



# Central

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A caring, inquiring, inclusive community of faith

April 2024

## Monday Mornings

Bible Study 11:00am Parlor

## Monday Evenings

Badminton 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

## Thursday Afternoons

Book Group 2:00pm Parlor

## Tuesday, April 2

Miriam Circle 9:30am Parlor

## Wednesday, April 3

Martha Circle 11:30am Parlor

## Thursday, April 4

Ministry of Christian Discipleship  
9:00am Zoom

## Tuesday, April 9

Personnel 9:30am Zoom  
Church Properties 11:00am Zoom

## Thursday, April 11

Worship & Common Life  
10:30am Zoom

## Sunday, April 14

Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sanctuary

## Monday, April 15

*Central Articles Due*  
Finance 4:30pm Zoom  
Session 5:30pm Zoom

## Wednesday, April 17

Fiber Arts Group 1:00pm Parlor

## Thursday, April 18

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Sanctuary

## Sunday, April 21

Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sanctuary

## Tuesday, April 23

Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30pm Parlor

## Thursday, April 25

Deacons 4:00pm Zoom

## Sunday, April 28

Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sanctuary

## The Pastors' Pen

### Messenger by Mary Oliver

My work is loving the world.  
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird  
- equal seekers of sweetness.  
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.  
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.  
Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?  
Am I no longer young, and still half-perfect?  
Let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work,  
which is mostly standing still and learning to be  
astonished.  
The phoebe, the delphinium.  
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.  
Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are here,  
which is gratitude,  
to be given a mind and a heart and these body-clothes,  
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy  
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,  
telling them all, over and over, how it is  
that we live forever.

As we walk through this season of Easter in the church, instead of penning an article, I wanted to share with you a poem that celebrates what it is to live as an Easter person.

May it inspire you to stand still, be astonished, rejoice, feel gratitude, and perhaps, even shout with joy this month.  
Easter blessings,  
Jennifer



### Fundraiser to Support Ibrahimi Family-Owned Business

**April 13, 5:30-7:30 pm**

Please plan to attend a fundraising dinner on Saturday, April 13, 5:30-7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, to raise money to support Nasrat and

Suraya Ibrahimi and Suraya's brother Hamid in starting Manti, a family-owned food truck business in Eugene.

Our congregation (along with other community members) has provided some financial support for the Ibrahimi family – Nasrat, Suraya, and their two school-aged children -- who came to Eugene about a year ago from Afghanistan as asylum seekers. Both Nasrat and Suraya have recently received work permits and been able to start working. Their next goal toward financial independence is to start a family-owned food truck business. This fundraiser will help provide some additional funds to start the business.

The Ibrahimi family and some of their friends will cook Afghan and other regional foods for us to enjoy. We are asking for RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare. RSVP by sending an email with your name and the number of people attending with you to [truckmanti@gmail.com](mailto:truckmanti@gmail.com). **Tickets are \$20 each, paid at the door.**



### Join the CPC Book Group

The CPC Book Group has chosen to read and discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning book *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson. The book group meets on Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm in the parlor. Discussion of this

book will begin on **April 4**. Come join the conversation. We would love to hear your perspective.

### Central Presbyterian Church Staff & Elected Leaders

- Pastor:** Rev. Jennifer Martin
- Ministry Intern:** Beth Pfeiffer
- Director of Music:** Dr. Kendra Taylor
- Office Manager:** Monique Jones Rodriguez
- Financial Secretary:** Arlene Hudgins
- Building Host:** Jose Tobon
- AV Technician:** Sunny Waldorf
- Accompanist:** Dr. Michelle Sulaiman

### SESSION

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

### DEACONS

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| Karen Dyste      | Carolyn Keener    |
| Gerry Keener     | Mary Breiter      |
| Lousie deKluyver | Jacque Litchfield |
| Yvonne Young     | Karol Buxton      |
| Lu-Nita Hawkins  | Jackie Onstad     |

### ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

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|---------------|----------------|
| Rick Larson   | Quentin Holmes |
| Peter Carlson | Marian Smith   |
| Jean Tesche   |                |

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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| Susan Schroeder  | Helen Martz   |
| Louise deKluyver | Nancy Richter |
| Julianne Stermer |               |





# Session Notes

Notes from Session on the pending sale of the K-14 Student Housing Building. The Session spent time at its March meeting

planning for the sale of the K-14 building, which is expected to occur in April. A K-14 Sale Task Force composed of Central members representing the Session, the Endowment Fund Committee, the Koinonia Center Board, and the Presbyterian Campus Ministry Board shared its recommendations for how the proceeds from the sale should be used, and the Session discussed and took action on them. The Session agreed that

- The sale proceeds be used immediately to pay off the Synod loan and a second loan from a Central member,
- The sale proceeds be used to repay both restricted endowment fund debts,
- Two loans from Central funds and a pre-development loan using endowment unrestricted funds be reallocated.

The Session postponed a decision on what to do concerning another restricted endowment fund debt until the actual dollar amount received by PCM from the sale of K-14 is known. The Session also authorized representatives of Central's Endowment Fund Committee to meet with representatives of the Koinonia Center Board regarding the establishment of a restricted campus ministry endowment fund using proceeds from the sale of the K-14 Student Housing Building.

Merle Bottge  
Clerk of Session



## CENTRAL EXCURSIONS/ JAUNTS/DAYTRIPS/OUTINGS GROUP

Several people have joined the conversation to help with the formation of the

new CPC activities group. Ideas have been shared for places to go together for lunch, day trips, or overnight outings. The list was extensive and the interest was enthusiastic. Now we need to put together a calendar (and get a name?!).

The next organizing meeting will be a **no-host lunch at The Bier Stein on Willamette Street on Wednesday, April 3rd at 1:00 pm**. Come with your calendar and some ideas for activities - maybe we can even come up with a good name for this group! For more information, contact Julianne Stermer at (541)554-5593.

## SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCKS

The Worship and Common Life team is looking for ways to build community and connections. The potlucks have been a great time to greet old and new friends, and get caught up on Central happenings. The potluck lunch follows worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and takes place in the Fellowship Hall. Central provides the main dish, table service, and beverages. Participants bring a salad, bread/rolls, or a dessert.



There is an on-going need for volunteers to help set up and clean up on potluck days, so please contact **Julianne (541-554-5593)** to volunteer, spring potlucks will be April 14 & May 12.



## FIBER ARTISTS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

The first few Fiber Arts meetings have been great! Several fiber artists had fun knitting, crocheting, mending and visiting. We have plans to meet again on **April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-**

**3:00pm in the parlor**. Please join us if you can.



## SPRING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Central's Endowment Fund Committee is seeking applications for grants to support mission projects or program ideas this Spring. Request forms, which require support from one or more

of Central's ministry teams, are available at the office. Requested amounts should not exceed \$1,000 and **applications need to be submitted to the church office by May 1, 2024**



**March/April Coin Offering  
White Bird Clinic  
Mental Health Services  
-Nancy Richter**

In our March newsletter, I wrote about the White Bird Clinic and its mental health support

programs. This month we are featuring their HOOTS program. HOOTS (Helping Our Teens in School) is an offshoot program from the White Bird Clinic's CAHOOTS service. It provides onsite integrated care clinics and tragedy response support in Eugene, Springfield, and Oakridge high schools. Services are free, confidential, voluntary, and available to all students. Clinic teams include a crisis worker and an EMT or RN. The services are HIPAA compliant, and can include short-term counseling, crisis intervention, basic first aid, and community referrals. HOOTS guiding values include harm reduction, anti-depression and youth self-empowerment. Crisis teams are there to provide extra support to students on an array of topics such as: LGBTQ issues, sexual health, mental health, physical health, poverty, school life, home life, interpersonal relationships, family relationships, substance use or abuse, and much more.

Ministry of Christian Discipleship wants to thank everyone for your continued support of the coin offering program. If you have recommendations for community non-profit organizations or agencies as future recipients of the coin offering, please let a member of MCD know. Remember: "If we all give a little it adds up to a lot."

**Virtual Mission Trip**

Come to the chapel after worship on **April 7** for the Virtual Mission Team meeting. We will be assembling the hygiene kits for La

Casa de Paso, and Sharon will give us an update about their work in Tijuana. All are welcome!



**Save the Date  
Anniversary Sunday  
May 5, 2024**

We will celebrate Central's anniversary in worship and have a congregational meeting after worship to elect officers for the coming year.



**CREATE BEAUTIFUL  
PAPER FLOWERS**

Date: May 9, 2023  
Time: 11:00am-1:00pm  
Where: CPC Parlor  
Cost: \$15.00 (cash only)

Maximum number of students: 10 people

Come celebrate spring as members of the Artist Way group, who meet at CPC, teach you how to make flowers from paper. **Materials Provided & No Experience Necessary.**

Contact Debbi Rothschild to reserve a space via text (954) 240-8308 or email: [donepacking@yahoo.com](mailto:donepacking@yahoo.com)



**Earth Care Congregation Meeting**

Come join the conversation about how CPC can better care for creation on **April 21**. We will gather in the Chapel

after worship to review our status as an Earth Care Congregation and plan future steps. All are welcome.



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