

# *Steeple Notes*

## *Central Church, Huntington, NY*

### *Where Jesus Is Lord and All Are Loved*

#### *December 2025 – January 2026*

## **Looking Forward to 2026 at Central Church!**



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all in the Central family!

We are having a very event-filled end of the year here in Huntington Village, and we want to praise God for His amazing love for us!

Starting from our Thanksgiving Community Meal — once again, great jobs to Mike Engelhart and Rachel Silvia, as well as our amazing volunteers, to our Christmas Concert (kudos to Polo and the worship team, as well as to Matt and Chris, our wonderful organizers), to our Christmas Sunday and Eve celebrations — God is being lifted up at Central Church!

I hope you will enjoy the many pictures that will provide just a taste of all that has been going in here!

Of course, you've heard by now that Polo Cummings will be moving to Nevada for his next call as worship director. We will definitely miss Polo, as well as his love for the Lord, and of course, his tremendous musical gifts! May he continue to do amazing things for the Kingdom in his next call! In the meantime, we have begun our search for our next worship director! So please pray for us!

And speaking of the New Year, the session met to set our goals for 2026! And I want to share them with you. Simply put, our top four objectives in the coming year are:

1. Continue to build up our worship experience! This is a carryover from 2025!
2. Open fellowship experiences to reach both inwardly and outwardly
3. Focus more on ministering to our families
4. Open service opportunities for people seeking to grow in the Lord



Based on these main goals, the session will prioritize our energy and resources. And this is where we definitely ask for your participation and help!

Ultimately, Central is taking deliberate steps to make our church a place where young families as well as senior members could join together in growing in the Lord, as well as help one another! We want to continue to make room for the new leaders that the Lord is raising among us to continue to keep Central where Jesus is Lord, and everyone is loved!

So, thank God for 2025!

And join us in 2026 and let's work together for the Lord! This will be a great time for you to reinvigorate your engagement with the Lord within the body of Christ!

I will share more at our Annual Gathering in February! But until then, may you have a wonderful Christmas, and a great kickoff to 2026!

*Paul S. Lee*

Pastor Paul Lee





MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH

*all Joy and Peace.*

ROMANS 15:13



# Church Family Celebrations



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12 Jon Larson  
15 Leevon Black  
15 Maris Swanson  
19 Rachel Silvia  
25 Ted Folprecht  
28 Trafford Watkins  
28 Zach Grill

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

21 Derek & Julie Novinski  
27 Bev & Dave Vandergoot

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

07 Sharon Lenardo  
09 Liz Stuyvesant  
12 Andrew Sutherland  
13 Lucy Malm  
14 Dave Vandergoot  
14 Margaret Breland  
14 Shakayah Boyle  
15 Debra McCoy  
16 Adela Dickson  
17 Frank Marlow  
18 Dottie Kannapin  
20 Maggie Marlow  
23 Foster Bradley  
24 Nan Lee  
26 Doris Agardi  
27 Diane Garofola  
29 Jacob Lee

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

05 Diane & Joseph Garofola

Anne Hankinson, affectionately known as Ghanda, was born in Preston, Mississippi, on December 6, 1936. She departed this life at home on November 11, 2025, to be with her Heavenly Father, transitioning from illness to a glorious life in Jesus Christ.

She had a love for life, giving all praise to God, as she never missed her Zoom church services on Sundays, even after she became unable to attend physically. There was not a person that she ever met that she did not share her wisdom with. She loved talking on the phone, sending out inspirational messages, and being in the presence of her family. Her family and friends were her #1 priority. She was loved and respected by all and had a zest for life and was determined to live life to the fullest. Anne's motto: "God's Got Me!"

Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Lully and Birdell Hampton; her husband James Hankinson; her brother Lamark Hampton, and sisters Gladys Hampton and Ethel (Penny) Gregory.

She leaves cherished memories to her children Lori Dekie (Jerome); Derek Hankinson (Fiancée Mia); five grandchildren; Derek-James Hankinson, (Natalie), Akira Gilmore (Rasean), Christen Dekie, Ianna Hankinson and Jordan Dekie; Great-Grandchildren Brielle Robinson-Dekie, Isaiah Elijah Gilmore, Carly-James Hankinson; Nieces and Nephews: Robyn Holmes (Mark); Lisa Lee (Quinn), Great Nieces and Great Nephews; Mark II and Madisyn Holmes, Justin and Kelsey Davis; Special Daughter Doral Hardy (Daughter from another Mother) and host of other family members and friends.

Anne's Homecoming Celebration was on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Central Church with Pastor Paul Lee officiating. Service was followed by Internment at Pinelawn Memorial Cemetery in Farmingdale. Please keep the family in prayer.



## WCC Happenings

### December at a Glance

#### Tuesday – December 2

10 am – Board Meeting  
11 am – Christmas Gathering & Rededication

#### Tuesday – December 9

10 am – Circle Meeting

### Looking Ahead to January

#### Tuesday – January 6

10 am – Board Meeting

#### Tuesday – January 13



10 am – Circle Meeting

# DECEMBER

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|---|---|--|-----------|---|
| <br>central church<br>HUNTINGTON, NY | <b>1</b><br><b>BIBLE STUDY</b><br>7:00 PM  | <b>2 WCC BOARD MEETING 10 AM</b><br><b>WCC CHRISTMAS GATHERING 11AM</b><br><b>SESSION 6 PM</b><br><b>DEACONS 7 PM</b> | <b>3</b><br><b>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM</b><br><b>STAFF MTG 11 AM</b><br><b>YOUTH 7:30 PM</b>                                       | <b>4</b><br><b>KIDS CENTRAL</b><br>4:30 PM   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br><b>NA GROUP</b><br>9:00 AM                                  |
| <b>7</b><br><b>WORSHIP 10 AM</b><br><b>ANNUAL MTGS. 11:00 AM</b><br><b>NA GROUP 7 PM</b>                              | <b>8</b><br><b>BIBLE STUDY</b><br>7:00 PM  | <b>9</b><br><b>WCC CIRCLE MTG 10:00 AM</b><br><b>CHRISTMAS CONCERT 6:00 PM</b>  | <b>10 WOMEN'S BIBLE 10:30 AM</b><br><b>STAFF MTG 11 AM</b><br><b>WORSHIP 7:30 PM</b><br><b>YOUTH 7:30 PM</b><br><b>TRUSTEES 7:30 PM</b> | <b>11</b><br><b>KIDS CENTRAL</b><br>4:30 PM<br>(LAST FOR THIS SEMESTER)  | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br><b>NA GROUP</b><br>9:00 AM                                 |
| <b>14</b><br><b>WORSHIP 10 AM</b><br><b>BIBLE STUDY 11:30</b><br><br><b>WEDDING 3:00 PM</b><br><b>NA GROUP 7 PM</b>   | <b>15</b><br><b>BIBLE STUDY</b><br>7:00 PM | <b>16</b><br><b>SESSION MTG</b><br>7:00 PM  | <b>17</b><br><b>STAFF MTG 10:30</b><br><b>YOUTH 7:30 PM</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br><b>NA GROUP</b><br>9 AM                                    |
| <b>21</b><br><b>WORSHIP 10 AM</b><br><b>BIBLE STUDY 11:30</b><br><br><b>NA GROUP 7 PM</b>                             | <b>22</b><br><b>BIBLE STUDY</b><br>7:00 PM | <b>23</b><br><b>STAFF MTG 10:30</b>   | <b>24</b><br><b>CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 6:30 PM</b>   | <b>25</b><br><br><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br><b>NA GROUP</b><br>9:00 AM                                 |
| <b>28</b><br><b>WORSHIP 10 AM</b><br><br><b>NA GROUP 7 PM</b>   | <b>29</b><br><b>BIBLE STUDY</b><br>7:00 PM | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>   |  |           | <b>OFFICE HOURS:</b><br><b>TUES TO FRI,</b><br><b>8:30 AM – 1:00 PM</b> |



# JANUARY 2026

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