

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

Mondays in November
Bible Study 11:30am~Parlor
Badminton/ Pickleball 6:30pm~Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays in November 10 &17
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm~Sanctuary
CPC Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm~Sanctuary

Thursdays in November
Book Group 3:00pm~Parlor

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday 10:00am~Sanctuary
Social Justice Advocates Meeting 11:15am~Chapel

Tuesday, November 3
Miriam Circle 9:30am~Parlor

Wednesday, November 4
Martha Circle 11:30am~Parlor

Thursday, November 5
Ministry of Christian Discipleship 9:00am~ Zoom

Sunday, November 8
Second Sunday Potluck 11:15am~Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10
Personnel 9:00am~Zoom
Properties 11:00am~Zoom

Monday, November 16
Session 5:30pm~Zoom

Thursday, November 19
Worship & Common Life 10:30am~Zoom

Sunday, November 22
Deacons Meeting 11:15am ~Community Room

Tuesday, November 24
Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00pm~Parlor



The Pastor's Pen

There are only two feelings. Love and fear.
There are only two languages. Love and fear.
There are only two activities. Love and fear.
There are only two motives, two procedures,
two frameworks, two results.
Love and fear. Love and fear.
- Michael Leunig

Sometimes we forget, trying to be so strong
In this world of right and wrong
All that matters when we're gone
All that mattered all along
All we have that carries on
Is how we love.
- Beth Nielsen Chapman

The person who doesn't love does not know God,
because God is love. - 1 John 4:8

By the time you see this, I'm guessing the midterm elections will be behind us. But as I open my computer to write it, I am accosted by pop-up ads and articles that highlight the worst kinds of human communication: people calling one another names, leveraging fears, and acting with cruelty. It feels so out of sync with the wonder I see in the natural world around us: the soft rains, the beautiful fall color in the leaves, the bounty of the harvest, the glow of autumn light. It is my prayer that through the votes we cast and the actions we take, we will move towards the kinds of people who act out of love rather than fear: the loving people God has called us to be.

However those events unfold, we will certainly have a chance to think about our call as Christians a lot this month in worship. The liturgical calendar gives us many opportunities to consider what it is to live a life of love. We begin with All Saints' Sunday, when we will to publicly remember the lives of those we love who are no longer physically with us. It is a day to celebrate the love they shared and which continues to be lived out in our lives.

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Then we will move into our stewardship season, a time to reflect on the many blessings we have been given and the opportunity we have to be a blessing for others and live out our love for our neighbors as a church.

Finally, we end the month with the first Sunday of Advent, as we begin to prepare our hearts for the greatest gift of love, the incarnation of Christ. Advent is a rich season for us to remember how much love God has shown the world, and consider how we might participate with God in birthing that love today as we live out our

call to be the body of Christ in this hurting world. May this month break open our hearts to receive and share God's love. Jennifer



If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God. - Romans 14:8

The first Sunday in November is an opportunity to rejoice in the ways we glimpse the love of God through the lives of human beings. As Christians in the Reformed tradition, rather than only putting certain "saints" on pedestals as holy people set apart in the hereafter, we choose to praise God for the ordinary and sacred lives of all believers in this and every age. One way we at CPC observe this is by giving thanks as we celebrate communion together for those members and friends of our congregation who have died in the past year. This year we said goodbye to Ruth Koenig, Rich Litchfield, and Howard Ruland, so we will be gratefully remembering their lives and witness among us.

There is also time during this service for those present to name the saints in their lives who have died, as well as light a candle in their honor. If you are unable to come to worship on November 1st and you wish for us to name a deceased loved one, please reach out to Pastor Jennifer or the church office so we can do that on your behalf.



STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY November 22nd in worship

Because we celebrate Thanksgiving in our country in the month of November, it is often a month when we focus on gratitude and the idea of celebrating a season of harvest and plenty. In the church, that translates to the season of stewardship, A time when we reflect on the many gifts we receive by being a part of our faith community. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you want to share with the church community in the coming year through your time, talent, and treasure. If you have joined the church as a member or asked to

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Office Closures for November



Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27

be added as a friend, you will be receiving a letter in the coming weeks that invites you to do just that. There will also be some basic information about the church budget and a pledge card for you to fill out. Copies will be available in the Narthex in case you need to pick them up there.

As part of this season, our Session is finalizing the church budget for 2027; it needs your financial pledges to better plan for the ways we might live, worship, and serve together in the coming year. We ask you to also consider other ways you might give as well - perhaps there is a ministry or service you wish to give your time and talent to in the coming year. Maybe you can help with fellowship hour, or join the choir, or volunteer to help sort recycling. Maybe you would like to help knit prayer shawls, help deliver donations to the student food pantry, or perhaps you feel called to serve on a committee of the church? Each of us has things to offer that can benefit the congregation and larger community.

On Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 22nd, we can express our gratitude for God's love and this community of faith by offering our time, talents, and resources to Central as we prayerfully bring forward our pledges in worship. If you are unable to join in worship on November 22nd, you can bring your pledge card in or mail it to the church office.



Until the Dawn: Actions for the Work of Advent

Advent is the beginning of the church year when we prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas together. We will once again be using materials from the creative minds at A Sanctified Art. Inspired by the lectionary readings for the season, they have designed a series titled: Until the Dawn: Actions for the Work of Advent.

In describing this year's themes, they write: *Every Advent, we light candles and speak of hope. We wait for the good news that God is born. Yet, in the midst of our busy waiting, we know all too well that the world is not as it should be. Wars rage on, violence persists, new tragedies unfold. God's promises are real, and God's promised day has not yet come. This tension keeps us yearning—for a new day, a new way, a world made new. This series focuses on the actions we can take as we move through the night with hope for tomorrow. Night is a time when the way forward may seem unclear, when our senses are heightened and fear may creep in. And the darkness also brings gifts— rest, regeneration, dreams, intimacy with God. And so, in the metaphorical night, we will carry on with the work that is ours to do. Though God's promised day feels so far away, we haven't stopped moving toward its dawning. This is the message that we desperately need: what we do in the waiting matters. Every action we take, no matter how small, matters. The crying out matters, the linking arms matters, the showing up matters. And all of it takes us closer to the promised day God is bringing.*

You will be able to dive more deeply into this theme at home, utilizing devotional booklets and Advent calendars you can pick up at the church. The worship series will begin on November 29th with the topic, "Until the Dawn, Cry Out." We hope this season of preparation will help you draw nearer to God.



ADVENT WORKSHOP
Sunday, November 29th
After worship in the Fellowship Hall

The season of Advent this year begins the last Sunday in November! So, mark your calendar now and plan to stay after worship as together we start the journey toward Bethlehem. This will be a fun time together as a church family, with opportunities to get creative with some holiday crafts, plenty of greenery for making a wreath or festive swag, and devotional materials for all ages that you can pick up to prepare your heart and home for the season. There will be plenty of snacks to enjoy as well. Everyone is welcome!

November & December Coin Offering
Willamette Valley Crisis Care
Nancy Richter

The Coin Offering for November/December 2026 is Willamette Valley Crisis Care (WVCC). When CAHOOTS stopped operations in Eugene on April 7, 2025, it left a huge vacancy in the emergency care system for the city. Most of the call types previously answered by CAHOOTS now fell under the jurisdiction of the Eugene Police Department.

Between EPD and Mobile Crisis Services of Lane County, Welfare Checks dropped. Emergency call assist rates increased for call types commonly answered by CAHOOTS, and arrest rates doubled.
Willamette Valley Crisis Care was founded by four people who had been workers at CAHOOTS. Laurel Lisovskis, LCSW; Berkley Carmine, QMHA, MFA; Michelle Perin, LCSW, MS, EMT; and Alese "Dandy" Colehour, QMHA, EMT, MSW candidate were all very familiar with providing mobile crisis care on the streets of Eugene and are dedicated to creating community-led wellness-centered alternatives to public safety and crisis responses.

Through training, consulting, and strategic partnerships, WVCC works to ensure safety means care, dignity, and accountability for every community member. Willamette Valley Crisis Care has been awarded a major contract to provide training and technical assistance to Just Safe's Scaling Safety Initiative. WVCC will support leaders in community-based public safety to increase the capacity of consent-based, unarmed civilian response.

The Ministry of Mission and Christian Discipleship thanks the congregation for the continued support of the Coin Offering ministry. We are always looking for non-profit agencies and organizations to shed a light on their community-based programs as they strive to meet the needs of the community we all live in; "to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, house the unhoused, minister to those on the margins" as we were commissioned by our Lord Jesus to do.
Remember: "**When we all give a little, it adds up to a lot!**"



Do You Have an Extra Coat?
Winter is coming. Do you have an extra coat to donate to the deacons? Each Sunday, a couple of our deacons serve as deacon-on-call. Acting on behalf of the congregation, a deacon-on-call helps people who drop in seeking assistance. The requests range from wanting a cup of hot coffee and a table to sit at while they drink it, to asking for help with paying this month's rent. It is nice to be able to focus on what we can do rather than what we can't. To that end, we keep winter coats and warm socks in the deacon's closet. If you have an extra winter coat, then please consider donating it to the deacons closet.

In Christ,
Quentin Holmes & Laura Mason
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: $ 45.00
Deadline: Monday, November 30
Checks made out to MLP
(Mujeres Luchadorores Progresistas)
Pickup: Sunday, December 6 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

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