

CENTRAL SCENES

September 2011

The monthly newsletter for Central Presbyterian Church of Athens, GA

Special Interest

- **Communion Sunday, Sept. 4**
- **Seniors Game Day Wed., Sept. 7**
- **10th Anniversary Remembrance Sunday, Sept. 11**
- **Mission in a Mile Luncheon Sunday, Sept. 18**

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Mission in a Mile Kickoff - Sunday, September 18

As a church, we are looking at how we can make a difference in the one mile radius around our congregation. During the past spring, we studied the area, talked with representatives from schools and community, brainstormed together, and tried to think about how to begin. On Sunday, September 18, we will kick off our efforts, share the results of our research, and offer some opportunities where you can make a difference. We will conclude the day with a Covered Dish Luncheon, celebrating the beginning of our Mission in a Mile, following the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The church will provide chicken, pot roast, and drinks. The congregation will bring sides, bread, and desserts according to where your last name falls in the alphabet: A—B Traditional Salads, C—D Pasta Salads, E—K Green Vegetables, L—Q Starch, R Bread, S—Z Dessert. This is a combination event of fellowship and missions ministries.

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service Officially Begins September 11

August 14th marked the 'soft opening' of our new Contemporary Worship Service, allowing us to work out details and logistical problems. The official opening will be Sunday, September 11. A banner will invite the community to all three of our services. Our target audience is people in the community who do not have a church home, and who want a contemporary worship service in a mainline denomination. Please pray that this outreach effort will bear fruit and continue to increase the kingdom of God.

Central Seniors' New Programs this Fall!

Central's Senior Adult Planning Team has been working on great new opportunities for our Seniors. We have on-going programs especially designed for our seniors through the church and OLLI. The upcoming programs in these areas are outlined on page 3. In addition to these programs three new ones are starting this month!

Game Day – Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m.—This is not a reference to UGA football, it is an invitation for adults to come enjoy a morning of board or card games at the church. The church will have games available or you can bring a favorite of your own. Games will include things like: dominos, checkers, scrabble, bingo, or playing cards for, say, bridge or canasta. Dr. Bohler will help coordinate a fun time of socializing and games. Come challenge Dr. Bohler in a game of "Chicken Foot" (a dominos game) or find an enjoyable game of cards. We will order lunch for anyone who wishes. You can stay through lunch, until 1 p.m. or leave when you need to. Join us on the first Wednesday of every month! **Book Group – Thursday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 218**—Here is an opportunity to select, read, and share a meaningful book with other Central members and friends. The coordinator is Mrs. Beth Ellis who will be assisted by Mrs. Dottie Quarterman. The organizational meeting is *Wednesday, September 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in room 218.* Ask yourself – "Why not give your brain cells a book-a-month stimulation"? **Men's Fellowship Lunch – Wednesday, September 14, at 12:00 Noon, at Buffalo's, Beechwood Shopping Center**—Come enjoy lunch with other men of Central. This is a time for fellowship and getting acquainted. No program. No speakers. Here is a chance to get together with other men of Central for a good lunch in good company. Begins at noon and you can leave when you need to. Will meet on the second Wednesday of every month.

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Making Christ Central

From the Pastor's Study

"Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19). September begins some new things for us as a congregation. We have been brainstorming how to enhance our Senior Adult programs at Central. This month we start some new programs and revisit an old one. The old one we want to renew is a monthly book club. This will give people the chance to read interesting books, among friends, and discuss them with other people. It is a great way to get to know others and keep your mind stimulated. The new events for Seniors are Game Day and the Men's Fellowship Luncheon. Game Day will be a chance to enjoy some board games with others. The Men's Luncheon will be an opportunity to fellowship with other Central men in a casual, enjoyable setting. See the front page for information on these programs.

Another new opportunity is the Mission in a Mile outreach. As a church we participate in many mission outreach efforts. Through our giving to the denomination, we participate in missions nationally and around the world. Our donations help make a difference through our denominational mission efforts. Central's own congregation also supports many agencies in our community, such as the Ark, Nurses' Clinic, and the Presbyterian Student Center. What is new in our Mission program is a specific focus on the area right around the church. In the area around the church we have neighborhoods, businesses, schools, a hospital, and a retirement center. This gives us a unique chance to seek to discover ways to be real participants in the health of our local community. You will learn more about this on September 18.

The other significant new thing at Central is an 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. After a lot of thought and consideration, we will begin a service in the Contemporary Worship Center, September 11, that runs concurrent with the Traditional Service. Will this work? The service has actually been running each Sunday for the last three weeks. You probably have not noticed, unless you have attended this service. The sermon will be shown on video screen (recorded at the early contemporary service and shown more toward the middle of the service rather than the end) and Reverend Trimpe will close out the service during Dr. Bohler's sermon time in the Traditional Worship Service. The target audience is people who are not here yet, so invite anyone you know looking for mainline contemporary worship that helps people know God, love others, and make a difference in the world. God does new things and so should we! We keep the old and add the new. We nurture our inreach and promote outreach. We teach the faith and love one another. Please pray that these new programs will expand our reach and enable us to grow in grace.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Bohler, Jr.

Children & Youth

YOUTH CHOIR

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

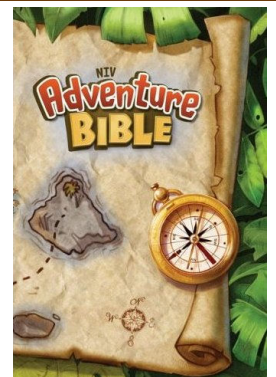
ALL youth, grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to be part of the youth choir. The benefits to singing in a choir are many. A recent study found that greater civic involvement, discipline, and team work are just a few of the attributes fostered by singing with a choral ensemble. A special choir trip is being planned for students who regularly participate. Join today!

Third Grade Bible Sunday

It is a tradition at Central for all children entering the third grade to receive a Bible as a gift from our church. The Bible presentation will be on Sunday, September 25.

This is an important rite of passage in the Christian journey of our third graders and marks a special time in their lives when they will be taught Bible skills and Biblical truths. So parents, please mark your calendar and set aside time so that you and your child can participate in this special event. We just need for you to let us know which service you plan to attend that day by noon on Friday, September 23.

We will also be presenting Bibles to older children who have been coming to Central that have not received a Bible.



Current Session Minutes are in the Session Notebook!

Children & Youth

3 yrs.-PreK	Room 200
K-1 st grade	Room 202
2 nd -3 rd grade	Room 201
4 th -5 th grade	Room 205
6 th -7 th grade	Room 206
8 th -9 th grade	Room 207
10 th -12 th grade	Room 209

Worship/Communion Class

We will be offering an instructional class about worship and communion this fall on Wednesday evenings during Kidz Club. This class is targeted for second and third graders, but is open to older children who have not taken the class. For the third graders who participated in the class last year, this will be a review.

The class is designed to enrich the communion experience of our children. It will prepare children to understand the order of worship, learn about belonging to a community of faith through baptism, and understand the Biblical meaning behind communion. There is no expectation that kids who complete this class be baptized or participate in communion. The class stands alone as an opportunity to learn about these doctrines. However, children completing the class who have been baptized will take their first communion with the congregation on World Communion Sunday, October 2. We ask parents to make a commitment on having your child at church for the following classes:

Sept 7	Study on Baptism
Sept 14	Study on Baptism/ Communion
Sept 21	Study on Communion
Sept 28	Questions/Prepare Elements/ Etiquette

Youth Events

Sept 4—No Youth Group

Sept 11—10th Anniversary of 9/11

Sept 18—Join us for fun at Funopolis! We are leaving at 1:15pm after church luncheon.

Sept 25—Team Building Fun

Adults

The Presbyterian Women meet on Monday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 218 for Bible Study. Call Melody Cartledge 706/316-1818.

The Mending Ministry meets on Wednesday, September 28, at 2:00 p.m. at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge 706/316-1818.

The Knitting Ministry meets Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Room 218. Call Jill Clement 706/548-1232.

Family Covered Dish Dinner, Sunday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Call Regina Clonts 706/714-8929 or Alan Coleman 706/543-8902.

Food Basket needs fruit juice, saltine crackers, and boxed macaroni & cheese. NOTE: They no longer need egg cartons.

Maggie's Bags is a ministry of the Women of Central. This ministry started last year as the women of Central began making "Maggie's Bags" as a memorial to Paige Cummings' daughter, Maggie. These quart zip-lock bags are filled with personal care items, then donated to the Athens Nurses Clinic and given to their clients, many of which are homeless members of our community.

All are invited to participate by bringing the following items: to the container outside the church office: toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, shaving cream, deodorant, washcloth, shampoo/conditioner, comb, white sport socks, skin lotion.

Senior Adults

Central Seniors News

The Central Senior/OLLI Lunch and Lecture series will kick off its Fall season on Tuesday, September 20, with an informative and entertaining program entitled, "Musical Medicine." Lunch, which will be catered by Talmadge Terrace, will begin promptly at 12 Noon. The cost is \$6.00 for 2 meats, 4 vegetables, drink, and dessert.

Presenting the lecture will be Drs. Pete Jutras from the UGA School of Music and Ellen Richey of the UGA Music Therapy Program. Dr. Jutras will share his extensive research on how music helps the older brain grow new dendrites while Dr. Richey will talk about the use of music in various therapeutic settings.

If you are a Central Senior and an OLLI member, you do not need to register with OLLI for this course. Just come.

Ending the program will be a brief concert by the New Horizons Band, which consists only of people 50+ years of age. Several Central seniors are part of the band.

So, get out your rhythm sticks and dancing shoes and join us on Sept. 20. Please call the church office to reserve a place for lunch by Tuesday, Sept. 13.

ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40am

<u>The Bible Adventures Class</u>	Room 100
<i>Video: New Testament</i>	
<u>The Discovery Class</u>	Room 211
<i>Prophets & Kings</i>	
<u>The Friendship Class</u>	Room 216
<i>What Would Jesus' Church Look Like?</i>	
<u>The Road Less Travelled Class</u>	Room 218
<i>Video: Old Testament</i>	
<u>The Sola Scriptura Class</u>	Fellowship
<i>The Harmony of the Gospels</i>	Hall

September Volunteers

ELDERS OF THE WEEK

- 4 Alan Coleman, Lew Frazar
11 Sarah Scott, John Walden
18 Sharon Roberts, Doug Bailey
25 Christa Bailey, Sarah Bryan

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Gathering Hosts

- 4 Carol Cason, George Nunnally
11 John & Louise Hyers
18 Mike & Dawn Kenney
25 David & Marie Clark
Communion Server—Lew Frazar

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Lay Leader

- 4 David Wells
11 Phil Gibson
18 David Bernhardt
25 Matt Hoots

Gathering Hosts

- Bill & Sherry Anderson
Bob & Jan Rhodes
Robbie & Sarah Bryan
Wayne & Kim Peacock

Prayer of Invocation

- 4 Alan Coleman
11 Sarah Scott
18 Sharon Roberts
25 Christa Bailey

Welcome Center Deacons

- George Nunnally, Shirley Berry
Peggy Bailey, Eric Anderson
Dotty Cox, Donna Floyd
Dale Autry, Gail Gentry

Ushers

- 4 John & Joan Duffett, Gary & Karen Huff
11 Gene & Carole Hayden, Kurt & Jo Carol Nessel-Sale
18 Don & Georgiana Sumner, Jim & Carol Nelson
25 Frank & Kim Daniels, Mark & Anna Coxwell

Nursery

- 4 Kim Bohler
11 Robin Davis
18 Eva Nelson
25 Martha Elmore

Greeters

- Tom & Pam Doonan
Donna Wood, Eric Anderson
Charles & Faye Kilgore
Cecil & Bonnie Pinkerton

Communion Servers—Doug Bailey, Naomi Lupton, John Walden, Louis Boyd, Mac Fite

September Birthdays!

- 1st—Terri Armacost, Tim Szymanski
2nd—Randy Brooks, Lauren Peterson
3rd—Thomas Lupton
6th—Howard Graham, Betty Lou Graham, William Murray
7th—Charles Cox, Florence Whitmire
8th—Carol Cuff, Hunter Gast
10th—Isabella Gallo, Ed Law
11th—Linda Carter, Joan Clark, Sally Martin
13th—Eli Nelson, Beth Norris
14th—Robert Bachman, Ellen Hanna
15th—Lindsey Pinkerson
16th—Tania Bachman, Nate Nelson
17th—Mary Baker
18th—Duncan McGilvray, John Wunderlich
19th—Christine Register, Sara Stockwell
20th—Vicki Farmer, Donna Wood

SUNDAYS

- 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.

Communion served the 1st Sunday of each month. For our homebound members, we will bring Communion to you. Call the office to schedule.

WEDNESDAYS (Through May 2012)

- Dinner 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Kidz Club 6:15 p.m.
PreTeen Xtreme 6:15 p.m.
Youth Volunteer Night 6:30 p.m.
Adult Studies 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC SCHEDULE

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| Chancel Choir | Wed @ 7:30 p.m. |
| Children's Choir | Sun @ 9:40 a.m. |
| Tuesday Jubellation | Tues @ 12:15 p.m. |
| Joyful Noise | Wed @ 7:30 p.m. |
| Praise Team | Thurs @ 6:00 p.m. |
| Youth Choir | Sun @ 3:30 p.m. |

September Calendar

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| Friday 2 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Friday 2 | Noon Day Kitchen, 11am |
| Sunday 4 | Communion Sunday |
| Tuesday 6 | WOW @ 9:30am—Room 100 |
| Tuesday 6 | Knitting Ministry @ 1:30pm—Room 218 |
| Wednesday 7 | Seniors' Game Day @ 10am—Room 218 |
| Wednesday 7 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m. Dinner, Kidz Club, Preteen Xtreme, Adult Classes, Youth Choir |
| Thursday 8 | Newcomers Club @ 9:30am—Fellowship Hall |
| Friday 9 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Sunday 11 | 10th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11 |
| Monday 12 | The Presbyterian Women @ 10am—Room 218 |
| Tuesday 13 | WOW @ 9:30am—Room 100 |
| Tuesday 13 | Knitting Ministry @ 1:30pm—Room 218 |
| Wednesday 14 | Seniors' Men's Fellowship Lunch @ 12:00pm—Buffalo's, Beechwood Shopping Center |
| Wednesday 14 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m. |
| Thursday 15 | Seniors' Book Group @ 10am—Room 218 |
| Friday 16 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Sunday 18 | Mission in a Mile Luncheon after church—Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday 20 | WOW @ 9:30am—Room 100 |
| Tuesday 20 | Knitting Ministry @ 1:30pm—Room 218 |
| Tuesday 20 | AOJWC @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday 21 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m. |
| Friday 23 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Sunday 25 | Family Covered Dish Dinner @ 6:00—Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday 6 | WOW @ 9:30am—Room 100 |
| Tuesday 27 | Knitting Ministry @ 1:30pm—Room 218 |
| Wednesday 28 | Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview |
| Wednesday 28 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m. |
| Friday 30 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |

September Birthdays (continued)

- 21st—Meredith Hoots
22nd—Mark Bell, Etta Fite
23rd—Elizabeth Whieldon
25th—Frank Eberhart, Brenda Poss
26th—Mark Davis, Kim Peacock, Ruth Younts
27th—Alex Bernhardt, Bob Carter, Norma Seerley
28th—Mandy Baxley
29th—Jakob Amouroux, Sherry Caven, Bob Urich, Carolyn Van Sant