

Central Scene

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

November 2013

It Is Time for the Annual PW Fall Bake Sale

Come and join us for the Annual PW Fall Bake Sale on Saturday, November 23, 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.

Place Your Order for Christmas Poinsettias

The church office will begin taking orders for poinsettias on November 24. They will be placed in the sanctuary beginning December 15, 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 enclosed form and return it to the church office by December 15. The cost is \$12.50.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Christmas Project Is Underway

Central has been asked to provide 100 cans of cranberry sauce by December 2, for the Christmas baskets. Cans may be placed in the box on the round table in McElyea Hall.

We have also been asked to consider sponsoring 10 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 Sunday, December 1, 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.

Run for Your Wife!

All are invited to join us for another trip to Murry's Dinner Playhouse. The cost is \$35 per person. We will leave the church on November 23, at 5:15 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The deadline for reservations is November 17. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who would like to join us. Continue reading for more details!

Cab driver John Smith is mugged one day and is taken home by a helpful policeman. Unfortunately, the policeman takes him to the wrong home – it seems John Smith has two homes and two wives, and according to his carefully laid out schedule he is supposed to be with wife #2! Confused? It will all come together in this hilarious collection of mistaken identities and Mr. Smith tries to juggle two wives, two homes, and two very suspicious police detectives.

Come and join us for this wonderful presentation, the perfect holiday treat!

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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.

Coming Events

PW Thank Offering Received
November 17

PW Bake & Rummage Sale
November 23, 2013

Christ the King Sunday/Last Sunday before Advent
November 24, 2013
Announce the 2014 Budget and consecrate pledges
Begin taking orders for Christmas poinsettias

Thanksgiving Day
November 28, 2013
Office Closed 11/28 & 29

Decorate for Christmas/Advent
November 30, 2013

1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2013
Begin Lectionary Year A
Moravian Love Feast
Magi's Market Begins

Wrap It Up!
December 14 & 21
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Youth/Activities Building

4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013
Annual Christmas Cantata
Christmas Joy Offering Received
Fellowship Luncheon

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2013
Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day
December 25, 2013
Office Closed

**Be sure to check out your weekly bulletins and the December issue
of *Central Scene* for more details on these upcoming events!**

A
Note from
the
Choirmaster
Marty Shell

We have already begun work on our Annual Christmas Cantata. If you hurry, we can certainly get you in and get you going on our performance.

Thanks again to the choir for all the hard work they have done learning a new

anthem in short order to perform on Heritage Sunday service at First. Many thanks to all that have volunteered to help out with this service, from carrying a banner, greeting, ushering, kitchen help and many more tasks to make this service so special. Thanks!! We couldn't have done it without you!!! You always make the difference.

As yet another page of the calendar has been turned, we will celebrate Thanksgiving... already!!! Wow, how the year has seemed to fly on by. As we approach this special holiday, may we all look around at our families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Remember to say thanks and count the blessings that we all have to share with each one. Even for the little things in life that take place, sometimes without us noticing, please remember to thank those loved ones. We are truly blessed at Central to have each and every one of you to help make the difference in our community and our world.



It Is Time for Wrap it Up!

Overwhelmed by the thought of holiday gift wrapping? Let us do the work! On Saturday, December 14 & 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can bring your items to the Youth/Activities building to have them wrapped. The price list is as follows:

Small Gifts-\$3.00
CD's, Books, jewelry, candles.

Medium Gifts-\$5.00
Shirt sized boxes, board games, dolls, calendars, and shoe boxes.

Large Gifts-\$10.00
Large clothes boxes, coats, small kitchen appliances.

All benefits from Wrap it Up will benefit Central Presbyterian Women's Missions. For more information or to volunteer, contact **Laura Pierce (870-247-5392 or Amber Poss (870-550-1592).**

The Magi's Market



It is time once again for the Magi's Market. The Missions Committee, in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church, is again offering the opportunity for you to purchase gifts for family and friends while supporting important mission ministries in our church, our community, and around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving. Your friends and/or family members will receive a Christmas card acknowledging a gift in their honor from you, and the ministry you choose will receive 100% of your financial donation to use as you have specified.

Booklets will soon be available with more specific information about the Magi's Market and a Christmas catalog so that you can decide beforehand which gifts you would like to give. Please be in prayer for our successful participation in this unique occasion to give meaningful gifts in the true Spirit of Christmas.





Shelburn Farrah Lee, 93, of White Hall, died Friday, November 1, 2013, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff. Funeral services were held November 4, 2013, in the Chapel of Ralph Robinson & Son, with the Rev. Jim Monroe officiating. Graveside services followed at Clement Cemetery, Grapevine.

A native of the Grapevine community, he served in the Navy during World War II and was assigned to a naval air station in Rhode Island where as an aviation metalsmith he made parts to repair the Chance Vought Corsair, the carrier-capable fighter aircraft flown by the Navy and Marines. He received a commendation for a suggestion to increase production of the spare parts.

Following his discharge, he attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture. He taught agriculture at Dumas for 11 years and his wife,

Mary Ella Beaver Lee, taught at the Dumas elementary school. He was designated a Ding Dong Daddy of Dumas in 2004.

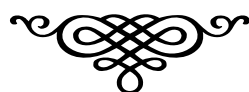
After leaving the classroom, he was a territory manager for more than a decade with Oliver Corp., the farm equipment firm. He later established the Lee Co. in Pine Bluff to sell power tools and lawn equipment, closing the firm in 1992 when he retired.

He was invited to fly to the nation's capital in October 2012 to tour the World War II Memorial and received his commemorative pin from retired Army Brig. Gen. Evelyn "Pat" Foote, one of the original members of the memorial committee. "It was a very moving experience," Lee said later. "I am not ashamed to say I cried more than once."

A member of Central Presbyterian Church, he was a Sunday school teacher for 50 years.

He was preceded in death by Mary Ella, his wife of 59 years. Survivors include three sons, Brent (Susan) Lee of Atlanta, Lloyd (Lew) Lee of Pine Bluff and Kim (Anne) Lee of Atlanta, and seven grandchildren, Kendall, Morgan, Jennifer, Cedric, Mary Elizabeth, Nathaniel and Nicholas Lee.

Individuals wishing to leave a lasting memorial have been asked to consider White Hall Veterans Memorial care of White Hall City Hall.



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Shelburn F. Lee

Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated

Ann and Terry Smith-Undesignated

Ann Woolley-Choir

Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated

Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated

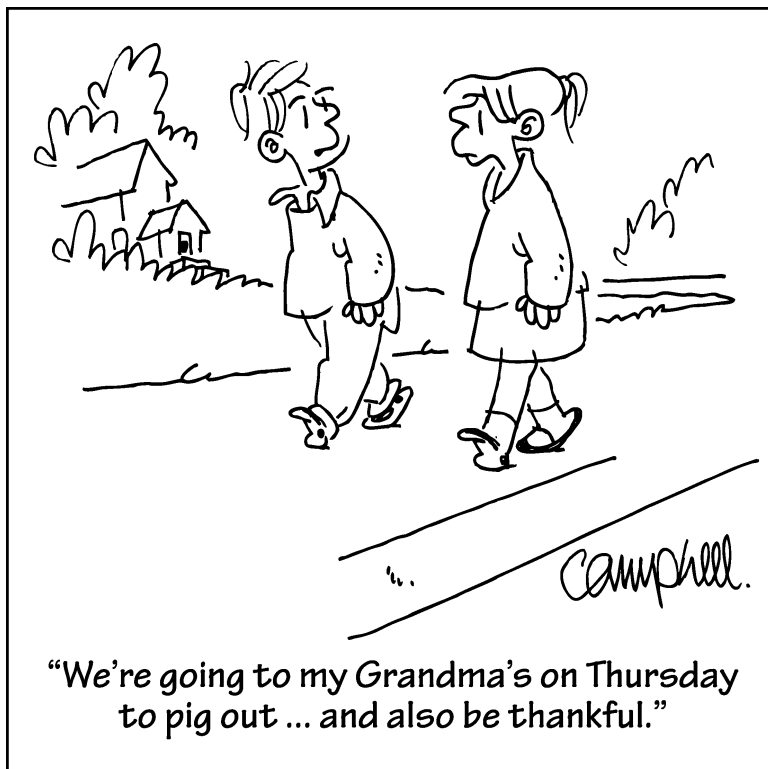
Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Undesignated



The newsletter deadline for the **December** issue of **Central Scene** is **Monday, November 18**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Important Dates November

- 03 Heritage Sunday
Daylight Saving Time ended
- 11 Veteran's Day
Evening Circle: 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 12 Morning Circle: 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 16 **Baby Shower for Amber Poss**
- 17 *PW Thank Offering received*
Monthly Fellowship Luncheon - following worship
Session - 3 p.m. - conference room
- 18 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 23 **Annual PW Bake Sale**
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
McElyea Hall
- 24 **Christ the King Sunday**
Announce the 2014 Budget
Consecrate the Pledge
Begin taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias
- 28 **Thanksgiving Day**
Office Closed 28 & 29
- 30 Decorate for Christmas - 9 a.m.



"We're going to my Grandma's on Thursday to pig out ... and also be thankful."



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Dear Friends,

Laura and I would like to thank you for the financial gifts we received from Central along with some individual gifts following our leave taking. To say it was useful during our transition would be a gross understatement! But, more than the money we have appreciated all of your well wishes during our move and subsequent wreck. We have been so richly blessed with good health and dear friends. We continue to treasure and hold you in our thoughts and prayers. If any of you are ever passing through Missouri, Laura and I would be delighted to see any of you. Thanks too for the many wonderful memories and the time spent in your presence. Wishing you all the best!!

Grace and Peace,

Dan and Laura Festa

What you need:

- An adult's help
- Miniature pumpkins (palm size)
- Tea light candles
- Pencil
- Sharp knife
- Spoon

What you do:

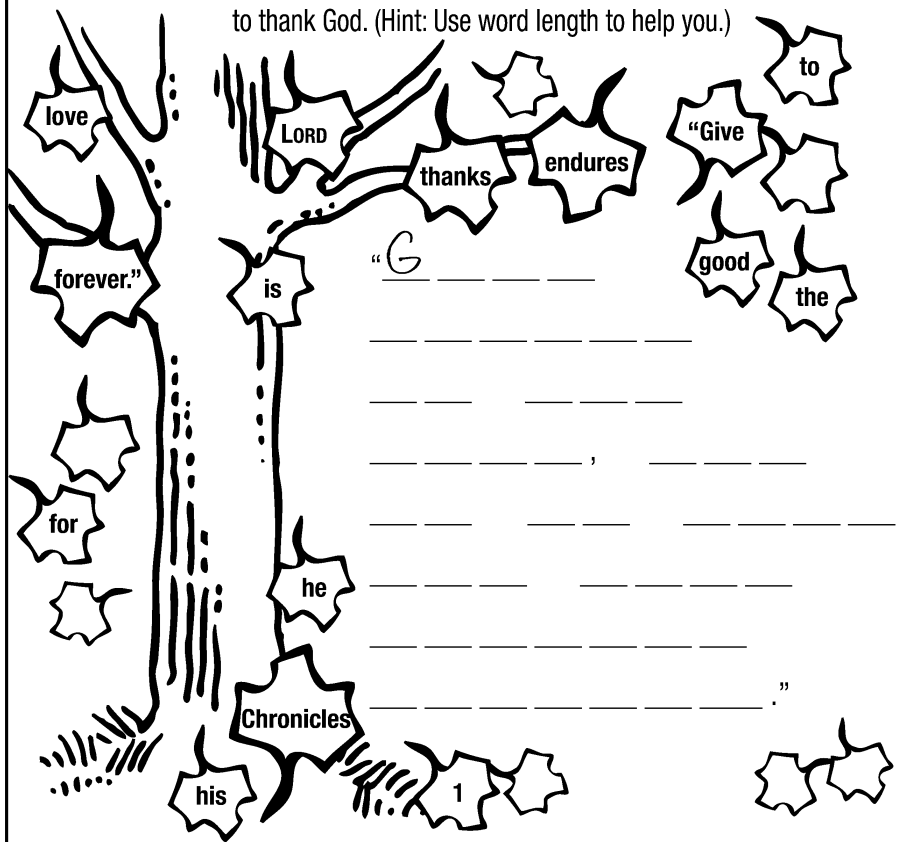
1. Place a candle on top of each miniature pumpkin and trace around the candle's base.
2. Have an adult cut around the circle.
3. Scoop out the pulp and seeds.
4. Place a candle inside. Keep scooping, if necessary, so the candle sits inside the pumpkin nicely.
5. Decorate your dinner table with the pumpkins. Have an adult light the candles for you.



Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)



16:34, NIV

Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love endures forever," 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

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05 Mark Baran	14 Marie Carmody
06 Rose VonTungeln	Perdue
07 Pat Drewett	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 3

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; *Ps. 119:137-144*; 2 Thess. 4:1-4, 11-2; Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, November 10

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 17

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday

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