



October

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday
Peace & Global Witness Offering
11:00am Adult Education ~Chapel

Monday, October 2

11:30am Bible Study ~Parlor
6:30pm Badminton Group~Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 3

9:30am Staff Meeting ~Front Office
9:30am Miriam Circle ~ Parlor
11:00am Properties~Zoom

Wednesday, October 4

11:30am Martha Circle ~ Parlor

Thursday, October 5

9:00am MCD ~ Zoom

Monday, October 9

11:30am Bible Study~Parlor
3:00pm Finance ~ Zoom
6:30pm Badminton ~Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 10

1:30pm Personnel~ Zoom

Thursday, October 12

2:30pm Worship & Common Life ~Zoom

Monday, October 16

Central Articles Due

11:30am Bible Study ~Zoom
5:30pm Session ~Zoom
6:30pm Badminton Group~ Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 18

11:00am Artist Way Class:
Watercolor Collage~Parlor

Tuesday, October 24

1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Parlor

Thursday, October 26

5:30pm Deacons~ Zoom



For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

*'Cause leaves don't drop they just let go
And make a space for seeds to grow
And every season brings a change
A tree is what a seed contains
To die and live is life's refrain.
chorus of "Leaves Don't Drop"
by Carrie Newcomer*

Although I first began seeing Halloween decorations in July, and we have been inundated with pumpkin spice everything since late August, I think we are actually able to say fall is really, truly here. While running errands yesterday, I spotted some trees whose leaves are beginning to change. Schools have been in session long enough for students to begin having tests and papers due. Last night I needed the down comforter for the first time in many months, and people in town are making plans around parking and traffic because of home Duck games on the weekends. And I actually considered making soup for supper recently. These are all more reliable indicators of the season to me than folks marketing cinnamon drinks and pretend spider webs!

Although I am writing this just shy of the autumnal equinox, I imagine by the time you read it the crisp chill in the air will be more pronounced and the fall leaves will be coming into their full glory, showing us all the colors they have had underneath a chlorophyll camouflage. This season has a lot to teach us about welcoming change, letting go, and making space for new things to germinate in our midst. Here at the church we will finish our celebration of the season of creation, then enter into a bit more ordinary time this month and next as we prepare the way for a new church year in December. We will be using our adult education time to explore a variety of ways we can learn from and walk alongside others.

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SESSION

Bev Day
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Kirsten Kelso
Rick Larson
Alice Schroeder
Jean Tesche

DEACONS

Jackie Onstad
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I invite you to let God use this season to help you see opportunities in your own life. As the leaves reveal their colors, how might you share a different part of yourself this season? How might God be inviting you to change? As the leaves begin to let go and drift to the ground, what might you be invited to release? As you see the seedpods falling, ponder what new seeds might God be planting in your life? I pray this autumn will be meaning-filled time for each one of us.

Autumnal blessings y'all,
Jennifer



SEASON OF CREATION in WORSHIP

For the first Sundays in October, we will be continuing our celebration of the Season of Creation in our Sunday morning worship services. This is an opportunity for us to be intentional about renewing

our relationship with our creator and all of creation. During this season, we join our hearts and voices with sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in a time of prayer and renewed commitment to action on behalf of our common home. We will continue to have special liturgy and music in our services to celebrate different aspects of creation. As we focus on the created world, you are encouraged to give prayerful thought to ways you may be called to commit to care for creation in new ways.

October 1- Mountain Sunday & World Communion Sunday

October 8 - Fauna Sunday

October 15 -Rainbow Sunday

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Central articles are due the third Monday of each month. Articles for the November Central Newsletter are due on Monday, October 16th 2023



ADULT ED TIME AFTER WORSHIP

This month we will have a variety of ways to learn from one another and explore ways we can be the church together. Check out these opportunities to learn and serve together!



October 8 - Virtual Mission Trip Team Meeting~ Chapel

Anyone interested in participating in this

ongoing relationship with La Casa de Paso and the outreach being done on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers are invited to join in this conversation after worship.



October 15 - Recycling Update with Show & Tell Chapel

Plan to stay after worship to get updated information about what

can and cannot be recycled - both in your home bin and here at the church's community recycling collection area. There will also be time for everyone to *show and tell* so we can share together. Do you have a product that has helped you reduce plastic in your home? Have you found a more earth-friendly way of accomplishing a household task? Do you have recipes for homemade cleaners? Plan on sharing what you know so we can all learn from one another!



October 22 - Earth Care Congregation~ Chapel

Central became an official PCUSA Earth Care Congregation in the last year.

As a part of that, we are encouraged to be intentional about improving the ways we worship, work, and care for our space together such that we are living out this commitment to stewardship of our planet. If you would like to learn more about what it means to be an Earth Care

Congregation, and/or be a part of helping us take steps to continue on this journey, plan to come join in this conversation.



October 29 - Film after Worship - Fellowship Hall

As we continue to learn more about food insecurity around the world, we will be screening the 90-minute documentary, *We Feed People*, which is about the work of humanitarian Chef José Andres and the non-profit World Central Kitchen. This organization provides fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate and community crises throughout the globe. The film will be finished before 1pm. To see the trailer for the film click

here: https://youtu.be/eYaSwwmGl4?si=tSeA3pN2Nla_bBwx



Many in our congregation responded, both financially and prayerfully, in helping the Ibrahim family for

six months. Your help has made a **tremendous** difference, thank-you! Here is a breakdown in how your money was used:

April- September: VISA gift cards
 $\$402.50 \times 6 = \2415

April- September: cell plans
3 phones for 6 months = \$ 474

April: cell phone activation fee
3 phones = \$ 90

July: cell phone repair = \$ 90
The Deacons Afghan Fund, designated for the Ibrahimis, has almost enough money remaining for two additional

months of support (Oct & Nov VISA gift cards + Oct & Nov cell plans). U.S. Immigration and Customs (ICE) requires either cell phone service or ankle monitors for all adults seeking asylum. We are hopeful that Nasrat will be granted a work permit by the end of the year.



Our Peace and Global Witness Offering assists the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Our gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offerings are helping our neighbors in need—those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

25% of the offering stays within our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

The Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship has recommended to Central Presbyterian Church's Session that our 25% of the Peace and Global Witness special offering go to support Looking Glass. With the Session's unanimous approval, we will be supporting Looking Glass to continue their mission in helping individuals of our local community to lead more productive and fulfilling lives.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace and Global Witness Special

Offering. "When we all give a little, it adds up to a lot." We thank you for your generosity.



OCTOBER COIN OFFERING

Nancy Richter

Looking Glass has proudly assisted individuals in our community since 1970,

helping them lead more productive and fulfilling lives. They offer a wide range of services aimed toward solving challenges related to educational deficits, behavioral health issues, drug addiction and homeless. The Council on Accreditation (COA) nationally accredits Looking Glass, who is committed to providing services to children, adolescent and adults in Lane County. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Looking Glass's programs span diverse fields of behavioral health, alcohol and drug abuse support, basic human services, juvenile justice, education, youth development and workforce readiness.

Looking Glass collaborates with over 35 local providers, government agencies and community leaders to provide essential social services. They are licensed and evaluated by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Youth Authority, Oregon Health Authority and the State Department of Education.

Looking Glass services include counseling, homeless youth services, residential services and regional crisis center. The National Safe Place program was expanded nationally; Looking Glass became the sole provider of the program in Oregon. This is one of Looking Glass's longest ongoing collaborations with community partners, Lane Transportation Department, Dari Mart, McDonalds, fire

departments, and many more to make sure youth always have a safe place.

The Ministry of Christian Discipleship appreciates the generosity of this faith community in your support of our special offerings.



Go As Nothing Wesley Lachman

A young woman was worried 'bout the relatives she'd visit, so she went to a wise

man and knocked on his hut.

When he opened the door she explained "I don't want to go, They always criticize me, their rejection just shows."

The wise one looked out: her face was all ashen, he could see her so clearly, and he felt rising compassion.

He said "I have one simple thing and if you follow this one, you'll be totally at ease and you may have more fun.

"Go as nothing," he said.*
"That's right, just go as this, It will get you right through and you'll notice some bliss."

"Go as what?" she asked, now tears in her eyes, I should go as nothing just my number six size?"

"No agenda, nothing to prove, nothing to attack or defend, have nothing to lose, go as nothing, my friend."

"Be an immense Mason jar or the open mountain sky, you know how to open up so go as nothing, fly high.

"As vast open space, you can never be harmed. Welcome all that is now, be completely unarmed."

She had been still and silent, but now she rose up to speak, "If I just go as empty, how shall I make choices, I'll feel so weak."

"Your heart will tell you what to say and what to do. Your open mind will see sights and words bubble up inside you."

"OK thanks, I'm leaving tomorrow I'll mind what you said. I'll go as spacious and nothing and do as I'm led."

*Joel Morwood, Center for Sacred Sciences



The Virtual Mission Team wants to express its gratitude for the outpouring of support for La Casa de Paso at the fundraiser we held at our church on September 14.

The total raised that night was \$11,100 -- all of which goes to support the work of Sharon Franklin and Javier Hernandez in providing emergency shelter and assistance to vulnerable women and children who travel to Tijuana to seek asylum -- to seek a better life -- in our country. Sharon tells us this money will cover about 4 months' worth of rent, utilities, food, supplies for the families,

and other incidentals such as doctor appointments.

The fundraising total exceeded our expectations! We are profoundly thankful for everyone's donations. We also want to thank Chapala Mexican Restaurant for donating the food for our event, a true gift from their hearts.

Next steps for the Virtual Mission Team:

- 1) Meet again. Join us after church October 8th.
- 2) A friend at the Cottage Grove Presbyterian church, Tom Partridge, is going to Tijuana soon, to spend time at La Casa. When he comes back, we'll plan a time for him to meet with us and describe his first-hand experiences there.
- 3) We plan to make personal care kits for La Casa de Paso. Javier and Sharon like to give these to people when they leave the shelter, so they have some toothpaste and soap, etc. to take with them. Many of the families don't exactly know where they're heading next, and these personal care kits are valuable. We want to make a batch of kits and send them to San Diego and then on to Tijuana. When we get this activity planned, we'll let you know.



Chuck & Barbara Cookson **Oct 2**
Lance Deal & Nancy Deal- Whitacre **Oct 21**



5th
David Lim
Chuck Cookson

8th
Yvonne Young

11th
Liz Degner

14th
Peggy Lilyengren
Pam Towne

23rd
Bev Day
Kyung Gregor
Nonie Koelling

24th
Scott Pratt

25th
Dolores Haddad

26th
Mike McPherson
Edith Roberts



Mission Statement

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