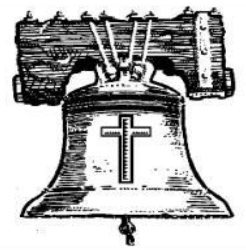


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Central Presbyterian Church

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

The Background behind one of my favorite hymns... "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

Born in 1735, seventeen-year-old Robert Robinson ran the streets of London in gangs, caring not for anything spiritual. He was just a small boy when his dad died. In 18th century England, there was little in the way of a social welfare system and this meant that he had to go to work while still very young. Without a father to guide and steady him, Robert fell in with bad companions.

One day his gang of rowdies harassed a drunken gypsy. Pouring liquor into her, they demanded she tell their fortunes for free. Pointing her finger at Robert, she told him he would live to see his children and grandchildren. This struck a tender spot in his heart. "*If I'm going to live to see my children and grandchildren,*" he thought, "*I'll have to change my way of living. I can't keep on like I'm going now.*"

A few nights later, Robert Robinson, half serious and half in fun, decided to go to a tent meeting to hear the Methodist preacher George Whitefield. To cover his "weak" urge, he suggested that the boys go with him and heckle the gathering. "*Let's go laugh at the deluded Methodists*" was his invitation to his gang. Whitefield preached on the text: "*O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*" Matthew 3:7. Robert left in dread, under a deep sense that George Whitefield was preaching to him alone.

Finally, at the age of twenty, Robert made peace with God and immediately set out to become a preacher himself. He wrote a letter to George Whitefield and told him that he envied the happiness that he saw on the faces of those people in that tent. Two years later, in 1757, he wrote a hymn which expressed his joy in his new faith: *Come Thou Fount of every blessing*

Years later Robert did wander away from God. In a spiritually backslidden condition, Robert was traveling in a stagecoach one day. His only companion was a young woman unknown to him. In the providence of God, and not realizing who it was she spoke with, the woman quoted *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, saying what an encouragement it had been to her. Try as he might, Robinson could not get her to change the subject. She asked him what he thought of the hymn she was humming. He responded, "*Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then.*" Gently, she replied, "*Sir, the 'streams of mercy' are still flowing.*" He was deeply touched by that. As a result of the encounter, he repented. His fellowship with the Lord was restored through the ministry of his own hymn, and a Christian's willing witness.

The Streams of Mercy are still flowing. We need to hear this message, beloved of God!

To the one who has felt disconnected, or ashamed, or just "**in a rut**," The Streams of Mercy are still flowing!

To a world that is host to enormous amounts of suffering. Suffering due to war caused by Mankind. Suffering due to greed adopted by Mankind. Suffering and grief due to sickness and death. We need to hear that the Streams of Mercy are still flowing!

The Streams of Mercy are still flowing! This is an objective reality that transcends time and place. The streams of mercy flow even when we do not recognize them, see them, or feel the presence of God in our lives. The good news is that our subjective experience does not overshadow God's transcendent plan!

The Streams of Mercy are still flowing because The Creator of Mercy does not give up on His creation! We see this from Genesis through Revelation. God works throughout scripture to form a people for Himself—to form a family or community—to adopt, cleanse, and redeem that community. As the old song says: *“The Love of God is Greater Far than Tongue or Pen could ever Tell! It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.”*

Revelation 22 gives us a beautiful image of these streams of mercy—culminating into a grand river of life! *“Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.”*

Mercy, grace, and life flow from the source, and that source is not going anywhere—God the Father—God the Son, Jesus Christ! The streams of mercy have become a mighty river of salvation due to the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross—due to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday! Jesus carried or took our sins upon himself on the cross, reconciling us to God—Jesus conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life through his resurrection—and the streams came together and became the grand river of life nourishing the Tree of Life!

In this chapter, the fruit of the tree of life is never out of season! No nation or color or language is excluded! Death, the great curse, will be no more! God's people will exist the way we were created to exist in intimate communion and in full authentic worship. We will experience what it feels like, and what it means, to be God's treasured possession in a way that we cannot understand now.

And light will shine—this light is the light of full knowledge—this light is the light of full safety—this light is the light of full exposure (nothing hidden)—this light is the light of full life! The Lord God will be our light!

My dear friends, the streams of mercy are still flowing, never ceasing, calling for songs of loudest praise, leading us to find rest and purpose and forgiveness and belonging within the person of work of Jesus, the Messiah and within His Church, taking us to the river of life. Robert Robinson needed to hear that message. This is a message we all need to hear and embrace on a regular basis. Thanks be to God, Amen!

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
benjaminryan132011@gmail.com

**Pastor Ryan preached this message at the Abraham Lincoln National Railsplitting Festival on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2024.*



Highlights of Regular Session Meeting on September 19, 2024



- Bank balance as of August 31, 2024 is \$31,223.53.
- Home Communion was served to a total of 6 individuals during August and September.
- Worship in the Park was held September 8, and service was casual, potluck was excellent. A thank you to the Wildwood Strings for providing accompaniment for several hymns.
- Thank you to Rich Ford, Julia Territo and Bethany Edgecombe for providing music during our weekly services while Emma Lou is not able to play.
- Choir has started meeting for the fall on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m.
- **MOTION: To hold Confirmation Class beginning in February to finish by Easter Sunday. From Committee, Seconded. APPROVED.**
- **MOTION: That an amount not to exceed \$200.00 be allocated for the "Safe and Drug Free" Halloween Parade to be held on October 19, sponsored by the Menard Jaycees. From Committee, Seconded. APPROVED.**
- Central will have a table at the "Safe and Drug Free" Halloween Parade where we will hand out information about our Church and candy for the children.
- Sunday School has started for the year with (2) classes.
- Christian Education held Youth Ministry nights in June, July and August. Everyone had a great time and Christian Education would like to continue this program next summer.
- Discussion was held about Central hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 24.
- **MOTION: That Central Presbyterian Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday November 24, 2024. Time of service to be determined. From Committee, Seconded. APPROVED.**
- Pastor Edgecombe Report for October:
 - Made numerous pastoral home visits, hospital visits, nursing home visits, telephone calls, and provided a memorial service/funeral.
 - Lunch with Pastor was held in August. Approximately 20 in attendance.
 - Performed memorial service.
 - Regularly attends Food Pantry Meetings.
 - Bible study continues.

Administration Committee News

Financial

- Our income year to date is \$6,779.69 above budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$7,890.39. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is \$4,504.71 lower than our expenses.
- Treasurer's report, General, Obligated Funds and MMF were received by the Committee.
- Designated and Endowment Funds reports were also received.
- Work will start shortly on preparing our 2025 budget. The Committee that you represent needs to review your upcoming needs and send them to Admin to be considered for next year.

Building and Ongoing Projects

- One quote has been received to replace the phone service in the elevator and it was from Kone. We are waiting on an alternate quote from a company out of Jacksonville.
- A quote has been received from Smith Plumbing for A/C for various areas of the building.

- Around the first of the year, we will need to change out the CPU computer in the sanctuary with our old laptop due to the sanctuary computer not being supported after 1/31/25. DIS will take care of this for us.

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 63. What is the mission of the church?

The mission of the church is to bear witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 3:8-10 "Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places."

Question 64. What forms does this mission take?

The forms are as various as the forms of God's love, yet the center is always Jesus Christ. The church is faithful to its mission when it extends mercy and forgiveness to the needy in ways that point finally to him. For in the end it is always by Christ's mercy that the needs of the needy are met.

Luke 10:37 "He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

Acts 4:34 "There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold."

Question 65. Who are the needy?

The hungry need bread, the homeless need a roof, the oppressed need justice, and the lonely need fellowship. At the same time—on another and deeper level—the hopeless need hope, sinners need forgiveness, and the world needs the gospel. On this level no one is excluded, and all the needy are one. Our mission, as the church is to bring hope to a desperate world by declaring God's undying love—as one beggar tells another where to find bread.

Matthew 25:37-40 *"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"*

Matthew 28:18-20 *"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"*

1 Corinthians. 9:16 *"Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!"*

Quotation Station

Thoughts on "Spiritual Battle"

"The Bible, the gospel, the church, the faith—all are one great battle cry against fear in the lives of human beings. Fear is, somehow or other, the archenemy itself. It crouches in people's hearts. It hollows out their insides, until their resistance and strength are spent and they suddenly break down. Fear secretly gnaws and eats away at all the ties that bind a person to God and to others, and when in a time of need that person reaches for those ties and clings to them, they break and the individual sinks back into himself or herself, helpless and despairing, while hell rejoices." Dietrick Bonhoeffer

"Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil at check. But that is not what I have found. I have found that it is the small every day deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.

J.R.R. Tolkien

"Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan."

Paul Bunyon

"We must not get the impression that the Christian life is one continuous conflict, one unbroken irritating struggle against the world, the flesh and the devil. A thousand times no. A heart that learns to die with Christ soon knows the blessed experience of rising with Him, and all the world's persecutions cannot still the high note of holy joy that springs up in the soul that has become the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit."

A.W. Tozer

"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while children go hungry as they do now, I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight; I'll fight to the end!."

William Booth (Founder of the Salvation Army)

Monthly Jokes

What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

Answer: A pumpkin patch!

What do you get when you divide the circumference of your Jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

Answer: Pumpkin Pi!



If there are three apples and you took away two, how many do YOU have?

Answer: Two, because YOU took two

Why did Humpty Dumpty have a great fall?

Answer: To make up for his miserable summer!



Worship in the Park

A congregation of 30 enjoyed beautiful weather, fellowship, and “Worship in the Park” on Sunday, September 8. Pastor Ryan led the congregation in a sing-along of favorite hymns accompanied by the women’s ensemble, “Wildwood Strings.” A “bring a dish to pass” luncheon followed the service and a good time ensued!



Sunday School Resumes

Weekly Sunday School for children resumed on **September 15, 2024**. Right now, we have several active Sunday School children. Please advise me at lsr1955@hotmail.com if you know of any other children who would like to attend on a regular basis. I also ask that you give me a few days’ notice if you are bringing a child to Sunday School so that I have enough materials. Thank you!

--Linda Claussen



Chancel Choir Practice

Choir practice has started again **every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** Anyone interested in joining is always welcome.



Dr. Silas McCormick Brings Message

On September 22, Dr. Silas McCormick, former president of Lincoln Christian University and current director of Lincoln Christian Institute, stepped in for Pastor Ryan and led the Sunday worship service at Central. Members were very appreciative of his presence and message.

It's Time for 2025 Stewardship Drive

You will soon receive 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.

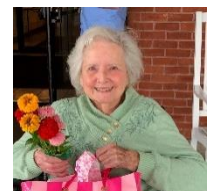
Please complete and return these cards, included in your mailing, no later than **Sunday, November 3**. Extra envelopes with cards will be available on the Narthex table if needed. Cards may be dropped off in the office, placed in the Admin. Asst. mailbox outside the office, mailed to the church (210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

Fall Wiener Roast

Sunday, October 20, there will be a wiener roast **following Sunday worship service**. We will meet at New Salem State Park, west of New Salem Campground. Please bring a dish to pass. Christian Education and the Deacons will provide the hot dogs/buns, condiments, drinks and s’mores.

Happy 97th Birthday, Alia!

Alia Montgomery’s children celebrated with her on Sunday, September 22, at Liberty Village of Pittsfield, taking her favorite chocolate cake. She was all smiles! Her birthday was actually on Tuesday, September 24.





Wedding Congratulations!

Jamie Canady and Trent Castleberry were wed on Saturday, September 28, in Augusta, MI. Trent's father, John, officiated the beautiful outdoor ceremony. Ellie Montgomery served as Maid of Honor, and sisters Alyssa and Grace were bridesmaids. Uncle Bill Montgomery walked Jamie down the aisle. Other family attending included Jamie's brother Adam, Uncle Paul, Aunt Marilyn, Aunt Nanette, and cousins Katie Heisner and Chris, Leslie, and Ayleigh Urish. Jamie and Trent reside in Cedar Park, TX.

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 **November 2024 Chimes** submitted to the church office no later than **Monday, October 21**. 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.

October is "Tackle Hunger" (fall favorite pantry items). 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*

Flu Season is Coming . . . Are Your Vaccinations Up to Date?

Flu season in the United States typically runs from October to May, with activity peaking between December and February. Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes. The CDC recommends that people ages 6 months and older get a flu vaccine by the end of October. Even if you wait until after October, the vaccine will still be beneficial and provide protection. The flu shot protects against the influenza virus for about six months.

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by tiny droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. In addition to the flu vaccine, there are every day preventive measures like staying away from people who are sick (distancing), covering coughs and sneezes, frequent hand washing, and taking steps for cleaner air to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses like flu.

The CDC says it's safe to receive more than one vaccine at the same time. This means you can save time and stay up to date with recommended vaccines to help protect against flu, COVID, pneumonia, RSV, and more. Your doctor or pharmacist can help determine which vaccines you need. Many vaccines are provided at no cost with Medicare.

September Scenes from Central



Pumpkin and Walnut Squares

Taste of Home

Ingredients

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| 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour | 1 tsp. ground cinnamon |
| 1/3 cup sugar | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1/3 cup packed brown sugar | 1/2 tsp. ground allspice |
| 1 cup cold butter, cubed | Confectioners' sugar |
| 1 cup chopped walnuts | (optional) |
| 2 large eggs, room temperature, lightly beaten | |
| 1 can (15 oz.) solid-pack pumpkin | |
| 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk | |



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Mix flour sugar and brown sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in walnuts. Reserve 1 cup mixture for topping; press remaining mixture onto bottom and halfway up sides of a 13x9-inch baking dish.
2. In a large bowl, beat eggs, pumpkin, milk, cinnamon, salt and allspice just until smooth. Pour into crust; sprinkle with reserved topping.
3. Bake until golden brown, 50-55 minutes. Cool slightly on a wire rack. Serve warm, or refrigerate and serve cold. If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar. Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

Total Time: Prep Time: 25 min. Bake Time: 50 minutes. Yield: 2 dozen

Pumpkin Fluff Dip

Taste of Home

Ingredients

- 1 (15 oz.) can solid-pack pumpkin
- 1 (5 oz.) pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 (16 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions

1. Mix pumpkin, pudding mix, and pumpkin pie spice together in a large bowl. Fold in whipped topping. Chill in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Goes great with graham crackers, cinnamon graham crackers, or apple slices!

Total Time: Prep 5 min. Yield: 4 cups



Happy Birthday!

Oct. 4	Willow Kyes	Oct. 15	Melissa Groh
Oct. 5	Peggy Carter	Oct. 17	Brooklyn Groh
Oct. 6	Mary Mies	Oct. 22	Fisher Noel
Oct. 9	Chase Sanert	Oct. 25	Emerson Hutton
Oct. 10	Beth Kiningham	Oct. 29	Camilla Long
Oct. 10	Abby Noel	Oct. 30	Mark A. Goeringer
Oct. 11	John Godbey		

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 2	John & Cindy Godbey	Oct. 28	Shannon & Lisa Whillhite
Oct. 3	Steve & Julia Territo	Oct. 28	Gene & Jackie Horn



	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, Oct. 6	Jan Costello	Jane Stephenson	Jane Stephenson
Sunday, Oct. 13	Rhonda Plaeger	Brianne Satorius	
Sunday, Oct. 20	Rebecca Rowe	Dave Long	
Sunday, Oct. 27	Dan Stephenson	Linda Claussen	

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

September 1	28	September 22	25
September 8	30	September 29	23
September 15	34		

Average Worship Attendance: 28





Members:

Emma Lou Denton
Steve Hollis
Ashley Kveton
Alia Montgomery

Marilyn Montgomery
Jo Ann Morris
Ken Morris
Ron Sanert

Jim Satorius
Family of Janet Scheina
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 mom)
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)
Dorothy King (A. Montgomery's sister)
Cade Leesman (D. & C. Long's friend)
Anthony Long (D. & C. Long's son)
Kathy Long (D. & C. Long's sister-in-law)

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)
Dean & Annie Territo (S. Territo's father & step-mom)
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.