



## November Volunteers

### Early Service Prayers

2 Donovan Babb  
9 Terry Caven  
16 Joelle Dunham  
23 Mark Rejmer  
30 Doug Bailey

### Late Service Lay Leaders

Paige Cummings  
Ryan Fox  
Laddie Scott  
Christy Mooney  
Matt Hoots

### Elders of the Week

Cathy Norman, Lanse Patterson  
Carl Cartledge, Chris Whatley  
Lynn Bloodworth, Deb Williams  
Robbie Bryan, Mickey Register  
Howard Guest III, Chris Wilson

### Communion Servers 11/07

Early Service: Bob Urich  
Late Service: Robbie Bryan, Regina Clonts, Gary Huff, Cathy Norman, Mickey Register

### Traditional Service Ushers

2 Cecil & Bonnie Pinkerton and Mickey & Christine Register  
9 Bob & Brenda Glasscock and Daryl & Ginny Moody  
16 Phil & Frances Gibson and Duncan & Margaret McGilvray  
23 Jeani Goodwin, Sylvia Mayo, Jerry McColery, Arlene Peters  
30 Randy & Martha Elmore and Jim & Carol Nelson

### Nursery

Sally Martin  
Kitty Kellogg  
Donna Wood  
Martha Elmore  
Jill Stanley

### Chancel Flowers

Keith & Stacey McDonough  
Bob Burton  
Thanksgiving Cornucopia  
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Advent Poinsettias

### Sunday Gathering Hosts

#### Early

2 Keith & Stacie McDonough  
9 Henry & Cathy Norman  
16 Lanse & Laura Patterson  
23 David & Marie Clark  
30 Mike & Dawn Kenney

#### Late

Daryl & Ginny Moody  
Allen & Naomi Lupton  
TBA  
Carl & Melody Cartledge and Tom & Cathy Hodge  
Mike & Eva Nelson

## November Calendar

Sunday	2	Communion Sunday
Tuesday	4	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Wednesday	5	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	5	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	6	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Thursday	6	WOW @ 6:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	7	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Friday	7	Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.
Saturday	8	Non-member Wedding @ 2:00 p.m.— Sanctuary
Monday	10	Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Monday	10	NAMI (Mental Health) @ 7:30 p.m.— Room 106
Tuesday	11	University Women's Club @ 9:00 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Wednesday	12	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	12	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	13	Athens Newcomers Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	14	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Thursday	13	WOW @ 6:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	15	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Tuesday	18	Cruisers @ 12:00 p.m.— Iris Place
Tuesday	18	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Tuesday	18	Athens/Oconee Junior Women's Club @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	19	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	19	Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
Wednesday	19	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	20	DAR @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	20	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Thursday	20	WOW @ 6:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	21	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Sunday	23	Family Covered Dish Supper @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	26	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Thursday	27	Thanksgiving—Office Closed
Friday	28	Office Closed
Sunday	30	First Sunday in Advent

<b>SUNDAYS</b>	
Contemporary Worship	8:40 a.m.
Sunday School	9:40 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Nursery	8:40 a.m. - noon
Gathering	10:40 a.m.
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	
Dinner	5:45-6:30 p.m.
Kidz Club & Preteen Xtreme	6:15 p.m.
Middlers Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Adult Studies	6:30 p.m.
<b>MUSIC SCHEDULE</b>	
Praise Team	Thu @ 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Wed @ 7:30 p.m.
HandBell Choir	Tue @ 12:30 p.m.
	Wed @ 7:30 p.m.
Children's Choir	Sun @ 9:40 a.m.

## Special Interest

- Communion Sunday, Nov. 2
- Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 27
- Church Office Closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28



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**Stewardship Dedication**—Sunday, November 9 at both worship services. Congregants will have the opportunity to turn in their 2009 Pledge Cards at each service. Cards will be available in the pews that Sunday and will continue to be so the following Sundays.

**The Presbyterian Women**—invite all women of the church and their friends to the annual Thank Offering Potluck Luncheon on Monday, November 10, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The Thank Offering is a PW offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. The offering funds projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns. At least 40% of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world. The remaining 60% funds new creative ideas for mission. In 2008, grants totaling \$516,240 from the 2007 offering were given to 28 projects—13 in the United States. Go to [www.pcusa.org/pw/thank/index](http://www.pcusa.org/pw/thank/index) for more information.

**Operation Christmas Child**—brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. The program provides the chance for people of all ages to be involved in a hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ. The shoeboxes will be dedicated at worship on Sunday, November 16. We invite you to contribute a filled shoebox. Please include a check for \$7 (made out to Samaritan's Purse) in each shoebox to cover shipping. Brochures explaining what items can be included in the shoeboxes are available around the church. Children are invited to bring items to Kidz Club on Wednesday, November 5 for the empty shoeboxes we have been collecting. At 6:30 p.m. the youth will assist our children in filling the shoeboxes. They will wrap and label the boxes. On Monday, November 17 they will deliver all the shoeboxes Central donates to the local collection location.

**John 21 Fund**—In this season of Thanksgiving our congregation takes the opportunity to contribute to the John 21 Fund. The fund was begun in 1985, when a letter and an anonymous cashier's check for \$21,000 was left at the church door. The letter indicated the gift was inspired by the previous Sunday's sermon, based on John 21, where Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my sheep". Later, a second gift followed, and with contributions from the congregation the fund now stands at \$100,000! Each year the interest earned on the fund is used to help alleviate hunger both locally and internationally. This year we will collect the John 21 gift on Sunday, November 16.

## Member News

### Happy Birthday

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mason McDonough
5 <sup>th</sup>	Donovan Babb Linda Smith
7 <sup>th</sup>	Robert L. Bohler Caitlin Brooks Louise Hyers Stacey Pritchett Dottie Quarterman
10 <sup>th</sup>	John Bohler Donna Floyd
11 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Coleman Olivia Fletcher Libby Murray
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Roberts Laddie Scott Chris Wilson
15 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Cameron Rich Martin
16 <sup>th</sup>	Frances Williams
17 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Clement Eva Nelson
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Anderson Carol Nelson
19 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Barnes Wes Clonts
20 <sup>th</sup>	Johni Mathis Ruth Rakes
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jane McCarter
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cecil Pinkerton
24 <sup>th</sup>	Riley Shepstone Mary Emma Norman
25 <sup>th</sup>	John Rakes Lauren Szymanski
26 <sup>th</sup>	Arlene Peters Alex Wunderlich
27 <sup>th</sup>	Zeke Baxter Jeff Marker
29 <sup>th</sup>	Daryl Moody Wayne Peacock John Walden
30 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Miles

"Those that be planted  
in the house of the  
Lord shall flourish in  
the courts of our God."  
Psalm 92:13

## From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth."* Matthew 6:19

Jesus' words about not storing up treasures on earth are not easy ones to truly hear. After all, we spend a lot of our working years doing just that. We store up enough money and retirement to have something left when we are no longer able to work. We store up a nest egg for a rainy day. And we accumulate lots of possessions. It is one of the reasons storage sheds are in such high demand. They are places to keep our excess belongings.

Stewardship season in churches is one of those times when we specifically think about how to "store up treasures in heaven." The Bible does not forbid our having possessions. It does not forbid us from earning a living and providing for our families. In fact it encourages us to do so. But the Bible reminds us that all our worldly goods are transient. They do not last forever. Neither can we take them with us.

In tough financial times, we are reminded of the importance of trusting God. While our national economic situation might have changed, God has not. God is not any poorer because the stock market has gone down. God's ability to provide for us is not any less than it was before. Nor has God's promise to provide for us diminished.

Difficult times simply remind us to place our hope in God. God's faithfulness never ends. God's kingdom will never fail. God's love will rule the entire world and bring justice to all. If we find ourselves struggling, we remember that God is with us. He will never leave us or forsake us.

Beginning November 9, you will have the opportunity in the worship services to make your estimate of giving for 2009. These estimates help the Session make a responsible budget for the coming year. They also allow us to consider God's blessings and how we might respond to them. Our giving is one way to "lay up treasures in heaven."

This is a generous congregation. Thank you for the ways you have supported the work of Christ in this church and community. Make God bless us in our giving and always supply all our needs.

With warm regards,

**Bob**

## Session News

- The Session has formed the Centennial Celebration Committee in preparation for our 100th anniversary in May of 2010. Members include: Howard Guest, Jr. - Chair, Donna Wood, Eva Nelson, Henry Norman, Alan Coleman, Joan Clark, Joelle Dunham.
- The Session acted on a request from Bob Urich to be relieved of his duties as an active elder due to his drastically increased work schedule. The Session did so and asked the Nominating Committee to fill his unexpired two-year term.
- The Session acted on a request by Tom Virkler to be removed from his responsibilities as an active elder and Sunday School teacher at Central. He cited reasons of teaching and educational philosophy. The Session thanked him for his faithful service to the congregation and extended to him and his family their prayers and best wishes. The Session asked the Nominating Committee to fill his unexpired two-year term.
- The Nominating Committee is busy at work on behalf of the congregation and our Lord and Savior. The Committee requests your daily prayers as it continues to seek God's guidance in the process of nominating Elders for the class of 2011 and filling the unexpired terms for the class of 2010. Thank you for helping in this process through the names you submitted. ~ Deb Williams, Chair
- As of the end of September, the budget situation for Central is reasonably good considering that we are in a recession and the economy has not been favorable for a while. Church spending is right on budget so far, with hope of coming in under budget. We are running about \$15,000 behind on giving so far for the year. Giving traditionally runs behind all year and then we get a big surge in December. While I don't want to encourage such behavior (it is better for the treasurer's peace of mind if everybody gives evenly throughout the year), even in this bad economic year I believe that we will play a good game of catch up at year end. Thus, as long as people continue to make their pledges, the church should get through this difficult economic time in solid financial shape thanks to prudent management by the Session and faithful giving by the congregation. I do encourage everybody to remember that even when times are tight, God calls on us to give. Have faith that God will provide for you and your faith will be rewarded in abundance. Thanks to all congregation members for their faithful efforts so far this year in continuing to give to Central. God's blessings to you all. ~ Jeffrey Dorfman, Treasurer

## Gathering

**Presbyterian Women** Thank Offering Lunch is Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Call Melody Cartledge at 706-316-1818 for information.

**The Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dinner and a program.

**Cruisers** has lunch on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at Iris Place. Their Handbell Choir will play for the cruisers. Lunch is free (provided by Iris Place). Church van will leave the church at 11:30 a.m. Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, and food. RSVP 706-549-9284.

**Family Night Supper** is Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. No need to RSVP - just bring a covered dish to share! Call Regina Clonts 706-769-3234 or Alan Coleman 706-543-8902 for information.

**The Knitting Group** meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 218. Call Jill Clement at 706-548-1232.

**The Bridge Club** meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 218. Call Charlie Cook at 706-549-9161. Will NOT meet on November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner** is from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$2, family maximum \$15. To-Go boxes are \$4. November menus:

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| 11/5  | Barberito's burritos, chips & salsa, dessert                                     |
| 11/12 | Chick-fil-a nuggets, chips, carrot/raisin salad, coleslaw, dessert               |
| 11/19 | Buffalo's wings, chicken nuggets, carrots & celery w/dip, chips & salsa, dessert |
| 11/26 | No Dinner - Thanksgiving Holiday   |

**World Community Day for Church Women United (CWU)** will be Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. CWU is an ecumenical movement that brings together Christian women in the USA and Puerto Rico. For further information, call Fran Nesbit 706-543-9646.

**The Youth** are invited to attend *Chrysalis Hoot* Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Tuckston United Methodist Church. *Chrysalis* is a teen Christian interdenominational weekend retreat to be held November 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Come along for an informative gathering including dinner, music, games, and short talks about the ministry. All youth, friends, and parents are welcome. Rev. Deb serves on the Chrysalis board and loves the ministry! Contact her at 706-549-9284 or [debtrimpe@bellsouth.net](mailto:debtrimpe@bellsouth.net).

## Growing

**KIDZ ROCK SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
3 yrs.-PreK Room 200  
K-1<sup>st</sup> grade Room 201  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Room 202

**PRETEEN XTREME SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Room 207

**JUST4YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Middlers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 106  
Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 105

**ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Bible Adventures Class Room 100  
Leader: Class Members *The Resurrection*

Sola Scripture Class Room 208

Leaders: Class Members *Bible Study*

Discovery Class Room 211

Leaders: Rich & Joelle Dunham

*Biblical Answers to Modern Problems*

Friendship Class Room 216

Leader: Jeani Goodwin *Becoming a Butterfly*

Road Less Travelled Class Room 218

Leader: Jo Carol Nasset-Sale

*God, Man, and Suffering*

Simply Christian Class Room 206

Leaders: Class Members

*Bible Study-The Ministry of Jesus*

**KIDZ CLUB WEDNESDAY @ 6:15pm**

3 yrs.-PreK Room 200

K-1<sup>st</sup> grade Room 201

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Room 202

**PRETEEN XTREME WED. @ 6:15pm**

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Room 207

**JUST4YOUTH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30pm**

Middlers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 106

Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 105

**ADULT WEDNESDAY @ 6:30pm**

What Do Presbyterians Believe?

Rm 218 Led by Bob Bohler.

Christian Parenting in the 21st Century

Rm 100 Led by Deb Trimpe.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

NMLB Fri. at 6:50 p.m. Room 100

Leader: Chris Whatley

WOW Wed. at 9:30 a.m. Room 100

Leaders: Deb Trimpe and Deb Williams

Thu. at 6:30 p.m. Room 218

Leader: Deb Williams

Economic changes have brought uncertainty and stress. We all are struggling to find our balance as we face life adjustments, many of them out of our control. Samaritan Counseling Center has provided a brochure that offers perspective and suggestions for support in these unpredictable times. Brochure available outside the church office.

## Going

**The Noon Day Kitchen** is Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Call Wes Clonts at 706-769-3234.

**The Mending Ministry** is Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge at 706-316-1818.

**The Food Basket** needs dry pasta, cereal, crackers, and paper bags.

**Rake-n-Run Youth Mission Project** is Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm. Youth are seeking names of members who need some help with yard work. Youth will do outdoor chores—rake, sweep, bag leaves, etc. Contact Deb Trimpe at 706-549-9284 or [debtrimpe@bellsouth.net](mailto:debtrimpe@bellsouth.net).

**The Sparrow's Nest Toy Give Away** is Saturday, December 6. We need many volunteers to make this happen! Fill out a volunteer application today at [www.sparrowsnestmission.org](http://www.sparrowsnestmission.org). The deadline for sign-ups is November 22. We also need 40 volunteers and Spanish translators to help with the registration on Tuesday, November 11, 3:45-7pm. Call Laura Ebbert at 706-5435399.

**Attention adult Christmas elves**—your help is needed to decorate the church for the upcoming holiday. We have lots of projects to get done in just a couple of days. So if you are able-bodied and want to help, please contact either Sharon Thomas at 706-543-1973 or Shirl Wunderlich at 706-543-1651. We will start decorating right after Thanksgiving.

**The PW Santa Claus Express** box is in the hallway by Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women collect items for Christmas gifts for the residents of Georgia's Presbyterian Homes and Villages. A list of approved items is on the box.