



Not all events are listed here, Please check our website for all weekly events.

Wednesday, May 1

Martha Circle  
11:30am~Parlor

Thursday, May 2

Ministry of Christian Discipleship  
9:00am~Zoom  
Book Group  
2:00pm~Parlor  
Bell Choir  
6:00pm~Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal  
6:45pm~Sanctuary

Sunday, May 5

Anniversary Sunday  
Choir Rehearsal  
9:00am~Chapel  
Congregational Election Meeting  
11:15am~Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 7

Miriam Circle  
9:30am~Parlor

Thursday, May 9

Worship & Common Life  
10:30am~Zoom  
Book Group  
2:00pm~Parlor

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

Fiber Artist  
1:30pm~Parlor

Monday, May 20

Finance  
4:30pm~Zoom  
Session  
5:30pm~Zoom  
Badminton Group  
6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 23

Deacons  
4:00pm~Zoom

Monday, May 28

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:30pm~Parlor



Then the Lord said to Moses,  
"I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you.  
The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. - - -  
Exodus 16:4

"The impulse to save something good for a better place later is the signal to spend it now. Something more will arise for later, something better. These things fill from behind, from beneath, like well water."  
- from *The Writing Life* by Annie Dillard

Springtime in Oregon feels like a promise kept. After the long cloudy winter, suddenly all around us flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and fresh spring produce graces tables growing weary of wintered-over root veggies. The rain brings a variety of greens and abundance of other colors, along with a bit of sunshine, and all of it pulses with life. Spring here feels to me like a reminder that God provides plenty and there will be enough as long as we remember to share it with one another.

The manna in the desert was a gift that renewed every day - a reminder not to worry about hoarding, but rather to trust in God's provision. Similarly, author Annie Dillard speaks of not hoarding words when writing, but instead to use what you have and trust that more will come. It is almost as if out of the trusting and the sharing God's gifts multiply.

Springtime is often a time for cleaning: for taking a look at what one really needs, how one spends their time, how one uses the gifts God has given us. There are many folks who have re-committed to a variety of causes in our congregation in recent months: from thinking of new ways to care for creation, to reaching out and sharing with our neighbors, to fostering closer relationships with one another. It seems as if many people are feeling called to share what they have been given by God in one way or another - sharing time, talent, creativity, resources - all working to bring about a more loving and just world.

As we walk through this Eastertide into Pentecost this month, I am excited to see what emerges as folks continue to follow where God leads- trusting that whatever is needed, God will provide.

Rev. Jennifer Martin

# in Memoriam

Patty Jacobs



April 9, 2024

Member of Central since 2004.



## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is preparing for Pastor Jennifer

Martin's annual review. As part of this process, input is welcomed from the congregation. If you would like to provide feedback to the committee, please contact one of the committee members listed below. You will find their email addresses in your church directory. We need your input on or **before Friday, May 10**. Thank you.

Personnel Committee members:

Kathleen Beisse  
Nancy Richter  
Alice Schroeder  
Steve Stermer

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

## DEACONS

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

## ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Rick Larson	Quentin Holmes
Peter Carlson	Marian Smith
Jean Tesche	

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Susan Schroeder	Helen Martz
Louise deKluyver	Nancy Richter
Julianne Stermer	



In Observance of the holiday, the church's office will be closed on **Monday, May 27, 2024**. We will reopen on **Tuesday, May 28**.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 5

There will be a special meeting of the congregation in the sanctuary immediately

after worship on May 5 to elect elders, deacons, members of the Endowment Fund Committee, and members of the Nominating Committee. All members of Central Presbyterian are urged to attend.



### The Nominating Committee

presents bring the following slate of nominees for officers and committee members.

#### Session: Class of 2027 (3-year term)

Rick Larson  
Nancy Richter  
Pam Sheridan

#### Deacons: Class of 2027 (3-year term)

Quentin Holmes  
Wendy Unsain

#### Class of 2025 (1-year term)

Lu-Nita Hawkins  
Laurie Inglis

#### Endowment Fund Committee

##### Class of 2027 (3-year term)

Peter Carlson  
Scott Pratt

#### Class of 2026 (2-year term)

Marci Gordon

#### Nominating Committee (1-year terms)

Susan Schroeder, session representative  
Louise deKluyver, congregational representative  
Helen Martz, congregational representative  
Julianne Stermer, congregational representative



## NEW CPC LIBRARY Is OPEN - Check it out!!!

One of the final steps of the remodel is now complete! Our library, which used to be located in the area that

serves as a welcoming foyer, can now be found down the west hallway adjacent to the sanctuary that leads to Ferry Street. Inside you will find pictures and artifacts from Central's history, books related to Christian faith and life, spirituality, Presbyterian history, biographies, and lots more! There is also quite a collection of jigsaw puzzles.

All of the books are available for you to borrow on an honor system. Just return them when you are done. The puzzles are there to share as well. In the hallway just outside the library, we have also brought back the magazine sharing shelf. If you have a recent magazine you would like to share with others, bring one in, and if you see one you would like to take, help yourself.

A big thank you goes to the many, many volunteers who helped box up and re-shelve books, remove and reinstall bookshelves, clean and paint the new library, frame and hang pictures and artifacts, and the *many* other jobs needed for us to once again have a library.

### Second Sunday Potluck



It has been nice to get back to monthly Second Sunday Potlucks. The next potluck meal will be on May 12, which is Mother's Day. This will be our last potluck of the

season and we look forward to a special entrée to be prepared by the Ibrahimi family, who shared such great food at the recent Manti Food Truck fund raiser.

We ask others to bring side dishes to share. Beverages will be provided.

### Looking Ahead-

Mark your calendar for the Summer Picnic, when we will gather on the east lawn on Wednesday, August 14, from 5-7:00 pm. See the July Central Newsletter for more details. Second Sunday Potlucks will start again on September 8. Stay tuned for an Ice Cream Social in late September.



### LET'S GO GROUP MAY OFFERINGS

The Let's Go Group enjoyed a lovely adventure at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm in April. Now we

are looking forward to TWO outings in May.

### First Friday Art Walk on Friday, May 3,

venues, as of this writing, are not on the Lane Arts Council website. More information will be made available as the date approaches. We will meet together at 5:30 at the first location (probably the Farmer's Market Pavilion) and then plan our route. Strolling the galleries is always more fun with friends.

### Schreiner's Iris Gardens

These iris gardens are beautiful. It is not just irises in the demonstration garden, but there are many beautiful beds of mixed plantings: great inspirations for your own yard. **Thursday, May 23**, is our date. **Tickets are \$5 online and \$6 at the door.** Bev will make a group purchase on Monday, May 13, so RSVP to her and pay by Sunday, May 12. On the other hand, if you can't decide by that date, RSVP before the 23rd so we know you plan to attend. We will car pool from Central at around 10:00 that

morning, and we do not want to leave anyone behind.

Do you have ideas for other fun outings? Please help us plan more adventures. Contact Bev or Julianne to get your name and ideas added to our list. We will have a group meeting soon to get adventures for summer organized.

Photos from the trip to the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm in April.



### ARTSIT WAY CLASS 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)



## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### **Nancy Richter**

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us, connecting us with the church of the past, inspires the church of today, moves us to the church of the future. This year, Pentecost Sunday is May 19.

By supporting the Pentecost Special Offering, we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come; children, youth, and young adults. The breakdown of your financial offering is: 40% stays with the congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our church and community. 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world. 25% supports Ministries with Youth, guiding youth, uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders. 10% is devoted to children at risk programs.

At the April Session meeting, it was agreed upon to use Central Presbyterian Church's 40 percent to support Ophelia's Place, a local nonprofit advocacy and prevention, based agency to assist girls in making healthy life choices through empowerment, education and support. We ask that you give the Pentecost Special Offering great consideration. Remember that you can use the Online Giving Portal at the church website for your ease, or you can mail a check to the church with "Pentecost Offering" on the memo line.

## **OPHELIA'S PLACE**

### **Pentecost Special Offering Ophelia's Place Nancy Richter**

Our Pentecost Offering is dedicated to Ophelia's Place. We have supported their efforts in the past, but let me remind you about this community organization that supports girls in our community. Ophelia's Place mission is a prevention-based organization dedicated to helping girls make healthy life choices through empowerment, education and support.

In 2005, founder Rosaria P. Hoaglund's vision to provide intervention at an early point in a girl's life to give her an opportunity to develop supportive relationships and strengths that will lead to her long-term wellbeing. Early intervention can help prevent tragic and costly outcomes such as domestic violence, low educational achievement, early pregnancy, or drug or alcohol abuse. With early intervention girls can develop strong self-esteem, self-worth, learn critical thinking skills to overcome challenging and stressful times, find their voices and feel confident in who they are and who they hope to become. This can happen for girls involved in the many programs that Ophelia's Place, such as: activities and workshops, after-school programs, therapy, Women's Advisory Council for Youth (WACY), which is a girl driven group of 14-18yr old young women who are interested in making difference in our community. parent-daughter girl con- annual celebration of fandoms, anime, video games, art, tech and so much more. We hope you will join us in supporting this fine organization in its continued quest to

serve girls in need in our community. We continue to thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.



### **May/June Coin Offering The Student Food Pantry Nancy Richter**

Our May/ June coin offering is the Student Food Pantry. Recently, we hosted Connie Browning, the organizer

of the Student Food Pantry at our Second Sunday Potluck to tell us about an organization that aims to help address the injustices of those suffering from food insecurities in our community. Central Presbyterian Church has been supporting the Student Food Pantry since January 2022. One does not need to be a U of O student to benefit from this wonderful community program. They assist Lane Community College students and any Lane County high school student, either single or with families. The student only needs to provide a student I.D. and bring a shopping bag. While the Student Food Pantry does receive assistance from Food for Lane County and some help from the Eugene Mission, they are very appreciative of any assistance.

The Ministry of Christian Discipleship appreciates the support of our congregation in assisting those with food insecurities. In speaking with Connie Browning, who oversees this program, we have learned quite a lot about those students in need of food and nutritional support just so that they can stay in school and succeed in their academic ventures. It is difficult to study or pass exams when you are hungry and not sure where or when

your next meal will come from. Connie welcomes anyone for a tour on Wednesdays from 10-12:20pm during stocking time or on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 4-6:00pm when food is distributed to students. We also thank Pam Towne for her quiet, diligent support of the Student Food Pantry by organizing our pantry, located off Room 121. Pam oversees our pantry and delivers the much-needed items to the Student Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church. A very heartfelt "Thank You" to Pam.



### **Student Food Pantry Shopping List**

**Canned beans** (green, pinto, black, etc.)

**Canned meats**

(chicken, tuna, beef etc.)

**Pastas** (curly, penne, spaghetti noodles)

**Spaghetti sauces**

**Canned fruits and fruit juices**

**Condiments, salsas and seasonings**

**Rice**

**Oatmeal** (no instant)

**Dry cereals**

**Teas and coffees**

**Protein bars**

**Dog and cat food**

**Personal care items** (body washes, soap, shampoo/ conditioner, TP, feminine hygiene products, shaving items etc.)

**Laundry soaps**

If you are downsizing or no longer using kitchen items, please think about donating them or buying new ones to donate:

**Plastic Ziploc baggies**

**Cleaning products**

**Coffee cups/glassware**

**Can openers, spatulas, whisks, large stirring spoons, hand held mixers, vegetable peelers  
Toaster  
Pots/pans, dishes, silverware, mixing bowls and baking pans**

The Student Food Pantry is located at Grace Lutheran on 18<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard around the back of the church. We truly thank you for your continued support of our mission projects. You have been very generous. Remember: "If we all give a little, it adds up to a lot."

### **The Parable of the Ocean and the Bay**



**Wesley Lachman**

One Sunday after church, St. Mark invited you to drive to Tillamook Bay with him. He said that he had

been listening to your questions in the Adult Class for the last several Sundays. He felt you were "ready to take the plunge," whatever that meant.

You took off next Saturday mid-morning with a full fragrant picnic basket that St. Mark had prepared. His real name was simply Mark. But some devoted parishioners had given him this nickname, and it stuck.

You drove around the bay to the north end where Barview town has a sprawling picnic area. Mark gave a big smile, "Ah, Chris, this is what I wanted you to see." He found a picnic spot overlooking the ship canal. While eating, Mark began to reveal his purpose in bringing you here. He started by saying "I want us to create a parable

using Tillamook Bay. Okay? Let's start with what is right here. The ocean is on our right, the bay on our left, and the ship canal right in front.

"Now, first question: where does the ocean end and the bay begin?" "In the canal?" you suggested. Mark replied, "The waters in the canal change with tides of up to 7 feet or more. A true boundary can't be found there. So where is it?" You thought, *and then there must be ocean water all through the bay.* So you said, "I don't see any bay at all as distinct from the ocean." "Bravo!" exclaimed Mark.

"That's what I see also. Now tell me, where does the ocean finally end?" Reflecting, you realized that no matter what land masses one might encounter while sailing on the ocean, there would always be more ocean on one side or the other. So you said, "I find no ending for the ocean." "Excellent," said Mark. "So let me offer this wording for our parable:

God and you are like this:  
*While the ocean is always the ocean,  
The bay is never the bay,  
The bay is always the ocean,  
Just making itself look that way."*

You were both silent for a while, whereupon Mark looked at his phone and said "Uh oh, we've got to leave right now. I have a committee meeting at 5:00." You were well down the road when you said, "Mark, I'm still finding this parable a little difficult. Jesus would sometimes explain his parables to his disciples."

"Oh sure," said Mark. "There have been a lot of words in the air. Here it is in brief: The ocean represents God. God flows everywhere without any boundary, so God can play any role on the stage of life. Chris, you are the bay, but you are never what you appear to be. You are always God taking on a particular form and personality

to create you. You are an expression of God, as is everyone. Every bay is the ocean.

"So your life question is always 'How does God playing the role of Chris wish to respond to God playing this other self who I meet?'"

### Successful Fundraiser for Ibrahimi Family



The Ibrahimi-Khairandish family is so very grateful for the outpouring of community support at the April 13 fundraiser Central hosted in Fellowship Hall.

About 130 people attended, including the family members who cooked and Central folks who helped with tasks. Many of our guests were community members, evidence that our publicity worked as intended.

Much appreciation and thanks to everyone who helped make this event so successful. The sense of welcome, inclusion, generosity, and support was palpable. We held the event to raise some start-up funds for the Ibrahimi family's Manti Food Truck business. A total of **\$10,180** was raised that night. More checks have come in since then, and the total (at this writing) is now **\$11,245**. Truly an outstanding amount of money given by a generous and gracious community! We are so pleased to be able to provide this financial cushion for their start-up business – another step in the family's financial independence and their journey from Afghanistan to their new home in Eugene.

Nasrat and Suraya's older son Toran sang a song with friend and guitar tutor Stan

Paulic, "This Land Is My Land." Surely all hearts "from the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters" were touched by this young boy singing about the promise of his new country. And of course the food was delicious! You can get more of the same at the Manti Food Truck at the Cedar Tree Food Cart, **1591 W 6th Avenue, Sunday-Friday**. You can also check out their website: [www.mantiaf.com](http://www.mantiaf.com)



Suraya and Nasrat



Toran Ibrahimi and Stan Paulic singing "This Land Is My Land"



1<sup>st</sup>  
**Jim & Mary Gent**  
20<sup>th</sup>  
**Dave & Kathy Raines**  
26<sup>th</sup>  
**Randy & Pat Kolb**





**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Julianne Stermer  
Dan Rinnan**

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**Matt Dyste**

**12<sup>th</sup>**

**Dawn Brown  
Patty Jacobs**

**14<sup>th</sup>**

**Michelle Sulaiman**

**15<sup>th</sup>**

**John Freda**

**16<sup>th</sup>**

**Mary Gent**

**17<sup>th</sup>**

**G Choi**

**19<sup>th</sup>**

**Jim Whitmore**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Linda Meadows**

**27<sup>th</sup>**

**Margie Lininger**

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