



**CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Weekly Newsletter

November 26, 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
David Cozad Preaching
- 12:00 Noon Lunch will not be served this Sunday.
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CHILDREN'S
Advent
EVENT

HOPE • PEACE • CHRIST • JOY • LOVE

December 3rd Advent Event

- 9:00am: Continental Breakfast
Youth Bells
Children's Choirs
- 9:45am: Advent Crafts
- 10:35am: Prepare for Worship
- 11:00am: Worship
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Advent Asks Us to Open Our Hearts to God

Three ways to share the Joy of Giving: Christmas Joy Offering, Christmas Greetings, Christmas Flowers

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.

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

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

Your name along with the ones you wish to honor/memorialize will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 24. The deadline for submitting your payment/names is Tuesday, December 19.

Too busy to send Christmas cards this year? How about sending some greetings to your Central family-with all of the payoff but none of the work, while contributing to the work of the Child Development Center?

This year, send a **Christmas Greeting** at Central! Your donation - which can be as small or as large as you wish - will help grow the Lynn Carter Tuition Scholarship Fund of the CDC. This scholarship fund helps provide tuition assistance to those who might not otherwise be able to attend the CDC.

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

You can submit your greeting and payment online ([click here](#)). Your greeting will be published in the worship bulletin on December 24. The deadline is Tuesday, December 19. So, this season, skip the cards and send a Christmas greeting that will help the CDC families!

This Advent and Christmas season, we celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. By giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**, we recognize the indescribable gift God has given us in Jesus Christ and also in the leaders within our church. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The Joy Offering will be received during worship on Sunday, December 24, however, you can make your gift at any time by [clicking here](#). [Note: be sure to include Central's name in the "Comments" section.]

Alternative Gift Sale

Sunday December 10 & 17



Come buy Christmas gifts with us and help make life better for our sisters and brothers around the world!

We will be selling the following fair trade items:

- Notecards
- Handmade purses, pillows, and dolls from Haiti
- Chocolate
- Stuffed animal goats, to benefit the La Gonave Goat Project
- Coffee
- Tea
- Olive Oil
- Alternative gift donations to benefit the La Gonave Haiti Partnership or the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center

NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS.



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?

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



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.



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@cpatlanta.org



Central OAC Receives ECF Grant

"The Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia announces it will grant \$88,600 to eight organizations that are lifting people from poverty and oppression in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. The grants, which go into effect this month, will be made to Calvary Refuge, the Cathedral of St. Philip, Central Outreach & Advocacy Center, Church of the Ascension, Macon Volunteer Clinic, New American Pathways, Nicholas House, and Sandy Springs Mission." Central OAC is grateful for this partnership and the \$10,000 awarded to further their mission. Read full press release [here](#).



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@cpatlanta.org or Sandra McDonald smcdonald@cpatlanta.org about the cost.

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