



**CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Weekly Newsletter

January 14, 2018

This Sunday @ Central

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
Courtyard Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages (see article below for Adult Winter Studies topics/dates)

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
David Cozad Preaching

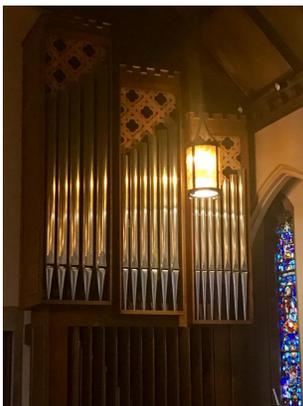
12:00 Noon **Please RSVP to Sunday Lunch!**

In order to minimize food waste and ensure that people in the back of the lunch line are able to eat, we are asking the congregation to RSVP for Sunday lunch. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Lunch is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children, and it is a wonderful time of fellowship.

This week's menu:

Fresh Fruit and Salad Bar
Assorted Dinner Rolls
Pepper Steak
Scallion Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Peach Cobbler



From the Organ Bench

Or, this Sunday, from the piano bench! The Closing Voluntary this Sunday, the day before the celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King, is an arrangement of the African-American Spiritual, "Go Down, Moses," often referred to as "an American Negro spiritual." It describes events in the Old Testament, specifically that found in Exodus 8:1: "And the LORD spake unto Moses, 'Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me'", that passage in which God commands Moses to demand the release of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. In the song, "Israel" is said to represent the African-American slaves while "Egypt" and "Pharaoh" represent the slave master. Although long

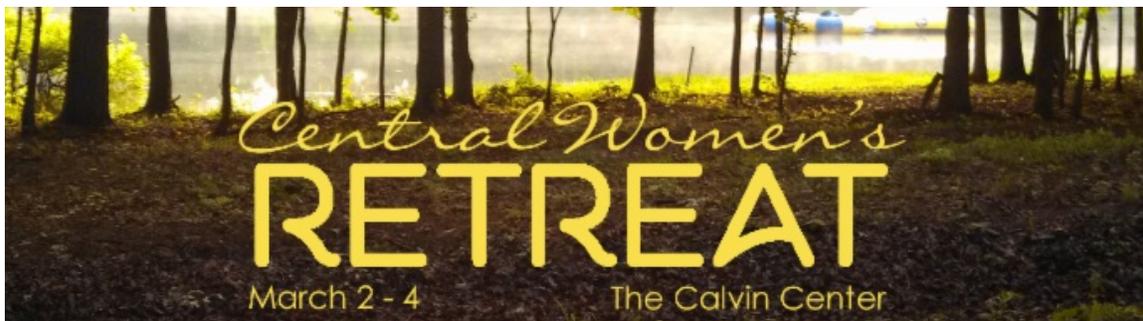
considered a spiritual, the earliest recorded use of the song was as a rallying anthem for the Contrabands (the term commonly used in the United States military during the American Civil War to describe a new status for certain escaped slaves or those who affiliated with Union forces) at Fort Monroe sometime before July 1862. Some early authorities presumed it was composed by the Contrabands. It was later arranged and published as sheet music. This piano arrangement is by award-winning pianist, composer, arranger, and conductor Mark Hayes. Hayes received a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Baylor University in 1975. He has over 1,000 published works for solo voice, solo piano, orchestra, jazz combo, instrumental ensembles, and vocal choirs. His "Go Down, Moses," like many of his piano arrangements, employs elements of jazz in both the harmonies and rhythms.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Place these important dates on your calendar and watch upcoming editions of the newsletter for information on each.

January 21	Third Sunday Fair-Trade Sale
January 28	Town Forum (topics: 2018 Budget and News from the PNC)
February 4	Children's Sabbath Congregational Meeting
February 6	Prayer Labyrinth and Taizé
February 11	Celebrate Central's 160th Birthday
February 14	Ash Wednesday (services: 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel)

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



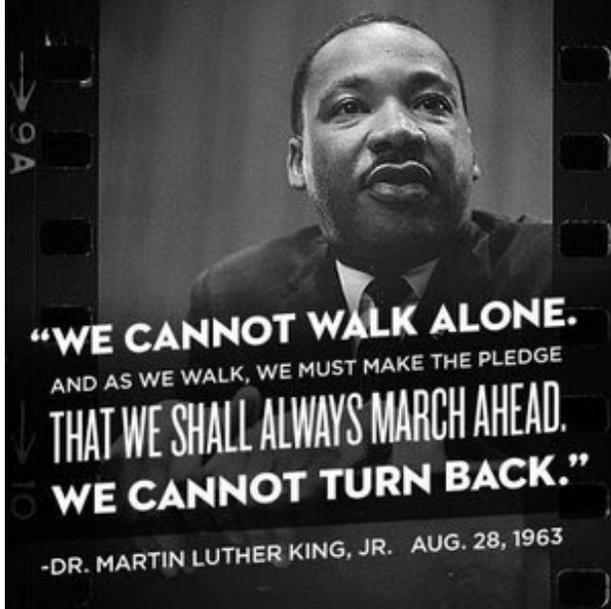
Central Women! It's that time of the year again-our annual retreat weekend. We will gather at the Calvin Center on Friday, **March 2**, at 5:00 p.m. Our retreat will conclude on Sunday, March 4 at noon.

This year our leader is Beth Johnson. Beth will lead us in exploring The Household of God: Sex, Celibacy, and Siblings. We will examine the multiple ways early Christians talk about families and family values, the ways they use kinship language to talk about God and themselves, and how these texts contribute to contemporary debates about families and family values.

We have secured lodging for the same prices as last year.

Register now by clicking [this link](#). If you have not set up your account within MyCPC, registering for this event is the perfect time to do so; just [click here](#). Starting this Sunday, you may also register in Tull Hall before and after worship.

**2018 Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr. Holiday**



Commemorative March & Rally

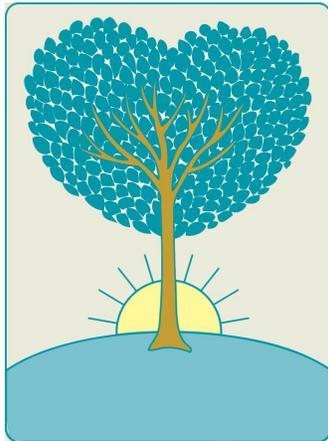
We hope you'll join us Monday **January 15** in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

March begins at 1:45 p.m. We'll meet at 1:30 p.m. in front of the MARTA station at the corner of Peachtree St & Ellis St. We'll watch the march together from there and join in on the end to march to the King Center.

For more information about participating, please contact Elizabeth Sudduth at 678-471-4284 or elizabeth.sudduth@gmail.com.

For more information about The 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commemorative March & Rally:

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/15039/658?curm=1&cury=2018>



Potluck and Presentation

You're invited to a potluck dinner meeting on Sunday, **January 21**, at 6:00 pm, at the home of Frances St John: 4555 Crestwicke Pointe, Atlanta 30319

A program will be presented on the Stephen Ministries. Please RSVP to Frances at fstjohn@bellsouth.net or 770-845-5094 with the food item you will bring....salad, vegetable or dessert.

Those who are experiencing cancer or have family members experiencing cancer are invited. Please RSVP with the food item you will contribute.

Join a Choir in 2018!

Have you considered joining one of our choirs? Well, now is the time to do so in 2018! We have choirs for children, youth, and adults as well as Handbell Choirs, and Visual Artists. All are welcome! Contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music and Fine Arts for more information: dvandermeer@cpcatlanta.org



FOOT CLINIC



The Foot Clinic needs your help!

Every Wednesday night during Shelter season (November 1 - March 31), volunteers wash the feet of guests who request it, trim their toenails, smooth their callouses, massage their feet, and give them new socks.

We are in need of **flip flops** (which prevent the spread of athlete's foot in the showers) and **shoe insoles** (which can prolong the usefulness of old shoes). There is a basket in the narthex marked "Gifts for the Foot Clinic."



Fear+Less Dialogues

Author Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II will launch his thought-provoking and timely book, *Fear+Less Dialogues: A New Movement for Justice*, at the Atlanta History Center on Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7p.m.

50% Discount CPC Friends of Fearless Dialogues. Come with 4 people and Enter Code 34 (4 tix for \$20). [Click](#) to learn more about the event or contact jill@fearlessdialogues.org. Come with community. Invite an unlikely partner to join you.

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)



Lenten Small Groups

Have you ever found yourself amid Lent, a significant season in the worship life of the Church, and wished you had some help cutting through the noise of life so that you could more closely attend - to scriptures, to intuitions, to questions, to the voices of others, or to your own voice? Do you wish you had an opportunity to get to know a group of people at Central on a deeper level?

If so, here is some really good news!

Lenten Small Groups will be forming in each of Central's parishes to share a purposeful, informal timeout each week during Lent (February 11 - March 18). These gatherings of 8-10 will focus on the previous Sunday's sermon and lectionary texts in sharing responses to three questions:

- What did you hear?
- What do you wonder?
- What difference does it make?

Ready for some help with Lent? Watch the newsletter for more details. Sign ups will begin on January 7 in Tull Hall.



Presbyterians for a Better Georgia

Faith • Service • Advocacy

Advocacy Training Workshop

Tuesday, January 23

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m

Trinity Presbyterian Church
3003 Howell Mill Road
Atlanta, GA 30327

Special Presentations by:

William McFarland

Georgians Advancing Communities Together

Laura Colbert

Georgians for Healthy Future

Rep. Terry Rogers, District 10



www.p4bg.org

Registration is \$8 to cover soup and salad.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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!

Adult Studies at CENTRAL

A colorful, stylized graphic of a church building with a cross on top, set against a background of city buildings.

Winter Studies Program Begins Sunday January 7th ***Please note program changes on Jan. 7th and 14th***

Program title: Recommitting to Community

Program sub-title: Revitalization of Atlanta communities, and what that can mean for Central Presbyterian Church

Program abstract:

Community revitalization is evident in multiple parts of the Atlanta area, with Beltline-fueled development being but one example. Recent announcements and activities indicate that the community revitalization wave will soon reach Atlanta city-center areas that are practically next door to Central Presbyterian Church. The 2018 Winter Studies program is focused on commitment to community - on engaging to help ensure the presence of actual communities of people in the city, as opposed to just redevelopment in a commercial sense. We will hear about revitalization of Atlanta communities from experts in the public and private sector, how the arts can be a vital part of building and enriching real communities, and what all this can mean for Central Presbyterian Church.

Program schedule (all sessions will be from 9:45 - 10:45 AM in the Oglesby atrium):

- Sunday, January 7 - How the arts can enrich community, and how Central can help - Jeff Watkins, Artistic Director of Atlanta's Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse, will lead a discussion on how the arts can enrich community, how some of Central's spaces could help in-town artists and arts groups thrive, and how art can help tell Central's story to visitors.
- Sunday, January 14 - A vision for a master plan for Atlanta's city center - Audrey Leous, Project Manager, Planning and Urban Design with Central Atlanta Progress, will discuss CAP's "master plan" vision for Atlanta's city center.
- Sunday, January 21 - Community revitalization in Atlanta: the view from City Hall - Tim

Keane, Commissioner, Department of City Planning at the City of Atlanta, will provide the perspective from City Hall on Atlanta community revitalization.

- Sunday, January 28 - Central issues for our changing region - urbanization, displacement, and the suburbanization of poverty - Central member Ryan Gravel will put his vision for the Atlanta Beltline in the context of regional dynamics that are reshaping where and how we live. He will cover an array of challenges from housing affordability to transportation technology and discuss ways Central can advocate for an inclusive and equitable future for all Atlantans.



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
