



CENTRAL

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A CARING, INQUIRING, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

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Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday
Peace & Global Witness Offering

Tuesday, October 5

Miriam Circle
9:30am~ Parlor
Properties
11:00am ~ Zoom

Wednesday, October 6

Martha Circle
11:00am ~ Zoom
Book Group
2:00pm ~ Parlor
3:30pm-4:30pm ~ Zoom

Thursday, October 7

Ministry of Christian Discipleship
9:00am ~Zoom

Tuesday, October 12

9:30am Staff Meeting
Worship & Common Life
12:00pm~ Zoom

Monday, October 18

Central Articles Due
Finance
4:30pm ~ Zoom
Session
5:30pm ~ Zoom

Tuesday, October 26

Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30pm ~ Parlor

Thursday, October 28

Deacons
5:30pm ~ Zoom

SUNDAY SERVICES

We have resumed weekly Sunday morning
10:00am worship services in the sanctuary.

To join in live from home or view later,
click this link:

<https://vimeo.com/centralpreseugene>



Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. James 1:19

Many of you know that a few years back I had the chance to walk the Camino de Santiago. That pilgrimage experience continues to teach me lessons when I make the time to remember and listen. As we begin this journey of questions with the "I've been meaning to ask ..." series, I have been reminded of that experience. "Where are you from?" is our first question - and that was often the first question asked of fellow travelers on the way. The answer often began with a country being named, but usually moved to a deeper answer as people shared what family or faith tradition they hailed from or told stories about what had led them from their home to this long-travelled pilgrimage. The questions continued, as did the sharing and the deep listening. Step by step, as we walked together for many miles, there was a spacious time created simply to listen - to the silence and to one another.

As we continue to navigate what it is to be a people of faith in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, challenged by changes in how we are able to connect one with another, we have an opportunity to choose that kind of spacious listening. In the study guides that

are part of this series there are art, poetry, reflection on scriptures -lots of ways for you to reflect personally. Lots of opportunities to make time to sit in the quiet and listen to what God might be saying to you through those mediums. There are also several pages with reflection questions. You can choose to journal about those individually. AND you can choose to make a courageous choice to reach out to someone else in the congregation, someone you haven't seen in awhile. Someone you wish you knew a little bit better. Perhaps you could ask them for a time when you could consider a question or two together. Make time to really share with one another, time to listen and learn. For God speaks to us through the voices of others, as well.

We are walking together through difficult times, friends. Let's not forget that we do not make this way alone.

With radical hope,
Jennifer

September/October Coin Offering



St. Vincent de Paul
ASSISTANCE • SHELTER • HOPE

By Pam Sheridan
Central has had a long relationship with the St Vincent DePaul Interfaith Night Shelter. The Shelter now has a permanent home at the First Place Annex. This program provides temporary housing for families with the goal of finding stable housing. Along with a safe place to stay, they provide meals, laundry, support services, and parent groups. Prior to opening the Annex (2018), families were housed in local churches, including Central. We have provided meals at the Annex and most recently, a food drive to stock their kitchen. With recent renovations and additions, The Annex now houses 22 families in dormitory style rooms featuring solid walls and a door. They have also

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Martin
Director of Music: Cole Blume
Organist: Dan Rinnan
Sound Technician: Alex Pratt
Office Manager: Monique Jones
Financial Secretary: Arlene Hudgins
Maintenance Custodian: Jair Velasquez

SESSION

Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Barbara Cookson	Bev Day
Jane Holmes	Nancy Richter
Susan Schroeder	Pam Sheridan

Class of 2024
Kirsten Kelso
Rick Larson
Alice Schroeder

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

DEACONS

Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Jordan Ryder	Susan Bloom
Co-Chairs	Karen Dyste
Laurie Inglis	Quentin Holmes
Quentin Holmes	Carolyn Keener
	Gerry Keener
	Patty MacAfee

Class of 2024
Nancy Carlson
Louise deKluyver
Jacquie Litchfield
Yvonne Young

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Chair:	Rick Larson
Peter Carlson	Jane Rimerman
Marci Gordon	Steve Stermer
Pat Hocken	Jim Whitmore

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Jane Holmes, Moderator

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Central articles are due the third Monday of each month. Articles for the November Central Newsletter are due on Monday, October 18th, 2021



acquired six new Pallet Shelters which were placed in the parking lot. Creating safe overnight space for as many as 24 additional people.

During September and October our coin offering will be donated to The Family Annex. Sharing our coins on Sunday morning is one way we can support these vulnerable parents and children. If you choose to write a check, please indicate Coin Offering on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!



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By Steve Stermer

Update on the CPC Remodel Project

On Monday afternoon, September 13, Steve received a call from Q Sterry regarding placement of the elevator. Because of a trench under current proposed elevator location, it will be more cost effective to move the elevator than the trench. One option was to move the elevator to portion of the existing a work/copier room.

Jennifer Martin, Steve Stermer and Bob Bottge all agreed taking up space in the work room was not a good solution. Instead, it was decided to move the elevator 4.5 feet west so it will take less in the Parlor but more space in the new north Entry Lobby.

On September 21, representatives from Q Sterry, Essex General Construction and prospective sub-contractors met to walk through the building as part of the rebidding process. Bids are due October 1. Meanwhile, the Session has approved the Initial Letter of Agreement with Essex General

Construction, Inc. and a Technical/ Professional Services Agreement with FEI Testing and Inspection, Inc.



The Endowment Fund Committee is seeking applications for grants to provide funding of mission and / or church related projects. The committee has \$3,500 available for this cycle. Applications may be

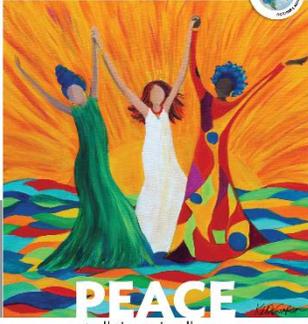
picked up from the church's office and need to be to the office by **October 21, 2021**. Successful applicants will be notified of the amount approved by the committee following its meeting scheduled for **November 1, 2021**



By **Patty MacAfee**

Meal Train is an online program which enables people to provide needed meals. When a Deacon receives a request for meals, he/she will gather specific information from the flock member.

This information will include: name, address, phone, dates for meals, food likes/ dislikes/ allergies, best time to drop off a meal, and number of people. Central's members and friends who wish to participate. Can (1) sign-up to provide a meal, or (2) purchase gift cards for Grubhub and/or restaurants. An invitation (via email/Facebook) will arrive from the church; once you open the email, click on 'Open Meal Train' and sign in. Information and the meal sign-up will appear. If you have questions, please check with your Deacon.



Peace and Global Witness Special Offering By Nancy Richter

The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to rid itself of anxiety and fear, discord

and division, and embrace our reconciling God’s mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers----at all times in all ways.

A gift to the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ’s peace.

Congregations keep 25% and mid councils keep 25% to engage in peacemaking and build ministries of reconciliation in their own realm or around the world.

The ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship has recommended to Session that we use our 25% of this year’s Peace and Global Witness Special Offering to support Catholic Community Services (CCS) to help support the welcoming a family six who are coming from Kabul to the Eugene/ Springfield area in early October. This family consists of the mother and father and four children under the age of eight years old. You may have recently seen an interview on KEZI about this relocation effort for this refugee family.

The family will need assistance in looking for housing, health insurance, securing a doctor, ID, and education; which can all take up to 90 days or more to acquire. They are in need of a three - bedroom home by late October or November. They will need to connect with social service

agencies, secure food and clothing and hopefully a job. This is where being assigned a case manager from CCS, Rosie Marquez, comes into play. CCS also has an immigration attorney, Christine Zeller-Powell, who will help with legal matters, such as securing a green card, asylum issues, and applying for US citizenship. We will get to hear from Christine Zeller-Powell in October, as she has agreed to give us a recorded Minute for Mission about the work being done by the Refugee and Immigration Service Program (RISP), an arm of Catholic Community Services. The Refugee Resettlement Coalition partners with CCS to support RISP and their efforts to aid refugees in the US. We thank you for your generosity and remember, that if we all give a little, it adds up to a lot.



Cindy Pappas	October 6
Yvonne Young	October 8
Joyce Lin	October 10
Liz Degner	October 11
Peggy Lilyengren	October 14
Pam Towne	October 14
Bev Day	October 23
Kyung Gregor	October 23
Nonie Koelling	October 23
Scott Pratt	October 24
Dolores Haddad	October 25
Sally Hayden	October 29

Presbyterian Women of Central

By Jane Holmes Moderator

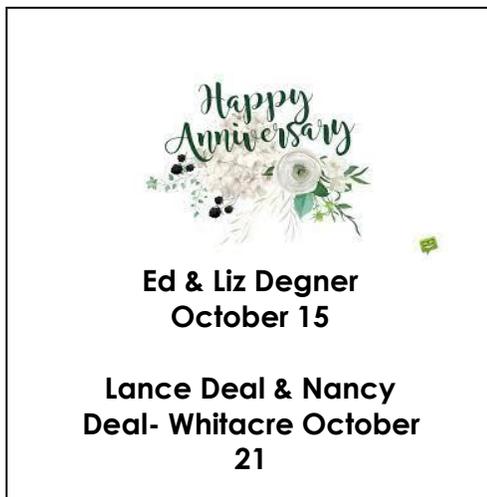


Jane Kirkpatrick, an award winning, best-selling author, will be the main speaker at an October 16th ZOOM Gathering of Presbyterian Women. It is open to

anyone interested in Jane's discussion and stories as an Oregon writer of many books regarding the settling of the Oregon Territory. She is inspirational both as a story teller and as a writer.

This ZOOM meeting will start at 9:50AM, check in on October 16th. A Zoom Program link will be sent out several days prior to the event. If you do not currently receive emails from Cascades Presbyterian Women, please send your email address to rojewel@gmail.com.

We hope that many people can take advantage of this opportunity to hear Jane Kirkpatrick speak via ZOOM.



Recycle Sunday

Get ready for our **HUGE** return to **RECYCLE SUNDAY!!! OCTOBER 10TH!!!**

Before church 9:45-10:00am after church 11:15am

All items must be cleaned. No items have held food. We will take:

- **Batteries** (all sizes)
- **Electronics** : Computers and attachments. Other small electric devices(working/ not)
- **Recycle art projects/ supplies**: metal bottle caps, greeting cards fronts, ribbons, knitting items, sewing machines, fabrics, needles, scissors, thread, glue, paper, paint, ruler, tape, ink, frames, wire.
- **Jewelry**: broken watches/ clocks, jewelry parts, coins.

These contributions should be organized, and placed in the appropriate containers with like items.

Huge Thanks to Barbara Cookson and her crew for delivering materials collected to various organizations for re-use or to recycle them. They've taken on a lot of work. If you are able to assist in any way please see Barbara after church. If you are able to assist in anyway, please see Barbara after church or phone Ruth Koenig (541) 434-4332.



Thought for the EARTH: Consider your grandchild, our church young people, or others younger than yourself when you use water, electricity, drive a car or contribute to a

recycling effort. Every day we have opportunities to affect their futures.



**Together for Joy, Let's
Build our 2022 Budget!
2022 Stewardship
Campaign
Susan Schroeder,
stewardship co-chair**

In September you received our Stewardship letter inviting you to prayerfully consider your pledge to our church for the 2022 budget. In this article, we answer the question, "Why should I pledge?" just in case you're asking!

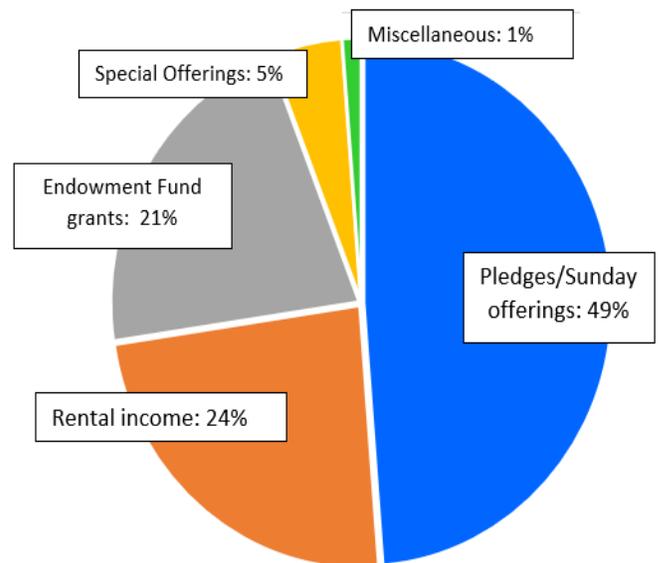
Your pledge helps our Session develop an operating budget for our church. The budget lists the projected sources of income and expenditures for 2022. Pledges are our major source of income. This is the financial support you – members and friends of Central – provide to carry out the ministry of our church. This is the money that pays staff salaries and fringe benefits; costs associated with running the various programs of the church, including mission giving to Presbytery and General Assembly; the utility bills; and maintenance of the building.

Your pledge is your commitment of how much money you will provide to the operating budget next year, in 2022. Even though you write it down, sign the card, and turn it in, there is no requirement that you absolutely fulfill your financial pledge. Circumstances may change. You could end up giving less or more. But making a pledge – filling out the pledge card – is important. It helps Session plan the 2022 budget because they know how much financial support is expected from the congregation. Other sources of income include rent from Bridgeway House, which uses the east wing of our building; rent from other groups using our building and from parking spaces on the northeast side of our property; grants from the Endowment Fund for specific projects; and extra money

donated that is not part of a pledge. You can see these categories and percentages in the pie chart below. With every budget, income should equal expenditures. We can't spend more for salaries, mission, utilities, and program than the money we have.

Commitment Sunday is October 31. Please plan to bring your Estimate of Giving Card to worship on that Sunday, or mail it to the church prior to October 31. And don't forget to write on the Question Cards and bring or send those too!

Together for Joy, we will build our budget for next year. And together we will sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things (Psalm 98) and will continue doing marvelous things with and among us, the people of God at Central Presbyterian Church.



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Mission Statement

*Central Presbyterian Church is
a caring, inquiring, inclusive community of faith.*

