

Tuesday, March 1  
Miriam Circle  
9:30am~Parlor

Wednesday, March 2  
Martha Circle  
11:30am~Zoom  
Ash Wednesday  
3:00pm~Chapel  
6:30pm~Zoom

Thursday, March 3  
Ministry of Christian Discipleship  
9:00am~Zoom

Tuesday, March 8  
Church Properties  
11:00am~Zoom  
Worship & Common Life  
12:00pm~Zoom

Monday, March 21  
Finance  
4:30pm~Zoom  
Session  
5:30pm~Zoom

Tuesday, March 22  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:30pm~Parlor

Thursday, March 24  
Deacons  
5:30pm~Zoom

### Sunday Services

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

<https://vimeo.com/centralpreseugene>



This month as we begin our Lenten journey, I want to share with you some of the words penned by the creative team at A Sanctified Art. These are the people who designed the art and liturgical resources for the theme, "Full to the Brim," which we will be using throughout the Lenten

season. They write:

*"The scriptures for this Lenten season are filled with parables and promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. . . . We've done nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over. Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. It disrupts the scarcity mentality that capitalism, oppression, or hierarchy can plant inside of us. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path."*

We will be using their words, prayers, art, and poetry in our times of worship together, as well as during our adult education time following worship on Sundays (in person and online). There will also be resources for you to take home and make use of in your own personal time of prayer and devotions this season. I am sure we will have lots to share with one another as we experience Lent together through this lens of abundance. I am looking forward to exploring together new ways we might recognize, receive, celebrate, and share God's overflowing grace in the weeks to come.

Pastor Jennifer Martin



Welcome to Central, Karol and Zane Buxton. Karol and Zane recently moved to Eugene from Portland and have chosen to attend worship at Central. They met with the Session in February and shared something about themselves and their faith backgrounds. Session was delighted to receive Karol as a member by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Portland. Zane is an ordained Presbyterian minister and is now part of Central's Friends Roll.



The Dining Room needs help providing desserts to pack in their take-away

meal bags. If you enjoy baking and are able to help out, please package your cookies, brownies, or bars in individually wrapped servings.

They can be delivered to the Food for Lane County's Dining Room at 270 West 8th between 9-11 AM on weekdays. Please go to the side door on the south end of the parking lot with your delivery. It would be nice to label your container "from Central Presbyterian Church" because the staff enjoys knowing where their donations have come from. Thank you.

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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**SESSION**

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Susan Schroeder	Pam Sheridan

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<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>
Jordan Ryder	Susan Bloom
Laurie Inglis	Karen Dyste
	Quentin Holmes
	Carolyn Keener
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Jacquie Litchfield	
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<b>Steve Stermer</b>	<b>Jim Whitmore</b>

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Jane Holmes, Moderator**

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**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Set your clocks forward!!!**



**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> is the First Day of Spring!**



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**Wednesday, March 2**

**3:00pm - Chapel**

**6:30 pm - Zoom**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, which prepares us for the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. We will be offering both in person and online options for you to observe this day. Whether you join in the Chapel or via Zoom, you can participate in a service of prayer, music, and reflection, including the imposition of ashes. This year's Lenten theme is "Full to the Brim: An Expansive Lent," and our Ash Wednesday service will be an opportunity to ponder how we can bring *all* of who we are to our relationships with God, one another, and ourselves - trusting we are enough.

## **WEEKLY ONLINE LENTEN STUDY WITH OUR MISSION PARTNERS**

**Thursdays March 3 - April 14th**

**9:00 am & 12 noon**

**On the Revs Scott & Elmarie Parker's Zoom account**

Join Mission Coworkers, the Revs. Scott and Elmarie Parker, along with Middle East (ME) Partners and PC(USA) colleagues from the Middle East/Europe area for a time of Lenten scripture reflection and prayer. Zoom sessions will include reflection on Lenten liturgical texts by a partner from the Middle East or colleague from the ME/Europe area, a time of conversation between Zoom participants, art/pictures from the region, and prayer.

While two forty-five minute sessions are offered each week to help accommodate schedules, the content will be the same. No registration required. Join for live conversation for any or all the sessions. Each session time has its own Zoom link, meeting ID, and passcode. Watch your email for these details. Let the church office

know if you don't receive them and are interested in participating.

## **CPC BOOK GROUP LENTEN STUDY**

***Vincent van Gogh & The Beauty of Lent***

**Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 9th**

**2:00 pm - Church Parlor**

**3:30 pm - Zoom**

Vincent van Gogh devoted his life to light. The light of creation, the light of painting, the light of God's grace – and the light in humanity, mind, body, and soul. The son of a Christian pastor, Vincent fervently set out to be a preacher and missionary himself, but his ministry eventually took the form of nearly 900 paintings shimmering with dynamism, with passion, and above all, with light.

In this Lenten devotional, the words of Scripture and the paintings and letters of Vincent van Gogh will be our guides. Each week, biblical texts and Van Gogh's work throw light on each other, pointing toward simple, powerful practices you can try.

The CPC book group will use this study from the Salt Project and discuss it together on Wednesdays in Lent. If you would like to participate, the booklets can be picked up in the church office for \$3. A page with links to the artwork will be emailed to you.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**

As we continue to adjust to new ways of being church during this pandemic, one of the challenges is finding an effective way to share prayer concerns and joys without revealing too much private information during our services, since they are now posted on the internet. There have been sporadic emails with prayer concerns, but not all are receiving our church emails, and some find sharing concerns in this way to be cumbersome. We are working on securing a more effective email service, but also want to provide a way for us to pray together and for one another.



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## **A parable Bonfire of The Vanities**

**Wesley Lachman**

Over the years he had managed to stuff his garage full of ideas and thoughts for improving other people and solving political problems. To the casual observer, walking by, it just looked as if Hal had an exceptionally clean garage. All the tools were hung neatly on the wall, floor was swept and a few boxes stacked in the corner. But Hal knew that it was stuffed and cluttered with ideas that he didn't want to have roosting in his head.

Most of his ideas for what other people should do were kept right on top or just beneath his workbench. He wanted to be able to grab them as needed. But sometimes, maybe usually, he needed to work on them before they were ready for "prime time." For example, Mrs. Henderson, a widow, lived next door: he had an idea for her, "Hey, Ms. H, you need to get some new clothes and then maybe someone will find you attractive." For his boss, he thought, "Mike, Mike, they are only human, man. Would it be so painful for you to show a little empathy?"

To his credit, Hal also had some critical thoughts regarding himself that he kept in a little locked box near the window. He rarely opened the box because he never knew what to do with the information. Some ideas were negative: how he was rather inferior, how he had never really accomplished much. Some were positive: how he had a wonder filling family and supported worthy causes.

Last summer, when the family was vacationing out at the coast, They were

walking the beach when a sneaker wave hit. Eloise, his 3-year-old, was torn from her mother's hand and started to be drawn back into the crashing waves. Hal ran and made a flying leap and grabbed her leg. She was safe. Badly shaken and dripping wet they returned to their motel.

Strangely, at the very moment that Eloise was in mortal danger, a small flame appeared within the back wall of Hal's garage. It spread quickly to engulf the whole place in flames and burned it to the ground before fire people could arrive. No one was able to reach the family, so when they pulled up in front of the house the next day, they were shocked to see a smoldering square of ashes. It took Hal until the next morning to notice that all his thoughts and ideas had also gone up in smoke. He no longer had stacks of opinions about people and issues. The place where they used to fill up his mind had become empty. And immediately that space became filled with what was now: tables and books, grass and trees. And "Oh my Lord," he said to himself, "What I think about people is gone, and now I have just the people, just this one, and just that one!" He saw Mrs. Henderson in her yard, "Hey, Mrs. H, you're looking well."



Are you the next Student Intern at the Koinonia Center?

Do you know who that might be?

We're looking for someone who can support Presbyterian campus ministry at the UO. Check out the details and application at [koinoniacenter.org/interns](http://koinoniacenter.org/interns) or share your wisdom with Steve Stermer or Ed Willson.

# OPHELIA'S PLACE

EMPOWERMENT • EDUCATION • SUPPORT

## March/April Coin Offering Ophelia's Place Nancy Richter

Our March/April Coin Offering is dedicated to Ophelia's Place. We have supported their efforts in the past but let me remind you about this community organization that supports girls in our community. Ophelia's Place is a prevention-based organization dedicated to helping girls make healthy life choices through empowerment, education, and support.

In 2005, founder Rosaria P, Hoaglund's vision was to provide intervention at an early point in a girl's life to give her an opportunity to develop supportive relationships and strengths that will lead to her long term well-being. Early interventions can help prevent tragic and costly outcomes such as domestic violence, low educational achievement, early pregnancy, or drug and alcohol abuse. With early intervention girls can develop strong self-esteem and self-worth, learn critical thinking skills to overcome challenging and stressful times, find their voices, and feel confident in who they are and who they hope to become. This can happen for girls involved in the many programs that operate through Ophelia's Place, such as:

- Activities and workshops
- After school programs
- Therapy
- WACY- Women's Advisory Council for Youth.
- Parent-daughter Girl Con – Annual celebration of fandoms, anime
- Video games, art, tech, and so much more.

We hope you will join us in supporting this fine organization in it's continued quest to serve girls in need in our community. We continue to thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.



The Recycling Team at Central would like to thank you for your support and efforts to recycle plastics and keep them

out of the landfill.

Barbara Cookson and her team have delivered truckloads of plastic to the Glenwood site.

However recycling is not always easy or the best solution. A better step we can all take is to reduce and cut back on what we buy in "single-use" plastic, especially the #1 plastic that are not bottles or jars.

**We cannot recycle #1 plastic unless it has a screw top lid: jars and bottles!!**

*Sushi trays, spinach bins, and bakery clam shells cannot be recycled.*

Please consider buying items in other containers such as paper bags or cardboard boxes for baked goods and reusable bags for greens and other veggies. Look for items in glass jars instead of plastic. Shampoo is available in bar form, and many types of cleaners are now offered in a tablet form.

Let's all try to be more creative about our shopping choices.

If you do buy plastic and are recycling, please make sure to remove paper labels, glue, and food or other debris from the #2, #4, and #5 plastics.

Thanks for all your efforts to remove some of the plastic in our environment!



### Central Remodel Update March 2022

**Steve Stermer**

On Tuesday, February 15, the CPC Remodel Committee met via

Zoom with Architect Quince Sterry and his staff and with Essex Construction Kurtis Nelson and Billy Phillips. This is what was discussed.

**Purpose:** With the elimination of the elevator, the remodel has become a one phase project: community room, first floor bathrooms, and north entry/office to the Narthex.

#### Items Discussed:

- HVAC location: As there is now no elevator in the project, it was decided to move the HVAC closet to the empty middle office, possibly including the WiFi network box, keeping in mind possible operating noise from either unit. Q will make a visit to the church to look at the proposed relocation to better address the situation.
- Parlor: Leave ceiling and lights as is, for a savings.

- North Covered Entry: The North Covered Entry will extend to the sidewalk/fencing, and have no skylights, fir ceiling, lighting added. Savings; no skylights and a change in wood finishes.
- Community Room: Add a hot water heater under the counter for the kitchenette and bathroom, and a changing table in the bathroom.
- Structurally there is no reason to keep CPC from using rooms 203 or 205a and b during construction. This is an owner's decision.
- CPC Offered Room 207 to Essex (approx. 13'x28') as a construction office. Essex will come by the church and do a walk through with Steve to better assess the space.
- Materials storage: Essex asked if it would work for CPC to store items inside during construction, like flooring? Yes, CPC thought this could be worked out.

#### Next Steps – Timeline:

- Quince will reformulate some of the drawings.
- Quince will submit plans to City Planning for review. (one week)
- Once plans are back from the City, they go to Essex, who will send plans to sub-contractors for new bids and pricing. (3-4 weeks)
- Further value-engineering may need to take place.
- Plans/Bids back to Essex, with new bid numbers. (approx. 6 weeks)
- Begin Construction: After Easter, May. Timeline estimates are rough estimates. Essex will work with Quince to provide a more accurate/detailed project timeline.



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