



# CENTRAL

A CARING, INQUIRING, INCLUSIVE  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## Sundays in August

Worship  
10:00am~Sanctuary  
Fellowship  
11:15am~Parlor

## Mondays in August

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

## Thursday, August 1

Ministry of Christian Discipleship  
9:00am~Zoom

## Sunday, August 4

American Symphony  
2:00pm~CPC Chapel

## Thursday, August 8

Worship & Common Life  
10:30am~Zoom

## Saturday, August 10 & Sunday August 11

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church  
Anniversary Celebration

## Tuesday, August 13

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

## Wednesday, August 14

Church Picnic  
5:00pm~Patterson Lawn

## Monday, August 19

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

## Thursday, August 22

Deacons  
4:00pm~Zoom

## Sunday, August 25

Writer's Workshop with Cyndee Childs  
11:00am~Parlor

## *The Pastors' Pen*

*"Many of us have made our world so familiar  
that we do not see it anymore.*

*An interesting question to ask yourself at night is,  
What did I really see this day?"*

*- John O'Donahue, Anam Cara*

Sometimes, more often than I would like to admit, when I point something out my spouse will respond by letting me know the thing I thought was brand new has in fact been there for weeks, or months, or even years. I like to think I am observant, but much of the time we see what we expect to see rather than fully observing what is there, Especially in familiar places. In order to really see a place, sometimes we have to come at it from a different angle, or see it through someone else's eyes, or make the time to slow WAY down, and pay close attention.

Sometimes parts of our worship can be that way, too. We do and say things without really noticing what it is we are doing and saying. We find ourselves just going through the motions. A good example of that is the Lord's Prayer. It might be the most ecumenical thing we do, and we say it every week. But when is the last time you really thought about what those words mean? What is it we are saying and praying every Sunday?

This month we will be looking at the Lord's Prayer from Luke 11 in our time together on Sunday mornings and using different versions of the prayer in worship to help us really pay attention, to hear it in a new way. Hopefully, slowing down and listening to this prayer Jesus taught us will help us think about what it is we are praying. And maybe it can inspire us to be more mindful as we walk through God's world. I hope it enriches our experience of the prayer, our time of worship, and slows us down a bit to enjoy all that God has created.

With persistent hope,  
Jennifer



### **UPDATE ON LAFFERTY COURTYARD**

You have probably noticed some changes in the courtyard as you enter the building - and more are coming this month. The courtyard team has been meeting often to plan the future of this space. After hearing a variety of plans from the UO landscape architecture class, the group has continued meeting with the professor this summer. Experts have looked at the existing trees and plants to help us determine which are healthy enough to stay and which should be removed. Additionally, there have been consultations regarding the safety of the older concrete work, which has many cracks and uneven surfaces resulting from both age and the removal of the oil tank and surrounding contaminated soil.

After getting bids, the team has worked with the properties committee to have the existing pear trees and box hedges trimmed. Additionally, some unhealthy and dead plants have been removed. Next, there will be work this month on removing the damaged hardscape, updating some of the watering system, and pouring new concrete in the space. All of this work is being done in preparation for some new plantings this fall. We'll let you know when there are opportunities for gardening volunteers to help as the project continues to unfold.

Dear Central Presbyterian Family,



Thank you for your welcome and encouragement through my ministerial internship. I've enjoyed getting to know many of you through book group, contemplative prayer, social hour and badminton. I so

appreciate the opportunity to be part of your Sunday services and to learn and grow with you.

I am excited to see what God has planned for me and continue to grow into my call. I appreciate your gifts of prayer, time and the beautiful stole.

My love and blessings,  
Beth Pfeiffer

### **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 Rodriguez  
**Financial Secretary:** Arlene Hudgins  
**Building Host:** Jose Tobon

#### **SESSION**

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

#### **DEACONS**

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

#### **ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

<b>Rick Larson</b>	<b>Quentin Holmes</b>
<b>Peter Carlson</b>	<b>Marian Smith</b>
<b>Jean Tesche</b>	<b>Marci Gordon</b>
<b>Scott Pratt</b>	

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

<b>Susan Schroeder</b>	<b>Helen Martz</b>
<b>Louise deKluyver</b>	<b>Julianne Stermer</b>





**American Symphony**  
2:00pm on August 4,  
CPC chapel

This documentary film centers around the story of musician Jon Batiste and his life partner, author and artist Suleika Jaouad. Filming began as Jon set out to compose a symphony in the midst of a career high. During this time, Suleika learned that her cancer was back. This documentary is a portrait of two artists at a crossroads and a meditation on art, love, faith and the creative process.

Pastor Jennifer mentioned this movie in a sermon this spring, and several people have asked if we could watch it together and discuss. We will be showing it in the chapel the first Sunday in August. You will have time after worship to grab a bite to eat before the movie begins at 2pm. We hope you can come.



**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!



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

In celebration of this milestone, the congregation at Warm Springs is 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 are committing to make donations toward this goal.

In May, 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. 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.



**SUMMER FUN & FELLOWSHIP**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUGUST 14**  
**Julianne Stermer**

Wednesday, August 14 from 5-7pm on the lawn next to our mural. Attendees will need to bring a salad or dessert, and the church will provide brats, buns and condiments, beverages and utensils.



The fellowship group is planning pop up gatherings for after-service coffee/social time. Check the sign when you come in on Sundays for where the

refreshments will be served on that Sunday. Look for us in the library, courtyard, community room, or?

There will be an ice cream social in late September to welcome students back for the school year. We are hoping for an outdoor service and Blessing of the Animals service. Watch this space for more information.

The Second Sunday Potlucks will start back up on October 13, following worship service. The church will provide a main dish and beverages while others are welcome to bring "sides," desserts, and bread/rolls.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKET  
SPECIAL OFFERING  
AUGUST 14  
Nancy Richter**

As many of you may remember, our congregation usually sells valentines in February for the purpose of supporting the Church World Services (CWS) blanket program. Children from the congregation and students from the Koinonia center would draw, cut, paste or color beautiful valentines with sweet messages to sell for \$5.00 each before and after worship services to go to the CWS blanket program. The cost of a blanket is \$10.00. Since we were unable to participate in the Church World Services blanket special offering with a valentines sale, the Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship will be offering a chance at the Annual Church Summer Picnic, August 14. We will use an Beach Blanket theme and promote the Blanket Special Offering during worship services prior to August 14.

The Church World Services blankets are used to support communities and people affected by natural disasters and conflicts. As a reminder that they are loved. Let your response be one of love to our neighbors in their time of need. Thank You!



**Writers' Workshop  
Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
11am-12am**

Whether you have started writing already or are just dreaming about a novel you might someday write, you're invited to join a one-hour writing workshop on how a novel can have a Christian or spiritual theme and be a positive influence on the world and then workshop some ideas about your own writing. Can a book change the world? Come and consider and get started. The workshop will be led by Cyndee Childs. She is a certified book coach.



**July/ August Coin Offering  
Willamette Farm and Food  
Coalition  
Nancy Richter**

The Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship is happy to announce that recipient of our coin offering for the July and August is the Willamette Farm and Food Coalition, specifically their Food Equity programs. Their mission is a secure, sustainable, and inclusive food system in which our farms and food businesses are both ecologically and economically viable, agricultural lands are supporting a much larger percentage of Lane's County's food needs, and all members of our community have access to locally grown and raised foods.

Since July of 2023, they have facilitated the procurement of over \$152,000 worth of locally grown food directly from small farmers to school districts and child nutrition programs in Lane County. They are eager to double those numbers over the next two years.

**Fill Your Pantry (FYP)** is a farm-direct bulk food-buying event that takes place on the second Sunday in November every year. Customers pre-order from a selection of locally grown, raised and produced products from area farmers during October and then pick them up in November. (Customers can pay for their

orders using EBT/SNAP benefits. In 2022 and 2023 they hosted their two most successful Fill Your Pantry events to date. They distributed 23.5 tons of local food (including \$13.3k of free food for people in need) and circulated \$159,000 in the local economy through farmers in one day!

**Little Lettuce:** Kids 12 years old and under, regardless of family income, get \$5 towards the purchase of fruit, vegetables and edible plants starts at farmers markets in Lane County.

**Bucka Buck a Bucks:** a low barrier access program for people to receive \$10 towards lean protein options like poultry and egg purchases at farmers markets in Lane County.

These are just a few of the Food Equity programs offered and supported by Willamette Farm and Food Coalition. MCD wishes to thank you for your continued support of the coin offering program at Central Presbyterian Church. Remember, "If we give a little, it adds up to a lot!"



**Meet Joseph Russ  
Susan Schroeder**

**September 5  
6:30pm~ Central Presbyterian**

Joseph Russ, the PC(USA) Coordinator for Migration Issues, Advocacy and Mission in the Northern Triangle of Central America (El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala), will visit with us in early September.

He was at Central in September last year as translator for Milagro Mejia, the International Peacemaker. Knowing of our congregation's interest in border issues, migration, and immigration, Joseph asked if he could spend some time with us during a trip to Oregon in September. We said yes!

We've planned two learning and discussion sessions with Joseph: a Community Discussion

and an adult education session after worship. We'll also plan some informal and fun things with Joseph, and we'll let you know how you can join too.

Community Discussion: *On Thursday, September 5*, Joseph will talk with interested congregation and community members at a "Community Discussion of Migration Issues Impacting Central America." The event will be from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at our church, with fruit cobbler and lemonade followed by Joseph's presentation and discussion. Joseph will talk about migration in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala.

We will learn about the complex factors that influence people's experiences of migration and how church and nonprofit organizations strive to provide the respect and fulfillment of human rights so people can thrive and prosper whether they migrate or if they remain in their homeland. We'll have some Q&A time.

For the Community Discussion, we're asking people to RSVP so we can plan appropriately. You can RSVP by sending an email with your name and the number of people attending with you to [meetJoseph2024@gmail.com](mailto:meetJoseph2024@gmail.com); or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the office counter at the church. We're asking for RSVPs by September 1.

Adult education session: Joseph will talk with us after worship on Sunday, September 8. He'll talk with us about the theology of migration and provide some information about El Salvador and the work of the church there. The PC (USA) has recently launched a Mesoamerica Migration and Mission Network, which Joseph helps coordinate. Read about this new mission network here <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/new-pcusa-mission-network-begins-work-in-earnest/>



## SHELLS GALORE

**When:** September 12  
**Time:** 11:00AM-1:00PM  
**Place:** CPC Parlor  
**Cost:** \$15 cash  
(including Materials)  
**\*12 Spaces Available**

**NO** art experience necessary. We'll guide you through this easy decoupage technique. You will take home 2-3 finished shells. Contact Patty Mac Afee to reserve a spot: patjpatj@hotmail.com, Call or text (541) 510-8862



## FIRST AID and AED Steve Stermer

We hope these items are never needed, but the CPC has First-Aid kits and an AED defibrillator. If needed first-aid boxes are located throughout the church.

Locations are:

- CPC Office Closet** - Bottom shelf of closet – (yellow box)
- Children's Room** - 121A - On north shelves – (red box)
- Ferry Street Hallway** – Inside fire extinguisher box - between the office and library (white box)
- Alleyway Entry Hallway** – Inside fire extinguisher box - (white box)
- Kitchen** – On counter - between stove and microwave - (white box)

The defibrillator is in the Ferry Street hallway between the church office and library. To operate, open the unit and follow the voice instructions given. Again, we hope these items are never needed, but it is good to know their locations

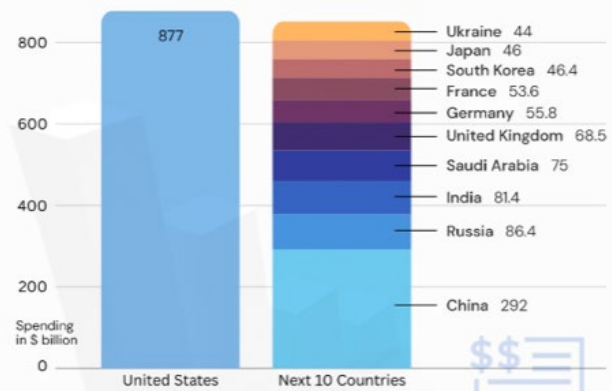


## NEEDED: Your Pictures of Nature

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.

## US Expenditure On Military More Than Next 10 Countries Combined



Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute  
Military Expenditure Database 2022

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

## Peace Comes Round the Corner Wesley Lachman

Peace comes walking around the corner, painted on a bright yellow banner. It takes two men and three women to heft the thing. It is the final attraction marching in today's parade.

They sit down in the shade after folding the banner. They are exhausted having marched for over 2 hours in the blazing sun. For a while, they are each busy with their own thoughts. Fred wonders whether peace will ever come. There are so many wars going on right now. Where will it ever end? Shirley feels her aching back. She is hopeful. *Perhaps if we demonstrate and speak to enough congressmen, we can make a dent in the armor of war.* Brian wants to punch somebody. He is so sick of hearing how women,

children, and men are being slaughtered. How senseless.

Hope and despair are fighting inside each heart. How can anything stop the juggernaut of military expense? It is the military-industrial complex. Each feeds off the other. We already spend more on our military budget than the total expenditure of the next ten biggest spenders combined. No one can tell us where the money goes. It cannot pass an audit. Hope or despair, which will win when we don't even know what the game is?

We have 11 aircraft carriers in service, costing 2 to 4 billion dollars apiece. Suppose we could get along with just 10 carriers, or the equivalent. This would free up 3 thousand millions of dollars for low-cost housing, drug abatement, gun violence, climate crisis, immigration services, and race relations.

We are like little toddlers strapping on our cap pistols. If the other kid has one pistol, we must have two. We are playing guns again. It is infantile play, thoughtless and blind. We can't see the refugees in their tents. We lack compassion for the maimed in their misery. We don't care much about the have-nots and justify our comparative wealth with cheap words. Have mercy on us, O God, and open our eyes to see what is happening.



6<sup>th</sup>  
**Kathleen Beisse**  
**Nancy Carlson**  
**Randy Lilyengren**

7<sup>th</sup>  
**Alice Schroeder**

12<sup>th</sup>  
**Jordan Ryder**

17<sup>th</sup>  
**Richard Lin**

20<sup>th</sup>  
**JoAnne Arnold**  
**Gayle Cherry**

21<sup>st</sup>  
**Lance Deal**

28<sup>th</sup>  
**Frank Carlton**



**Don & Sharon Piper**  
**August 11**

**John & Pat Hocken**  
**August 26**

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**Mission Statement**

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