The flowers beneath the cross are given to the Glory of God.

The following Sundays are available: September 4, 11, 18 & 25
Call now to reserve your date!

WITH PEOPLE ‘NEATH THE STEEPLE
Please remember in your prayers:
Barb Heintz, Art Phillips, Jim Bleckley,
Ted Henry, John Swizdaryk, Marty Harkey,
Mary Noyes, Marion Middleton, Sr.,
Barbara Harbin, Doug Thrasher, Bill Smith, son-in-law of Gayle Gaul, Terrell Wilson, Judy Shirley, Kyle Anderson’s mother, Terry Anderson, Ashley Harrelson’s mother, Susan Fowler; Jody Moesley, Julie Blankenship’s brother, Mark Hartmann, Jerry Lane, Cecil Stevenson, and Jennifer Perkins’ father, Paul.

The Session calls the congregation to meet at the beginning of worship this morning, August 28, to hear and act upon the recommendations of the Church Officer Nominating Committee. They will nominate the following for election:

Elders, Class of 2019: Henry Adair, Bucky Cole, Jim Helvie, Tom Hinchman, Ralph Little, Sidney Mize, Mike Perkins, and April Swanson

There will be a meeting to receive new members at 10:00 a.m. today in the Session Room.

Thank you!!!
I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, food and prayers during my illness. So thankful for such a loving church family.

Love,
Mary Noyes
Sunday, August 28, 2016 – 10:30 am.
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE PREPARATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

INTROIT: Womb of Life and Source of Being

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy.
All: Through them we come to know the mystery of your life.
One: By your Spirit, enable us to worship your divine majesty
that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying:
All: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord Most High!
One: Let us worship one God in three persons!

HYMN 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful God, you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant,
and our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Amen. God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
All: Thanks be to God!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Gloria Patri #581

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

(After this, children ages 3, 4, and 5 may leave for Children’s Church)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken

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Genesis 1:1 - 5

GOSPEL READING, p. 56

Luke 1:1-4

SERMON

A New Beginning; The Narrative Lectionary

Dr. Bailey

THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS’ PIPES

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PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

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OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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Benediction

CHORAL RESPONSE

Womb of Life and Source of Being

Duck/Chavez-Melo

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand
Central at a Glance
August 28 - September 3, 2016

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL:

SUNDAY, August 28
9:30 am  Sunday School
10:30 am  Worship
11:30 am Youth Handbell Choir Meeting (with parents)

MONDAY, August 29
9:00 am  Preschool/Kindergarten

TUESDAY, August 30
9:00 am  Preschool/Kindergarten

WEDNESDAY, August 31
9:00 am  Preschool/Kindergarten

THURSDAY, September 1
7:00 pm  Central Service, Channel 98
on Charter Spectrum

FRIDAY, September 2
9:00 am  Preschool/Kindergarten

SATURDAY, September 3
9:00 am  Saturday Servants - Mission Committee
Please come and volunteer!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
When someone you love dies, it can be hard to understand your often complex – and painful – thoughts and feelings. The Central Grief Group meets every other Monday night to provide support with and for those who have experienced loss. We meet from 6:30-8:00pm at the church. We are currently working through a book study: Understanding Your Grief Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing your Heart by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. If you would like more information please contact our Parish Associate, Debbie Foster dfoster@centralpresby.com

Upcoming Special Event for Grief Group
On Tuesday September 20 we will be attending the annual Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes Seminar at the TD Convention Center. This year’s presentation is: “What Have You Done for YOU Lately? Stress Management for Grievers. The speaker is Michelle Post. We will leave Central at 4:00pm and stop for a quick dinner on the way to Greenville. Allyson Helvie has agreed to lead the trip. Please call the church office or contact our Parish Associate to sign-up.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
A luncheon for people who have been visiting Central Presbyterian Church and would like to learn more will be held after worship on Sunday, September 11. Those who have joined in the last year are also invited. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend so we can plan food adequately. This will definitely be a child friendly event!

Reminder: If you are unable to be in worship on a Sunday, keep up to date by watching the service or reading the sermon on our website, www.centralpresby.com, or watching on Charter Cable on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. on channel 98.

The Mission Committee is asking for extra help for Saturday Servants on Sept 3rd. Our committee is small, plus it is Labor Day weekend. If you can help, we will start at 8:30. It would also be good if there are a few who can help deliver the lunch bags. Please contact Marion Middleton to let him know if you can help. mwmjr1982@gmail.com 864-617-1184

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP
Meet at Krispy Kreme at 9:15am on Sunday, August 28 for a devotion! Text Ruth Harbin for details (864) 437-9482

Eric Michael 8/28
Donald Hancock 8/29
Jan Mosher White 8/29
Andy Hazle 8/29
Whitney McFadden 8/29
Jay Harbin 8/30
Kyle Anderson 8/30
John Swizdaryk 8/31
Chris Daughtry 9/2
Dick Dominick 9/3
David Poag 9/3
Central at a Glance

Columbarium Sales
If anyone is interested in purchasing a niche in the new Columbarium, information packets are available from Sandy in the church office. The price for a double niche, holding two urns, is $2400 and $1800 for a single. We already have 14 sold!

Search Committee
Central has two search committees active which are working to fill full time positions on our staff.

The Youth Director Search Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates.

The Associate Pastor (Stated Supply contract position) Search Committee is in the organizational process and will soon be publicizing the opening to potential candidates. It is a time of exciting change and transition at Central, in that we are moving from having a part time (10 hours a week) Parish Associate to having a full time position.

Your continued prayers for these committees and candidates will be appreciated!

Homecoming
Homecoming is just around the corner on September 25. Our guest preacher for the occasion will be former assistant minister Jim Richardson. A covered dish luncheon will follow worship. Make plans to be here!

Sunday School!
9:30 - 10:15am
This week’s fruit of the spirit is SELF CONTROL!
At home: Our story comes from Daniel 1:1-21 Give everyone one marshmallow and tell them they can eat it now or wait 15 minutes and get a second marshmallow. Talk to them about Self Control and how Daniel and his friends practiced self-control by eating what God wanted and not from the king’s table.

Wednesday Afternoons: Email Amy if you did not receive the email this week with information about Wednesday Programs!

New in the Nursery: For the safety of the children we will be asking you to go through a simple check in and out process each time your child is with us:

1. Sign in your child, we need a contact number to text in the event of questions or concerns regarding your child. We also need to know if they have any specific needs each morning, including any illness or things we should be mindful of.
2. Get your label, you will be given a label to take with you to worship. A duplicate label will be put on the back of your child.
3. Return with your label, we will ask for your label before handing over your child.

Siblings are not allowed to pick up children. Don’t forget to bring diapers, an extra set of clothes and cups or bottles each Sunday!

Large print Bulletins and Hearing Amplification Devices are available.
Nursery provided for infants through 2-year-old children.

Busy Hands
Each week we will engage in hands on crafts and devotional time together. This fall, the Busy Hands Workshop will join the Flock in supporting the Black Sheep Knitters' "Hats and scarves on Statues" project by learning a simple way to make these items on knitting looms. The hats and scarves we make will be given to people in the community who need them. Kathleen will be happy to demonstrate using a knitting loom if you want to see one before you sign up.

High School and Adults are welcome. Elementary age children may attend with a parent. Leader: Kathleen-Egger Price.

Adult Classes at The Bridge
6:15-7:00pm
September 21 – October 26

“Get Off My Toes, Jesus!”
The old expression, “You stepped on my toes today,” indicates being uncomfortable at some aspect of your behavior or attitude being exposed that may need to be examined. Jesus was a master at doing this through parables — stories with a hook. Mandy Davis and David Bailey will lead this class in a study of six of these parables with a 21st century flavor.

Middle School Retreat
Bonclarken - October 22-23 $85
Register by September 15
“Under Pressure”
At this retreat, we will be taking a close look at the "pressures" Middle School youth have and how to face them as faithful children of God. A central theme will be, “What if Jesus were a Middle Schooler?”

Senior High - Disney Faith in 3D
January 12-16 - $300
Register with $100 deposit by September 15
See Stephen for details!

Back to School Retreat - August 27-28
Look Up Lodge!
This weekend we have nearly 80 youth and adults playing, learning, and worshipping in Traveler’s Rest at Look Up Lodge. Please pray for a productive and fun time for all!

We will leave the church on Saturday morning by 9am and return this Sunday by 11:30am.

Regular Fall PYC starts on September 4
Sundays, 6-8pm
Open Gym starts on September 7
Wednesdays, 3:45-5:30pm

There will be a brief Youth Handbell Choir Informational Meeting this morning following worship. ALL YOUTH who wish to participate in this year and their parents must attend. Contact Mandy with any questions.