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Central

A caring, inclusive, inquiring community of faith

Upcoming

Sundays in July

Worship

10:00am~Sanctuary

Fellowship

Parlor~ Following Worship

Mondays in July

Bible Study

11:30am~Parlor

Badminton

6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Thursday & Friday, July 4 & 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 9

Properties

11:00am~Zoom

Personnel

1:30pm~Library

Thursday, July 11

Ministry of Christian

Discipleship

9:30am~Zoom

Worship & Common Life

10:30am~Zoom

BIG Band Concert

Roaring Rapids Pizza

6:30pm

Monday, July 15

Session

5:30pm~Zoom

Friday, July 19

Cooking Class - Dairy Fun!

10am~CPC Kitchen

Sunday, July 28

Deacon's Mini Retreat

Following worship

Pastor's Pen

In God we live, and move, and have our being. - Acts 17:28

Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?
From *The Summer Day* - by Mary Oliver

In June we celebrated lots of graduations. The question graduates get asked most often about the coming months of summer and the years to follow is, "What's next?" All too often, the question takes the form of that partial quote from Mary Oliver's poem about what they plan to do with their life. But there are some problems with that question. Taken out of context, it makes it seem as though all that matters is what we do in terms of our work. Not that our work doesn't matter. Often how we make a living, where we spend our time and energy, gives us purpose and opportunities to make the world better for others. But there is more to life than how we earn a paycheck.

Summertime is a good reminder of that. From our childhoods on, it is a season that encourages us to slow down, get outside, notice the world around us. Whether we spend a day enjoying a picnic with friends, going to an outdoor concert, picking berries, or in the water swimming or boating - or even if it just means the weather invites us to do our work outdoors - summertime calls out for us to pay attention to the world in a different way. We are created for more than just work. We are also created for joy and rest, for play and community, for quiet reflection and loud laughter. I hope those things are all a part of What's next? for you. I pray this summer you are able to see the beauty and bounty of this season and make time to simply appreciate it. Most people forget that the poem that famous question is quoted from isn't really about picking a job: It's about enjoying all that God has provided. So I'll end with the whole poem in the hope that this summer we won't take the question out of context, but will be reminded to pay attention to all the gifts God has given us to enjoy during our one "wild and precious life!"

Happy Summer,
Pastor Jennifer

The Summer Day - by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean—

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—

who is gazing around with her enormous
and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms
and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?



**BIG Band Concert
Roaring Rapids Pizza
Thursday, July 11th starting at
6:30pm**

Paul Krueger, fiancée of our Music Director Kendra Taylor, has put together a big band made up of their family and friends. They will be performing the week of their wedding at Roaring Rapids. Everyone is welcome to come on out enjoy some pizza, and listen to good music. Folks might want to bring something to sit on for the lawn in case the tables fill up.

<https://roaringrapidspizza.com/events-and-live-music/>



**Cooking Class - Dairy Fun!
Friday, July 19th
10am- 12:30
CPC Kitchen**

When it was pointed out, that much of our community plastic recycling is yogurt containers, Pastor Jennifer agreed to teach a class on how to make your own yogurt. It isn't hard, plus it allows you to choose and reuse your own containers! Bev Day has agreed to teach us how to make ricotta cheese as well. Come join in the fun, as we learn about how to make these two products and then enjoy some together! *Sign up at the church office by Monday, July 15.*

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Martin
Director of Music: Kendra Taylor, PHD
Pianist: Michelle Sulaiman, PHD
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Building Host: Jose Tobon

SESSION

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

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Lu-Nita Hawkins	Karen Dyste
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Rick Larson	Quentin Holmes
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Jean Tesche	Marci Gordon
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Susan Schroeder	Helen Martz
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	Julianne Stermer



Sharry Lachman
June 3, 2024



**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**

In celebration of this milestone, the congregation at Warm Springs are seeking to raise \$150,000 to refurbish its manse, which will enable them to move forward into a new chapter in their ministry. Several congregations and some individuals is 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 partner 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. If you wish to give toward this gift or find a creative way to raise the funds, please make checks out to Central Presbyterian Church and note that the gift is for Warm Springs in the memo line.



**Affordable Community
Room - Ready for Action!**

If you know of a support group, club, or other community group looking for meeting space, help us

spread the word that our community room is available. Our Properties Team has been working to make it accessible to groups as an ongoing part of our recent remodel. What was formerly our nursery area is now a room with tables, chairs, a flat screen, heat/AC, an adult-sized bathroom, and a kitchenette. Plus we now have the capability of giving a group access to that space separately from the rest of the church building, which means they do not have to pay to have a building host present. The affordable rates for meetings up to 2 hours are \$15 for groups up to 30 people and \$25 for groups of more than 30 people. Those rates double for meetings that last more than 2 hours.

Anyone interested in using the space can contact the church office for an application form. We look forward to more people making use of this space, so help us get the word out!



**NEEDED: Your Pictures of
Nature**

The Season of Creation is coming up again, and the Worship Team would love to have your pictures to use in a variety of ways. If you have pictures of the great outdoors - from the forest to the ocean to the desert to your own backyard, and/or the

creatures who live there, please share them by sending them via email to the church office.



New Summer Opportunities Kendra Taylor

Hi everyone!

Do you play an instrument or sing? I would love to work with you this summer so you can perform at a summer service. I'm happy to help you select music, work with you to prepare a piece, or even sing with you! Children are most welcome to perform too! If you are interested in sharing your talents with the congregation, please email me at Kendra.marie.taylor@gmail.com, or you can chat with me in person after a Sunday service.

The choirs will be on break over summer, then will resume in September. We would love to have you join the bell choir, choir ensemble, or both! New to singing or reading music? Don't worry, we will help you (many of us are music teachers who love the opportunity to work with folks new to reading music and singing/ringing). We hope you will consider joining us. You would be most welcome. There will be more announcements about performing opportunities as we approach the fall.

Thanks,
Kendra



chatsworthconsulting.com

The Prefery Birds Wesley Lachman

I'd like to introduce you to Sosan's poem, Hsim Hsin Ming, or "Trust in the Heart,"

written in the 6th century. We can begin to see the truth of this classic poem by looking at just the first sentence:

*The Great Way is not difficult
for those who have no preferences.*

We can take "the Great Way" as "the way of God." Our preferences appear as soon as we seek to walk the great way of God. They prefer

this food, that success, or this companionship. So the poet's advice sounds impossible. Following God's way will not be difficult if we have no preferences, he says. But we have them all the time.

The story of the preference birds or Preferys might help us here. All day long and into the night the Prefery birds fly through my mind. They come in one side and fly out the other. Each carries a message as to what I prefer at that particular time: chocolate, conversation with a friend, whatever it might be. Sometimes I listen to one and follow its call, sometimes not. Either way, it's no big deal

But some of these Preferys become persistent, flying around and around and refusing to leave. Some of them even build nests in my hair and move right in to stay. They don't change what they prefer, and they stubbornly insist on having their way whenever the opportunity arises. These Prefery birds have become Preference birds with residences in my hair. Their chirping never stops, and their nests hang over the edge and impair my seeing and hearing.

I have lost some freedom, for I can no longer see what is going on clearly. And I cannot choose just any course of action. I must acknowledge these Preference birds living on my head.

I see hundreds of Preferys every day, and they are no problem. They fly in, they fly out. It is the Preference birds, those squatters living on my very head that I need to worry about. I have noticed that once I have disregarded their wishes a few times they will move on.

So if we now paraphrase the teaching we might say:

*The Way of God is not difficult
for those who disregard their Preference birds.*

And why is it not difficult? If you disregard your Preferences—especially the ingrained ones who think they can't be ignored—then you are free to see and follow the Way of God wherever it goes, up or down, this side or that.

But if you stick with your Preferences, you will miss the very next turn on your spiritual path. So you can watch the Preference birds come and go, but you can simply refuse to let the Preference birds rule the roost. Just say "no."



5th
Bob & Merle Bottge

10th
Rich & Jacquie Litchfield

17th
Fred & Kathleen Beisse

27th
Quentin & Jane Holmes



BIRTHDAYS

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*