

Steeple Notes

Central Church, Huntington, NY
Where Jesus Is Lord and All Are Loved
October – November 2025

Autumn: Central's Season of Giving and Outreach



Greetings to all the saints of Central and our extended family!

Fall is upon us! And with that, we enter into a special time of giving for our church!

This year, we are looking forward to serving the Lord and our community in various ways. For the first time, we will be participating in the Long Island Fall Festival. We will be handing out water to reach out to our neighbors as a gentle reminder that Central is worshipping Jesus in the heart of Huntington Village! This will take place on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th. We can sure use your help in this venture! Sign-ups are available at church!

Planning has already begun for Thanksgiving as well! Applying lessons from last year and before, we've set the goal of serving as many as possible, but with proper control! For example, one of the biggest lessons we discussed was how this year, we will properly reserve takeaway meals! Another lesson involved just how many turkeys we:

- a. CAN make
- b. properly serve

We are blessed to have the continuing leadership of Mike Engelhart and Rachel Silvia, as well as strong support from our session's Flourishing Committee! And oh, boy, we need your help!



Which brings me to the final lesson I want to highlight—this year, we will improve both:

- a. how many volunteers
- b. proper assignments

Yes, we are excited to serve, and we look forward to serving the Lord and our community with you!

More opportunities are actively planned, including a night of worship music, and other avenues where we can invite our friends and neighbors to hear the Good News – including, of course, the return of our *The Chosen* watch parties on Monday nights in our Fellowship Hall! We are already actively meeting Monday nights!

Please consider these three actions.

- a. Join us in these (and other events)! Bring yourselves and invite neighbors!
- b. Take an active role by signing up to help!
- c. And support Central's mission with your continuing prayer and financial support!



Our ultimate aim remains that Central be a church where Jesus is Lord, and everyone is loved! We ask for your powerful and faithful prayers of support and intercession!

Finally, on a personal note, Nan and I celebrated our 35th anniversary! I thank God that we were able to do so while swerving at Central! As grateful as I am always for God's love in these moments—I am becoming more and more aware of the divine and immeasurably greater union that Jesus has won for us. How great, truly, is the Father's love for us!



May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Pastor Paul Lee





Over the summer, the church received this amazing update from a long-ago Central member. Praise God for His loving grace!

August 12, 2025

Attn: Church Directors,

Back in [the] 1960's, I was a single mother with three sons, living in Centerport, L.I., NY, and unable to pay my property taxes on my home, which I had received in my divorce from my husband. I was a member of your church and somehow, they found out about my problem and they helped me with the money to pay the taxes.

I finally lost my home when my former husband filed bankruptcy in 1964 and the bank would not allow a divorced woman [to] carry a mortgage. I left NY and brought my sons back to my home in California to raise near my family.

Many years have passed and I am now a 97-year-old widow, but I never forgot your church and their help. [My sons and I] were indebted for your help in staying in our home at that time, even though we eventually lost it.

Richard Schlafer was my minister at that time and Paul Brisbane was minister of visitation, who helped me. I'm sure they are gone now, but I can never forget the church's help, and I am enclosing a check ... to pay forward for someone else in need when there is no one else to help.

With my heartfelt thanks for your help in my life ~ J.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02	Jessica LaMay
03	Kara Dickson
04	Betty Roman
05	Vikki Braun
06	Frani Hicks
09	Solomon Asomaning
10	Bonnie Boettjer
12	Anneliese Lanza
16	Maris Swanson
20	Sandy Chin
23	Gina Auricchio
23	Alexis Vandergoot
25	Seth Blaise
27	Lorraine McGinn
28	Kay Jahn
28	Danielle McCoy
28	Leslie Sutherland
29	Ruth Korinek

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

04	Laura & Dana Tiemann
06	Chris & Marie Fischer
22	Matt & Jessica LaMay
28	Foster & Janice Bradley
30	Andrea & Claude Sterling

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03	Jeanine Stuyvesant
04	Mike Schroeder
06	Jeremy Allen
10	Cindy Lombardo
11	Polo Cummings
11	Mike Engelhart
13	Savion Black
13	Tami Greco
13	Marrett Salg
14	Shawn Anderson
16	Laurel Baker
16	Essence Sterling
16	Ephraim Yao
20	Shannon Garofola
23	Briella McCoy
24	Aurora Silvia
25	Leah Braun
28	Bennett Silvia



October at a Glance

Tuesday – October 7

10:00 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – October 14

10:00 am – Circle Meeting

Tuesday – October 21

10:00 am – Seminar, Part Two

**How to Cultivate Personal Intimacy
with God Through the Power of the Word
& the Presence of the Spirit**

Speaker: Dr. Jackie Kang

Looking Ahead to November

Tuesday – November 4

10:00 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – November 11

10:00 am – Circle Meeting



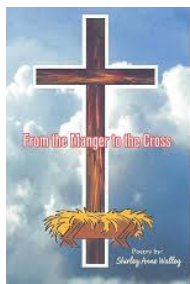
Long-time Central member Donald Maynard went to be with the Lord on September 22, 2025, at the age of 97.

Donald was born on Staten Island on June 15, 1928, and graduated from Huntington High School. He was married to the late Sophia Vander Marel on August 16, 1953. They were married 63 years. Don was a Dugan's bread delivery man, school bus driver, and school custodian. He was an avid sports fan and loved his Mets.

He served at Central Church in many capacities, including as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. Don served in the Army and was a Korean War Veteran.

Don is survived by his children Don Maynard (Rebecca), Ken Maynard, Tara Kokkosis (Steve), and his five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His graveside service was on September 27 at Pinelawn Memorial Park in Farmingdale, with Pastor George Bundt officiating.

From the Manger to the Cross



Throughout the years, *Steeple Notes* was blessed to print some of former Central member's Shirley Anne Walley's beautiful poetry about our Lord. Even though Shirley and husband Reade moved to North Carolina quite a few years ago, Shirley still shared with us her poetry from time to time.

Well, just recently Shirley has become a published author. Her book *From the Manger to the Cross* was published just this Spring by Christian Faith Publishing and features so many of her well-received poems. Here's one of these poems:

"The Mirror"

*Go to the mirror, look in and see
The person that God made you to be.
Look at the face and into those eyes,
And you will see a wonderful surprise.*

*God's given to you lips to speak and ears to hear,
Eyes to see and shed a tear.
He's given to you a face so fair,
With smiles that go with you everywhere.*

*God's put you together in such a splendid way,
So take a moment to stop each day,
To thank your God who reigns above,
For his everlasting care and love.*

Congratulations, Shirley, on this beautiful and God-centered book of poetry. Hope you decide to publish more in the future!

If you would like to obtain a copy for yourself, *From the Manger to the Cross* can be purchased through Amazon as well as Barnes & Nobel and other bookstore websites as well.

~ Linda Tengelsen, September 2025

DEACON'S Corner

The summer is over and the Deacons have discussed what's next.

We spoke about the church's plan for the Thanksgiving meal. We will be looking for volunteers to help in the prep in the kitchen, servers, and clean-up.

As of right now, HI-HI may not be coming back, so we will continue to help Cafe de Amigo.

Watch in the bulletins for news on the assistance we need. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Liz Stuyvesant

Co-Secretary



Pursue
righteousness, godliness,
FAITH, love, steadfastness,
gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11 ESV



Years of prison passed. We were very hungry for food, for love. Nobody every smiled, helped us or spoke nice words. We were hungry for the printed page, we were hungry for the face of a human , and we were hungry for one more thing – Holy Communion.

But how were we to take Holy Communion? We were alone in our cells, so we could not gather in fellowship. We did not have even one slice of bread a week, and where would we get wine in a subterranean, Communist prison cell? We had no Bible and no hymnbook. We had nothing.

At once we realized that we had something after all, something called “nothing.” Now what is the value of this “nothing”? The Communists had taken our families, houses, furniture, libraries and churches. They had taken our clothing. They had even taken away our names and given us a number.

We had nothing, so in this half-dark prison cell we began to think about the value of “nothing.”

We all loved this world, with its beautiful multicolored butterflies, chirping birds, scented flowers and laughing children. Then we recalled what God had used to make this beautiful world: He created it out of nothing.

In churches, Holy Communion is taken with bread. Bread is made with flour, and flour is

made from wheat. Out of what is wheat made? God made it out of nothing. In Holy Communion, churches use wine or grape juice. Wine is made from grape juice, grape juice is made from grapes, and grapes grow on vines. God has made the vines out of nothing. So “nothing” is a very valuable material.

On a Sunday morning, we decided to take Holy Communion with nothing. At a certain moment, we gave a signal through the wall from one end of the corridor to the other. And at the same moment, we took nothing in our hands, and we thanked God for it.

We ate nothing and remembered the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was broken for us.

Now I would commend no church to partake in Holy Communion like this. I believe things in the church should done exactly as written in the Word of God. The best practices to follow in the church are those of the first Christians, so take Holy Communion as it was taken by the first Christians.

Still, we can learn from persecuted Christians who must do otherwise in special circumstances. We should learn from them the value of “nothing.” I believe that persecuted Christians can help us much more than we can help them. We can help them with a few coins or big checks. They can help us with something more than that: They can help us realize the value of “nothing,” the detachment from things of this world and attachment to our heavenly bridegroom. †

~ Richard Wurmbrand (1909 - 2001) was imprisoned in Communist Romania for this faith in Christ. He and his wife, Sabina (1913 - 2000), later sought ways to serve persecuted Christians and in 1967 started a global ministry known today as The Voice of the Martyrs. You can read VOM's books about Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand and watch the two feature films about their lives for free on the VOM App, available in the App Store and on Google Play.



OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 central church HUNTINGTON, NY	OFFICE HOURS: TUES TO FRI, 8:30 AM TO 1 PM		1 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	2	3	4 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
5 WORSHIP 10 AM FRANI'S BDAY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	6 THE CHOSEN 7:00 PM	7 WCC BOARD MEETING 10 AM DEACONS MTG 7:00 PM	8 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM GRACE THROUGH GRIEF 7:00 PM YOUTH 7:30 PM	9 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	10	11 NA GROUP 9:00 AM L.I. FALL FESTIVAL BOOTH 10AM-4PM
12 WORSHIP 10 AM L.I. FALL FESTIVAL BOOTH 10AM-4PM NA GROUP 7 PM	13 THE CHOSEN 7:00 PM	14 WCC CIRCLE MTG 10:00 AM WORSHIP COMM 7:30 PM	15 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	16 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	17	18 ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY 8:30 AM NA GROUP 9 AM
19 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 BRIDAL SHOWER 3PM NA GROUP 7 PM	20 THE CHOSEN 7:00 PM	21 WCC SEMINAR PART TWO 10:00 AM	22 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 STAFF MTG 11 AM GRACE THROUGH GRIEF 7:00 PM YOUTH 7:30 PM	23 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	24	25 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
26 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	27 THE CHOSEN 7:00 PM	28 SESSION MTG 7:00 PM	29 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	30 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	31	



NOVEMBER

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 central church HUNTINGTON, NY	OFFICE HOURS: TUES TO FRI, 8:30 AM TO 1 PM					1 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
2 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	3 THE CHOSEN 7:00 PM	4 WCC BOARD MTG. 10:00 AM DEACONS MTG 7:00 PM	5 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 STAFF MTG 11 AM GRACE THROUGH GRIEF 7:00 PM YOUTH 7:30 PM	6 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	7	8 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
9 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 OCC SHOEBOXES LAST DAY NA GROUP 7 PM	10 THE CHOSEN 7:00 PM	11 VETERANS DAY WCC CIRCLE MTG 10:00 AM WORSHIP COMM 7:30 PM	12 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	13 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	14	15 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
16 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	17	18 STEEPLE NOTES ARTICLES DEADLINE	19 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 STAFF MTG 11 AM GRACE THROUGH GRIEF 7:00 PM YOUTH 7:30 PM	20 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	21	22 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
23 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	24	25 SESSION MTG 7:00 PM	26 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	27 THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY LUNCH 12-2PM	28	29 NA GROUP 9:00 AM