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April—June 2025

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Easter Events

Children's Choir Flyer

Boys Scouts/Yard Sale



The holiest week on the Christian calendar is upon us and we call this the 'Passion Week.' The week begins with Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then he is crucified

on the cross on Good Friday. But three days later, our Lord and Savior is resurrected on Easter Sunday, and we celebrate that the tomb is empty. The event of Christ's resurrection forever changed the lives of the disciples of Christ, and they were galvanized by this event. English theologian and author N.T. Wright has written... "The message of the resurrection is that this world matters! That the injustices and pains of this present world must now be addressed with the news that healing, justice, and love have won. If Easter means Jesus Christ is only raised in a spiritual sense—[then] it is only about me and finding a new dimension in my personal spiritual life. But if Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead, Christianity becomes good news for the whole world—news which warms our hearts precisely because it isn't just about warming hearts. Easter means that in a world where injustice, violence and degradation are endemic, God is not prepared to tolerate such things—and that we will work and plan, with all the energy of God, to implement victory of Jesus over them all."

Palm Sunday, the Holy Week, and Easter Sunday are all approaching very quickly and Central is preparing for the remembrance of our Savior's suffering & death, and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. On Thursday, April 17th at 6:30pm, we will gather with our sister presbyterian churches to remember the suffering and death of our Lord in a Maundy Thursday

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worship service. The location of this joint service will be at Central. On Good Friday, our Worship Team will guide you through the 'Stations of the Cross' from 12 noon to 3pm. Then we will gather on Easter Sunday morning at 10:30am to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter is a reminder and encouragement from God that believers of Jesus Christ can enjoy the life of heaven before we enter the gates of heaven. Jesus has already achieved this victory for us, and we are the recipients of his victory through faith in him. Colossians 2:13~14 says... "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." In this letter to the Christians in Colosse, Apostle Paul is reminding them that the resurrection of Jesus Christ means Jesus is who he claimed to be and promised to do. The resurrection means that my past can be forgiven, and Jesus will guide me through my present life and secure my future through the power of the Holy Spirit. This power of the resurrection is shared in Paul's letter to the believers in Ephesus in Ephesians 1:19~20... "What is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places." The same power that enabled Jesus to rise from the dead will help you rise above your present struggles of life. Trust in our Lord each day.

Happy Easter! We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In Grace & Peace, Rev. Dr. Mark Lee

Welcome David Roach our new Director of Music Ministries



David is originally from Rutherford County NC and has been teaching piano for 38 years.

He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University and a signed recording artist with Lamon Records located in Nashville, TN.

David has served as Minister of Music and Pianist for several churches throughout his career. He started playing the piano at the age of 5 and took lessons for many years from age 7 until graduating college. His favorite music is classical and sacred.

He has recorded 8 CD projects with his music being available on Apple music, Amazon music, and Spotify. He has also written a book on how music brings comfort in times of need. In addition to teaching and directing, he enjoys composing and performing.

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Mark Lee Pastor **David Roach Director of Music Ministries** Lynne Thompson **Administrative Assistant** Lauren Perkin **Financial Administrator** Erin Osborne Children's Activity Director **Community Children's Choir Director** Minah Lee **Director of Central Fine Arts Academy** Joni Turner Donna Young **Financial Secretary Clerk of Session Chet Knapp**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am

DEADLINES

The July-September 2025 issue deadline is September 15th, 2025. Articles received late will be included the next issue. Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

April HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Herman Canipe

Ushers: Carolyn Rogers, Teresa Canipe

May 4th Homebound Communion Servers:

Charles Wilkerson, Martha Osborne, Ann Mozingo, Susan Osmar, Jeanne McGrath, Judy Brown

May ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Susan Osmar

Ushers: David Dillard, Sandra Burke

June ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Martha Osborne

Ushers: Angela Smith, Diane Price

From our Director of Music Ministries

Hello Everybody! It is certainly an honor and delight to be here at CSCPC with all of you! I am excited to be a part of the church and to be here in the music ministry. Music has always been my life and passion, and in particular, church music! For 47 years I have either been singing in a church choir, playing the organ or piano, or directing the music. I have been playing the piano for 56 years and have been teaching piano and organ for 38 years - I LOVE MUSIC!

I look forward to meeting each of you during the coming weeks and learning more about the church. Also, if any of you have any musical talent that you would like to share, please let me know. Whether it is singing or playing an instrument, please tell me! We would love to have you share with the church.

I hope everyone has a blessed Easter season and that the joy of His Resurrection remains in our hearts continually!

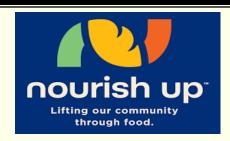
MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of John Price: Rozanna Lawing,

Susan Osmar

In memory of Bud Shaney: Barry & Barbara

Choate, Rozanna Lawing



Donations for the month of April

Canned Meat

the month of May

Boxed Cookies and Crackers

the month of June

Baby Food and Formula



Income to the budget as of

2/28/25: \$64,535

Expenses from the budget as of

2/28/25: \$67,146

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-April

- 1 Anna Eargle
- 3 Cindy Shepard
- 4 Beverly Cheek
- 5 Emily Cheek
- 10 Arianna Salazar-Coes
- 19 Jessica Smith
- 25 Javier Salazar
- 27 Roy Youngblood

Birthdays-May

- 6 Linda Blackwelder
- 6 Mike Brown
- 7 John Burgess, Sr.
- 7 Christopher Canipe
- 8 Chris Winter
- 9 Ingrid Coes
- 13 Lester Weaver
- 15 Vernon Rogers
- 18 Lauren Perkin
- 20 Joan Hedgepeth
- 21 Becky Helms
- 28 Pat Hart
- 29 Beverly Barbee
- 31 Minah Lee

Birthdays-June

- 1 Pauline Shaney
- 6 Rhonda Weaver
- 8 Dustin Shaw
- 13 Matthew Lee
- 17 Joy Cheek
- 17 Donnalea Cook
- 20 Erin Osborne
- 24 Suzi Elliott

Volunteers Needed

The Christian Ed Team is in need of volunteers to keep the nursery during worship on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Charlotte Burgess @ 704 578-8098.

Church Scholarship Applications



Applications for the 2025 Central Steele Creek Church Scholarship (In memory of Marion Blackwelder) and the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2025 are now being accepted.

Any church member (church membership required) who is planning to attend an institution of higher learning in the 2025 - 2026 school year is urged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded on a year to year basis, so past recipients must reapply again this year.

The Gallant Scholarship is awarded yearly and if the recipient maintains acceptable grades, he or she will automatically receive the award in the next year with the possibility of receiving it up to 4 years.

Applications will be accepted through May 2, 2025. This years recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday.

If you have any questions please contact Mike Brown.



Christian Education Team

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 for our LADIES GATHERING to be held in the Family Life Center at CENTRAL!

Details to follow soon.

Missions Team Activities

This year we've been providing 15 weekend food bags each week to the children at Steele Creek Elementary.

To encourage attendance, our team has provided special cupcakes for the children with perfect attendance each quarter.

First quarter we had 85 children with perfect attendance, and second quarter, 65.

Teachers were given \$25 gift cards at Christmas to help defray expenses for their classrooms.

Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact information, such as phone number, cell phone number, address, or email address. Thank you!



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, backpacking, 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 <u>Charlie Bricker,</u> 704-654-0919





STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers and scripture. The stations grew out of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolizing the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion Story of Christ. It's one of the most popular devotions and the stations can be found in many Western Christian churches.

Usually, a series of fourteen images (we will be using eight) will be arranged in numbered order along a path, and the faithful travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each station to say the selected prayers and reflections. This is done individually or in a *procession* usually on *Good Friday*, in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during his *crucifixion*.

The Worship team will set up 8 stations in the Family Life Center on Good Friday, April 18.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

You will have two opportunities to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We will have the flower cross where you can bring cut flowers from your yard (or your favorite flower shop) to be placed on a cross that will be carried outside at the end of the service. You also may reserve an Easter plant that will

decorate the sanctuary (similar to the Christmas poinsettias). The cost of the plants will be announced soon and you may take your plant home after the service.

If you would like to purchase a plant, please contact Chris Knapp before April 13.

And more flower news

And thinking about flowers - remember that you can have a flower arrangement placed in the sanctuary for a special occasion, celebration, memorial, or in honor of someone or something. See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway near the restrooms. See Chris Knapp or Martha Osborne if you need more information.

National Day of Prayer

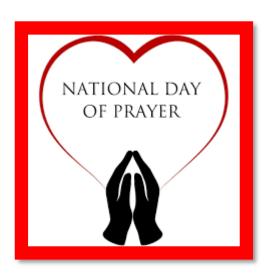
Upcoming Events

The National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 1.

It is an annual event that encourages Americans of all faiths to pray for their country and seek guidance from God. Central will participate in this event by opening the church sanctuary and inviting people from the community, as well as all members, to come and pray. There will be some materials geared to directed prayer and meditation.

Rev. Dr. Lee will be available for individual prayer counseling.

The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The Women's Bible Study will resume on Monday, April 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

The study will be 8 lessons on "The Lord's Prayer".

If you are interested in joining, <u>please</u> <u>let Chris Knapp know by April 7</u> so that books can be ordered.



Mother's Day—May 11th



Pentecost—June 8th



Graduation Sunday—June 8th



The Christian Education Team is in need of volunteers to help Erin Osborne keep the nursery during worship. Currently there are 7-8 people who have volunteered.

In accordance with the Child and Youth Protection Policy, we have to have two people in the nursery. If you want to volunteer but have not received the Child and Youth Protection training, please reach out to a member of the Christian Education Team.

If you volunteer, you will be assigned a Sunday but will not have to stay in the nursery if there are no children that Sunday. The need for volunteers for the nursery is during Worship Service on Sunday.

If you are interested, please contact the church office or Charlotte Burgess at 704-578-8098.

Thank you,
The Christian Education Team

Central Fine Arts Summer Camp

The Central Fine Arts Academy (CFAA) will again hold the **Naturally Creative Arts and Music Camp** this summer (June $23^{rd} - 27^{th}$) The camp is designed for elementary students who are interested in the arts. *Please share our flyer and website with family, friends and neighbors, especially on social media.*

The camp program:

Building on a very positive experience last summer, the camp will continue to offer lessons both in sculpture and drawing/painting. The music programs will include drumming, chimes, ukulele and choir. The camp will conclude with a Showcase on Friday afternoon for families. You are invited to attend this special program.

We are pleased that Minah Lee, Pam Murphy and Karis Lee will return as teachers this year. Pat Green, who is a retired arts teacher, will be joining us as well as Anne Brooks, one of the current CFAA piano teachers.

It takes many volunteers to make this camp happen:

The camp requires many volunteers whose role is to encourage the children and help the teachers as well as meeting the requirements of the Child and Youth Protection Policy. Adult volunteers are needed to help during the class time. Teen counselors help with the leading the campers to the different class locations, snacks, clean-up and having good fun with the younger children.

Please offer to help on mornings or afternoons.

Student and parent feedback:

Last year we were pleased on how well the campers participated in the camp activities and got along together. Here is feedback provided by parents/guardians.

- Loved it! From ukulele to clay
- My daughter enjoyed her camp experience very much. She did not have a favorite teacher as she loved and had a positive experience with all. She loved learning the chimes and we were very impressed by her sculpture and voice. The community really showed up and the diversity of this group is very much appreciated as well.
- Our daughter loved the camp. Thank you and all the amazing teachers and lessons.

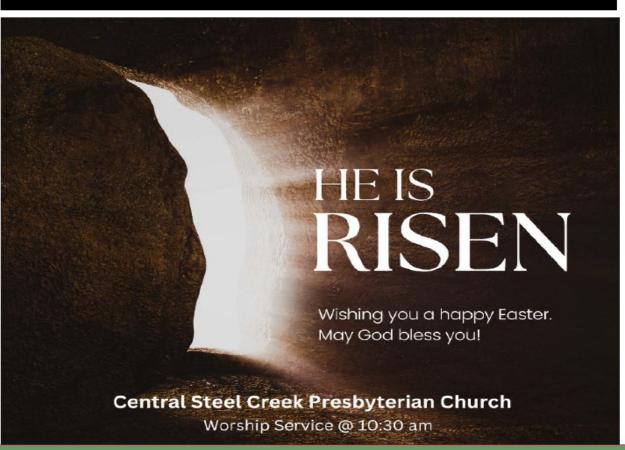
Please contact Jeanne Smith at <u>jesmith8412@gmail.com</u> for more information or to offer your help. .

















Winter/Spring 2025 Session

PIANO • GUITAR • VIOLIN • DRUMS • VOICE SCULPTURE • UKULELE DRAWING/PAINTING • MUSIC ADVENTURES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT ARTS@CSCPC.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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SCOUTS OF CSCPC - Yard Sale

Scouts of Troop 45, sponsored by the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 10th, 2025 from 7:00 A.M to 12:00 A.M. This is to offset the cost of our program. Our summer camp cost is \$455.00 per scout and \$150 for each volunteer adult.

If you would like to rent a space and tables to sell your items and keep the proceeds, the cost of a space and tables is <u>still</u> only \$20.00 and payable to CSCPC - Scouts 45. You will keep any money that is sold from your space and tables.

The Scouts thank you for your continued support!

Info and table applications are available from the CSCPC church office. The contact info is 704-588-1211 or (admin@cscpc.org).

Please contact Charlie Bricker at 704-654-0919, or David Werner at 704-674-7558 if you have any questions.

YARD SALE



RESERVE YOUR TABLE/SPACE! - ONLY \$20.00

WHERE: CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
9401 SOUTH TRYON ST., CHARLOTTE, NC 28273

WHEN: SATURDAY, May 10, 2025

TIME: 7:00 – 12:00

PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO ABIDE TO ALL OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS BELOW.

NAME ______ ADDRESS_______
PHONE #'S ______
E-MAIL ______

ITEMS THAT YOU WISH TO SELL SO THAT WE CAN ADVERTISE FOR YOU

I WISH TO RESERVE ____ TABLES/SPACES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DURING THE SALE, YOUR TABLE/SPACE SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED. IT IS UP TO YOU TO EXERCISE PRUDENT JUDGEMENT AND TO SAFEGUARD YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND BELONGINGS. CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAND CHURCH AND THE CUB SCOUTS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

VERY IMPORTANT

YOU CAN SELL ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT. THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADHERED TO: NO FIREARMS OR WEAPONS OF ANY KIND NO FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY NO ILLEGAL ITEMS OF ANY KIND MAY BE EXHIBITED OR GIVEN AWAY NO ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS – THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT

USE THE MAILING ADDRESS BELOW OR DROP OFF THE APPLICATION AND MONEY AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY May 9, 2025.

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 9401 SOUTH TRYON ST. CHARLOTTE, NC 28273 ATTN: SPRING YARD SALE PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CSCPC – TROOP 45

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL CSCPC @704-588-1211 OR CHARLIE BRICKER @ 704-654-0919 (brickerjk@comporium.net)