

Central Scene

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

November 2016

Central Hosts Heritage Sunday

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday will be held here at Central on Sunday, November 13. This is the annual worship when folks from the three Presbyterian churches in Pine Bluff worship together. Please note:

- ▶ Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ We welcome worshippers from all three churches to join us for lunch in McElyea Hall following worship. Donations of \$10 to help cover the cost of the meal are encouraged.



It Is Time for the Annual PW Fall Bake Sale!

Come and join us for the Annual PW Fall Bake Sale on Saturday, November 19, at 9 a.m. Everyone is asked to start putting aside sale items (puzzles, books & jewelry only, please) and begin thinking about what baked goods and/or casseroles they might want to contribute to the sale. Items for the sale may be placed in the conference room. Proceeds from the sale will go toward PW mission projects throughout the year. Our Youth will provide a breakfast bar for shoppers (and anyone else who would like to join us for a morning meal). For more information, call the church office.



Place Your Order for Christmas Poinsettias

The church office will begin taking orders for poinsettias on November 27. They will be placed in the sanctuary beginning December 18, and will remain through Christmas Day. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead. To place an order, please fill out the enclosed form, and return it to the church office by December 16. The cost is \$15.00. All proceeds from the sale of the Poinsettia's goes toward the church's benevolent giving.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Christmas Project Is Underway!

Central has been asked to provide 75 cans of cranberry sauce by Tuesday, December 1, for the Christmas baskets. Cans may be placed in the box behind the round table in McElyea Hall. We have also been asked to consider sponsoring 8 or more children for Christmas. A donation of \$60 per child will insure that a child will wake up Christmas morning with toys and gifts under their tree. Any and all contributions are appreciated. For more information contact Neighbor to Neighbor at (870) 534-2883.



Moravian Love Feast to Be Held at Central

All are invited to join us on November 27, at 5 p.m., in McElyea Hall for the Moravian Love Feast. The Moravian Love Feast is an annual tradition here at Central, one which has grown and developed over the years. This year, folks are invited to bring sweet breads, soup, and sandwiches to share. We will gather as members of the family of God, and together we will seek God's blessing for our community and for our world.

Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive
P.O. Box 1105
Pine Bluff, AR 71613

...a congregation of the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.) through the Synod of the Sun and the
Presbytery of Arkansas.

Directory

Office Phone Number (870)879-9074

E-mail:
centralpc@cablelynx.com

Website:
www.centralprespb.com

Pastor: Reverend Jai D. Kwak

Choirmaster/Organist: Marty Shell

Secretary: Erin Shaw

Nursery Attendants: Laura & Zac Conser

Treasurer: Connie Detmers

Clerk of the Session: Betty Coles

Presbyterian Women Moderator: Betty Coles

Youth Advisory Team:

Marty Shell
Maggie Shell-Howsen
Dana Neal

SESSION

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
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 Pastor

Central Family & Friends,

The things that surround us, the things we call circumstances often dictate our faith life. We pray for healing when we are sick. We pray for His helping hands when we are in need. We ask His presence when we feel lonely. But how often do we pray God for those around us?

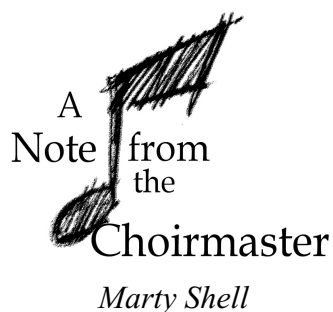
When Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Colosse, he opened the letter by saying, "We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you," (Colossians 1:3). And we find similar greetings from other letters He wrote. Paul and his disciples always thanked God for Christians who formed the community of faith. Even when he heard some bad news from the church of Corinth and wrote the letter to rebuke them, he opened the letter with such greeting; "I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus," (1 Corinthians 1:4)

When God calls us, He always calls us into a community. He did that with Israel, and He did the same with the early Christians. We too are called to be His people to do His 'Kingdom work,' which to me is, "love our God and love our neighbors" in the community of same faith. That is the very purpose of God's calling. God calls us to form a community which is saturated with His love. You are called to form a community which demonstrates the extravagant love of God. And that should be the very purpose of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Now, let us start doing that. Pay little more attention. Give little more care, little more love. In Christ, what seems little to us does wonder. That is what we see in the miracle of five loaves of barley bread and two fish. Look around! Ask with caring voices. And pray for them. Those who appear to be moving along well by our standards may be struggling in their life journey. Other believers, just like us, go through ebbs and flows in their journey. It shouldn't take a disaster for us to recognize their needs.

We can always learn something from Paul, who was no doubt deeply aware of the growth and struggles of other believers. Let us look around little harder. Maybe there is someone need your attention. Maybe there is someone need your kind word. Maybe, there is someone who longs to see the Love of Christ from you. We should stop and take notice of the faith journeys of the people around us-people in our church. Is there anyone who you can pray for?

Jai



Our work on our Christmas cantata has begun. Come and join us, it's not too late. We are always looking for one or two more to be a part of our choir. If you have an interest, please let one of the choir members know. Share your talents with your church family.

PW News



Central's Presbyterian Women will travel to Keo, AR, Nov 9, 2016. We will carpool. If you are interested in traveling with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call Kay Cromwell at 267-1384. She will be one of the drivers and the number of people signing up will determine how many

additional drivers are needed. It will be loads of fun. We hope you'll travel with us!

Central's Presbyterian Women have been invited to join First Presbyterian for their Joy Gift luncheon Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at their church. The cost is \$10. Entertainment will be provided by soloist, Charles Graham.

Kay Cromwell invites all of the women who were in the secret pal group to join her at her home on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at 2 p.m. for refreshments and our final gift exchange.

Daylight Saving Time ends!!

November 6 at 2 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour
Saturday, November 5th!

Central Notes

- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon For November Has Been Canceled.** We will meet for our regular luncheon on December 18.
- ▶ **the Men of the Church Will Meet for Their Regular Breakfast Meeting** Saturday, November 19, at 9 a.m., in McElyea Hall.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, November 20, in the conference room following the luncheon.
- ▶ **Central Will Host Vespers at Trinity Village** Sunday, November 20, at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are invited to attend.



November 2016

To the Saints at Central,

I can't find the words to tell you how grateful I am for all your kindness and support and energy and thoughtfulness and time and encouragement and feed-back and soul-searching and insights and so much more the past couple years. Trying to discern and to plan for Central's future

was a remarkable challenge, and you took it very seriously.

Patsy and I also thank you for the remarkable, totally unexpected Love Offering. You really touched us.

Please know our thoughts, our prayers, and our best wishes are with you all.

Sincerely,

Dave



Mary Shandy Wooten, 93, of White Hall, passed away Sunday, October 16, 2016. Services were held Thursday, October 20, 2016, in the Chapel of Ralph Robinson & Son with Reverend David S. King and Reverend Jai D. Kwak officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mary was born October 5, 1923 in Dumas, daughter of Bain Shandy and Emma Eddington Shandy. She was reared at Dumas and San Antonio, TX, before moving to White Hall at age 14. There she met Ray Wooten, and they were married December 13, 1941. They were married for sixty-seven years, until his death in 2009.

She was a talented artist and craftsman always busy with projects. She devoted her life to her husband, her children and her church. She was a long time member of Dollarway Presbyterian Church, where she served faithfully as Sunday school and Bible school teacher. She was presently a member of Central Presbyterian Church.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband; and three brothers, Bain Shandy, G.A. Shandy, and Eddie Shandy.

Survivors include her children, Mary Rester and husband Billy of Pine Bluff; her son, Cecil (Tommy) Wooten and wife Shirley of White Hall; sister, Hester Insley of East End; brother, Kelly Shandy of West Monroe, Louisiana; grandchildren, Marie D. Elliot (Bobby) of Pine Bluff, Tim Rester (Lori) of Haskell, Melissa Rester of Pine Bluff, Michelle Mangialardi (David) of Madison, Mississippi, Clay Wooten (Tina) of Bentonville and Jeana Garrett (Chris) of Miramar Beach, Florida; 15 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials should be made to Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603.



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Mary Wooten

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Sheila & Jimmy Horn
Jemmie Moseley
Suzy VonTungeln-Youth Fund
Ann Woolley-Presbyterian Women
Patsy & Dave King
Roy and Trish Ferrell
Ernest Irwin
Prissy's Lunch Bunch-
Shirley and Tommy Wooten-Presbyterian Women

In Loving Memory of Louis Bluerock

Barbara Harris-Landscape Fund

In Loving Memory of Lenora Roberson

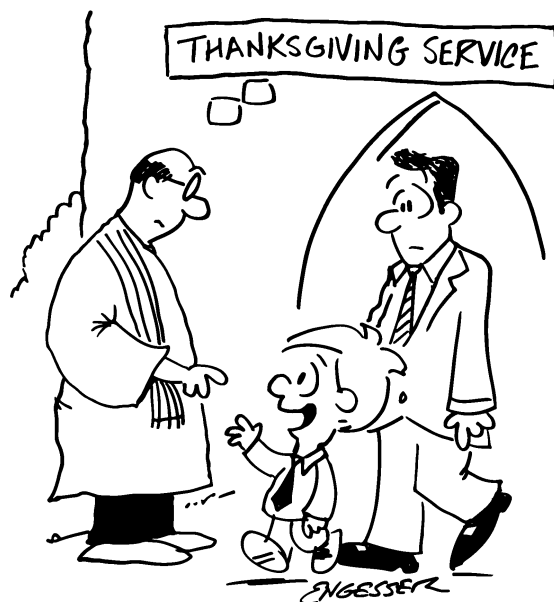
Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Sheila & Jimmy Horn
Ann Woolley-Choir Fund
Jemmie Moseley
Marlyn Blackwell
Suzy VonTungeln-Youth Fund

In Loving Memory of Mary Ward

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Sheila & Jimmy Horn
Jemmie Moseley
Karen & David Perdue
Ann Woolley-Youth Fund
Suzy VonTungeln-Youth Fund
Connie Detmers
Patsy & Dave King



The newsletter deadline for the **December** issue of **Central Scene** is **Monday, November 21**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



"Dad's thankful service finished in time to rush home and see the big game!"

Important Dates November

- 06 **Youth Mexican Pile-On Fundraiser Lunch** - following morning worship
- 08 *Election Day*
- 09 **PW Trip - Keo, AR** - 10:15 a.m.
- 13 **Heritage Sunday** - Joint Worship at Central - 10:30
Lunch will follow in McElyea Hall
- 14 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 19 **Annual PW Bake Sale w/ Youth Breakfast Bar** - 9 a.m. - McElyea Hall
- 20 **PW Thank Offering Received Session** - 1 p.m. - conference room
- Trinity Village Vespers** - 4 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall
- 21 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 24 *Thanksgiving Day*
Office Closed 24 & 25
- 27 *Begin Lectionary Year A*
Begin taking Poinsettia Orders
Moravian Love Feast - 5 p.m. - Details to be announced

Youth News

Thanks to Laura, Denise, and all who participated in the annual Trunk or Treat! Even though it was a rather *warm* October afternoon, it was a ton of fun, lots of food, fun and fellowship. The bouncy house was a great attraction, enjoyed by all the ghosts and goblins that came by and visited with us. Thanks to everyone who brought and/or helped with the food, and for those that brought treats for everyone! It was truly a great time for all!

Join us on Sunday November 6th following the service for the Youth Mexican Pile On. Costs are \$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 for kids 6-12, 5 and under free. Please plan on staying after the service to enjoy the fun, food and fellowship. We are so grateful for your continued support for our youth.

We are still in need of volunteers to lead a Sunday afternoon youth activities/devotion time twice a month. If you are interested in helping, please let one of the youth sponsors know.

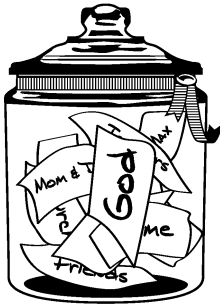
BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

come you these LORD if blessings you the accompany
Deuteronomy All on your obey will God you and

I	J	T	Z	Z	L	M	X	N	W	C	I	Z	Y	H
X	V	U	B	M	O	O	O	V	I	O	L	T	R	T
N	L	V	L	I	R	A	D	S	L	M	R	H	A	T
B	F	C	E	Z	D	T	X	O	L	E	D	E	L	D
O	S	K	S	L	O	D	A	B	V	G	W	S	L	E
H	G	Y	S	L	R	A	W	E	Y	J	E	E	U	U
I	O	R	I	W	F	I	C	Y	O	U	R	L	R	T
Z	D	B	N	I	A	B	Y	C	V	M	R	X	C	E
G	K	D	G	Y	D	M	A	O	O	T	U	F	M	R
C	T	I	S	Z	O	M	T	E	Q	M	P	N	T	O
C	X	C	I	D	U	U	O	L	R	D	P	T	C	N
F	S	X	F	R	T	L	P	M	F	B	L	A	A	O
Y	Y	Y	O	U	H	T	U	A	P	A	I	U	N	M
E	O	K	N	U	E	A	Z	U	F	E	F	B	D	Y
T	Q	U	Y	N	I	N	O	O	V	E	O	T	Z	I

" All

28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

Central Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1105
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Return Service Requested



05 Jayce Neal	13 Austin Howsen
06 Rose VonTungeln	14 Marie Carmody
07 Pat Drewett	Perdue
08 Jimmy Horn	16 Marie Bennett
11 Jay Cromwell	21 Scout Cromwell
12 Jane Judkins	25 Allison Cromwell



Lectionary Readings for the Month of November

Sunday, November 6

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20-27-38

Sunday, November 13

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King Sunday

Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday in Advent

Isa. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44



Poinsettias

Christmas Poinsettias

The church office is accepting orders for Christmas Poinsettias. The cost is \$15.00 each. Please fill out the form below, and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is December 16.

Donor(s)

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

No. of Poinsettias _____

_____ Please check here if you prefer not to purchase a plant, and have your contribution donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



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: 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: 3rd & 5th Sunday - 4:00 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.

