



Central Scene

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

November 2011

PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE SUNDAY

November 13, 2011
First Presbyterian Church
717 West 32nd Avenue
Pine Bluff, AR

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Lunch: Following Worship Service

Mark your calendar, and let's celebrate

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 December 26. 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 form on page 6, and return it to the church office by December 14. The cost is \$12.50.

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 books, and begin thinking about what baked goods and/or casseroles they might want to contribute to the sale. Items for the sale (puzzles & books only, please) may be placed in the conference room. Proceeds from the sale will go toward PW mission projects throughout the year. For more information, call the church office.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Christmas Project Is Underway!

Central has been asked to provide 100 cans of cranberry sauce by Wednesday, 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 10 or more children for Christmas. A donation of \$50 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 Sunday, November 27, at 6 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 to Volunteer at Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 2, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church members will act as volunteers for the donations received at the Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends at Regional Park. Come for awhile or the whole night. We plan to participate and have a hamburger/hot dog cookout at the event (provided we have sufficient turn-out). A sign up sheet will be posted in McElyea Hall for you to let us know if you plan to attend. Opens November 15 and runs through December 31.

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Cromwell

Nursery Attendant: Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors: Marty Shell
Rose Von Tungeln
Suzy Von Tungeln

SESSION

<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Jane Judkins	Zac Cosner
Bubba VonTungeln	Laura Festa
Amanda Chandler	Mike Kelley
George Mosley	Jemmie Moseley
Alvin Glover	John Parish

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I recently read a letter from our General Presbyter in which he spoke about the importance of building bridges. His article about bridges got me to thinking that we as people of faith are constantly in the process of building bridges. After all, the central message of the gospel is all about God's reconciling love for us as the created. Isn't that a bridge from us to God?

To carry on the thinking related to bridges, I also began to think about the old covered bridges and the fact that they were built to try and provide protection. How many times do we build covers over our bridges of reconciliation to make certain that we protect ourselves? How do we do that? We do it by not fully letting go of grievances or hurts that we harbor; the unkind word that someone may have whispered, the rumor or innuendo, the missed communication in which we may not fully have understood what someone else meant to say.

Perhaps, just as our society moved away from the need for covered bridges, we too need to move away from that sense of vulnerability which causes us to continue to seek shelter. "Let go, and let God." Trust that in all things God is present works miracles daily in our lives.

As a congregation, we need continually to be about the business of bridge building and reconciliation. May God grant us the wisdom to do so!

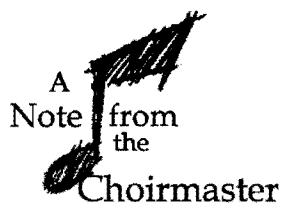
Grace and Peace,

Dan

Notice: Martha Roop entered the Church Triumphant on Monday, November 7, 2011. Arrangements were handled by Ralph Robinson and Son Funeral Directors. A memorial service was held at Central on Thursday, November 10, at 2 p.m.

Financial Report	September	2011	Year-to-Date	2011
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Pledges & Contributions	\$10,159	\$10,332	\$87,828	\$92,960
Texas Foundation Interest	\$0	\$1,333	\$8,242	\$11,998
Busick Trust Interest	\$0	\$2,000	\$12,600	\$18,000
Operating Revenue	\$10,159	\$13,665	\$108,670	\$122,958
Expenses	<u>\$16,255</u>	<u>\$17,126</u>	<u>\$161,143</u>	<u>\$157,788</u>
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	<u>-\$6,096</u>	<u>-\$3,461</u>	<u>-\$52,473</u>	<u>-\$34,830</u>

Note: We have received \$19,221 from the Belair Church Operating Account that was closed, \$5,943 from the Merle Reichen Estate Trust, and \$46, 626 from the Jack Perdue Estate Trust that does not appear above. These unbugeted funds received have allowed us to postpone withdrawing over \$34,000 from our Foundation Trust Balance that was projected in the 2011 Budget through September, 2011.



Marty Shell

Work is well underway on our Christmas Cantata and Advent selections. It's not too late to join us. Choir rehearsals this month move back to 6:30 - 8:00 p.m on Wednesdays. We encourage you to share your talents with us at Central. We still have room, also, for those who would like to join our handbell choir. Rehearsals will begin very soon as we will use them during Advent. Be sure to sign up today!

On Sunday, November 13, we will join with First Presbyterian to celebrate our Presbyterian Heritage. See the announcement on page one for more details. Our choirs will join forces to sing joyfully and help lead in this worship service. There will be a large collection of musicians assisting in this service, and you should not miss this grand celebration.

This month we also celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. May we all reflect on all the wonderful things God has blessed us with in our lives. Be sure to think of others during this time. Perhaps you could plan to visit or call someone that is alone during the holiday. Check on our homebound members and those with restricted mobility. God has given us the gift of life; let us go out into the world and let others see what God wants us to be in sharing with others! Have a safe and blessed holiday season.





Gifts to the Church



In Honor of Mary Wooten's Birthday

Mildred Gaunt-Playground Fund

Jemmie Moseley-Landscape Fund

Lynda Vick & Family and Nell Horne-Landscape Fund



In the Mailbag

November 2011

Dear Central Church Family,

I want to express my appreciation for helping to make my Birthday a very happy day.

Mary Wooten

To all my Christian Friends at Central Presbyterian Church,

Your prayers, thoughts, cards and visits sure did uplift my spirits during my recent hospital stay. Hopefully, I'm on the mend and want very much to get back on a regular schedule soon.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

In Christian love,

John Parish



Central Notes

- ▶ **We Are Especially Grateful** for our Youth and Youth Sponsors who provided a delicious meal for our Harvest Dinner on October 23.
- ▶ **Thanks to Everyone Who Came out and Participated** in our Blue Moon, Trunk or Treat activity on October 30. Everyone had a wonderful time! We thank all of our volunteers who pitched in that evening. Special thanks to Rose VonTungeln, Suzy VonTungeln, Bradley VonTungeln, Bubba VonTungeln and George Mosley for everything they did to help make this event such a great success.
- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **The Men of the Church Will Meet For Breakfast** on Saturday, November 19, at 8 a.m. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ▶ **The PW Thank Offering Will Be Received** Sunday, November 20, during morning worship.
- ▶ **The Sessional Class of 2012 Will Be Installed** Sunday, November 20, during morning worship.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, November 20, following morning worship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, November 20, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ **The Choir Will Not Meet** Wednesday, November 23. Regular rehearsals will resume November 30.
- ▶ **The Church Office Will Be Closed** Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- ▶ **We Will Decorate for Christmas** Saturday, November 26, at 9 a.m.
- ▶ **Lectionary Year B Will Begin** Sunday, November 27.

Memorial & Gift Opportunities

Playground Equipment

We are seeking special funds to purchase and install some playground equipment 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.

Memorial Bricks

If you have thought about making a lasting memorial to someone dear, **it is not too late** to purchase a memorial brick 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.

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.

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!

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 fundraising 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!



**“I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR
YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.”**

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV



Poinsettias

Christmas Poinsettias

The church office will begin accepting orders for Christmas Poinsettias on November 27. The cost is \$12.50 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form below and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is December 14.

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!

Youth Group: Sunday - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

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

Regular Session Meeting: 3rd Sunday - 1:30 p.m. - Conference Room

Blue Moon Sunday: 5th Sunday - 6 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Trinity Village Vespers: 5th Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall

“The Firm Believers” Aerobics: Mon. & Wed. - 9 to 10 a.m., Tues. & Thurs. - 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. *and* 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Weight Watchers: Monday - 12:00 p.m. & 5:45 p.m. - Youth Activities Building

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

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

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle: 2nd Tuesday - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library

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

NAMI Meetings: 2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

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

Noon Bible Study: Thursday - 12 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Al-Anon Parent’s Group: Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library

Lions Club Dinner Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Dominos: 2nd and 4th Friday - 1 to 3 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: 2nd or 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.

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

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

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



The holidays are drawing near...

Soon there will be cookies to bake,

Parties to attend,

Houses to decorate,

Shopping to do,

And presents to wrap!

So let Central Presbyterian Church

Lend a hand

At

“Wrap it up”

Our holiday wrapping fundraiser!

Saturday, December 10th, 10:00-3:00

And

Saturday, December 17th, 10:00-3:00

In the Youth/Activities Building

**Our elves will wrap your presents with style, and all of the proceeds go
to help fund our playground!**



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.



Youth News

We are grateful to everyone who works with our youth and youth programs. As we prepare to begin a new calendar year, we certainly could use additional volunteers. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

We are working already on our Christmas Play. Parts are being cast, and rehearsals are underway. We look forward to sharing this special presentation with you in December. Be sure to watch your weekly bulletins and December *Central Scene* for more details.

Important Dates November

- 06 Congregational Meeting
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 08 Morning Circle - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 09 PW Trip: Scott, AR - 10:15 a.m.
- 11 *Veteran's Day*
- 13 **Heritage Sunday** - First Presbyterian
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m.
No Services at Central
- 14 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 19 **Men of the Church** - meet for breakfast- 8a.m.
PW Annual Fall Bake Sale
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 20 **Christ the King Sunday**
Communion
PW Thank Offering Received
Installation of Officers
3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon - following worship
Session - following luncheon - conference room
- 21 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 24 **Thanksgiving Day** - Office Closed 24 & 25
- 26 Decorate for Advent/Christmas
- 27 **1st Day of Advent**
Begin Lectionary Year B
Begin taking Poinsettia Orders
Moravian Love Feast - 6 p.m. - McElyea Hall



SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

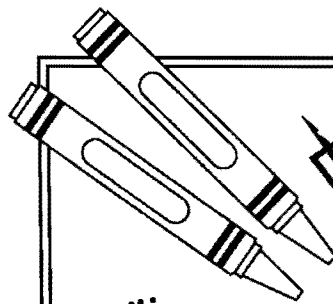
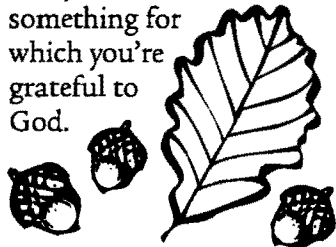
Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



PUZZLE

Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

"_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____." PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts

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05 Jayce Neal	13 Austin Howsen
05 Mark Baran	14 Marie Carmody
06 Rose VonTungeln	Perdue
07 Pat Drewett	14 Patsy King
08 Carolyn Mebane	16 Marie Bennett
08 Jimmy Horn	21 Scout Cromwell
11 Jay Cromwell	23 Tyler Lee
12 Jane Judkins	25 Allison Cromwell

Lectionary Readings for the Month of November

Sunday, November 6

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18;
Matt. 25:1-13

Sunday, November 13

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Judges 4:1-7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King Sunday

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 100; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt.
25:31-46

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday in Advent

Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark
13:24-37