



Thursday, August 4
Ministry of Christian Discipleship
 9:00am ~ Zoom

Monday, August 8
Endowment Meeting
 3:30pm~Zoom

Tuesday, August 9
Church Properties
 11:00am ~ Zoom
 Personnel
 1:30pm~Zoom

Thursday, August 11
Worship & Common Life
 2:30pm~ Zoom

Monday, August 15
 Finance
 4:30pm ~ Zoom
 Session
 5:30pm~Zoom

Wednesday, August 17
 Church Picnic
 5:30pm~7:00pm
 Patterson Street Lawn

Tuesday, August 23
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 1:30pm ~ Parlor

Thursday, August 25
 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/centralnreseauene>



"They moved through the time-spinning reaches of a far galaxy, and he realized that the galaxy itself was part of a mighty orchestra, and each star and planet

within the galaxy added its own instrument to the music of the spheres. As long as the ancient harmonies were sung, the universe would not entirely lose its joy."
 - Madeleine L'Engle, *A Swiftly Tilting Planet*

*Heaven is declaring God's glory;
 the sky is proclaiming the Holy One's
 handiwork. Psalm 19:1*

My paternal grandparents lived on a ranch way out in the country. The closest small town was several miles away. Their home had a big front porch, and in the summer when all the family visited, all us grandkids often slept on cots out on the porch. I think the adults preferred this arrangement because it gave them the real bedrooms and some quiet while we giggled into the night. We preferred it because, for one thing, the porch was often cooler than the inside and, for another, the view was simply spectacular. The song doesn't lie - the stars at night are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas - and we could see for miles with no artificial light interrupting the view. I remember feeling a deep sense of awe as we lay there on our cots. From our spot on the porch, my cousins and I could see the sweep of the Milky Way across the sky; we could make out satellites as they journeyed across their orbits; and we would wait and watch for falling stars so we could make wishes as we drifted off to sleep.

It's been a long time since I slept under the stars like that. But last month I remembered that

visceral feeling of deep, childlike wonder when the first stunning images taken by the Webb telescope were released by NASA. In the same month, we heard of record heat waves, historic flooding, and reports that yet another year of wildfires has already commenced. Both the fragility and the majesty of the universe were on full display, as was the connection between human beings and the rest of the creation, for better and for the worse.

This year for the first time our congregation will be observing the Season of Creation. As you'll read elsewhere in this newsletter, this is a time for us to reflect on the creation and the Creator. We will be spending time in worship contemplating different aspects of creation. As these new images from space have made abundantly clear, there is much for us to learn from the created world. But we don't always have to go so far to learn. Our own backyard is filled with the glory of God if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Maybe that means recapturing a childhood memory, or even sleeping outside once in a while. Sometimes it's just a matter of taking the time to look around us, or looking up, listening to the hurting world and discerning what is ours to do.

We are all capable of praying and acting to help care for creation in some way. As we turn our attention to the world around us these next couple of months, I pray God will renew our sense of both wonder *and* responsibility. I pray we will have ears to hear the music of the spheres, and that we might even be bold enough to lift our own voices and join in the song.

Pastor Jennifer Martin

To all my dear friends at Central,

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Thank you so much for all your cards, thoughts and prayers. I could feel all your love and thank you for all visits and help.

Love,
Joan Doering

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

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 Director of Music: Kendra Taylor
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SESSION

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

DEACONS

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 Lousie deKluyver Karen Dyste
 Quentin Holmes Gerry Keener
 Carolyn Keener Yvonne Young
 Jacquie Litchfield Patty Mac Afee

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 Steve Stermer Jean Tesche
 Jim Whitmore

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Susan Bloom Barbara Cookson
 Helen Martz Nancy Richter

"I want to be like a sunflower; so that even on the darkest days I will stand tall and find the sunlight." ~ Unknown





By Pam Sheridan

Creation Care Starts in our Own Front Yard! As we take time

during August & September to explore how we care for God's creation, it is also a good time to examine how we are good stewards of our own church building, property and resources.

You are invited to conversation on Sunday, August 28, following worship. We will meet outside on the lawn and share our ideas and visions for how we might use our outdoor space. Please plan to join us!

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical response to the environmental crisis we are facing. It began as a practice in the Eastern Orthodox Church decades ago, and



spread to other churches, first in Europe, and then more globally. It is a time for believers around the world to focus on action, advocacy and prayer regarding the planet which we are called to steward.

Churches are encouraged to both actively advocate on behalf of justice and care for creation and to incorporate all of creation in our worship of the Creator. This special liturgical season is usually held for the month of September, beginning on September 1 with a World Day of Prayer and Action for the Environment through to St. Francis Day, **October 4.**

This year, Central Presbyterian Church will be observing the Season of Creation for the months of August and September. We will have some opportunities to engage in learning and action over the next two months.

For August we will be using liturgy adapted from that created by an ecumenical steering committee and the United Church in Australia to observe the following special Sundays:

- August 7 - Cosmos Sunday**
- August 14 - Mountain Sunday**
- August 21 - Ocean Sunday**
- August 28 - Forest Sunday**



Imagine this – it's winter and so, of course, it's raining. You arrive in the alley next to Central and immediately get under a covered walk that cuts through the Lafferty Courtyard. You stay dry as you

proceed to the new church entrance.

Then you go through a warm, bright and light entry; the office is on your right and staff can see you immediately and greet you warmly. The narthex and sanctuary are directly ahead of you. All is light and open and inviting.

Then turn east down the hallway to the restrooms. The women's bathroom is attractive and accessible; slightly smaller than the former room because part of it has been used to create a second bathroom. Just around the corner is the gender-neutral bathroom with shower and changing station.

Before you turn that corner, however, you can see the security doors that allow the community room at the end of the hallway (formerly the nursery) to be secured. This allows the space to be used by outside groups without the need for staffing. And the room is also available for church groups. It is attractive and well-appointed with audio-visual options.

All of this is just ahead; warm and welcoming spaces that help us live into our mission of being a caring, inquiring, and inclusive community.

We aren't quite there yet, neither physically nor financially. We still need your support. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 and, to date, we have raised \$150,000. Please consider making a pledge before the capital campaign ends August 31st. Your gift can be made in full at the time of your pledge or in installments over the coming two years. Please, just let us know so we can complete the journey together.

Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office, or you can call and have one emailed to you. Support at any level is greatly appreciated.

Help us Build Welcome.



CENTRAL

Remodel Update August 2022 By: Steve Stermer

By the time you read this article, construction should be beginning on the CPC Remodel, Halleluia! The construction start date is Monday August 1st.

On Thursday July 7th the CPC Remodel Committee met with Architect Quince Sterry, Essex Project Superintendent Wayne Wheeler and Project Manager Joe Dunson, and Anthony from the Carpet Company.

Purpose: To finalize flooring, and present project updates.

Discussion Items:

- Sales
- Flooring Decisions:
 - The original carpet tiles chosen may be in short supply. To avoid construction delays, three patterns, all very similar to the original pattern, were presented by Anthony. Central members were asked to rank them 1, 2, and 3. If supply is limited, the second choice will be ordered and so on.

- 1st - Journal Inscription
 - 2nd - Line by Line
 - 3rd - Free Hand
- Narthex Flooring:
 - As the new flooring will extend from the new North Entrance all the way through to the 15th Avenue entry doors the old floor tile will be removed. In this way doors, will not need to be trimmed.
 - The new flooring is a click together Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT).
 - Saving the current oak surround molding and reusing it may be expensive. As an alternative, hemlock molding was suggested to be used.
 - Central volunteers chose Thursday, July 21st, to move furnishing out of the narthex in preparation for the remodel. Bob will contact Bev Day regarding the choir robes, and Jennifer and Kendra regarding moving choir music.
- Asbestos Testing:
 - The 2019 Lodge Environmental Testing of the CPC Floor tiles did not include testing of the mastic (glue). Therefore, additional testing of the floor mastic in the library, main hall, and narthex were asked to be completed as well as , the office ceiling tile mastic, and the wrapping of the steam pipe in the wall of the old library. The steam pipe will not be touched during the remodel.
 - Lodge Environmental completed the testing. Only the steam pipe wrap contained asbestos. The exposed portion at the bottom of the pipe has been securely taped to avoid any exposure.



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The Silence of the Lambs **Wesley Lachman**

Let me tell you how it all started. A young married couple donned white tee shirts over their street clothes and walked down the main street of our small town. They told friends they prayed about this. They

walked in the street. There was no traffic, for the streets had become battleground. Last month the high school lost all its windows and a number of students and staff were injured.

Almost every day shots were fired somewhere in town. One man killed a friend he mistook for someone trespassing on his property. Many of us were becoming armed in "self-defense." The couple walked peacefully in silence, hand in hand, bride and groom, back and forth on the four downtown blocks. Then suddenly the jagged sound of an assault rifle rattled the calm, and they were gone.

We all knew them, we all hung our heads in shame for our town that such a thing could happen here. They were kind, selfless youngsters. They were beloved by everyone. Someone called them "the lambs," and the name stuck. The shooter had purchased his weapon legally. The very next day four of us drove out to Brian's Gun Shop on the Interstate. We came into the store wearing white tee shirts. Brian was behind the counter, nailing the cover on a shipping crate. "I'm shipping them all back, every one. I refuse to have one of these killing machines in my shop ever again." We each gave him a hug and departed.

The mother and father of the bride brought their entire family gun collection outside and laid it on the ground. They dug holes with a posthole digger in the middle of the lawn, and stuck three or four rifles, muzzle down, into the holes. Piece by piece they assembled an iron pillar using every last weapon. They welded the whole thing

together so it could neither be used nor forgotten.

The media descended like a swarm of bees. They interviewed everyone they could find, took videos. The story immediately went national, then international. Then, high school students in white tees began walking in front of county courthouses. Groups of silent white tees were starting to appear all over the country like polka dots on the map. People were walking in white shirts and in silence, like lambs. Everyone knew what they stood for, everyone knew what they wanted.

The selfless sacrifice of the first two lambs was unmistakable. It touched all but the most hardened hearts. Three months after they were killed, a hundred thousand white tees walked peacefully all day in front of Congress without incident. They were silent. It was eerie. No chants, no speeches, no signs, just a sea of white and the murmur of moving feet.

Where are the assault weapons today? Where are the quickie background checks? Where are the unlicensed gun owners? They were all taken down by two gentle lambs.

Summer Fun & Fellowship



SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 17TH

Bring Your Own Picnic

Julianne Stermer

Are you ready for another face-to-face, outdoor social gathering with your Central friends and family?

Let's join together on Wednesday, August 17th from 5:30-7:00pm on the lawn next to our mural. Attendees will need to bring their own food, but the church will provide water, lemonade, utensils, and dessert. See you there!

RECYCLING UPDATES!!



#1 Plastics are now being recycled by Sanipac, Royal Reuse etc. They must be clean, but the labels don't have to be removed.

Check lids as they often are #5 and can be recycled here at Central, If you don't have garbage service, Central will continue to take #1's.

#2 Plastics are now being recycled by Sanipac, etc. They must be clean, but the labels don't have to be removed. If you don't have garbage service, Central will continue to take #2's.

Items that can be recycled at Central

#1 Plastic: Jugs & Bottles ONLY

Must be CLEAN, BUT LABELS DON'T HAVE TO BE REMOVED. Check Lids as they are often #5 and can also be recycled, but separately!

#2 Plastic: Must be CLEAN Labels and glue must be removed.

#4 Plastic: Must be CLEAN Labels and glue must be removed.

#5 Plastic: Must be CLEAN Labels and glue must be removed.

Batteries

Egg cartons

Paper grocery bags (with and without handles)

Tin can lids

Shredded paper

Styrofoam (Hard only)



**Don & Sharon Piper
August 11**

**John & Pat Hocken
August 2**



Kathleen Beisse	Aug 6
Nancy Carlson	Aug 6
Randy Lilyengren	Aug 6
Alice Schroeder	Aug 7
Jordan Ryder	Aug 12
Richard Lin	Aug 17
JoAnne Arnold	Aug 20
Gayle Cherry	Aug 20
Lance Deal	Aug 21
Frank Carlton	Aug 28

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please email or call Monique so we can update this information. We don't want to miss anyone's special day.

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