



Monday, June 2

Bible Study

11:30am~Parlor

Badminton Group

6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 3

Miriam Circle

9:30am~Parlor

Wednesday, June 4

Martha Circle

11:30am~Parlor

Thursday, June 5

Ministry of Christian Discipleship

9:00am~Zoom

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday

Dedication of the East Garden

Second Sunday Potluck

11:15am~Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 10

Personnel

9:30am~Zoom

Church Properties

11:00am~Zoom

Presbyterian Women Tea

2:00pm~Parlor

Thursday, June 12

Worship & Common Life

9:30am~Zoom

Sunday, June 15

Happy Father's Day

Adult Education:

Recycling

11:15am~Chapel

CPC Scholar Concert

6:30pm~Sanctuary

Monday, June 16

Central Articles Due

Session

5:30pm~Zoom

Thursday, June 19

Office Closed in Observance of

Juneteenth

Sunday, June 22

Deacons Meeting

11:15am~Chapel

Tuesday, June 24

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00pm~Parlor

The Pastor's Pen

The Holy Here by Bridget Macauley

On a wet day in Luton Place

*I hear the door to the close swing shut
and school shoes scuffing up the stone steps.*

The girls are home, falling through the door.

I shout from the kitchen as I wash my hands

"Take your dirty shoes off before you come in".

My days drip like the rain

gathering somewhere in a vast reservoir of routine.

So why today?

why today should I come out to greet them

and find them standing straight as willows

breathless from the stairs, ablaze but not consumed by grace.

Today I notice

the scatter of shoes on the dry ground of our hall

the insight like a sabbath.

A presence has invaded the house.

The dining table is a wasteland of homework books and half empty lunchboxes

There's a crease in the carpet of our life

as if the earth beneath our feet has shifted its focus

and turning aside the fire is everywhere:

burnt fingers from sibling squabbles,

damp feet peeled pink from wet socks,

the vase on the dining table

a vessel of red wine pussy willow,

and orange tulips dropping their wide open petals

like scorch marks on the edges of my attention,

smoke signals until I wholly hear.

Here in the hall, the girls home from school

I see flames

cheeks burn

in the holy here.

June is a time of transition in many ways. As a church that sits so close to a university, we begin the month with commencement celebrations surrounded by young people in caps and gowns, festooned with special stoles and cords, as well as flower leis, celebrating the end of their education journey and the beginning of new adventures. For many, summer means a transition to increased time outdoors, with more opportunities for gardening, hiking, or trips to the coast. For some it means a vacation to explore new places and meet new people.

Here at the church we transition into a season of what we call *ordinary time*. That is the name the church gives to days that don't fall into major liturgical seasons. During this time that stretches until the beginning of Advent, the church typically focuses on Jesus'

ministry and teaching, and considers how, as Christ's followers, we might continue to grow and mature. Often it is a time, we look at scriptures or stories we haven't explored in a while as we both celebrate the way God penetrates our history and seek to be a part of creating God's kingdom here and now.

This June we will finish up our time in the narrative lectionary, rejoice in the gifts of the Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost, and as we move into ordinary time we will begin our summer series looking at faithful folks throughout history we are calling 'Holy Disruptors.' That series will carry us through August and will be followed up by our celebration of the Season of Creation in September.

But for now, let's get ready to celebrate the ordinary! Although the name makes it sound as if this isn't a special time, the use of the word ordinary comes from the same root as ordinal numbers - it really just indicates we are counting the days, like a calendar. But I like the other meaning of the word, as well. The kind of ordinary that indicates the mundane or commonplace. Because the truth is, God is with us all the time, not just when we are singing "Silent Night" or celebrating the resurrection with bells and trumpets. There are infinite blessings in the everyday.

As we transition into ordinary time together, let's be on the lookout for blessings in our daily routines. Let's celebrate everyday saints. Let's look for the in-breaking of the Holy in the midst of our typical, quotidian, average, ordinary days. ~Jennifer



PENTECOST @ CPC SUNDAY, JUNE 8

We will have so many opportunities to celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. In our time of worship, we will be ordaining and installing our newly elected deacons and elders

as they begin their term of service. Immediately following worship, we will all proceed to the newly planted East Garden, which is now filled with native plants and trees. Together we will bless this space before we head into the Fellowship Hall for our final potluck of the spring. Plan to be here for all the festivities as together we celebrate the Holy Spirit in our midst!

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 & Custodian: Jose Tobon
Childcare: Maren Werny

SESSION

Bev Day	Nancy Richter
Rick Larson	Nani Cageny
Barbara Cookson	Jean Tesche
Pam Sheridan	Kathleen Beisse

DEACONS

Karen Dyste	Wendy Unsain
Mary Breiter	Laura Mason
Lu-Nita Hawkins	Quentin Holmes
Laurie Inglis	Janet Edmonsond
Susan Bloom	Jane Holmes
Patty MacAfee	Rick Ohlson

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

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

In observance of the Juneteenth holiday, the church's office will be closed on **Thursday, June 19. We will reopen on Monday, June 23.**



All Women of Central



You are Invited to
Tea and Cookies
 2:00pm Tuesday, June 10th
 Celebrating
PW Birthday Offering:


- Leland Presbyterian, Leland, MS
- Leland Volunteer Housing Facility - \$150,000
- Red Cloud Renewable, Pine Ridge, SD
- Lakota Housing Project - \$150,000

Special Guest Speakers:
 Kimber Walton, and several from the
Life Changing Program at Women's Mission.

* Please RVP to Jane Holmes at Holmes3324@MSN.COM
 or Nancy Richter at Richter1199@Comcast.NET

THE SCHOLAR'S SONGBOOK

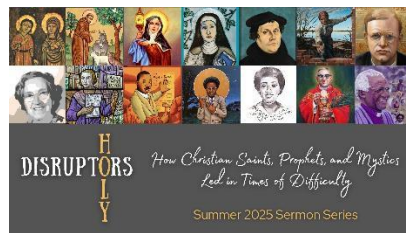
June 15th 6:30pm



Central Presbyterian Church, Eugene, Oregon

Scholars Concert
Central Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
Sunday, June 15th at 6:30pm
Reception to follow

We are truly blessed with the musicians who offer their gifts to enrich our worship services each week. Kendra has helped organize an end of school year concert so we can enjoy an evening of music together before we have to bid these talented people farewell for the summer. 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!



Holy Disruptors
 The Rev. Otis Moss III has said, "The church must become a holy disruption, not a chaplain to the status quo." In the spirit of his

words, this summer we will be remembering Holy Disruptors', Christians throughout history who have taken faithful actions in difficult times. Hopefully their lives will inspire us as we seek to be faithful today. Our summer worship series will begin the Sunday after Pentecost and continue through the end of August. This month we will remember:

- June 15 - The Desert Mothers & Fathers
- June 22- Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi
- June 29- Julian of Norwich



Plastics and Recycling Meeting
June 15th Chapel after Worship
Barbara Cookson

On June 15th, the Recycling Team will hold a meeting in the Chapel after church. Some changes are coming to recycling citywide, and we want to make sure everyone is up to date. We will also go over everything that Central continues to recycle and what we can't. We will have current flyers to make the process easier. We hope to see you there.



The Eugene PRIDE
 celebration is Saturday, June 28, at the Lane Events Center. We have an opportunity to participate in the Interfaith Hospitality Area. They will serve sandwiches, snacks,

and drinks to all-comers and be a truly welcoming space for all. For more information and to participate, please contact:
Lana Johnson: Lana_R_Johnson@hotmail.com or 541-912-2748)
Katharine Hunt: keehunt@gmail.com or 541-214-8455)
Naphtali Renshaw: interfaith@eugenepride.org



**SAVE THE DATE
ALL CHURCH PICNIC
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23**

SUMMER PICNIC

5 CALLS

Pam Sheridan

We are encouraged during these chaotic times to contact our representatives and share our concerns. The 5 Calls app is available to download on your phone. 5 Calls is an easy way to contact your representatives and share your concerns. Calling is by far the most effective way to ensure that your representative hears you before they take a public stance.. Emails have to be manually read and sorted. Faxes have to be digitized and emailed. Letters and postcards take time to arrive and get processed. By contrast, congressional staffers tally phone calls right away.

**PARTICIPATE IN
YOUR DEMOCRACY!**

Call your representatives. Let them know what you expect them to do for you. It only takes 5 minutes with 5 Calls.

- 1 Pick an issue you care about
- 2 Look up your reps
- 3 Read a short script if you don't know what to say

All you have to do is **call**.



Scan this QR code or go to <https://5calls.org> to get started



*5 Call sheets can be picked up at the information desk in the Foyer.



**May/June Coin Offering
Black Thistle Street Aid
Nancy Richter**

Black Thistle Street Aid is a collective of healthcare workers, herbalists,

outreach workers, and social justice advocates who interact to support the community at large by supporting our unhoused community. Healthcare is a Human Right. Black Thistle Street Aid is a non-profit (501 3c) organization supporting those who are unhoused. As an integrative healthcare team, they do their best to provide people care in ways that suit a person's individual needs. This means offering an array of choices in how and where care is provided. Healthcare choices are: Monthly Pop-up Clinic, Weekly Medical Street Outreach, Reproductive Harm Reduction Health Program, Medicine Cabinet Program, and Public Health Resources.

From its beginning in July 2020 through January 3, 2025, Black Thistle Street Aid has helped 12,388 people in the unhoused community: served 1,388 patients, filled 624 prescriptions, given wound care to 643, distributed 2,375 first aid kits and 22,300 survival and hygiene supplies, and give 10,981 Naloxone doses. Check out their website: whatsup@blackthistlestreetaid.org.

The Mission and Christian Discipleship Ministry thanks you for your continued generosity to the Coin Offering Program, and we are always thankful for your suggestions of community non-profit organizations as recipients of the Coin 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, and moves us to the church of the future. This year, Pentecost Sunday is June 8, 2025.

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 congregations 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, lifting them up as leaders; and 10% is devoted to children at-risk programs.

At the April Session meeting, it was agreed upon to use Central Presbyterian Church's 40% to support Functional Foundations Pediatric Services, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the physical, social, and mental well-being of children with complex medical and motor limitations and their families. 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.



Nancy Richter

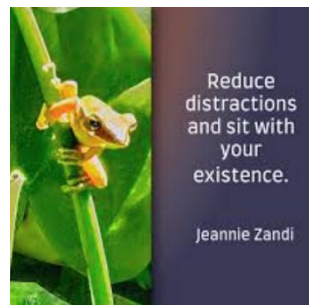
Functional Foundations Pediatric Services is the recipient of this year's Pentecost Special Offering. This is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the physical, social, and mental well-being of children with complex medical and motor

limitations and their families. Through specialized equipment, adapted spaces, and interactive toys, they facilitate meaningful interactions and therapeutic interventions, building seamless integration into society for these children. Building connections with families sharing similar experiences creates a supportive network, combating isolation and providing essential emotional reinforcement.

Functional Foundations Pediatric Services is located in the wheelchair-accessible Tamarack Building. Services offered are: a fully accessible indoor gym, kitchen and dining area for practicing meal preparations and feeding, and a fully accessible toileting and shower area for skill building and activities.

A dynamic and fun-filled atmosphere encourages growth and learning. "It is community involvement and support that helps us to make these services possible. We can't do it without you." (FFPS)

The Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship thanks you for your generosity supporting the Pentecost Special Offering and Functional Foundations Pediatric Services. Remember, "If we all give a little, it adds up to a lot."



"Life Is But a Dream"
Wesley Lachman

I'm part of a dream group, and the other day, I found myself wandering about and reflecting on dreams. I noticed something curious—my past feels very

much like a dream. There are foggy impressions, a few vivid moments that stand out, and much that's forgotten or blurred. When I try to recall something from the past, it feels like trying to remember something from a dream: fragmented, slippery, hard to hold onto. Have you ever noticed that?

What surprised me even more was realizing how dreamlike my sense of the future is, too. I see vague images, a few clearer ideas, but mostly empty

space. It, too, is foggy and insubstantial—just like the past.

When I hold both together—the hazy past and the uncertain future—I realise I'm surrounded by dreams. If I'm constantly caught in the past or reaching into the future, then I'm not truly here. I'm living in a dream world. Try to recall the past? Dream world. Try to imagine the future? Dream world. So, where is reality? Where is the real me?

The contemplative traditions point the way. I sit quietly, and I begin to see more clearly. My dream life floats in my mind—images, thoughts, stories. But I also see what's actually here: this room, this chair, the window, the trees outside. I notice what is now. I am this moment, and this moment is real. The rest is only a dream.

And I: I am not a dream. I am the awareness in which all dreams arise. In fact, everything appears within my consciousness. The past and the future appear and disappear, but I remain here and now. Do you experience this too?

If I am only the container for this moment, then there is nothing wrong with me, except in the dreams of my past and future. And if that's true for me, then it's true for you as well, divine providence.



- 3** Martha Shaebanyan-Bady
- 9** Joe Olney
- 10** James Brown
- 12** Rick Ohlson
- 19** Michael Boonstra
- 20** Quentin Holmes
- 23** Lu-Nita Hawkins
- 29** Karen Dyste
- 30** Cyndee Childs



- 18** Frank & Nancy Carlton
- 29** John & Nonie Koelling

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