



# CENTRAL

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
A CARING, INQUIRING, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

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Thursday, April 1  
@ 6:00pm on Zoom  
Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 2  
@ 7:00pm on Zoom  
Good Friday

Sunday, April 4  
Easter Morning Sunrise Prayer  
@ 6:45am on Zoom

Resurrection of the Lord Service  
With Communion  
On Vimeo



Tuesday, April 6  
@ 9:30am  
Miriam Circle on Zoom

Wednesday, April 7  
@ 11:30am  
Martha Circle on Zoom

Sundays @ 10:00am  
Facebook Live  
Prayers of the People

Sundays @ 10:30am  
Adult Education via Zoom

Wednesdays @ 2:00 & 3:30  
Book Group on Zoom



As I write this, the trees in our neighborhood are budding out in white, pink, and spring green, and the spring bulbs are glorious. It seems as if the whole of creation is joining us in singing out a whole-hearted Easter “Alleluia!” We are also watching as the population is getting vaccinated against Covid-19 more quickly than we ever thought possible just a year ago, giving us a glimpse of hope that the worst of this pandemic might soon be behind us. As a congregation, we have hope that we might soon be able to begin holding worship in our sanctuary again, and it looks like our remodel will begin in earnest this summer.

# ALLELUIA!

There are many who are speculating about what “normal” will be like after this global experience. Will we ever shake hands again? Will we remember to be grateful for healthcare workers, teachers, and grocery store clerks? Will we still write notes of encouragement to our friends and neighbors? In this season when we celebrate the abundant life we have through our resurrected Lord, I encourage you to take time to notice where you are observing and feeling rebirth and renewal in the world around you. We all know much has been lost this year, but much has been found as well. What will you carry forward? Where in your own life do you sense new beginnings this Eastertide?

In addition to pondering these questions individually this season, I hope you will join in as together this congregation makes time to:

- look back at what we love and value about CPC,
- look at where we are with honesty,
- and look toward the future - discerning who we are called to be and how we feel called to serve in the years to come.

Central usually makes time to re-evaluate our mission and goals about every five years. We had planned to have the conversation in 2020 ... but with everything else that year held, it got put on hold. As we move into this hope-filled season, it is time to share our hopes with one another. Our session and deacons have done some work to begin this process, and we want everyone’s voices to join in as we discern who we are called to be as the body of Christ together. You will see some dates and times for conversations in this newsletter and in emails this month. I will be leading a structured brainstorming process via Zoom. I do hope you will choose to join in the conversation.

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Martin*  
*Organist: Dan Rinnan*  
*Director of Music: Cole Blume*  
*Sound Technician: Alex Pratt*  
*Office Manager: Sheryl Peterson*  
*Financial Secretary: Arlene Hudgins*  
*Maintenance Custodian: Michael James*  
*Building Host: Joe Olney*

### SESSION

Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Kathleen Beisse	Barbara Cookson
Scott Pratt	Jane Holmes
Alice Schroeder	Susan Schroeder

Class of 2023  
Bev Day  
Nancy Richter  
Pam Sheridan

*Moderator: Rev. Jennifer Martin*  
*Clerk of Session: Merle Bottge*  
*Treasurer: Del Hawkins*  
*Nominating Committee Chair: Barbara Cookson*

### DEACONS

*Co-moderators: Quentin Holmes & Laurie Inglis*

Class of 2021	
Louise deKluyver	Janet Edmonsond
Laurie Inglis	Jackie Onstad
Marian Smith	Julianne Stermer

Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Jordan Ryder	Susan Bloom
	Karen Dyste
	Quentin Holmes

### ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Chair:	Kathleen Beisse
Marci Gordon	Pat Hocken
Peter Carlson	Jane Rimerman
Steve Stermer	Jim Whitmore

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Jane Holmes, Moderator



*Central articles are due the third Monday of each month. Articles for the May Central Newsletter are due on Monday, April 19, 2021.*



I know many are filled with frustration and grief as this pandemic wears on, but through our faith, we also know grief is not the end of the story. And we know hope is real. I pray this good news of Easter gives you strength, hope, and joy as we look forward to the life abundant promised to us. Christ is risen friends, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With Resurrection Hope,  
Jennifer

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Join Pastor Jennifer as together we begin discerning the future for CPC. She will be leading a guided conversation as we gather input from anyone who chooses to participate. Each session will last about 90 minutes (maybe a little less, never more) depending on how many folks join in. Just sign on to one of the Zoom meetings below to be a part of this process.

Thursday, April 8 - 6:30 pm  
Monday, April 12 - 9:00 am  
Wednesday, April 14 - 1:30 pm  
Thursday, April 15 - 6:30 pm



## SUNDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> IS ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY FOR CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



On May 5, 1855, the Reverend Robert Robe organized the First Presbyterian Church of Eugene City. Five people joined him, gathering under an oak tree on the Southwest corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Willamette Streets.

This May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 166 years later, Central will join our hearts in worship online, and gather via Zoom for a congregational meeting to elect officers.

Do you know someone who you believe has the gifts to serve as an elder, a deacon or a member of the church nominating committee? If so, please share your suggestions with Barbara Cookson, the chair of the nominating committee. Let us all hold our nominating committee and those they will be speaking with in the coming weeks in our prayers as they discern a call to service.

## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Pam Sheridan

*Matthew 25:35-36. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."*

### March & April Coin Offering

During the selection process for recipients of the monthly Coin Offering, the Ministry of Christian Discipleship decided to choose agencies from 6 categories: Racial Justice, the Unhoused Population, Youth and Families, Immigrants, Food Security and Creation Care.



Our March/April Coin Offering will be donated to the McKenzie River Trust as we focus on Creation Care. The main goals of the organization are:

- Preserving the quality of drinking water
- Protecting special lands from harmful development
- Restoring critical habitat for endangered species
- Planting thousands of trees that clean the air we breathe
- Securing land and water for fish, wildlife, plants, and people!

In addition to these efforts, the McKenzie River Valley is in the process of recovering from the devastation of the Holiday Farm Fire last summer, which will be a long-term effort.

Thank you for your continued support of our Coin Offering. If you choose to donate by check, please indicate "coin offering" in the memo.

## EARTH SUNDAY RECYCLING DURING DRIVE-THRU EVENT SUNDAY, APRIL 18 FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 PM



Bring your recyclable plastics, etc. to the church as we observe Earth Sunday during the drive-thru event, on Sunday, April 18.

## VALENTINE SALES RAISED \$900

Pam Sheridan



Thank you to all the young people in our church who created Valentines for our Church World Service blanket fundraiser. Thank you, Jonah, Jude, Ani Mae, Summer, Finn, Marley, Miles and Emma!

The Valentine sale raised \$900 for Church World Service blankets, which are distributed around the world and at home in the United States during times of disaster to refugees or to those experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for your generosity and support for Church World Service.

## FISH THANKS CENTRAL VOLUNTEERS

Merle Bottge

FISH is a 100% volunteer organization that responds to calls asking for propane tank refills, a three-day supply of food, or help in paying for prescription medicines. Central Presbyterian Church has been one of the main supports for FISH over its 50 years of existence, providing many volunteer workers in addition to food and money donations. Current volunteers with FISH from Central include

- Bob and Merle Bottge
- Louise deKluyver
- Janet Edmondson
- Del Hawkins
- Jane Holmes
- Nancy Richter
- Dorothy Smith
- Wendy Unsain



### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR VOLUNTEER CORPS? CONTACT JANE HOLMES OR DEL HAWKINS TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP.

## LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

Nancy Richter



**“Take what you need, leave what you can.”** This is the motto of the free little pantries program initiated and supported by Burrito Brigade, the recent recipients of our January/February coin offerings totaling \$541.00. It is all about neighbors helping neighbors work to address the food insecurity at a local level.

The Ministry of Christian Discipleship has recommended, and with Session approval, Central Presbyterian Church will begin participating in the little free pantries program this April. We have taken delivery of a pantry and on Saturday, April 10, our youth will be painting and decorating our unit. On Sunday, April 18, from 1-3 in the afternoon, the Ministry of Christian Discipleship will host a drive-thru event to help stock our new pantry. Here is a list of non-perishable items recommended to stock our new little free pantry:

Canned proteins such as chicken, tuna, corned beef, stews, and chili; pop-top canned soups, pasta rubber-banded to a jar of pasta sauce, rice attached to beans, canned fruits, canned vegetables, cereals, Jell-O, pudding, peanut butter and Nutella, and jellies or jams.

Central Presbyterian Church has been very generous in support of mission projects, and the Ministry of Christian Discipleship would like to thank you! We look forward to our participation in the little free pantries program and hope to see you on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at our drive-thru event to stock our Pantry.



- 18 T.J. Jensen
- 18 Pat Kolb
- 18 Susan Schroeder
- 19 Steve Stermer
- 23 Jane Holmes
- 26 Pat Hocken
- 30 John Koelling

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN REMODEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

### MARCH 2021

Steve Stermer

The CPC Remodel Committee has met twice via Zoom during the month of March.

March 4, 2021

This was a two-hour 45-minute Zoom meeting with architect Quince Sterry and his staff, architect Paul and interior design architect Sarah.

The purpose of the meeting was to go through the church starting at the north parking lot and covered entrance. Q and staff shared designs, and materials / finishes proposed to be used in each of the remodel areas. The committee's assignment was to meet again to review all that was presented and to get back to Q with any and all change recommendations.



A second meeting of CPC Remodel Committee to carry out that task was scheduled for Thursday, March 11.

March 11, 2021

This was a one-hour 45-minute Zoom meeting with just the CPC Remodel Committee.

In this meeting we again went through the building making notes for Q of our decisions regarding materials and finishes. Undoubtedly, there will need to be some further clarifying discussions with Q before plans are sent to the contractors for bids. At that point we will see if we are within our budget and if more discussion and decisions are needed to bring the design and the budget together.

Committee Members are: Rev, Jennifer Martin, Alice Schroeder, Bob Bottge, Nancy Richter, John Sheridan, and Steve Stermer.



- 1 Bill & Shirley Griffith
- 23 Del & Lu-Nita Hawkins

## APRIL LECTIONARY

Maundy Thursday—April 1  
Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14  
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19  
1 Corinthians 11:23–26  
John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday—April 2  
Isaiah 52:13–53:12  
Psalm 22:1–31  
Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9  
John 18:1–19:42

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter—April 4  
Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9  
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24  
1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43  
John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

Second Sunday of Easter—April 11  
Acts 4:32–35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1–2:2  
John 20:19–31

Third Sunday of Easter—April 18  
Acts 3:12–19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48

Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 25  
Acts 4:5–12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16–24  
John 10:11–18

## K1414: PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES



At its March meeting, Central's Session voted to accept the Synod of the Pacific's offer of interest-only payments on its loan for a year while PCM pursues the possibility of selling the K1414 property to pay off its indebtedness.

## CPC YOUTH SPRING PAINT & PLANT SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH 10:00AM - 11:30 AM AT THE CHURCH



All Kids & Youth of CPC come join in the fun! Central is going to put a new little free food pantry at our church and we want YOU to help make it beautiful! So, there will be a painting party for CPC Youth & Kids on Saturday, April 10th from 10 am - 11:30 am. We will also be doing some planting in the garden beds in the church playground. Be sure and wear clothes that can get a little messy!



## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE

The Church Office is not open for regular hours during the pandemic. However, we are still working on the business of the church. Our goal is to meet the needs of the people of the church. Sheryl Peterson, Office Manager, is currently working from home, and **Arlene Hudgins**,

**our Bookkeeper, is working part-time at the office and is available from 8:30 – 11:00.** You can call or come into the office during that time. Sheryl can be contacted through the church email [centralpresbyterianeugene@gmail.com](mailto:centralpresbyterianeugene@gmail.com). Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can help you with anything.





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A caring, inquiring, inclusive community of faith.*

