

Central

A caring, inquiring, inclusive community of faith

Sundays in November

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

Mondays in November

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

Tuesday, November 5

Miriam Circle
9:30am~Parlor

Wednesday, November 6

Martha Circle
11:30am~Parlor

Thursday, November 7

Ministry of Christian Discipleship
9:00am~ Zoom
CPC Book Group
3:00pm~Parlor
Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm~Sanctuary
CPC Choir Rehearsal
6:45pm~Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 12

Properties
11:00am~Zoom

Thursday, November 14

Worship & Common Life
10:30am~Zoom
CPC Book Group
3:00pm~ Parlor
Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm~Sanctuary
CPC Choir Rehearsal
6:45pm~Sanctuary

Sunday, November 17

Deacons Meeting
11:15am~Sanctuary

Monday, November 18

Session
5:30pm~Zoom

Tuesday, November 19

Personnel
9:30am~Zoom

Wednesday, November 20

Fiber Artist
1:00pm~Parlor

Tuesday, November 26

Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30pm~Parlor



What does the Lord require of you but to seek justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8

As I write this article I am acutely aware that we are very close to election day here in the USA. Every word said by the people at the top of the ticket is reported on and every talking head has a 'take' or a prediction about what we can expect in the weeks to come. But the truth is, we don't know what will happen until it happens. If recent years are any indication, we might not even know the results of the voting for days or even weeks after the election is held. So what are we, as people of faith, to do in such a time as this?

First, we can prayerfully educate ourselves on the issues before us. We can vote in ways that reflect our morals, convictions, and call to be followers of Christ. Once our ballots are turned in, we can quit doom scrolling through the news, and instead get outside, spend time in prayer, read a poem, talk to a friend - anything to remind us that while elections are important, there is also beauty and community and connection beyond this one event. Then, no matter the outcome of any and all of the elections, we can commit to continue the work of advocating for people on the margins - the hungry and the hopeless, those facing violence and war, the sick and the silenced. We are still going to need to speak up - to confess the sins of our country, to advocate for more just policies, to name lies and hate and hurt when they are happening. There will still be a need for holy resistance, compassionate advocacy, and 'good trouble.'

Because no matter who our elected leaders are after this November, our identity is as children of God, and we will still have work to do helping bring about the in-breaking kingdom of Christ. This month we will be focusing on our stewardship theme, The Way of Love. Yes, part of stewardship season is considering your yearly pledge. But a big part of it is considering how you will use the gifts God has given you to serve the church and the world. We chose this theme, because it is who we are called to be - people of the Way called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Let's hold onto that identity with gratitude this month and into the months to come.



AFTER WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

There are a variety of opportunities and activities to learn, fellowship, and create together right after worship this month. Hopefully you will plan to stay and participate!

Nov 3 - The Trek: A Migrant Trail to America. The Virtual Mission Trip team presents a viewing of this 40 minute documentary, in which CNN's Nick Paton Walsh travels with thousands of migrants through the jungles of South and Central America and tells their story of danger, grit, and determination to make it to America.

Nov 10 - 2nd Sunday Potluck & Presentation from The Eugene Mission Leaders from The Mission will be with us to share about their Learning Center, with a focus on the Culinary Arts Program. They will also be cooking our main dish for the day. The congregation is encouraged to bring sides and desserts to share as we enjoy a meal together and learn about this outreach in our community.

Nov 17-Why are we so bad at reporting good news? Come to the community room to watch this short video and join in the conversation. We will be considering how changing the stories we seek out and share can change the possibilities we are able to imagine and work toward.

Nov 24 - Creation Care Conversation- Whether or not you have participated before, you are invited to come to the chapel and join the conversation. We hope to hear ideas about how our grounds might be more ecologically responsible while still being a hospitable green space in the neighborhood.

Nov 17 & Nov 24 - COLOR! In preparation for Advent, we will be coloring paper prayer flags that will decorate the church for the season. Plan to make a few as you visit with friends during fellowship time or participate in other conversations after worship. You can even take some home to color and bring back if you wish!

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Martin
Director of Music: Kendra Taylor
AV Technician: Sunny Waldorf
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Financial Secretary: Arlene Hudgins
Maintenance Custodian: Jose Tobon*

SESSION

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

DEACONS

Karen Dyste	Mary Breiter
Louise deKluyver	Jacque Litchfield
Karol Buxton	Yvonne Young
Lu-Nita Hawkins	Jackie Onstad

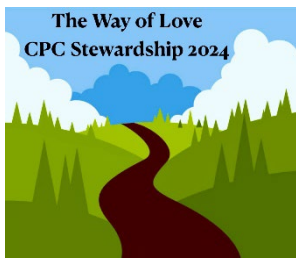
ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Rick Larson	Quentin Holmes
Peter Carlson	Marian Smith
Jean Tesche	

Office Closures for November



**Monday, November 11
Thursday, November 28 &
Friday, November 29**



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You're Invited!
Welcoming Our New Neighbors Fundraiser
Tickets Now on Sale!

November is Stewardship month. Our theme for the year is **The Way of Love**. Think of this as a journey; a path toward the future for Central. We will focus on Micah 6:8 by seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God as we continue our sojourn together as members and friends of Central Presbyterian Church.

We have much to be thankful for – inviting spaces, a community room ready for guests, plus new opportunities to gather in devotion and fellowship. We are looking forward to a year of sharing and caring and seeking ways to continue discerning God's will for our congregation. The path ahead is full of new explorations and beautiful encounters; new friends, new events, and new ideas for ways to serve God.

So, let's take the first steps together. Soon you will be invited to write down your commitments to Central; your hopes, dreams, or prayers. First, footprints in a variety of colors with a variety of writing utensils will be available in the entry, narthex, and parlor. Leave your footprint in the baskets provided. Later, you will receive a pledge card to complete your commitment.

As the month progresses, these steps will lead us forward in love to Dedication Sunday, November 24th.

Nov 3 - Commanded to Love

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 & Mark 12:28-34

Nov 10 - Giving with Love

Mark 12:38-44

Nov 17 - All Belongs to Love

Mark 12: 13-17 & Psalm 24:1-5

Nov 24 - Thankful for Love – Dedication Sunday

Psalm 36:5-9 & 1 Peter 4:8-11

The Refugee Resettlement Coalition's annual fundraiser, *Welcoming Our New Neighbor*, takes place on November 14 from 6-8:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, 1685 W 13th Ave. The fundraiser supports the work of the Refugee & Immigrant Services Program managed by Catholic Community Services. Which works in coordination with the volunteer Refugee Resettlement Coalition. You will hear inspiring stories from refugees, asylum seekers, and staff and enjoy food and drink. Tickets are \$35 and are available for purchase at www.ccslc.org/wonn2024 Central is a Refugee Resettlement Coalition Community Partner. If you're not able to attend the fundraiser, you can donate at the ticket-purchase link.



UPDATE ON LAFFERTY COURTYARD

As you have noticed if you have entered the church through the parking area in recent weeks, there has been BIG progress in the ongoing renovation of the Lafferty courtyard. In addition to new hardscaping and removal of plants past their prime, we are starting to see new life! We owe a HUGE THANK

YOU to all who prepared the beds and got the first plants in the ground!! Special thanks to Barbara Cowan, Barbara Cookson, and Nancy and Peter Carlson. In addition to helping plants, they put in many hours working with the landscape architect program at the UO to create a plan for the space, procure plants, and organize this effort! There will be more plants purchased in the springtime, so if you missed out on this round of planting, you'll have more chances to help with this beautiful project in the new year.



their spotlight on South Korea, Philippines, Iran, Chile and South Africa. Eventually, they also included Central America with a focus on Nicaragua and El Salvador.

During 1970-80's CALC was housed in a donated office at the Koinonia Center near the University of Oregon. In the 1990's after the demise of the national organization, the name changed to Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), which is how they remain today. Shortly after 9/11 CALC worked to replace the United States government's military approach to peace and justice.

Today CALC is still addressing many of the same issues that have defined it for decades; the struggle for radical justice, educational equity, and opposing anti-Semitism, and militarism. They strive to maintain harmony, seeking to define true work, and healthcare.

Their programs include Education Justice , Springfield Alliance for Equity and Respect (SAFER) City wide Union de Activist, Reimagining Security (RNS) (, Initiative and Latinx Youth Group.

The Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship is truly blessed by Central's continued support of the coin-offering program and welcome your suggestions for support of nonprofit agencies or organizations for 2025. Thank you!



WARM SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Gift Update

Earlier this year, our Session received a letter from an anonymous donor in our congregation

encouraging our church to consider a gift to the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church located on the land of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The church is observing its 150th anniversary this year. In celebration of this milestone, the congregation at Warm Springs are seeking to raise \$150,000 to refurbish their manse which will enable them to move forward into a new chapter in their ministry. The donor agreed to match \$1 for every \$4 donated, up to a total of \$2000 towards this goal.

Through your generous donations, and some designated gifts from the Session, CPC was able to raise the \$8000 needed to maximize this challenge gift. This means that together with the donor's gift, a total of \$10,000 was given toward their goal. Thanks for your generosity as we support our siblings in Christ.



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Just to Be: Part II
Wesley Lachman

Last month, Part I of "Just to Be" introduced the phrase, just to be. It could be experienced by setting aside thinking and doing for a few minutes and just being here. For when thoughts and deeds are ignored, just our being remains. Now suppose that we have taken the time to sit in this "just to be" for a couple of minutes. We have not been doing anything except sitting. And where there is no active thinking or doing going on, only being is left. We have not been



November & December Coin Offering
Community Alliance of Lane County

CALC

Community Alliance of Lane County

Nancy Richter

This organization began in 1966, locally as a part of a new national organization known as Clergy and Layman Concerned About Vietnam (CALCAV). Stopping the war and seeking amnesty for registers was a major focus through 1975. They later changed their name from laymen to laity to acknowledge women's leadership. After the Vietnam War, they shifted

thinking about this; we have only been “being it.”

Now, let's sit back from all this and reflect on the experience. What was this being that you experienced? What was included in this being? Certainly, your body was there as part of your being. Your conscious mind was being there. Any stray thoughts certainly were there as part of your mind.

But how about the sensations of your body that were there: the sights, sounds, tastes, and so on? Take your seeing for example. Suppose you see a tree in your yard. You see it there, it looks to be there. But then why does your tree disappear when you close your eyes? It is because you have been looking at a picture, like a video of the tree, in your mind. The being of the tree is part of your mind, part of your being.

How about the being of the chair, the room with its items, the window, the clouds, the house next door? It is all the same. When you don't divide it up into different items, it is just one all-inclusive being. What I am saying is that you be all that appears in your mind. This is easy to see when you sit and just be. For if you refuse to divide everything up by thinking it into different objects, there is just the awareness of the one being of me-chair-room and all the rest.

I see this as the revolutionary nature of just to be. It helps me see that I am not a separate person relating to other separate persons in a world separate from us both. I am a MindBodyWorld, all in one. When I sit back and just be my MindBodyWorld and wonder what should I do next, then the whole MBW can answer instead of just my thoughts, my feelings, or my to-do lists. It is something like asking the Spirit what to do. And invariably, if I wait, an idea will show up in that open space within, where words and movements usually take center stage.

Is this the oneness that Jesus and spiritual teachers down through the ages have taught? Is this the kingdom of God? Is this what we have been looking for all these years?

Central's 2024 Christmas Project



“So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

(Corinthians 13:16)

This year, Central will be helping some 20 families from Rainbow Village Low-Cost Housing. Central is working alongside 2 other Presbyterian churches and a 3rd non-profit organization. In place of Project teams, we are asking people to donate to the Deacon's Fund. A small team of Deacons will assemble the following items for each of our Rainbow Village Families:

- a Christmas stocking
- a WINCO gift card for an amount that matches the size of the family, and
- a Visa gift card for an amount that matches the number of children in the family.

More details will be provided between now and Sunday, December 1 st, 2024.

In Christ,
Quentin Holmes and Karol Buxton
Deacon Co-Moderators.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS



It's hard to believe that Christmas is coming again. And , once again the Christmas wreaths made by the Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas in Woodburn, Oregon will be available to us.

This wreath provides much needed income to the farm worker families during winter months as well as opportunities for women to gain financial management and leadership skills.

Cost: \$ 40.00

Deadline: Monday, December 2

Checks made out to MLP

(Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas)

Pickup: Sunday, December 8 from 11:00am-12:00pm in the Community Room



Gary & Janet Elliott

November 10



2nd
Karol Buxton

4th
Linda Anderson

10th
Merle Bottge

16th
Rick Larson

27th
Marci Gordon
Kirsten Kelso

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The last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure. Time to take risks and do the unexpected. ~Unknown

Mission Statement

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