CENTRAL Chimes
Central Presbyterian Church
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS

Hello Friends,

As I write this little article, I am reflecting on the life and legacy of Dolly Parton, the singer, actor, writer, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and person of genuine faith. People of all generations are aware of this special woman and her impact on the world. If you are older, you probably know her music very well. If you are younger, you may have received and read free children's books from her charity, "Dolly Parton's Imagination Library." My little nephew and niece have both received books in the mail from this organization, and they love to read!

I was listening to some of Dolly's music on the way to Petersburg this morning, and one of her songs came on that is not necessarily that popular or well known. She wrote this song the day after September 11, 2001. The song is called "Hello God." It is a song of grief, and of a desire for comfort. It is a song of questions when answers seem so hard to find. It is a song of belief in the midst of unbelief! I thought I would include the lyrics here and see what you think. Maybe you have thought or voiced words similar to this in times of uncertainty, or in times of difficult change? God has not abandoned us!!!

HELLO GOD *by Dolly Parton*

Hello God, are you out there?
Can you hear me, are you listening anymore?
Hello God, if we're still on speaking terms can you help me like before?
I have questioned your existence, my resistance leaves me cold.
Can you help me go the distance? Hello God, hello, hello?

This old world has gone to pieces, can we fix it, is there time?
Hate and violence just increases, we're so selfish, cruel and blind.
We fight and kill each other in your name, defending you.
Do you love some more than others? We're so lost and confused.

Hello God, are you out there?
Can you hear us, are you listening anymore?
Hello God, if we're still on speaking terms can you help us like before?
Oh, the free will you have given we have made a mockery of.
This is no way to be living; we're in great need of your love.

Hello, God?
Can You grant us love enough to make amends?
Is there still a chance that we could start again?

Hello, God?
We've learned our lesson, dear God, don't let us go.
More than ever Hello God?
Hello? Hello? Hello, God?
We really need You. We can't make it without You.
We beseech You in the name of all that's true.

Hello, God?
Please forgive us for we know not what we do.
Hello, God?
Give us one more chance to prove ourselves to You.
Hello, God?

Thanks Be to God, Amen!

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
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Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, August 14, 2026

- Bank balance as of July 31, 2026, is $24,163.93.
- Following an inspection, church insurance carrier has one recommendation remaining: That the roof be inspected to prevent damage to building.
- Central hosted the Methodist youth during the week of July 13 with approximately 30 high school students staying with us.
- Deacon's will be updating Central's Membership and Friends list in the coming month.
- New pew Bibles—Patrik Claussen and Pastor Ryan are working on purchasing the new pew Bibles.
- A big thank you to all that provided Worship Enhancement.
- Pastor Report:
  - Pastor Visits: Nursing Home and Hospital visits; Sunny Acres.
  - In April, assisted Deacons with the Countryside Birthday Party for residents.
  - Worship in the Park will be September 13.
  - Wiener Roast at New Salem after church on October 18. This will also be a combined service with Broadwell Christian Church.
  - Broadwell Christian Church will host Central Presbyterian Church for worship in Broadwell on November 1 for a combined service.
  - Attended several Food Pantry meetings.
  - Bible Study continues.
  - Provided worship service for the residents of Sunny Acres at the end of June.

Administration Committee News

Financial

- July financials show YTD income $2,261.06 above budget (not counting the $15K CD) and expenses are over budget by $407.68. Regardless of budget, our income is $23,778.33 below our expenses and is in line with our anticipated 2026 shortfall.
- The checkbook balance, including Obligated Funds, is $24,163.93. Although $5K was transferred from the Edward Jones MM account in July, we are transferring an additional $5K this month. There will be $10,000.00 remaining in the MM account. This is being done to ensure that we have two months' worth of bills in our checking account.
- Out of the Obligated Funds $1,070.00 is being sent to Kemmerer Village from a Specific Item Donation.

- The Committee will be meeting with Julie Wankel from Edward Jones at our October meeting to review the progress of our investments and to predict those monies for our 2027 budget.

Building and ongoing projects

- Sinclair Construction is going to inspect the roof this coming week and will get back to the Committee with recommendations for our roof. We have asked them to give us a prognosis on the stability and durability of the roof. CPC has utilized Sinclair Construction in the past.
- The Memorial Committee is looking into having the southeast entry doors scraped and painted.
- A new clock has been installed in the Fellowship Hall with monies coming from the Memorial Committee.
- We have not been able to get a response from Jacksonville Stained Glass regarding the plexiglass covering on the windows on the east side of the church.
- Both of the restroom doors and the main entrance have been adjusted for ease of use and to ensure that the main entrance latches consistently. Steve has information on a contractor for ADA door openers for both restrooms, if needed.

Submitted by Steven Territo, Chairperson

Quotation Station for September

(Quotes on "Scientists & Faith")

"Do not be afraid free thinkers. If you think strongly enough you will be forced by science to the belief in God, which is the foundation of all Religion. You will find science not antagonistic, but helpful to Religion." --Sir William Thomson, Lord Kelvin (1824-1907), physics Formulator of the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics

"The more I study nature the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God." --Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), pioneer of bacteriology

"One man, eager to praise his Creator by uncovering new knowledge about created things, brought about a permanent revolution in agriculture and medicine, as well as in pure science." --Gregor Mendel (1822-1884), pioneer of genetics

"It is true, that a little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion; for while the mind of man looketh upon second causes scattered, it may sometimes rest in them and go no further; but when it beholdeth the chain of them confederate, and linked together, it must needs fly to Providence and Deity." --Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1627), pioneer of modern science

"The laws of nature are written by the hand of God in the language of mathematics." --Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), astronomy

September Riddles/Jokes

What is a snake's favorite subject?
Answer: Hiss--tory!

How do bees get to school?
Answer: On the school buzz!

What is a tree's least favorite month?
Answer: Sep—timber!

What did the leaf express to September?
Answer: "I'm falling for you!"

What comes at the end of September?
Answer: The letter R!

Worship Enhancement

A special "Thank You!" to Pastor Ryan and Bethany Edgecombe, Bill Studzinski, Rich Ford, and Wildwood Strings Group for their Worship Enhancement contributions during the month of August.

Chancel Choir Begins a New Season

Central's Chancel Choir began their weekly practicing on Wednesday, August 26, starting at 6:30 p.m. They will provide Special Music on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of most months September through May. New members are always welcome! Contact Rich Ford with questions.

Worship In the Park

The Fall season is almost here and that brings Worship in the Park on **September 13!** We will meet for **10:30 a.m**. worship at Shelter #3 along the river at Lincoln's New Salem's Sangamon Picnic Area, located across from New Salem on Pritchetville Road. Please bring a lawn chair and your favorite dish to share for the picnic luncheon immediately following worship. Plates, plastic ware, napkins, lemonade and iced tea will be provided. Mark your calendar and plan to worship God and fellowship in the midst of his marvelous creation.

Sunday School News

Mark your calendars as Sunday School will start another season on **September 20** at 9:30 a.m. Please let Linda Claussen know if you have a child wanting to join in the fun of learning about the Bible and Jesus.

Wiener Roast in October!

A wiener roast is planned following our Worship service on Sunday, October 18, at New Salem State Park. Watch for more information as plans are finalized!

Giving from God's Gifts

Part 2: Time/Talents

Pastor Ryan, in his August 23 sermon titled, "A Holy Sacrifice," addressed our **mission**. Some highlights from his message follow:

- *1. Our deepest need in life is to know God and walk with God and be a child of God. 2. Christ has provided for that through the atonement on the cross, the resurrection, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the ministry of the church, and the word of God through the gospel, through his grace. 3. Then we already have what we need. We live to worship. We live to serve in response to God's grace because we have everything we need.*
- *There are many ways to give of ourselves and we have to do it as a team. We need each other to accomplish this mission. We are not individualists. We do believe in the contributions of individuals, but we believe in the contributions of individuals for the greater good and for the team. We do believe that as individuals we work together as a team for the cause of the gospel.*
- *The only shining knight on a white horse is Jesus. There is no shining knight beyond Jesus the Christ. So, that's humbling.*
- *We need each other. We're called on to be a collective living sacrifice. We belong to the mission.*
- *God has equipped us for this mission—and that's good news—and we all have different gifts and none of us are the same—and that's good. Some may have the gift of prophecy, or forthtelling. Some may have the gift of service: you don't want the spotlight but if the church needs something you want to help take care of it; if a neighbor needs a meal, you are going to take it; if a friend is in the hospital, you want to go cheer him up; the nursing home needs prizes for Bingo, you provide that. Others have the gift of teaching, encouragement, generosity, servant leadership, hospitality.*
- *Every part of the body is needed—1 Corinthians is very clear about that. We all need each other. Aren't we thankful we're not carbon copies of one another?*
- *We can all use what God has given us to serve in different ways. We are called to live as holy sacrifices to God. There are many ways for us to give of ourselves.*

As our annual Stewardship Drive approaches, each member of Central's congregation is asked to consider how he/she fits into the ***mission***. Pastor Ryan's sermon comments apply to the Time/Talent aspects of Stewardship. What could we achieve if each member would contribute an average of 1 hour of time each week to the work of the church? Central is fortunate to have a multitude of talented individuals—are we putting those talents to use for Central's mission?

The Stewardship Drive will begin this month. You are asked to prayerfully consider your response to the **Time/Talent Inventory**. Are you interested and willing to serve as an Elder or Deacon? How could your interests and talents be beneficial to a committee—Worship, Mission, Memorial, Bereavement, etc.? Are there 'behind the scenes' tasks that you would like to take on? The information from the Time/Talent Inventory is very helpful for the Nominating Committee and other committee chairs as they plan for a new year.

As Pastor Ryan shared, we are all part of the mission, we need to be part of the team, and God has prepared us for the task! Sometimes saying "Yes" and making a commitment is difficult but the rewards can be immeasurable. How will you respond to the call for 2027?

God calls the quipped; God equips the called!!

Thanks for Giving!

Due to a generous donor and those of you that donated to the "spare change" box we had sitting on the Narthex table; we were able to send a check to Kemmerer Village in the amount of $1,070.00. A huge "Thank You" to all those that donated.

Methodist Mission Camp

During the week of July 12, the high school girls attending the Mission Camp used our Fellowship Hall for their nightly accommodations. A "Thank You" note from YOSM Committee reads: **"*Thank you for opening your doors and welcoming our YOSM campers. Your hospitality and generosity helped make camp a blessing. We are so grateful for your support!*"**

Presbytery of Great Rivers Newsletter

Presbytery of Great Rivers sends out, via email, a bi-monthly newsletter to anyone that subscribes to it. This provides a means for members to learn what other churches in our area are doing as well as news from our Presbytery leaders. If interested, go to office@greatriverspby.org, click on "newsletter" option, and fill out the necessary information requested. You will also be given the choice of accessing previous issues.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the **October 2026 Chimes** submitted to the church office **no later than Monday, September 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 . Our email address is office@central-pres.org

Keep Connected!

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe is in the 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. You may also call or text his cell phone: 217-972-4859.

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
Pastor Ryan Edgecombe, 217-972-4859
Marilyn Montgomery, Deacon Chair, 217-341-5361
Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session, 217-341-7599

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!

Member Spotlight: Brianne Satorius

Big things are happening!!

I had worked with Memorial Behavioral Health as an LCPC outpatient therapist for almost 20 years and have absolutely loved what I do, but sometimes things change, making us need to reevaluate what matters most. What started as a "can I even do this?" thought back in the fall of 2025, has evolved into renovations, SO many hoops and red tape, resulting in the opening of my own private practice, right here in Petersburg

Brighter Days Counseling Services PLLC
Located at 18878 State Hwy 123
Phone 217-501-4225
Conveniently attached to Petersburg Family Dental

It has been a process when it comes to getting on the various insurance panels, but I'm currently able to take BCBS, United Healthcare, UMR, and OPTUM, with MANY others (including Medicare and Medicaid) pending approval. I do not have the website or Facebook pages up and running but stay tuned.

While my future hours will be Monday through Thursday 8-5, I'm easing into it, starting to schedule some patients with inconsistent times in the office. I have been prioritizing time with the kids this summer, as I've never had the freedom of this kind of time with them EVER in years past!

The amazing support from friends and family along the way has been priceless. Grateful doesn't begin to cover it.

I am so proud to share this labor of love and excited for what comes next.

Menard Caring News

The faith-based organization known as Menard Caring recently made two exciting changes that will enhance the organization's ability to meet the needs of people who need a helping hand when it comes to food and emergency services.

Menard Caring previously rented the building that houses the Community Cottage Food Pantry and Garden; however, the board recently made the decision to purchase the building, which is located at 119 W. Douglas in Petersburg. Hours will continue as previously, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, and on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. As a result of summer food drives, a plentiful garden, and an array of committed volunteers, the pantry is fully stocked with a wide assortment of canned goods, home grown vegetables, meat and dairy products, and personal items.

The Menard Caring Board also made the decision to combine the "Friend in Need" program (formerly a part of Central Illinois Services) with Menard Caring's existing program that offers emergency assistance. The program will now officially be called "Menard Caring Friend in Need" and is designed to help people who are facing unforeseen challenges and may need help with rent, utilities, gas cards, etc.

Menard Caring also reminds community members that the next Community Cottage Farmers Market will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27 and Sunday, October 25 in the open area at 119 W. Douglas. In the meantime, free produce from the Community Garden is available in the Produce Box near the entrance of the Community Cottage Food Pantry.

Those with questions about Menard Caring's services or volunteer opportunities should contact Community Liaison Lindsay Wilken at 217-717-2551 (M-F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

Menard Caring Board Members *seated from left to right: Tina Carpenter, President; Jan Costello, Vice President; Anne Smith, Treasurer; and Pastor Ryan Edgecombe, Secretary. Standing, from left to right: Pastor Rob Gallion; Shirley Treseler; Lindsay Wilken, Community Liaison; Claudia McEvers; Joe Meister; and Cheryl Lowary, Volunteer* Coordinator.

September Food Pantry / Diaper Bank Needs

September is **"Please Remember Cereal This September*" (boxed cereal)*** at the Food Pantry**.** Donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex.

Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation to the **Diaper Bank** is always accepted.

For questions or information regarding the **Menard Caring Food Pantry or Diaper Bank**, please contact Lindsay Wilken, Coordinator at 217-717-2551, or Anne Smith, Menard Caring Treasurer at 217-303-8968.

September is Healthy Aging Month

Excerpts from healthyaging.net

September is Healthy Aging Month and the time to get started on better health practices.

Think it's too late to "re-invent" yourself? Think again. It's never too late to find a new career, a new sport, passion, or hobby. And now is the time to travel more than ever.

The number of people over 45 is growing every year. The attention used to be just on the baby boomers. The generation X-ers are elbowing their way in and have many of the same interests as the previous generation—stay active and vibrant as long as possible. There are over 76 million baby boomers today over 50 and the first of the 82.1 million generation X-ers reached that milestone in 20215.

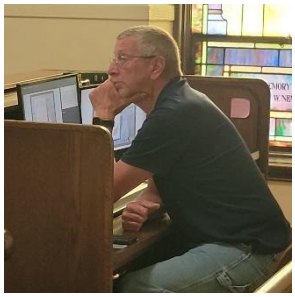
Who says you must do something related to what you studied in school? Who says that you can't start your own home business later in life, test your physical prowess, or do something wildly different from anything you've done before? Only that person you see in the mirror!

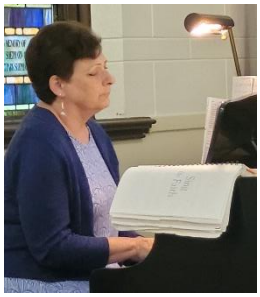
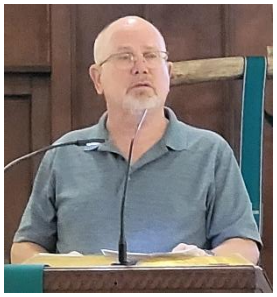
September is a perfect time to celebrate Healthy Aging Month since it is time when many people think about getting started on new tasks after the summer. Drawing on the "back to school" urge embedded in everyone from childhood, the observance month's activities are designed to encourage people to rejuvenate and get going on positive measures that can impact the areas of physical, social, financial, and mental wellness.

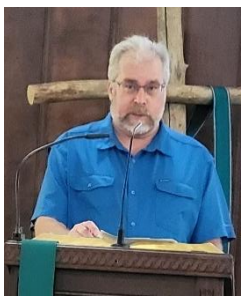
10 Tips for Reinventing Yourself during September is Healthy Aging Month

1. Do not act your age or at least what you think your current age should act like. What was your best year so far? 28? 40? Now? Picture yourself at that age and be it. Some people may say this is denial, but we say it's positive thinking and goes a long way toward feeling better about yourself.
2. Be positive in your conversations and your actions every day. When you catch yourself complaining, check yourself right there and change the conversation to something positive.
3. Have negative friends who complain all the time and constantly talk about how awful everything is? Drop them. As cruel as that may sound, distance yourself from people who do not have a positive outlook on life. They will only depress you and stop you from moving forward. Surround yourself with energetic, happy, positive people of all ages and you will be happier too.
4. Walk like a vibrant, healthy person. Come on. You can probably do it. Analyze your gait. Do you walk slowly because you have just become lazy or, perhaps, have a fear of falling? Make a conscious effort to walk with your heel first and wear comfortable shoes.
5. Stand up straight! You can knock off the appearance of a few extra years with this trick your mother kept trying to tell you. Look at yourself in the mirror. Are you holding your stomach in, have your shoulders back, chin up? Check out how much better your neck looks! You will look great and feel better.
6. How's your smile? Research shows people who smile more often are happier. Your teeth are just as important to your good health as the rest of your body. Not only is it the first thing people notice, but good oral health is a gateway to your overall well-being. Visit the dentist regularly!
7. Lonely? Stop brooding and complaining about having no friends or family. Do something about it now. Right this minute. Pick up the phone and make a call to do one or more of the following: Volunteer your time, take a class, invite someone to meet you for lunch, brunch, dinner, or coffee.
8. Start walking not only for your health but to see the neighbors. Have a dog? You'll be amazed how the dog can be a conversation starter. If you don't have time for a dog, go to your local animal shelter and volunteer. You will be thrilled by the puppy love!
9. Make this month the time to set up your annual physical and other health screening. Go to the appointments and then, hopefully, you can stop worrying about ailments for a while.
10. Find your inner artist. Who says taking music lessons is for young school children? You may have an artist lurking inside you just waiting to be tapped. Have you always wanted to play the piano, violin, or tube? Have you ever wondered if you could paint a portrait or scenic in oil, watercolor, pastels? What about working in wood? Sign up now for fall art or music classes and discover your inner artist.

August Scenes from Central





Happy Birthday!

Octogenarian

Sept. 27 Helen Deverman

Sept. 1 Alan Horn
Sept. 4 Michael Carter
Sept. 5 Joyce Goeringer
Sept. 5 Nile Sanert
Sept. 6 Zane Edgecombe
Sept. 8 Zane Kyes
Sept. 10 Robynn Roberts
Sept. 11 Bill Studzinski
Sept. 11 Gabrielle Goeringer
Sept. 13 Jake Godbey
Sept. 14 Brittney DeCroix
Sept. 15 Kathrin Roberts
Sept. 18 Andy Rowe
Sept. 20 Nancy Mehr
Sept. 22 Zach Stephenson
Sept. 23 Ava Satorius
Sept. 24 Dee Ring
Sept. 25 Kyle Wankel
Sept. 26 Robert Lackie
Sept. 26 Everett Hutton
Sept. 27 Quinn Godbey
Sept. 30 Richard Ford

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 4 Dave & Camilla Long
Sept. 15 Matt & Ashley Rutz
Sept. 17 Patrik & Linda Claussen
Sept. 17 Mark & Joyce Goeringer
Sept. 28 Trent & Jamie Canady Castleberry

worship leader

	Usher/Greeter	*Liturgist*	*Communion Steward*
Sunday, September 6	Dave Long	Linda Claussen	Pat Claussen
Sunday, September 13	**Worship in the Park**		
Sunday, September 20	John Godbey	Cindy Godbey	
Sunday, September 27	Jim/Ethan/Ava Satorius	Sherri Roberts	

If you cannot fulfill your duty as usher/greeter or liturgist, please find someone to take your place.

Also, let the church office know of the changes as soon as possible.

Worship Attendance

August 2	**25**	August 23	**24**
August 9	**29**	August 30	**29**
August 16	**33**		

Average Worship Attendance: **28**

Members:

Will Carter
Rich Ford
June Gamage
Steve Hollis
Ben Kiningham
Orene Lynn
Marilyn Montgomery
JoAnn Morris
Charles (Sandy) Sandberg
Ron & Susie Sanert
Jim Satorius
Judy Stahl
Lisa Willhite
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)
Tim Bellinger (R. Plaeger's nephew)
Clarice Blout (B. Satorius' grandmother)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Sheila Blout (B. Satorius' aunt)
Judy Boutelle (Rev. Boutelle's wife)
Larry & Peggy Brandon (Pastor Ryan's friends)
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)
Family of Jeffrey Conn (D. Long's friend)
Serge Davis
Terry Davis (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Bill Dennis (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Gregg Denton (E. Denton's son)
Sandy Dierks
Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
Jay & Vicki Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's parents)
Cheryl Esela (L. Claussen's sister)
Linda Ewing (D. & C. Long's friend)
Susan Gaither (L. Williams' friend)
Greg Grogan (C. Long's brother)
Liam Grogan (D. & C. Long's nephew)
Tyler Gurski (B. & A. Studzinski's grandson)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Lucien Hill (grandson to friend of M. Montgomery)
Angie Hodgson (C. Drake's sister)
Kristina Hutton & boys (D. & C. Long's daughter)
Baby Hayes Johnson
Karen Kelso (C. Godbey's sister-in-law)
Family of Kurt & Regina Klokkenga (Pastor Ryan & Bethany's friend)
David "Anthony" Long (D. & C. Long's son)
Kathy Long (D. & C. Long's sister-in-law)
Katie Niccolls (J. Koch's granddaughter)
Veronica Nunez (J. Higginbotham's great granddaughter)
Janice Perry (daughter of a friend of Pastor Ryan)
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Steve & Kim Rebbe (C. Ford's friend)
Abbey Reynolds (P. Reynolds' daughter)
Kathy Ruppel (M. Montgomery's friend)
Dawn Schafer (S. Schafer's daughter-in-law)
Sally Schafer
Craig Schattschneider (P. & L. Claussen's friend)
Harry Schirding
Co Shelton (J. Tice's friend)
Kay Siegrist (L. Williams' friend))
Jeff Smith (D. & C. Long's friend)
Nancy Swift (R. Pinkston's cousin)
John Territo (S. Territo's brother)
Randy Throckmorton (former CPC member)
Gene Treseler
Blair Wallace (R. Rowe's daughter)
Eric Wiant (D. & C. Long's friend)
Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Caity Willox (R. & C. Ford's daughter)
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 Country and our World
Peace between nation neighbors
Victims of gun violence/mass shootings
Our youth so that they may find Christ!
Displaced people in the world
Victims of sexual assault
Racial equality
Homeless Veterans

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

Loaded Baked Potato Dip

Taste of Home

Ingredients

2 cups sour cream
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
8 center-cut-bacon strips, cooked & crumbled
1/3 cup minced fresh chives
2 tsps. Louisiana-style hot sauce
Hot cooked waffle-cut fries

Directions

1. In a small bowl, mix the first 5 ingredients until blended; refrigerate until serving. If desired, top with additional chives and bacon; serve with waffle fries.

Total/Prep Time: 10 minutes + chilling Yield: 10 servings or 2 ½ cups)

Barbecue Meatballs

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 large egg, lightly beaten
1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk
1 cup quick-cooking oats
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. chilli powder
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef

Sauce

1 cup ketchup
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 tsp. Liquid Smoke, optional
1/4 tsp. garlic powder

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine the first 8 ingredients. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into 1-inch balls.
2. Place meatballs on a greased rack in a shallow baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350^0 for 18-20 minutes or until meat is no longer pink; drain.
3. Meanwhile. Combine the sauce ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Pour over meatballs. Bake 10 to 12 minutes longer.

Total Time/Prep: 20 minutes Bake: 30 minutes Yield: About 4 dozen

Cake Mix Bars

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 yellow cake mix (regular size)
1 large egg, room temperature
1/2 cup 2% milk
1/3 cup canola oil
1 cup white baking chips
1/2 cup jimmies (sprinkles)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350^0. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, egg, milk and oil (mixture will be thick). Stir in baking chips and jimmies. Spread into a greased 15x10x1 inch baking pan.
2. Bake 18-20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool and cut into bars. *Total Time/Prep: 10 minutes Bake: 20 minutes + cooling Yield: 2 Dozen*