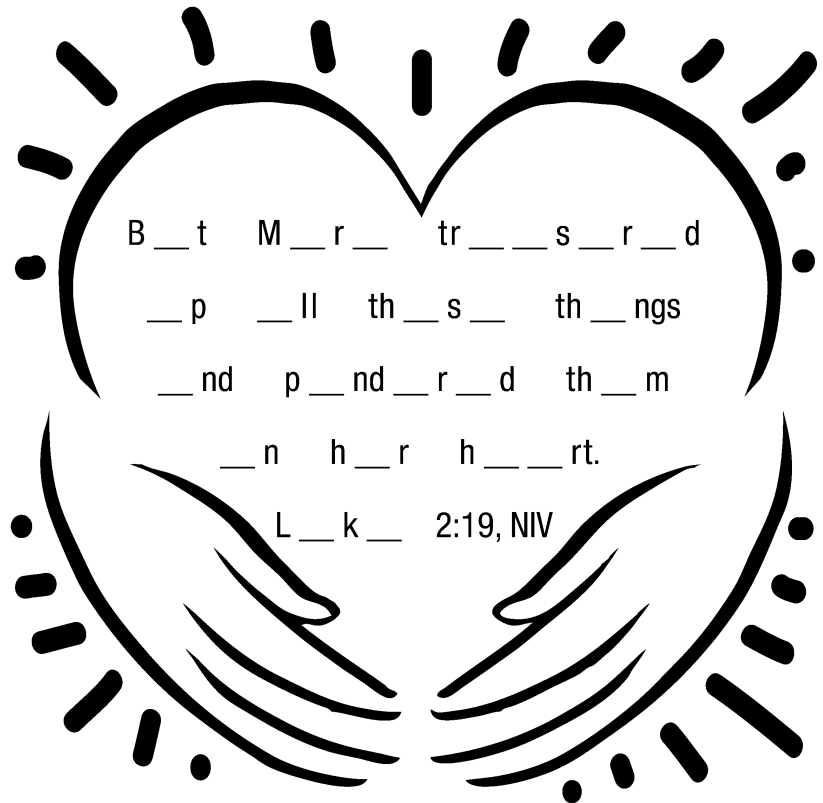


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

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Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

19 Mr. and Mrs. Jameson Massey
20 Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reeves

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 May

Sunday, May 1

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Sunday, May 8

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Ps. 97; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Sunday, May 15

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Sunday, May 22

Trinity Sunday

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Sunday, May 29

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39; Ps. 96; Gal. 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

CPC Men's Survey

CPC Men's Fellowship Group is looking to increase participation and wants to listen to what you'd like to see out of the group! Please answer this survey below and return them to Zac Cosner or the church office.

1) The Men currently meet on the third Saturday of the month at 8 am for Breakfast at a local restaurant. What day/time/meal would be best for you to meet on a monthly basis?

2) The last two men's retreat trips have been to the Buffalo River to Float, Fellowship, and have a nightly Bible Study. What kind of retreats would you be most interested in?

3) The men have performed several service projects around the church in the last several years including yardwork, painting, and closet cleaning. What service activities are you most interested in participating in?

4) What would motivate you to participate with the Men's Group more often? What are your general thoughts about the Men's Group? Please be as descriptive as possible and thank you for your time!
