

Upcoming



Tuesday, July 4
Office Closed

Thursday, July 6
Ministry of Christian
Discipleship
10am~Zoom

Tuesday, July 11
Personnel
9:30am~Zoom
Properties
11am~Zoom

Thursday, July 13
Worship & Common Life
2:30pm~Zoom

Monday, July 17
Bible Study
11:00am~Parlor
Badminton Group
6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 24
Session
5:30pm~Zoom

Tuesday, July 25
Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30pm~ Parlor

Thursday, July 27
Deacons
5:30pm~Zoom

Rev. Martin is away on sabbatical focusing on the theme *A Return to the Table*. This month, Deacon Quentin Holmes is sharing a table memory with us.

Mohawk Wild Blackberry Jam



My mother, Ruth "Lake" Holmes, picked wild blackberries and made jam from them each summer while I was growing up. My mother did not have a written recipe. We created the following recipe by watching her -and writing down what she said she was doing at each step as she made the delicious jam.

NOTE: Do NOT wash the blackberries when you pick them - instead wait until you start making the jam so they won't mold.

*Rinse off the wild blackberries & put 5 cups mashed blackberries in a pan

*Measure out 7 cups of granulated sugar - but keep it separate

*Add 1 packet of Sure-Jell brand pectin to the berries and bring them to a boil for 1 minute

*Add the sugar to the berries one cup at a time, stirring all the while (so it won't clump)

*Return to a rolling boil and boil it for exactly 1 minute

*Remove pan from heat and skim off the foam (the foam is unsightly and has no flavor)

*Pour the blackberry jam into small jars immediately, put the tops on the jars and screw the rings down tightly (The heat from the jam will cause the lids to seal);

Store the jars of blackberry jam in a cool place.

They will keep 1-2 years!

Enjoy!



Session Notes

In Memoriam: Two long-time members of Central have recently died.

- Shirley Irsfeld, a member since 1965, passed away on May 12.
- Sally Baker, a member since 1966, passed away on June 1. Sally served as both a deacon and an elder at Central.

Member Bequest: Central recently received an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Ellis and Lucille Sprick of \$138,450. Ellis and Lucille joined Central in 1963 and were active participants in the life of the church for many, many years. Ellis passed away in November, 2022.

Thank you Maggie Lewis: During Jennifer Martin's sabbatical, Maggie has moderated the session and congregational meetings as well as performing many other pastoral services. At the end of the June session meeting, Quentin Holmes thanked her on behalf of the Deacons and the Session for an undefined job done well.

Welcome Home Reception



Please save the date for a "Welcome Home" celebration for Jennifer and Kirsten. Jennifer will

preach on Sunday, July 23, with the reception to follow in the Parlor.

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

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Youth & Children Ministries Coordinator: Rev. Maggie Lewis
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SESSION

Kathleen Beisse Bev Day
Kirsten Kelso Rick Larson
Barbara Cookson Jean Tesche
Alice Schroeder Susan Schroeder

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Mary Breiter Karol Buxton
Lousie deKluyver Karen Dyste
Carolyn Keener Gerry Keener
Jacquie Litchfield Lu-Nita Hawkins
Yvonne Young

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Rick Larson Jean Tesche
Marian Smith

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Helen Martz Nancy Richter
Susan Schroeder





**Annual
Summer Picnic
Summer Fun &
Fellowship**

**SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 9, 2023**

For Wednesday, August 9th from 5:00 -7:00 pm on the lawn next to our mural. Attendees will need to bring a salad or dessert, and the church will provide brats, buns, condiments, beverages, and utensils.

See you then!
(More details in the August Central)



The Ballerina
Wesley Lachman

She is entranced by the ballerina on the stage. Yvonne knows that she shouldn't be. She is 24, after all. She is not a little schoolgirl with a bunny on her backpack.

But despite all that, her whole world was being swept away, even her self-criticism, and what remained was just this.

She stares and stares. No thoughts come through, just the white of the fabrics, the floating arm, the pointed toe, the smile. But these little things float away and she is back to being absorbed. Michael, her husband, has to tug her by the arm to get her to stand for the applause as all the dancers line up across the stage and bow.

"What happened to you?" asked Michael as they walked out of the theater.

"Oh, I just love watching the ballerinas dance," she replied.

"It was more than that." "Well," said Yvonne, "I suppose I got into kind of a

trance. I wasn't thinking about anything. I was all eyes on the ballerina. Of course, now I can remember and think about it. I can say how beautiful and stunning she was. But while she was dancing, I was speechless."

"Does this happen at any other time?" asked Michael

"Well, I don't know, maybe, but not like this. She took the whole world away and left me so soft and peaceful, like something eternal was happening."



**We're Hosting an International
Peacemaker in September**

Central will be hosting an International Peacemaker for a few days in September, in partnership with First Presbyterian Church in Cottage Grove. Bruce Kelsh from First Pres Cottage Grove completed the application for our two churches.

We have been tentatively matched with Ingrid Rubi Amaya de Posado of El Salvador, arriving on Thursday, September 21 and departing Tuesday, September 26. Her assignment is tentative pending her visa appointment on June 29. If her visa is not approved, the PC(USA) International Peacemaker Program will provide another option for a Peacemaker visit.

Ingrid Rubí Amaya de Posada has a degree in social work and is a member of her local city council. She serves as a deacon in the Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador, a church that is taking seriously a call to tackle issues related to migration, including a shelter for returned migrants and internally displaced people.

During her visit, Ingrid will split her time between Eugene and Cottage Grove. We are planning for her to preach at Central on September 24, with the First Pres Cottage Grove congregation worshipping with us online. We will also host some social, food, and educational events while she's here. Our congregation's responsibilities in hosting a Peacemaker are to provide housing, local transportation, and of course hospitality. Ingrid travels with an interpreter, so housing will be needed for two people.

Would you like to join the International Peacemaker Host Planning Team? We will have more details about what's involved after July 13. If this calls to your heart, please contact Susan Schroeder, sschroeder1818@gmail.com.

About the International Peacemaker program: International Peacemaker visits help us understand peace and justice concerns around the world and provide insights that can inspire us to greater faithfulness. Their visits broaden our sense of God's inclusive family and help equip us to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God's children. Since 1984 more than 350 International Peacemakers from 60 countries have been hosted through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



5th

Bob & Merle Bottge

10th

Rich & Jacquie Litchfield

17th

Fred & Kathleen Beisse

27th

Quentin & Jane Holmes



3rd

**Peter Carlson
Pam Sheridan**

4th

Gerry Keener

10th

Bill Griffith

15th

JuYoung Chung

16th

Janet Ames

18th

**Jose Tobon
Howard Ruland**

23rd

Geoff Gordon

25th

John Sheridan

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"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead." – Ronald Dahl

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