

Central

A caring, inquiring, inclusive community of faith

Sundays in January

Worship

10:00am ~Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour

11:15am~Parlor

Mondays in January

Bible Study

11:30am~ Parlor

Badminton or Pickleball

6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Thursdays in January

Book Group (Starting 1/15)

3:00pm~Parlor

Tuesday, January 6

Miriam Circle

9:30am~Parlor

Wednesday, January 7

Martha Circle

11:30am~Parlor

Thursday, January 8

Ministry of Christian Discipleship

9:00am~Zoom

Worship & Common Life

10:30am~Zoom

Sunday, January 11

Second Sunday Potluck

11:15am~Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 13

Personnel

9:30am~Zoom

Church Properties

11:00am~Zoom

Sunday, January 25

Deacons

11:15am~Chapel

Monday, January 26

Session

5:30pm~Zoom

Tuesday, January 27

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:30pm~Parlor

As we turn toward a new calendar year, I offer a word of blessing from one of my favorites, Jan Richardson. May this year be filled with blessings, and may each of us be ready with open hearts to receive.

With persist hope,
Pastor Jennifer

Blessing the Threshold

By Jan Richardson

This blessing
has been waiting for you
for a long time.

While you have been
making your way here,
this blessing has been
gathering itself,
making ready,
biding its time,
praying.

This blessing has been
polishing the door,
oiling the hinges,
sweeping the steps,
lighting candles
in the windows.

This blessing has been
setting the table as it hums a tune
from an old song
it knows,
something about
a spiraling road
and bread
and grace.

All this time
it has kept an eye
on the horizon,
watching,
keeping vigil,
hardly aware of how
it was leaning itself
in your direction.

And now that
you are here,
this blessing
can hardly believe
its good fortune
that you have finally arrived,
that it can drop everything
at last

to fling its arms wide
to you, crying
welcome,
welcome,
welcome



Christmas Wreaths Ring Returns

Please drop off your wired
wreath ring in the Narthex.



CENTRAL'S 2025 CHRISTMAS PROJECT: A Final Report

The Christmas Project
is one of the ways
that Central fulfills its
mission to be a

caring, inquiring, inclusive community of faith.
The Board of Deacons handles the
organizing, but the heart of the Christmas
project comes from you, the members and
friends at Central.

This year, Central worked alongside three
other churches and a fourth organization to
help a total of 57 families from Rainbow
Village Apartments, which offers low-income
housing through a nonprofit corporation
run by local Presbyterian churches. Central
was responsible for 20 families (29 adults
and 13 children). Central, acting alone,
also included an additional two families (4
adults and 4 children) from Bridgeway House.
Each family received a Christmas stocking
containing
a Christmas card,
a WINCO gift card, matched to the size of
the family, to purchase food,
a WALMART gift card so parents could buy
Christmas present for each child (or presents
for a single adult living alone).

One Central member feels very strongly that
if single adults receive gift cards, then all the
other adults at Rainbow Village should also
receive gift cards to buy presents for
themselves. This was so important to them
that they personally funded doing that this

year in hopes that this will become a
tradition.



On Saturday, December 13, a small group of
deacons assembled Central's Christmas
stockings. On Sunday, Pastor Jennifer blessed
the Christmas Project during the worship
service, and on Monday, the 15th, the
stockings were delivered to the office at
Rainbow Village Apartments.

Each colorful Christmas stocking was unique,
a tangible sign of God's love at work through
Central. Central Presbyterian Church truly is
"Blessed to be a blessing."

Thanks be to God!

Quentin Holmes and Laurie Inglis,
Deacon Co-moderators.



January/February Coin Offering Equity Corps of Oregon

Equity Corps of Oregon (ECO) is
the recipient of the
January/February 2026 Coin

Offering. This is a state program of "universal
representation" for low income immigrants.
Catholic Community Services is a referral
resource.

While our state has long relied on the
contributions of immigrant Oregonians to our
local and state economics, state policies and
programs have systematically excluded
people based on their immigration status.
Oregon Worker Relief (OWR) has been a
lifeline for immigrant Oregonians through
programs including Climate Change Fund,
the Home Fund, Universal Representation,
and more. OWR's community-led approach
has helped over 93,000 immigrant
Oregonians with emergency relief for farm

workers who face dangerous working conditions from extreme heat and wildfires, rent assistance to keep families housed, and no-cost immigration legal services.

Universal legal representation helps keep Oregon families and communities whole by safeguarding against unjust deportation. Without this representation, immigrant Oregonians are more likely to be deported, regardless of the merits of their case. When this happens, our entire state suffers.

ECO provides funding through grants and contracts to build legal services, programs, support community navigation, and create community educational workshops and classes. For more information, please check out their website at <https://equitycorps.org>.

The Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship wants to thank our congregation for their continued support of the Coin Offering Program and welcomes suggestions for future recipients of the Coin Offering.



Does God Love Me?

Wesley Lachman

I am a person of color from another culture and a different religious tradition than yours. Does God love me?
Each tradition sees God's love in a little different way, and God loves you in every way.

I am gay and I have friends who are nonbinary or trans. Does God love us?
Viewed from this human level, God also is nonbinary And understands and loves you perfectly.
I am from a different political party whose views contradict yours. Does God love me?
The One God is on both sides of every division, of every contest. God loves you just where you are now.

I am from a socio-economic class with whom you have had very little contact. Does God love me?
God's love does not recognize any social class except that of the loved, of which you are one.

I am an alcoholic and an addict who has brought much suffering to family and friends. I am still caught in substance abuse. Does God love me?
God's love is prevenient, it comes even before you know you need it. God comes to you already right in your addiction.

I have a criminal record, and I have assaulted women and children along the way. Does God love me?
God is already loving you in the pure, vital center of your heart. where no crime can enter.
And you, dear reader, when you question God's love for you, look deeply right there. There it is!



Did I overlook your birthday or anniversary this past year? (I can't believe I missed your birthday, because you're too special to ever forget.)

Or, are you new to Central and would love to have your birthday & anniversaries added to our church calendar? Please contact Monique at (541) 345-2784 or email: centralpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com



Geoff & Marci Gordon

Jan 4



Jan 3rd

Laura Mason

Jan 6th

Bob Bottge
Jenya Lindstrom

Jan 8th

Linda Zimmerman

Jan 14th

Margaret Prentice

Jan 15th

Randy Kolb
Kathy Raines

Jan 16th

Dana Boonstra

Jan 18th

Jacque Litchfield

Jan 19th

Arlene Hudgins

Jan 21st

Marian Smith

Jan 23rd

Helen Martz
Kendra Taylor

Jan 27th

Kathy Koelling

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Martin

Director of Music: Kendra Taylor

Pianist: Michelle Sulaiman

AV Technician: Sunny Waldorf

Office Manager: Monique Jones~Rodriguez

Financial Secretary: Arlene Hudgins

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SESSION

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

DEACONS

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

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Rick Larson	Quentin Holmes
Peter Carlson	Marian Smith
Jean Tesche	Scott Pratt
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CPC OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY
19, 2026 FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



*"Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see the whole staircase."
~ Martin Luther King*

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Mission Statement

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