

**Thursday, June 3**

Bible Study

11:30am~Parlor

Badminton

6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 4

Miriam Circle

9:30am~Parlor

Wednesday, June 5

Martha Circle

11:30am~Parlor

Thursday, June 6

Worship & Common Life

9:00am~Zoom

Tuesday, June 11

Personnel

9:30am~Zoom

Church Properties

11:00am~Zoom

Wednesday, June 12

Presbyterian Women

Tour of Student Food Pantry

12:00pm

Thursday, June 13

Worship & Common Life

10:00am~Zoom

Sunday, June 16

Happy Father's Day

CPC Scholar Concert

7:00PM~Sanctuary

Monday, June 17

Central Articles Due

Finance

4:30pm~Zoom

Session

5:30pm~Zoom

Badminton Group

6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 19

Office Closed in Observance of

Juneteenth

Tuesday June 25

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:30pm~Parlor

Thursday, June 27

Deacons Meeting

4:00pm~Zoom

The Pastors' Pen

"I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." - Jesus (Matthew 10:16)

As we were working on this newsletter, I started getting lots of emails, phone calls, and texts from members and friends of Central. Apparently scammers had gotten the church email list and were impersonating me trying to get people to send money or gift cards confidentially to supposedly help a person facing cancer treatment. Unfortunately, something like this happens about once a year, it seems. Some vague message gets sent from an email address that is similar to, but not quite the same as mine or the church's, and there is always a request that money or gift cards be sent privately for a good cause. So, I'm taking the time to share with you three takeaways from this experience.

1. I will NEVER ask you for money or gifts to be sent to me personally. If the church is raising money for something or someone, we will publicize that through our usual channels (newsletter, bulletins, church announcements, etc.) and a gift would go to the church - **NOT ME!**
2. What I WILL ask for is your prayers! Pray for all those who really are suffering and truly need help. Pray that the world would change so that someone suffering from cancer wouldn't need to worry about raising funds. Pray for the church secretaries who regularly have to spend a day or more at work reassuring people that this was not a message from their pastor. Pray for the folks who are tricked by such scams and lose money as well as trust in fellow human beings. And pray for the people who perpetrate these scams, that they might find other avenues for their skills to serve rather than harm others.
3. Finally, let's give thanks for our compassionate and generous community of faith. Many people reached out to me to see if there was indeed an emergency, even those who suspected the email was spam. Many people offered, if it was a real concern, to help in any way they could. I know it is this love of neighbors the scammers wish to use for ill, and it would be easy to become hard hearted. But we know that annoying emails will not stop this congregation from seeking to do all it can to care for those who really are in need in our world. So, instead of being only annoyed and angered by this ordeal, I choose also to be grateful. Grateful for each of you and the love you show for a hurting world! In a world of lies, distrust, and scams, thank you for being the kind of people who choose to help make it better by simply being who you are.

With persistent hope,
Jennifer



Session Notes

Welcome our new members:

Jenya Lindstrom comes to Central by letter of transfer from Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church of Fairview, Oregon. Jenya has been attending with her two young daughters.

Emma Brown has grown up at Central and will be graduating from high school this year. We will miss her presence in the back of the Sanctuary helping with the children during worship after she heads off to college at OSU. We look forward to seeing her on breaks.

Rejoice in the sale of K-14:

On May 10, the student housing building at the corner of 14th and Kincaid was sold. Presbyterian Collegiate Ministries' share of the purchase price was more than two million dollars: enough to pay off Central's loan from the Synod of the Pacific, reimburse Central's Endowment Fund for money lent to help build K-14, and provide a fund to help support the Koinonia Center campus ministry program at the University.

Thank those who are completing their terms of leadership service at Central:

- **Deacons:** Louise deKluyver, Jacquie Litchfield, and Yvonne Young
- **Elders:** Kirsten Kelso and Alice Schroeder
- **Clerk of Session:** Merle Bottge

Central Presbyterian Church Staff & Elected Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Martin
 Director of Music: Dr. Kendra Taylor
 Pianist: Dr. Michelle Sulaiman
 AV Technician: Sunny Waldorf
 Office Manager: Monique Jones~Rodriguez
 Financial Secretary: Arlene Hudgins
 Building Host & Custodian: Jose Tobon

SESSION

Bev Day	Jean Tesche
Susan Schroeder	Barbara Cookson
Kathleen Beisse	Nancy Richter
Pam Sheridan	Rick Larson

DEACONS

Lu-Nita Hawkins	Karen Dyste
Mary Breiter	Carolyn Keener
Gerry Keener	Karol Buxton
Laurie Inglis	Quentin Holmes
Wendy Unsain	

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Rick Larson	Quentin Holmes
Peter Carlson	Marian Smith
Jean Tesche	Marci Gordon
Scott Pratt	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Susan Schroeder	Helen Martz
Louise deKluyver	Nancy Richter
Julianne Stermer	





**Farewell to Scholars
Concert**
Central Presbyterian
Church Sanctuary
Sunday, June 16th at 7pm
Reception to follow

We are truly blessed with the musicians who offer their gifts to enrich our worship services each week. This year four of our vocal scholars will be moving on to other endeavors when this school year ends. We will miss seeing them each week, but we will have one last opportunity to hear all of them sing together in our sanctuary! Kendra has helped organize a farewell concert so we can enjoy an evening of music together before we have to bid these talented people farewell. Plus our gracious fellowship team has offered to host a light reception afterward. So, let's all plan on spending that Sunday evening listening to beautiful music together!



**WARM SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**
August 10-11, 2024

The congregation of Warm Springs Presbyterian Church has invited all members of the presbytery to join in celebrating their 150th Anniversary! Of course, you are also welcome to RSVP directly and make your own arrangements to attend. However, if you are interested in attending one or both days, perhaps you would also like to help coordinate a "Let's Go" outing? Let the CPC office know if you are interested in forming or joining a group from here to carpool and perhaps spend the night. Maybe several folks will represent our congregation at this special celebration!

Saturday, August 10: Salmon Bake (\$20-25) and Program RSVP by **August 1** - call or text JoAnn at 541-480-8016

Sunday, August 11: Sunday Worship & Lunch
RSVP by **August 1** - email 4nike@gmail.com



**HELP CELEBRATE
WARM SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
**A Summer Giving
Opportunity**

This August the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church, located on the land of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, will celebrate its 150th anniversary. The congregation has invited the whole presbytery to join the celebration this fall. Check out the invitation in this newsletter for more details if you are interested in going. Perhaps we can even organize a group from CPC to attend.

In celebration of this milestone, the congregation at Warm Springs are seeking to raise \$150,000 to refurbish the manse, which will enable them to move forward into a new chapter in its ministry. Several congregations and some individuals are committing to make donations toward this goal.

Last month our Session received a letter from an anonymous donor here in Eugene encouraging our church to consider a possible donation of \$10,000. The donor has agreed to match \$1 for every \$4 donated, up to a total of \$2000 towards this special anniversary fund. The Session, agreed this is a wonderful way for us to collaborate in ministry with our siblings in Christ. To begin the fund, the Session through a motion from the Ministry of Christian Discipleship Team, has designated the use of \$2,000 from the Dorothy Steward Perpetual Trust.

To maximize the anonymous gift, we need to raise an additional \$6,000. Ideally, we would like to do this before the end of July so that we could make the gift before their celebration. We believe this can be achieved through gifts from

individuals or perhaps some of our other ministry teams will find creative ways to raise the funds.



The Space of My Consciousness

Wesley Lachman

If I could just be faithful at the end. I want to be calm as I fade away. You might suppose that I would break down at the feet of imminent death, but I don't think I will. I imagine that everything that is "me" will disappear at death. My body will dissolve away in a water cremation tank. But something will be left.

What will remain is the consciousness in which these words appear and are placed in this sentence. This consciousness is open, empty, and immense. It is who I am at center. If you are basically nothing at all, what can happen to you? When every perceivable part of you has gone, what will happen to the space in which it has appeared? How can your emptiness be overcome? Of course, you can fill up an empty shelf with books, but the space is still there, providing room for the books. Now you see the space, now you see the books. You can remove the books, but how can you remove the space, filled or not?

I am such a space, not as you see me now but as the essence of what I have always been. Therefore, when my days are ended, if this is my essence, where can I ever go? And you, dear reader? Is there anything in your life more ever-present, more permanent than the empty consciousness in which everything in your life appears?



Hosting Arriving Refugees

Susan Schroeder

Our community has the opportunity to

welcome 50 refugees by September through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. Since it is not feasible to rent them an apartment before arrival, Catholic Community Services' Refugee & Immigrant Services Program (RISP), in coordination with the Refugee Resettlement Coalition, have created a short-term Hosting Program to provide a warm, personalized introduction and welcome to Eugene-Springfield. This gives RISP's Housing Navigator the time to find long-term housing.

Hosts have opened their homes, providing a spare room, separate apartments, AirBnBs and in one case, an entire house. Their generosity has been inspiring. The experiences have been mutually satisfying. The hosting period can last for up to two months, though some have lasted longer. In one situation, a temporary room turned into long-term housing.

RISP and the Housing Team set up meetings before refugees arrive to understand the physical space and to clarify the host's expectations and guidelines. Following arrival, everyone meets with a case manager, interpreter, and Housing Team to explain the guidelines.

A contract is created that includes RISP agreeing to pay for utilities (on a sliding scale) and any other specific requests or details. Refugees placed with hosts are served by a larger support network, which includes a case manager, volunteer Advocates, and Housing Team.

If you would like to learn more about the Hosting Program, please email Judy Volem jtvolem@efn.org (Housing Team volunteer) or Zoë Livelybrooks (Volunteer Coordinator for RISP) zlivelybrooks@ccslc.org. Both Judy and Zoe could also arrange for you to talk with current and past hosts.



Plan to Attend World Refugee Day 2024
Thursday, June 20th, 4:00pm - 8:00pm
First United Methodist Church,
1376 Olive Street, Eugene

Torn from their country in a crisis, today they're our neighbors, friends and colleagues resettling in our community from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Guatemala, Venezuela, Myanmar, and Democratic Republic of the Congo. Learn more about refugee resettlement taking place throughout Lane County. Celebrate refugees arrival with international food, music and more!

Features include a speaker panel, Q&A session; slide presentation by world-renowned photojournalist Paul Jeffrey; testimony of a refugees' display tables representing multiple countries; Mimi Nolloedo's photographic portraits of Lane County immigrants; and a showing of the 2023 documentary by Nasrat Ibrahim, "A Day in the Life of an Afghan Refugee in Lane County."

Activities will include a quiz game, henna hand painting, a children's art table, a world map locator, and an interactive kit-building table. International music, dance, and entertainment will continue until closing at 8:00 pm. Afghan-Uzbek food will be available for advance purchase from Manti, a new business, launched by refugees. Joy Emotion Agency, a restarted Ukrainian business will be on hand with their

photo booth. Registration is required, although attendance is free. When you register, you will have the option of purchasing food from Manti (no food will be sold the day of the event). Register online here:

<https://www.ccslc.org/event-details/world-refugee-day-2024>



Presbyterian Women Tour
Student Food Pantry
June 12
Nancy Richter

The Student Food Pantry is the recipient of our May and June Coin Offering. On June 12, Connie Browning will be giving the Presbyterian Women circles a tour of the Student Food Pantry at noon at the Grace Lutheran Church located at 710 E.17TH Avenue (corner of 18th and Hilyard). Connie was a guest speaker at our April Second Sunday potluck. Where she spoke about the Student Food Pantry.

We can meet in their back parking area, as the Student Food Pantry is located behind this church. This tour will give you a chance to see how the Student Food Pantry is set up, get information on their history and get any answers you may have answered. Central Presbyterian Church is supporting the Student Food Pantry with our generous food and financial donations to assist students and their families with food insecurities and other household needs. Students attending the University of Oregon, any Lane County high schools have access to the Student Food Pantry.

We featured the grocery and hygienic needs list in our May Newsletter and Sunday morning bulletins. Don't miss out this opportunity to learn more about one of our local mission offerings. Hope to see you there on June 12 at noon. The Mission and Christian Discipleship

Ministry thanks you for your continued support of our local, national and global missions offerings. Remember: "If we all give a little, it adds up to a lot."



Worship and Common Life

Julianne Stermer

Second Sunday potlucks will resume in October. Watch the Central and Sunday Bulletin for details.

We have a LOT to celebrate in June and will try to do something a little different for summer fellowship time. We will see what we can come up with.

Speaking of fellowship time, we encourage you to include the Fellowship volunteers in your prayers. Consider signing up for a regular date to serve in this much-appreciated activity following Sunday worship. In order to continue our coffee hour, we need more volunteers to serve in setting up, serving and cleaning up. There will be a sign up sheet and some guidelines for volunteers available at the front desk.

Have you saved the date for the annual summer picnic? There will be more details in the July Central for the August 14 potluck.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

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Jane Holmes

All women are encouraged to contribute to PW's BIRTHDAY

OFFERING - Collected

every year since 1992, to help 2-3 special mission projects chosen by Creative Committee of PC (USA). This year's recipients are:

1) **Advocates for Community Choice** - Marthasville, Missouri. They provide for the needs of people with developmental

disabilities (e.g., housing, making friends, etc.)

2) **Café Gingko** - Louisville, Kentucky. Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves as a welcoming place in a disadvantaged neighborhood. An average of 30 meals was served each Monday, but the pandemic of 2020 put a stop to this. With the PW grant the church will be able to open up again with a renovated, with a renovated kitchen.

Please consider joining many women across the country to help these two projects. Make your check out to: Central Presbyterian Church - PW, Memo: Birthday Offering. We will send this in by June 20.



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

The Keeners have graciously provided flowers from their garden for most of our spring and summer worship services during recent years. We have

all benefited from the lovely blossoms they share each week! A big thanks to Caroline and Gerry!!! Since they will soon be moving into a new home, we want to get the word out that others are invited to help beautify the sanctuary.

Monique will have a sign up sheet on the office counter where you can commit to bringing flowers or plants for an upcoming Sunday. They can be from your own garden, the farmer's market, or a florist. Just let the office know before Thursday of a given week if you plan to bring flowers to church. Our worship committee will be filling in the gaps if there are any.

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Anniversaries

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



Birthdays

- 3 Martha Shaebanyan-Bady
- 9 Joe Olney
- 10 James Brown
- 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.*

