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Weekly Newsletter

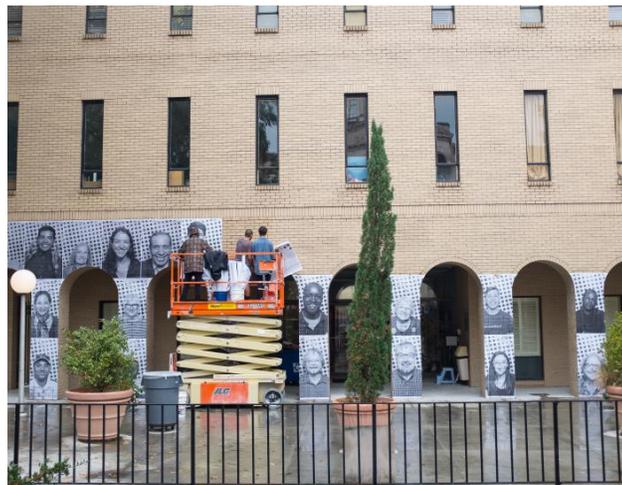
November 19, 2017

This Sunday @ Central

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
Courtyard Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Michelle Hwang Preaching
- 12:00 Noon Fellowship Lunch--Tull Fellowship Hall
Menu:
Fresh Fruit and Salad Bar
Cornbread Muffins
Cajun Fried Fish with Hushpuppies
Jambalaya Rice
Blackeye Peas
Sautéed Kale
Apple Cobbler

**\$8 adults, \$3 children ages 11 and younger*

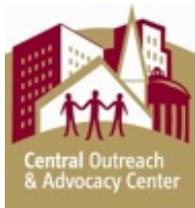
Central Hosting National Tour Art Exhibit: "We Are All Dreamers"



Central is honored to be hosting a touring public art exhibit called Inside Out Dreamers. The exhibit began Monday, November 6 and will stay up for two weeks.

Central is the official Atlanta location for this nationwide tour, also featured in New York, Chicago, Nashville, Houston, and other cities around the nation. The exhibit is a partnership with Welcome Atlanta and will be installed and removed with no cost to Central.

[Click here](#) to read more about the exhibit. This event is co-sponsored by Global Mission and Worship, Music, and Fine Arts committees.



Central OAC Online Store



Can you believe that it is less than two months until Christmas?! Get a head start on shopping for everyone on your list with Central OAC's online store! Notecards, books, and one-of-a-kind art are available, and your purchase gives back to the OAC! What more could you want this Christmas? Shop today by clicking on this link!

<https://app.etapestry.com/cart/CentralOutreach/default/index.php>

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Please join us **Thursday Nov. 16th** for fellowship and friendly discussions of the recent elections hosted by Camille Gaffron at Villa International (1749 Clifton Road) from 7:00-9:30 pm. Camille will be providing salmon.

See the sign-up genius for more information about the menu.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4babaf2ba7fc1-central3>

We are also asking that you bring feminine hygiene products for the OAC. Ann Hunter will collect and deliver them. Please contact Tricia 404-326-3303 or email at triciaberrett@gmail.com if you have food questions.

For all other questions or concerns, please reach out to Sally and Larken at sallyashe@yahoo.com and larkenmccord@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.



Celebrate the Season

Each year, Central offers you the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one through a gift to the

Flower Fund. During the Advent and Christmas season, the arrangements in the sanctuary will add a visual reminder of the beauty and spirit of the season.

A portion of your gift will also be used throughout the coming year continuing to bring joy and beauty to our worship services.

[Click here](#) to make your gift donation.



Help Create Advent Liturgical Art (Bottle Caps)

Join us on **Saturday, November 18** beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Music Suite (Third floor of the Oglesby Building) to help create our Advent Liturgical Art designed and created by Lauren Wright-Pittman. We will use the many bottle caps that the congregation collected over this past year to create this artwork. Parking is available in the alley or on MLK. All are welcome!

Our Advent theme: While We Are Waiting, Come

Below is Lauren's thought process in creating the liturgical art:

I started with the question, "What does waiting for hope / peace / love / joy look like?" I think waiting looks like surrendered prayer and devotion, like the person on the left, like desperately reaching out and moving into action like the person in the center, like head in hands, dejected, crying, sorrow – the kind of "waiting room" waiting like the person on the right. I believe the theme "While we wait, come" suggests a stillness and action, and I think we all engage in waiting differently... so I wanted to image that diversity.

The light bursting forth represents the hope / peace / love / joy that we are waiting for and actively inviting into the world during the Advent season. That light can also visually reference the star that guided the journey of the Magi. Three strands of pink emanate from the center, referencing God's movement in the world, and the pink strands embrace the hands of the person on the left, honoring her prayer, embrace the heart of the person in the center, honoring his passion and action, and embrace the head of the person on the right, honoring their anxiety / suffering / turmoil in waiting.

-Lauren Wright-Pittman



Nativities wanted for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

You are invited to loan Central one of your Nativities for our sanctuary windows. If you wish to share your Nativity, please bring it to Central no later than **Wednesday, November 29**.

-Worship, Music, and Arts Committee

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Please join us after worship in the Brotherhood room on **Sunday, December 10** for an information session about Stephen Ministry. Bring all your questions!



The Children's Ministry is preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant when the children of Central present the Proclamation of the Word. This year, we will be presenting the pageant during the 11:00 a.m. **MORNING** worship service, instead of the Christmas eve service which will be held at 5:30 p.m.

We are currently casting the pageant. Rehearsals will begin Nov. 26 and will be weekly on Sunday afternoons until the morning of the pageant.

If you have a child ages 3 years old through 5th grade who would like to participate, please email Melanie Bliss at drdbliss@me.com by Saturday Nov. 18.

If you are new to Central or are a frequent visitor and you would like your child to participate, please contact Melanie soon so you can learn more about the variety of roles available.



Sunday School Needs Your Help!

Do you enjoy being with children and love their energy? We need your gifts at Sunday school. Our 4th/5th grade class is in need of two teachers. If you are interested or know of someone please email Michelle at mhwang@cpcatlanta.org



When a Snack Matters

Throughout downtown Atlanta, many places offer daily meals to those experiencing homelessness. Central OAC is not one of those places, but we do offer snacks to our guests-but not to anyone who simply asks.

Why not? At the OAC, we believe that people who are hanging out in our lobby and not receiving services have ample opportunity to get to one of the many soup kitchens. However, guests who come to us for services might have to miss a meal in order to get the help they need from us. We don't want our guests to go hungry because they were waiting to apply for their birth certificate or getting assessed for the Main Frame Job Readiness program. So, we offer snacks to these individuals (and their kids, too!).

In order for these guests to receive the nourishment they might need, we'd like your help! A great way to contribute to our work is to provide healthy snacks like granola bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, packs of peanuts, small cans of fruit or apple sauce, etc. If you're interested in donating snacks, please leave them in the large bins at Central or in the church office marked "Central OAC."

You may also visit our "Wish List" on our website and order them online to be shipped directly to the OAC. The link is: <http://centraloac.org/get-involved/wish-list/>

We are grateful for your contributions that will help our guests stay strong and healthy as they work to overcome homelessness!



Having first opened its doors in 1980, the Central Night Shelter (CNS) has opened again as of Wednesday, November 1. This ministry, which provides shelter during the cold weather months of November - March, is run totally by volunteers. These volunteers come from all over the Metro Atlanta area. For example, for many years, the congregation of Peachtree City United Methodist Church has taken the the nights of the first and last weeks of the season. Other volunteers come from organizations such as schools, churches, and fraternities. Central Church is responsible for ten nights throughout the season, and now is the time to fill those dates.

If you are interested in volunteering as part of a group to prepare and serve dinner, prepare sack breakfast and lunch, or spend the night, you may contact Wills Moore by **email** or Shelley Parnes by **email**.

To learn more about CNS, follow this link: [CNS Welcome | CNS Atlanta](#).



Art Exhibit by Zimbabwe Artists Project Now in Tull Hall Gallery

(Back by popular demand!)

The fabric hangings of the Zimbabwe Artists Project will be on display on October 29 through December. They make wonderful gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

ZAP's Mission: Partnering with Weya artists in strengthening self-sufficiency, building cultural understanding and creating educational opportunities is our mission. We work with women artists (and a few

men) from rural Weya in Eastern Zimbabwe, buying art directly from them and selling it to people in the U.S. who are looking for beautiful and meaningful art and who want to support their artistic talents. To learn more about ZAP, visit their **website**.

All artwork is for sale. Contact Dave VanderMeer dvandermeer@cpcatlanta.org or Sandra McDonald smcdonald@cpcatlanta.org about the cost.

Israel/Palestine Film

"Open Bethlehem," a documentary by Leila Sansour of a homecoming to that Palestinian town, will be shown at the Carter Center on **Monday, November 20**, at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church's Joining Hands for Justice Palestine/Israel, the film spans five years in the life of Bethlehem, revealing a city of astonishing beauty and political strife under occupation. \$10 donation at the door; as seating is limited, RSVP to make a reservation by Friday, November 18:

Fahed Abuakel
404-441-2702
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One of Central's small groups open to all, Bookworms, has kicked off its 2017 - 2018 reading year. The group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (mostly).

For more information or to get on their mailing list, contact Jean Ellen Jones by **email**.

Date	Book	Host	Start Time	Leader
9/26	<i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> By J. D. Vance	Camille Gaffron	7:00 (Pot Luck)	Isabelle Werber
10/24	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> By Amor Towles	Julie & Wade Boggs	7:30	Jean Ellen Jones
11/28	<i>Hero of the Empire</i> By Candice Millard	Jean Ellen Jones	7:30	Mary Caroline Lindsay
1/23	<i>My Name is Lucy Barton</i> By Elizabeth Strout	Anne and Wayne Anderson	7:30	Edna Bacon
2/27	<i>The Muralist</i> By B. A. Shapiro	Julie & Wade Boggs	7:30	
3/27	<i>My Life on the Road</i> By Gloria Steinem	Edna Bacon	7:30	
4/24	<i>Underground Railroad</i> By Colson Whitehead	Debbie & Jerry Miller	7:30	Linda McCord
5/22	<i>Sisters-in-Law</i> By Linda Hershman	Sherry Wright	7:00 (Pot Luck)	Sally LaBadie

Runners-up*The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly*News of the World* by Paulette Jiles*The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes*Halleluyah Anyway: Discovering Mercy* by Ann Lamott

Down Yonder Parish

The Down Yonder Parish invites you to join the "Daytime" Book Club in reading *Bitter Fruit* by Stephen Schlesinger and Stephen Kinzer. It is the story of the American Coup in Guatemala.

The Club will meet once a quarter and was established primarily for people who are not comfortable driving at night but would like to be a part of an intellectual book discussion group. Tentatively, the first meeting will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11:30am. Anne Sayre who has done significant work in Guatemala will be the guest speaker and will lead the discussion at this inaugural meeting.

Save the Date

2018 Central Women's Retreat
March 2 - 4 | The Calvin Center

The Household of God
led by The Rev. Beth Johnson