



**Wednesday, June 1**  
**Book Group**  
2:00pm~Parlor  
3:30pm~Zoom

**Sunday, June 5**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Groundbreaking Ceremony**

**Monday, June 6**  
**Endowment Meeting**  
3:30pm~Zoom

**Tuesday, June 7**  
**Presbyterian Women's Tea**  
1:30pm~Chapel

**Thursday, June 9**  
**Ministry of Christian Discipleship**  
9:00am~Zoom

**Tuesday, June 14**  
**Church Properties**  
11:00am~Zoom  
**Worship and Common Life**  
12:00pm~Zoom  
**Personnel**  
1:30pm~Zoom

**Sunday, June 19**  
**Father's Day**

**Monday, June 20**  
**Finance**  
4:30pm~Zoom  
**Session**  
5:30pm~Zoom  
**Badminton Group**  
6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, June 23**  
**Deacons Meeting**  
5:30pm~Zoom

**Tuesday June 28**  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
1:30pm~Parlor



Liminal - adjective:

(From the Late 19th century Latin 'limen', meaning 'threshold'.)

1. Of or relating to a transitional stage of a process.
2. Occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold.

*It is when we are betwixt and between, have left one room but not yet entered the next room, any hiatus between stages of life, stages of faith, jobs, loves, or relationships.*

*It is that graced time when we are not certain or in control, when something genuinely new can happen . . . .*

*Much of the work for the biblical God and human destiny itself is to get people into liminal space and to keep them there long enough to learn something essential and genuinely new.*

*It is the ultimate teachable space.*

- Father Richard Rohr writing about liminal space

Every person in the world has had some experience of what we call liminal space in the last two years. With the coming of the pandemic, and all the injustice and inequalities it exposed in our country and around the world, we have well and truly left behind 'what was' and are not quite sure if we have yet moved into what will be. That has played out on a global scale, as well as national, local and personal ones. Being in flux, always called upon to at least be flexible and usually to find a new way of doing something seems to be 'normal' at this point.

Yet, we still find it hard to be in that place where we have to admit we are not in control. We still find the vulnerability that comes with true change hard. Yet it is this between place where we are most open to the working of our God. It is the wilderness space. It is Jonah in the belly of the whale. It is Mary, pregnant and awaiting the fulfillment of God's promise. It is Holy Saturday, before we know the resurrection hope of Easter morning. In the between times and places, we know we are fully dependent on God, and we are more likely to open ourselves up to the Spirit's guiding and abiding presence, which has been there with us all along.

This June as we mark Pentecost Sunday, we as a church are choosing to step into liminal space together. We are breaking ground on a remodel that we hope will open our building up to our neighbors in new ways. It will be a long season of changes - to the physical space most definitely. But there is opportunity here for us to open ourselves up for change within, as well. As we navigate our sacred space as construction site the next few months, we will need to find grace and flexibility in order to continue the work and worship of this congregation in the hope of having a more

welcoming building by the end of the year. And if we let it, we can also use this time to open ourselves up to the ways God might be calling us to be more welcoming as well. If we are brave enough to stay in this uncomfortable space of change, God can teach and transform us.

Pentecost is the season we celebrate the coming of the Spirit. It is my prayer that this year we will open ourselves up in new ways to the coming of the Spirit in our midst here at CPC. May we be bold enough to mean it when we pray, 'come, Holy Spirit, come'!

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### **PENTECOST GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION**

#### **June 5th immediately after worship**

Pentecost is often thought of as the 'birthday' for the church, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Jesus,

and their call to share the good news. The Spirit is still blowing in our midst, and for CPC a part of that is moving closer to our dream of a building that is more welcoming to our community.

Plan to stay after worship on Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate the groundbreaking and kick off the capital campaign for our pending remodel!

We will bless the ground which will once again be broken and turned starting this summer in order to create a welcoming, accessible entryway and other improvements to our church facility. We will celebrate that our building will be changing to more fully reflect the welcoming heart of this congregation. We will share what has already been done in preparation for the construction. We will update you on where we are in the final leg of fundraising for this project, and let you know about some upcoming opportunities. Plus, there will be treats!!!

So, come for worship and stay for the party! And if you haven't already sent in a 'Building Welcome' pledge card, plan to bring it to this fun event

### 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  
Building Host: Jose Tobon

#### **SESSION**

Bev Day                      Kirsten Kelso  
Rick Larson                 Nancy Richter  
Pam Sheridan               Alice Schroeder  
Susan Schroeder

#### **DEACONS**

Susan Bloom                Karol Buxton  
Nancy Carlson              Lousie deKluyver  
Karen Dyste                 Quentin Holmes  
Carolyn Keener             Gerry Keener  
Jacquie Litchfield         Patty Mac Afee  
Yvonne Young

#### **ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

Peter Carlson                Quentin Holmes  
Rick Larson                 Jane Rimmerman  
Steve Stermer               Jean Tesche  
Jim Whitmore

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Susan Bloom                Barbara Cookson  
Helen Martz                 Nancy Richter



**Richard 'Dick' Doering**

**May 11, 2022  
Teacher and Deacon  
Member of Central since 1969**



# FAREWELL, FRIENDS!

## Farewell to Cole Blume



We are sad to formally announce that June 19 will be Cole Blume's last Sunday with Central. Since 2018, Cole has served as the Director of Music Ministry for the church. He has shared his vocal gifts, recruited choir members, vocal scholars and musicians, and has led our

choir with energy, imagination, intelligence and love, all of which has enriched the experience of worship for all.

There is no way any of us could have predicted how his time with CPC would include sound mixing, directing and editing together zoom choir pieces, and leading virtual choir practice as we worked together to find creative ways of including music in our online worship during the height of the pandemic quarantine. Followed by integrating ways to participate in worship musically *without* singing when we first began offering worship in person again last year. In every instance, Cole has brought his many creative gifts, musical knowledge, willingness to learn new skills, compassion, humor, and deep faith to the call of ensuring that meaningful music is a part of each experience of worship.

Cole will be pursuing a passion for agriculture which has taken root as he began work farming in the last few years. While we will miss him greatly, we pray he finds deep joy in this new calling. We will have an opportunity to wish him well during fellowship time after worship on June 19. Plan to bring a card to add to the basket of farewell blessings. If you won't be in attendance, you can send cards in advance in care of the church office and we will make sure he receives them.

## (Almost Dr.) Alex Pratt to Graduate!



Our audio/visual technician, Alex Pratt, will be receiving his PhD in education from the University of Oregon this month. He and his family will be moving east this summer, as he has accepted a position teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, Altoona.

Alex began as our 'sound person', in charge of making sure all of our microphones were properly connected and working in worship. That job grew and changed exponentially when the pandemic hit and we had to pivot to online services. From that first Sunday in March of 2020 when he was helping film the service using Jennifer's iPhone on a tripod to live stream to Facebook, to then learning all about video editing and how to post worship services to online platforms - what an unexpected set of skills he has been willing to learn and apply! When we were pre-recording our services it was Alex who knit together all the bits of video, audio, photographs, and information sent his way into a cohesive, meaningful service.

His dedication, creativity, patience, humor and diligence made possible this way of continuing to worship together while we had to be apart. Then when we returned to the sanctuary, there was a whole new set of skills related to live-streaming, on top of the original gig with the microphones and sound system. All of which he has handled with integrity, grace and humor. It truly feels as though his presence with us in such a time was a gift!

Alex's last Sunday with us will be June 19. We will have an opportunity to wish him well during fellowship time after worship. Plan to bring a card to add to the basket of farewell blessings. If you won't be in attendance, you can send cards in advance in care of the church office and we will make sure he receives them.





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## What Can't Be Seen

Wesley Lachman

"I wish I were home," said

Sally to her boyfriend Eddie. "Why?" said Eddie, "We have the blue sky, this stunning waterfall, good food. What more do we need?"

"This is all beautiful, but there is no hominess to it. The sweet smell of my closet, the bumpy comfort of my quilt, the sound of tip tapping down the back stairs—they are all gone, and I want them."

"But Sally, how is this different from what happens all the time? We move from one place to another, and we lose the first place in order to gain the second."

"I know. I know it doesn't make sense to my mind either, but I can feel it underneath. It's like an ache, a longing. It's not just the house and the people and the environment. It's, it's a connection to something deeper. I feel like I'm losing something, something that I can't find out here."

"Wait," said Eddie, "try this. Just lie back on the blanket. Now, smell what you smell here. Don't think about it or analyze it, Just smell. OK? Now feel the blanket underneath, just feel. Then look up at the canopy of branches above, just look." There was a long silence. Minutes came and went.

"Oh, I see the branches now, I hear just the waterfall." She hesitates. "But there's something more going on. Each sensation seems to be a little transparent now and opens up to, to something deeper, something that can't be seen. And there's something that can't be heard surrounding each sound."

Tears were beginning to run down her cheeks. Eddie moved to hold her, and then stopped in midair. Sally, sobbing openly now, said in a whisper, "Why dear sweet God, it's my home, right here, Eddie. I'm home right now."



## Presbyterian Women Tea

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm~ Chapel  
Jane Holmes~ Moderator

### All Are Welcome!

The Annual Birthday

Offering is 100 years old! This annual offering is open to all women across the country, to support PC(USA) grants in the USA and around the world.

Launched in 1922 to fund grants such as an entrance gate at Montreat, North Carolina; and Miss David's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan; a classroom at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; to 13 tiny houses \_ in Cottage Grove, Oregon (\$100,000 under "Square One Villages" in Eugene, Oregon!).

This year's grant recipients are:

- 1). Mission At The Eastward(MATE). McCleary House Transitional Housing, Farmington, Maine \_ \$80,000 for people experiencing homelessness. It will provide a warm and healthy place for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals for a few months, then move on, and others can come.
- 2). Jesus feeds the 5 Thousand, Lares, Puerto Rico \_ \$105,000. Following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the January 2020 earthquake, the Presbyterian Church in Lares has become the go-to location in the community for food, purified water and personal items. Much of the is elderly and they rely on the church for help. The church's kitchen is small, outdated, not up to code, and the upgrades are needed to continue this ministry.

You can come to the PW Tea on June 7<sup>th</sup>, where we will enjoy fellowship, and continued information about this offering over tea and cookies, after which we will have a dedication of the offering that is received. If you cannot come, just send a check to Presbyterian Women – CPC, memo: Birthday Offering, and put it in Sunday's offering plate, or send it in to Central Presbyterian Church.



### **Our New Addition**

Beth "Sunny" Waldorf has been hired to become our new audio/visual technician.

She has a wealth of experience in this area, including fifteen years in the music industry. She will be working alongside Alex Pratt beginning June 5, to get familiar with our equipment and worship service. We are delighted to have Sunny join our staff!



### **Central Remodel Update: June 2022 Steve Stermer**

On Friday, May 13 the CPC Remodel Committee had a face-to-face meeting with Architect Quince

Sterry, and Essex Construction Kurtis Nelson and Billy Phillips.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the meeting was to receive new bid numbers from Essex for the CPC Remodel Project, and to talk about timelines.

#### **Presentation:**

To make a long story short with the continuing increase in construction prices the bid for the CPC Remodel Project came in just over one million dollars. This is above the \$750,000 to \$800,000 CPC Remodel Budget. As a result, some value engineering (VE) or reductions need to take place.

#### **Discussion:**

In making these VE decisions and keeping in mind the CPC Mission of being an "Inclusive, Inviting and Welcoming Church". Our primary goal is still to have a 'Welcoming Entry' to the church and sanctuary on Sundays plus easily finding the church office during the week.

Here is what we came up with:

- Do all the prep work for the covered entryway but eliminate the cover

- Keep new flooring in the entry/office, but end once inside the Narthex
- Eliminate new flooring in the hallways
- Leave men's restroom as is, remodel the women's restroom making it an ADA bathroom, with a separate ADA unisex bathroom
- Leave what will be the Community Room as is, through the properties budget upgrade the bathroom fixtures, this will not be an ADA bathroom
- Move the added doors in the alley hallway further north so the community room can be used as an area, separate from the rest of the church

Architect Quince will make these accommodations on the plans and Essex will send out changes to their subcontractors. The start date is July 1, with completing by Christmas.

If you have questions or would like some additional information on this process, please contact one of the CPC Remodel team members: Alice Schroeder, Bob Bottge, Nancy Richter, John Sheridan, Steve Stermer, or Rev. Jennifer Martin



### **Good Stewards of Central Presbyterian Church**

The Planting Beds around Central need some attention, as a result, a work party has been scheduled for Saturday morning June 11, 9am to Noon. Weeding, cleaning up beds, and tidying up around the church are our goals. Bring gloves and your favorite gardening tool(s).

#### **You are invited to join in the fun:**

- When: Saturday, June 11th
- Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
- Where: CPC
- Bring: A beverage, gloves, and your favorite gardening tool(s).

Donuts will be provided for a mid-morning break. Please plan to participate. Let Steve

know if you plan to attend so, we have the proper number of donuts.

Thank you,  
Steve Stermer  
541-510-0660



**Hosea Youth Services  
Nancy Richter**

Hosea Youth Services –helping the at-risk and homeless youth of Lane County ages 16-24 to build lives of Hope and Purpose.

The Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship (MCD) has recommended, and with Session approval, the 40% of the Pentecost Offering that stays with our congregation will be used to support Hosea Youth Services.

Hosea Youth Services are striving to break the ugly cycle of trauma, despair, pain, addiction, and homelessness, The young peoples they serve mostly haven't chosen this lifestyle; they were placed into it. Most were born into family situations which were filled with abuse, abandonment, poverty, addictions, and trauma. Once you hear the stories from these young people, you understand why they are filling the holes in their hearts with drugs and sex, which ultimately leads to significant issues.

Homelessness in our community and country is a very complexed issue. Hosea Youth Services is striving to “catch” our youth now, to provide support and services they need to work through their barriers and get to a place where they can take care of themselves. The road to a life of health and purpose is long and hard and we must do all we can to come alongside and show them a pathway out. The Resource Center is located at 834 Monroe Street in Eugene. Free resources and services are:

- Clothing
- Toiletries
- Hygiene Supplies
- Showers
- Laundry Facility
- Seasonal Gear
- Tools
- Computer Access
- Charging Stations
- Lockers
- Pet Kennels
- Haircuts
- ID Support
- Basic First Aid Supplies

And a Safe and Warm Place Off of the Streets!!



**The Pentecost Offering  
Nancy Richter**

The Pentecost Offering connects us with children, youth, and young adults—each with gifts to share—offering them opportunities to empower themselves to build a solid foundation of faith to last a lifetime.

40% stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults. 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% supports Ministries with Youth, especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

10% is devoted to children at-risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

A Foundation of Faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.

Thank you for your generosity and remember, if we all give a little, it adds up to a lot!



**Fellowship Needs  
Cookies**

Our cookie supply is running dangerously low. Any donations will be greatly appreciated

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**JUNE**  
Anniversaries

- 18 Frank & Nancy Carlton
- 21 Gerry & Carolyn Keener
- 29 John & Nonie Koelling



**JUNE**  
Birthdays

- 3 Martha Shaebanyan-Bady
- 9 Joe Olney
- 10 James Brown
- 15 George Grier
- 19 Michael Boonstra
- 20 Quentin Holmes
- 23 Lu-Nita Hawkins
- 29 Karen Dyste
- 30 Cyndee Childs



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