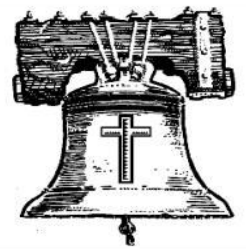


CENTRAL Chimes



Central Presbyterian Church

P E T E R S B U R G , I L L I N O I S

Hello Friends:

Election Day is upon us (November 5). How are you feeling about election day? Are you excited? Are you worried? Are you thankful that you have the ability to vote? As a Minister of the Gospel, I have observed that there seems to be quite a few people who are extra nervous about this presidential election. It is true that our nation and world are facing some pretty unique, challenging, and even potentially scary situations. Then again, history tells us that our nation and world, no matter the generation or time period, has **always** faced some pretty unique, challenging, and even potentially scary situations! Let me attempt to bring you some assurance and/or comfort in these seemingly uncertain times.

First and foremost. Let us remember that we are citizens of the Kingdom of Christ, and this citizenship supersedes all other citizenships or affiliations. Our hope is not in any government, any politician, or any country. Our hope is in our Creator and Redeemer over and above anything or anyone. We do not need to "ring our hands" or experience panic if the candidate we voted for does not get in the White House, because our hope was never in that candidate or office to begin with! The "sky is not falling" if we think the wrong political party gains power, because God is in His Heaven and His Kingdom will never falter, fail, or extinguish, and we are citizens of that Kingdom!

Do we still pray for our country, and love our country, and want a healthy future for our country? Sure! Do we still vote with a sense of gratitude for the freedoms that others have fought and died for? Yes! Do we have our own political opinions, and do we inevitably (whether consciously or unconsciously) allow our Christian World view to inform those opinions? Absolutely! But, do we allow fear to control us, depending on which political leaders rise, and which political leaders fall? No! Christ is our provider, and through His death, burial, and resurrection our truest needs have been met! We have been provided for!

Truly, when compared to The Kingdom of God, the things of The Kingdom of Man (including politics), are of second importance—so don't get too excited! In light of this, let us **show grace to one another**, recognizing that people with a strong Faith, and in good faith, form opinions that may differ from ours, and that they may support candidates different from ours, and that this is OK, **and that we should listen, learn, and love one another even if we don't always agree**—Pray, Vote, and Be At Peace!

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
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Highlights of Regular Session Meeting on October 17, 2024



- Home Communion was served to a total of 4 individuals during June and July.
- **MOTION: That a Blue Christmas Service will be held at Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m. Motion made and seconded. APPROVED.**
- 2025 Stewardship drive is underway. Administration asked that pledges and time talent cards be returned by Sunday, November 3 so that the committee can finalize the 2025 budget.
- Thank you to Linda Claussen and Pastor Ryan for handing out and representing Central at the Jaycee's "Safe and Drug Free" Halloween Parade held on Saturday, October 19.
- Thank you to the Deacons and Christian Education for organizing the Weiner Roast following worship on Sunday, October 20.
- Central will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 24. The time of service is yet to be determined.
- Pastor Edgecombe Report for September:
 - Made numerous pastoral home visits, hospital visits, nursing home visits, telephone calls.
 - Funeral service for Janet Scheina.
 - Attended PORTA Ministerial meeting.
 - Regularly attends Food Pantry meetings.
 - Bible study continues.
 - Preached at the Annual Lincoln Railsplitter Festival in Lincoln, Illinois.

Administration Committee News

Financial

- Our income year to date is \$7,515.03 above budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$9,486.35. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$4,084.86 lower than our expenses.
- Treasurer's report, General, Obligated Funds and MMF were reviewed by the Committee.
- The Scout Troop trailers have been sold and the monies deposited in the Obligated Funds, Scout account.
- Designated and Endowment Funds were also reviewed.
- Julie Wankel, Edward Jones, will attend our November meeting to give us investment options.
- The checkbook balance, including Obligated Funds, is \$33,488.72.
- Work has started on preparing our 2025 budget. The two major items to be completed are the insurance lines and the Pledges for the coming year.

Building and Ongoing Projects

- We continue to investigate options for the phone in the elevator.
- The Food Pantry has moved to their new location. The church will continue to be utilized for extra storage.
- Central has committed to being involved with other local churches on a billboard sign entering Petersburg to welcome visitors.
- New flooring will be installed in the back hall off of the kitchen. Monies to come from the Memorial Fund.
- The Worship Committee needs to purchase music for our Sunday services that matches our Presbyterian Hymnal. This can be an online option or something that can be installed on the sanctuary computer.

Submitted by Steven Territo, Chairperson

Catechism Corner

Catechism Corner From *κατηχέω*, ("to teach orally")

I thought it might be useful for us to review and reflect a little each month from a catechism used by the PCUSA. Hopefully this will serve a purpose in helping us think deeper about our faith and even inspire us towards a greater pursuit of Christian Theology grounded in Holy Scripture. I pray you find this new section in the newsletter helpful. I enjoy talking theology so come by the church if you have questions or thoughts about these!

The Study Catechism: Full Version Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Question 66. What do you affirm when you speak of “the communion of saints?”

All those who live in union with Christ, whether on earth or with God in heaven, are “saints.” Our communion with Christ makes us members one of another. As by His death, He removed our separation from God, so by His Spirit He removes all that divides us from each other. Breaking down every wall of hostility, He makes us, who are many, one body in Himself. The ties that bind us in Christ are deeper than any other human relationship.

Ephesians 2:19-20 "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone."

Romans 12:5 "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

Galatians 3:28 "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are in Christ Jesus."

Question 67. How do you enter into communion with Christ and so with one another?

By the power of the Holy Spirit as it works through Word and sacrament. Because the Spirit uses them for our salvation, Word and sacrament are called “means of grace.” The Scriptures acknowledge two sacraments as instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ—baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

1 Corinthians 10:17 "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

1 Corinthians 12:13 "For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Question 68. What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a special act of Christian worship, instituted by Christ, which uses a visible sign to proclaim the promise of the gospel for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The sacramental sign seals this promise to believers by grace and brings to them what is promised. In baptism the sign is that of water; in the Lord’s Supper, that of bread and wine.

Mark 1:9-11 "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And Just as He was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on Him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased.'"

Mark 14:22-25 "While they were eating, He took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it He broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take, this is my body.' Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to

them 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'"

Question 69. How do you understand the relationship between the word of promise and the sacramental sign?

Take away the word of promise, and the water is merely water, or the bread and wine, merely bread and wine. But add water, or bread and wine, to the word of promise, and it becomes a visible word. In this form it does what by grace the word always does: it brings the salvation it promises, and conveys to faith the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. The sacraments are visible words which uniquely assure and confirm that no matter how greatly I may have sinned, Christ died also for me, and comes to live in me and with me.

Luke 24:30-31 *"When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight."*

1 Corinthians 10:16 *"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?"*
Colossians 1:27 *"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

Quotation Station

Thoughts on "Peace"

"All the peace and favor of the world cannot calm a troubled heart; but where this peace is which Christ gives; all the trouble and disquiet of the world cannot disturb it." --Robert Leighton
(17th Century Church of Scotland bishop)

"I have taken all my good deeds and all my bad deeds, and cast them through each other in a heap before the Lord, and fled from both, and be taken myself to the Lord Jesus Christ, and in Him I have sweet peace!" --David Dickson
(17th Century Church of Scotland Pastor)

"The night is long, and dark, and stormy, but the morning must come; and oh what a sunrise will it be!" --John Angell James
(19th Century English Nonconformist Clergy)

"If God be our God, He will give us peace in trouble. When there is a storm without, He will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble." --Thomas Watson
(17th Century Puritan)

"In heaven there is perfect peace; for there is perfect holiness, and there is God, who is love." --Matthew Henry
(17th Century British Nonconformist Minister)

Monthly Jokes

Did you hear about the turkey who lost his left leg?

Answer: He is all right now!

Why is corn so popular on Thanksgiving?

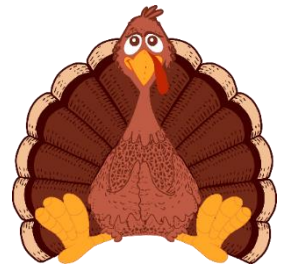
Answer: Because it is a-maize-ing!

What does the turkey do on the computer?

Answer: Google, Google!

What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving?

Answer: Lucky!



Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 3, 2021



*Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed Saturday, November 2!
Daylight savings time ends on November 3 at 2 a.m.*

It's Time for 2025 Stewardship Drive

By now you should have received a mailing from Central that begins our annual Stewardship Drive. A steward is defined as “One who engages in Christ’s mission using every resource at his command, both of **personality** and **possessions**, in grateful and obedient response to God’s love.” We encourage you to prayerfully consider your pledge for Time and Talent (personality), as well as to the General Fund and the Major Maintenance Fund (possessions).

The Time & Talent Survey card is needed at this time for planning next year’s worship schedule, committees, and events.

Your pledges to the General and Major Maintenance Funds are vital in the budgeting process for 2025. The General Fund is used for monthly expenses (electricity & gas, insurance, payroll, supplies, etc.). The Major Maintenance Fund covers the costs of building needs (such as the removal of sanctuary radiators and carpet repair, painting of the sanctuary, exterior masonry repairs, repairs and upgrades of the elevator) without relying on the General Fund.

Please complete and return these cards, included in your mailing, no later than **Sunday, November 3**. Extra letters with cards will be available on the Narthex table if needed. Cards may be dropped off in the office, placed in the Admin. Asst. mailbox outside the office, mailed to the church (210 W. Douglas St.), or dropped in the offering plate on Sunday. The Administration Committee has already begun work on the budget process, so your submissions (no matter how great or small they may be) are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your faithfulness in making a pledge to YOUR church!

COATS

Planning has begun for the 2024 COATS (Clothing of All Types and Sizes) program. Rebecca Rowe is coordinating this program again this year. We will be collecting during the month of November. The shopping trip with the kids has not yet been set, but usually takes place the first week of December. If you would like to donate funds specifically for this program, please use a labeled offering envelope from the pews.

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service held at Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, November 24. Time yet to be determined.

Church Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

The Church office will be closed Friday, November 29, in observance of Thanksgiving. Please call Marilyn Montgomery, Deacon Chair, if you have an emergency.

Worldwide Communion Observed

The first Sunday in October is designated as Worldwide Communion Sunday. In the past, neighboring churches gathered to share in the partaking of communion together. This year the tradition was rekindled; Central celebrated communion on Sunday, October 6, with the Petersburg Methodist Church. Following Pastor Ryan's sermon, the congregation left the sanctuary and met with the Methodist congregation in the yard at the Edgar Lee Masters' home. Elements were distributed by elders from both churches, and communion was taken as a group. We value the opportunity to unite with area Christians to share in this expression of our faith.



Safe & Drug Free Halloween Party

Downtown Petersburg was filled on Saturday, October 19, with children dressed in Halloween costumes. Children paraded from the National Bank to the square, visited businesses and organizations, and were offered a hot dog meal. The Jaycees sponsored the annual Safe & Drug Free Halloween Party. Thanks to Linda Claussen and Pastor Ryan for representing Central! They passed out Bible verse bookmarks and candy, of course, to the Trick-or-Treaters.



Fall Wiener Roast

Sunday, October 20, was what, hopefully, will be an annual event again! Twenty-four members and friends met at New Salem State Park for a “Wiener Roast” after worship. It was a beautiful Fall day with great weather. Everyone was asked to bring a dish to pass, and Christian Education and the Deacons provided the hot dogs/buns, condiments, drinks and s’mores. Following the meal, the kids—and some adults—enjoyed carving pumpkins and decorating Halloween cookies.



Thank You

CPC recently lost two very special long-time members, and below are the “Thank You” notes received from the families of Mary Rose Satorius and Janet Scheina:

“Dear Servants at Central Presbyterian Church: Thank you so very much for serving and providing a meal at the church in honor of our sweet mom. As you know, the church meant so much to both mom and dad, and they enjoyed all the time spent there through the years. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are appreciated by all of us! Thank you!” --Love Mark, Denise, and Vicki, family of Mary Rose Satorius

“Dear Central Presbyterian Church: On behalf of the Scheina and Martin families, thank you to the Bereavement Team and the entire congregation for all of your kindness and support during our time of loss. We are so grateful for the church community that mom cared for so much. We would not have chosen any other location to celebrate mom’s life through visitation, funeral, and bereavement meal. The fellowship, food, and service was excellent. The love and comfort was very welcoming and special. Mom would be so proud.” --With gratitude, Patrick Scheina

Keep Connected

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe is in church on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** If you wish to make an appointment to visit with him, please call the church office at 217-632-2651.

Members are encouraged to continue to stay connected with the church family. If you have an emergency or are in need of assistance from Central, please contact:

Church Office, 217-632-2651, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; or leave a message anytime. All messages will be forwarded to the appropriate committee or person.

Another option for keeping connected is through the use of the **Central Presbyterian Prayer Chain** on Facebook. Group prayer is so powerful. The congregation is encouraged to reach out with any prayer request—nothing is too trivial! The posts are seen only by group members. If you are a Facebook user but not yet a group member, look us up and join today!

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the **December 2024 Chimes** submitted to the church office no later than **–Friday, November 22**. A **Microsoft Word file** attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. **Please reference “Chimes article” in the subject line.** Please email the church with any suggestions as to what you may want to see in the **Chimes**. Our email address is office@central-pres.org.

Menard Caring Food Pantry

The Menard County Food Pantry is now **Menard Caring Food Pantry**, and its new location is at The Community Cottage in Petersburg, 119 W. Douglas Street. Hours of operation are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The new location will offer fresh garden vegetables in season and refrigerated/frozen items as available in addition to pantry items. Households can utilize the food pantry once a month.

For questions or more information, please contact: Lindsay Wilken, Food Pantry Coordinator at 217 717-2551, or Anne Smith, Menard Caring Treasurer at 217-303-8968.

November is “**Thanks for Giving**” (holiday side dishes). Donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex.

Diaper Bank Needs

The Diaper Bank is currently in need of sizes 1-4 diapers and pull-ups. They are well stocked with baby wipes, as well as adult briefs and pads. Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation is always accepted.

Health Notes: *submitted by Alice Studzinski*

Cholesterol

Is it bad? What does it do?

Cholesterol is a waxy substance found throughout the body. Your body needs it to build cells and make vitamins and other hormones. It's not "bad" unless you have too much of it.

Cholesterol comes from two sources. Your liver makes all the cholesterol you need. The remainder of the cholesterol in your body comes from foods from animals. For example, meat, poultry, and dairy products all contain dietary cholesterol. Those same foods can also be high in saturated and trans fats. These fats can increase the cholesterol in your body. For some people, this added cholesterol means they go from a normal cholesterol level to one that's unhealthy.

Some tropical oils, such as palm oil, palm kernel oil, and coconut oil, contain saturated fat that can increase bad cholesterol. These oils are often found in baked goods.

Cholesterol circulates in the blood. As the amount of cholesterol in your blood increases, so does the risk to your health. High cholesterol contributes to a higher risk of cardiovascular diseases, such as heart disease and stroke. If you have other risk factors, such as smoking, high blood pressure, or diabetes, your risk increases even more. That's why it's important to be tested, so you can know your levels.

The two types of cholesterol are LDL, which is bad, and HDL, which is good. Too much of the bad kind, or not enough of the good kind, increases the risk cholesterol will slowly build up in the inner walls of the arteries, such as those that feed the heart and brain. This can lead to a blood clot forming, which can block one of these narrowed arteries causing a heart attack or stroke.

When it comes to cholesterol, remember to check, change, and control. That is:

- **Check** your cholesterol levels. It's key to know your numbers and assess your risk.
- **Change** your diet and lifestyle to help improve your levels.
- **Control** your cholesterol, with help from your health care professional if needed.

October Scenes from Central



White Chili

Taste of Home

Ingredients

- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tbsp. canola oil
- 2 cans (15 1/2 oz. ea.) great northern beans, rinsed and drained.
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) chicken broth
- 2 cans (4 oz. ea.) chopped green chilies
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- Optional: Tortilla chips, shredded cheddar cheese, and sliced seeded Jalapeno pepper



Directions:

1. In a large saucepan, sauté the chicken, onion and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add the beans, broth, chilies and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes..
2. Remove from the heat; stir in sour cream and heavy cream. If desired, top with Tortilla chips, cheese and Jalapenos.

Total Time: Prep Time:10 min. Cook Time: 40 minutes. Yield: 7 servings

Jiffy Cornbread

Ingredients

- 2 (8.5 oz.) boxes of Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cups milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- Optional: 1/4 cup sugar (if you prefer sweet cornbread)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease an 8x8" baking dish.
2. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl, whisking thoroughly to combine. Pour batter into prepared baking dish.
3. Bake for 25-35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Notes

Sugar is optional—if you prefer a sweeter cornbread, add sugar. You can substitute the sugar for 3 tbsp. of honey instead.

If you want to make corn muffins, grease 12 wells of a muffin pan. Fill each well about 2/3 of the way full, and bake for about 15-20 minutes.



Happy Birthday!

Octogenarians

Nov. 25 Judith Stahl Concordia Village, 401 W. Iles Ave., #4135, Springfield, IL 62711
 Nov. 26 Janene Tice 16756 Schirding Ave., Petersburg, IL 62675

Nov. 1	Cindy Godbey	Nov. 14	Lauren Johnson
Nov. 1	Vicki J. Johnson	Nov. 15	Jacob W. Gerdes
Nov. 4	Sadie Jane Groh	Nov. 16	Jim Satorius
Nov. 5	Sherrilyn Roberts	Nov. 17	Rodney Davis
Nov. 8	William (Bill) Montgomery	Nov. 23	Robert Winkelmann

Worship Leaders

	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, Nov. 3	Sherri Roberts	Patrik Claussen	Patrik Claussen
Sunday, Nov. 10	Ron Sanert	Chris Ford	
Sunday, Nov. 17	Cindy Godbey	John Godbey	
Sunday, Nov. 24	Cheryl Drake	Rebecca Rowe	

If you cannot fulfill your duty as liturgist or usher/greeter, please find someone to take your place. Also, let the church office know of the changes as soon as possible.

Worship Attendance

October 6	25	October 20	37
October 13	32	October 27	35

Average Worship Attendance: 32





Members:

Emma Lou Denton
Steve Hollis
Ashley Kveton
Alia Montgomery

Marilyn Montgomery
Jo Ann Morris
Ken Morris
Ron Sanert

Jim Satorius
Judy Stahl
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)
Ava (Granddaughter to a friend of R. Davis)
Raeleigh Bess (P. & M. Montgomery's great niece)
Kelly Bessie (M. Montgomery's friend)
Clarice Blout (B. Satorius' grandmother)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)
Jim Daugherty (Former Boy Scout Leader
affiliated w/CPC)
Barb Deihl (L. Williams' cousin)
Bethany Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's wife)
Vicki Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's mother)
Ellen (W. Carter's friend)
Katie Embrey (Phyllis Hunsaker's granddaughter)
Linda Ewing (D. & C. Long's friend)
Liam Grogan (D. & C. Long's nephew)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Janet (J. Gamage's sister)
Rich Kelso (C. Godbey's brother)
Dorothy King (A. Montgomery's sister)
Family of Harold "Boyce" Krusemark (Pastor
Ryan's friend)
Cade Leesman (D. & C. Long's friend)
David "Anthony" Long (D. & C. Long's son)
Kathy Long (D. & C. Long's sister-in-law)

Jason Magerl (D. & C. Long's friend)
Family of Cayden Mahr (B. Satorius' relative)
Manny Martinez (D. Long's friend)
Jerry Naughton (D. & C. Long's friend)
Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Jeremy Potts (son of G. & J. Horn's friend)
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)
Blair Rowe (R. Rowe's daughter)
Kevin Scarlett (B. Edgecombe's uncle)
Dawn Schafer (S. Schafer's daughter-in-law)
Richard Schafer (S. Schafer's husband)
Kay Siegrist (L. Williams' friend)
Jeff Smith (D. & C. Long's friend)
Mary Stephenson (D. Stephenson's mother)
Nancy Swift (R. Pinkston's cousin)
Annie Territo (S. Territo's stepmother)
Family of Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)
Jimmie Thompson (R. Rowe's friend)
Ted Tisdale
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Debbie & Rick Woods
Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's
granddaughter)

Please pray for all we know who are homebound, residing in care facilities, undergoing surgery or medical treatment, serving in the military or who are away from their family and friends.

In Our Communities and In Our World:

Our young people on college campuses
Our youth so that they may find Christ
Victims of sexual assault
Racial equality
Peace between nation neighbors

Victims of gun violence/mass shootings
Displaced peoples in the world
People who are affected by the Ukraine/Russia
& Israel/Gaza conflicts
Our country and our world

Please keep our healthcare workers, law enforcement, and those in the educational field in our prayers. They have been a guiding light to all of us in their courage and dedication to keeping us safe and helping the future generation. Thank You!

Please keep the church office informed of members or friends that need to be placed on or removed from our prayer list by sending an email to: office@central-pres.org, or calling the church office at: 217-632-2651.