Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church ALCALLI

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9401 S. Tryon Street Charlotte, North Carolina 28273

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Central Family & Friends,

Happy New Year!! I am excited and humbled to begin this new year with all of you in worshiping, serving, and glorifying our God at Central. As we begin this NEW year, I want to convey to all of you that our God always offers us a new day, no matter what may have happened before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for last year... ask His forgiveness for where you have fallen short... and dedicate this new year to serve and worship Him. Here is a wonderful prayer I read for the new year, and I hope this can be your prayer... "Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year. For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen." As we begin a new year, let's continue to lift up daily prayers without ceasing. Make a commitment to pray each day for 52 weeks in year 2025. Your prayer can be 5 minutes or 50

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minutes each day... the important thing is to connect and converse with God every day.

Soon it will be the Lenten Season and here are some practical encouragements for all of you as you begin this Lenten Season...

Use a good Lenten Devotional... there are so many out there and you can get free ones online.

Spend each day in reading of God's Word and in time of prayer.

Keep a Lenten Journal so that you can reflect on your time with God during this spiritual season.

Meet up with others for spiritual fellowship and worship.

Here is a wonderful passage from the Bible that is very helpful for us as we prepare for Lent. Philippians 3:8~11... "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ. the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the res-

urrection from the dead."

In Grace & Peace, Rev. Dr. Mark Lee



January HEAD ELDER & USHERS Central Steele Creek Head Usher: Charlie Bricker Phone: 704-588-1211 **Ushers:** Jeanne McGrath Fax: 704-588-1461 Mark Lee Pastor Minah Lee **Interim Music Director Homebound Communion Servers:** Sarah Stroup **Interim Accompanist** To Be Determined Chris Knapp **Interim Bell Choir Director** Joni Turner **Director of Central Fine Arts Academy** Lynne Thompson Administrative Assistant February / March ELDER & USHERS Lauren Perkin **Financial Administrator** Donna Young **Financial Secretary** To be Determined Erin Osborne **Children's Activity Director** Anthony Tucker Custodian **Clerk of Session** Chet Knapp **SUNDAY SCHEDULE** Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Income to budget 2024: \$406,297 **DEADLINES** The April-June 2025 issue deadline is June 15th, 2025. Expenses from budget 2024: \$399,840 FINANCE TEAM 2024 Budget Surplus: +\$6,457 nourish up⁻ Lifting our community through food. **Donations for** DON'T FORGET TO the month of January Canned Vegetables the month of February Canned Soups 5 the month of March Dried/Canned Beans; Packaged Rice Don't Forget to set your clock <u>AHEAD</u> one hour. Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact in-**Daylight Saving Time Begins on** formation, such as phone number,

Sunday, March 9th at 2am.

cell phone number, address, or

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Brad Clapham: Circle of Friends

In memory of Ellie Bostick: George Bostick, Ken & Diane Price

In memory of Keneth Grahm & Troop 45: David Grahm

In memory of Lynn Snuggs: Sam & Sandra Sopher, George & Marilyn Hege, Bob & Linda Blackwelder,

In memory of Lynn Snuggs/Troop45: William Reinke, Suzanne Brown,

In memory of Mable Osborne: Glenn & Liz Litaker, Dill & Donna Young, Glenda Fleming, George & Marilyn Hege, Bud & Pauline Shaney, Bill & Donna Young,

In memory of Bud Shaney: Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Sandra Burke, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Annette Caudle, Andy & Beverly Cheek, Joy Cheek, George & Marilyn Hege, Greta Lambert, Susan Osmar, Jack & Mary Phillips, Ken & Diane Price, Wade & Cindy Shepard, Dorothy Williams, Bill & Donna Young, Bob & Susan Hunter, Mike & Judy Brown, Sandra Burke, Teresa Hammond, Pat & Sandy Hart, Ribert Vojvoda, Harry Weatherly

In memory of Wilma Price: Glenn & Liz Litaker, Bill & Donna Young, Carol Gallant

The following church policies are available in the church office or a PDF version can be requested via email.

- Funeral Policy
- Facility Use Policy
- Gift Acceptance Policy
- Child, Youth & Vulnerable Adult Policy
- Security Policy
- Anti Racism Policy
- Sexual Misconduct Policy & Procedures



Birthdays-January

- 1 Sylvia Hendrix
- 7 Brandon Russell
- 8 Glenn Litaker
- 9 Cameron Dahm (Son of Angela Smith
- 9 Jeanne Smith
- 9 Donna Young
- 10 Jeff Gordon
- 10 Chris Knapp
- 13 Joyce Smith
- 24 Beckett Shaw 24 - Kenny Burns
- 27 Bob Blackwelder
- 27 George Hege
- 28 Reuben Mozingo
- 30 Anthony Tucker
- 31 Bill Young, Jr.

Birthdays-February

- 3 Peyton John Burgess
- 3 John Earl
- 3 Liz Litaker
- 6 Clifford Austin
- 14 Jim Patterson
- 15 Beth Boykin 26 - Tim Osmar
- 28 Dave Barbee

Birthdays-March

Devon Osborne
Michael Lee
Chelsea Hunter
Charles Wilkerson
Beth Young
Judy Brown
Judy Brown
William Cook
Ken Price
Richard Hayes
Cheyenne Beaty
Dylan Beaty
Pam Murphy
Diane Wilson
Roger Palmer
Ann Clapham

2024 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Join us for a peek inside our Christian Education Team activities during 2024. Our focus is to encourage activities that enhance and grow our opportunities for spiritual growth; provide educational opportunities in Christian studies; and to ensure a safe and protective environment for all of Central's activities.

Oversight and teaching resources are provided to Ladies Circles, Ladies Bible Studies, and Sunday School classes. Kathy Bricker is a wonderful servant in the area of teaching these studies. The Nursery program for children 0-5 is provided each Sunday under the watchful care of Erin Osborne and a devoted team of 7 volunteers who provide a second adult with the children. As the need arises, the Christian Education Team will assure classes for older children as well. Teaching materials are available for all ages, and both teachers and nursery volunteers are greatly needed. We want all children and youth to know Jesus; could you be the person to share Him with them?

We feel very proud of three growing concepts of worship in 2024. The Prayer Breakfast which meets on Friday mornings is wonderful means of fellowship and prayer under the leadership of Sandy Hart.

- Sandy's prayer journal, kept weekly, is a visible means of seeing God at work. Generally
- 10-13 people are in attendance, and everyone is welcome. Communal prayer is a powerful ministry.
- Another change in 2024 was the Ladies Retreat. Instead of a three-day out of town retreat, we revised the plan to a one-day ladies gathering for meaningful fellowship and fun. This allowed many more women to attend and enjoy. Diane Price has provided wonderful leadership in this area and would welcome ladies to step forward to help plan our 2025 gathering. We would love to see leadership for a men's retreat with similar fellowship goals. Could you take a lead?
- The third new program was the Community Children's Choir which was the vision of Minah Lee to offer children a way to be in a worship setting during church and experience the joy of music. Thanks to her leadership, the first showcase of the young singers 5-10 was in service during Christmas and seems to be a promising opportunity to welcome new families to our church.

As we provide opportunities for children, the Christian Education Team is responsible for child and vulnerable adult protection. The team assures that all adults serving as church staff, teachers or volunteers on our campus receive initial training in child protection for abuse and neglect and refresher training as required by church policy. We have assured training of nearly 50 adults who serve on our campus.

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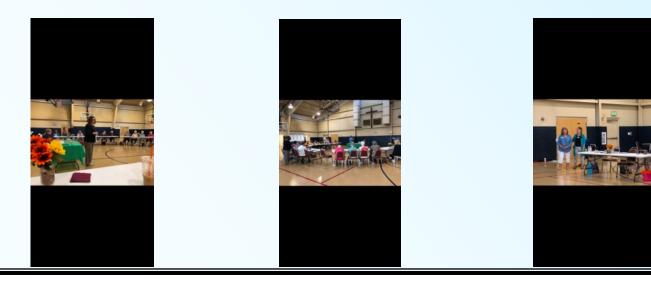
See Pam Brooks for any training needs for new staff, teachers or volunteers. We have also created a Protection brochure that is available for everyone and can be used at events.

Christian Education welcomes interested new team members and also encourages everyone to consider an area in which you could serve in our spiritual growth and service in 2025 at Central. You could be that "one person" who makes a difference in another's spiritual journey.

Pam Brooks, Team Chair 2022 – 2024



2024 Ladies Retreat



UPCOMING EVENTS



Give Flowers to Enhance the Sanctuary

A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Sign up for a Sunday to give flowers in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of someone.

Directions for ordering flowers are posted near the sign up sheet.



Epiphany Star Words

Epiphany star words are centering words received on Epiphany Sunday, January 5 and Sunday, January 12.

These words are to guide your prayers and reflections for the new year.

Pick up a star in the narthex when you come to worship on either of those Sundays.

They will also be available at the side ramp door.



Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 45! Our troop has been serving youth in southwest Mecklenburg County for over 50 years.

We like to camp, climb, shoot, mountain bike, backpack, snowboard, wakeboard, and just about anything else you can do outdoors.

We are sponsored by Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, located at 9401 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Our troop meetings are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

If you are a young man that is interested in joining us, you need to be 11-18 years old.

Please contact Charlie Bricker, 704-654-0919



A donation has been made in recognition of the following for their dedicated service to the church:

- Mark & Mínah Lee and Famíly
- ◊ Billy Ray Moore
- ◊ Church Mice
- ♦ The Mighty Acts Class Members
- Central Members passed in 2024
- Technology Production Team
 - Ensemble

2024 Poinsettias Given In Memory Of	2024 Poinsettias Given In Memory Of	
Johnny & Charlotte Burgess: Buck & Gracie Newsom Bob & Pauline Burgess	Shelia Rogers: Debbie Lyles Asa Myers Abbi McKann	
Sandra Burke: Clint Burke Naomi Vaiden	Lester & Rhonda Weaver: Pam Shaney New Lenrae Weaver Radmanesh	
Herman & Teresa Canipe: Herman & Bill Canipe Buck & Gloria Tripp	Charles & Pam Wilkerson: Harold & Mildred Mitchell Jimie & Martha Wilkerson	
Beverly Cheek: Jerry Cheek David & Sylvia Arthurs	Donna Young: Mable Osborne Wally Osborne	
Pat & Sandy Hart: Lynn Snuggs Kay Patterson Denny Deal Wilma Price	Circle of Friends: Ellie Bostick Wilma Price	
Chet & Chris Knapp: Robert & Mildred Knapp Ralph & Leora Hill		
Mark & Minah Lee: Mrs. Song (Minah's mother)		
Martha Osborne: Ellie Bostick		
Ken & Diane Price Ellie Bostick		
Vernon & Shelia Rogers: Billy Hayes Charles & Margaret Rogers		

2024 Poinsettias Given In Honor Of	2024 Poinsettias Given In Honor Of	
Bob & Linda Blackwelder: Aiden & Juliet Blackwelder (great grandchildren)	Martha Osborne: Herman & Teresa Canipe Mike & Judy Brown Jim & Donna Cook	
Mike & Judy Brown: The Williams Family The Caudle Family	Ken & Diane Price: Family & Friends Central's "Secret Mice"	
Sandra Burke: Martha Osborne	Mark Reinbold: Our Parents	
Herman & Teresa Canipe: Mark & Minah Lee and Family	Rob & Stephanie Vjvoda: Rhonda Weaver	
	Lester & Rhonda Weaver: Bud & Pauline Shaney	
Beverly Cheek: Joy Cheek	Presbyterian Women's Retreat: Jeanne McGrath	
David Dillard & Carolyn Rogers: Joyce Cutright (Mother) Wayne & Sybil Dillard (Parents) Sp. 4 James B. Dillard (Brother)		
Chet & Chris Knapp: David Knapp & Shelley Riley Michael Knapp		
Cathy Lee: Jeanne Smith		
Glenn & Liz Litaker: Bud & Pauline Shaney		

CENTRAL CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHOIR

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 9401 SOUTH TRYON <u>ARTS@CSCPC.ORG</u>

HELD THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY EACH MONTH 10:30 - 11:30 AM

FREE FOR CHILDREN IN K-5

Performances by the children's choir held December 2024 / May 2025

Registration form

Central Fine Arts Academy Website:

centralfinearts.org



Lessons for All Ages January 11th - May 10th, 2025 Tuesdays at 4:30 pm-7:30 pm ~ Saturdays 1:30pm-4:30pm

EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

Prices range from \$20-\$35 per class

See centralfinearts.org for pricing details

Payment plans and scholarships available



For more information and registration on-line at CentralFineArts.org

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