



# Central Press

JUNE 2018

Central Presbyterian Church ■ 3501 Campbell ■ Kansas City, MO 64109

## Calendar

### **June Wednesdays**

Pantry/Clothes Closet

**June 5**

PW p.m. circle teleconf.

**June 11**

B & G meeting

**June 12, 26**

Staff meeting

**June 20**

Session

**June 28**

Pantry Wed. Volunteer  
lunch

### **June Birthdays**

Kevin White	1
Jonna Wood	4
Susan Borge	13
Anna Lisa Lawton	15
Margaret Barger	17
Jack Ditch	21
Chip Barger	22

### **June Anniversaries**

Heidi Peterson & Jeff Clayton	10
Don Haring & Lynda Raner	25
Sarah & Mark Thurman	26
Jim & Pattie Corwin	28

### **Worship Leaders**

Lynda Raner	3
Susan Borge	10
Matthew Mullins	17
Rebecca Merola	24

### **Communion Servers**

Don Haring & Jim Corwin

## Summer Worship

Each summer we give our choirs a rest and invite solo and small ensemble music into our services of worship. Our section leaders will sing as a quartet, and also as featured soloists. In addition, members and friends of Central will provide a variety of music. Here is some of what Dr. Sheppard has planned:

**June 3** Rev. Jeff Clayton: vocal/acoustic guitar

**June 10 & 17** Section Leaders Vocal Quartet

**June 24** Jeff Clayton & Michael Foiles: vocal/guitar/  
banjo

**July 1** Lauren Sutherland, soprano

**July 8** Damon Bradshaw, Tenor

**July 15** Sonja Carlson & Roberta McBride, piano duet

**July 22** Eryn & Jon Campbell, vocal duet

**July 29** Tom Garrison, Baritone

**August 5** Nicolas Lira, saxophone

There is always room for more music in worship. Please talk to Cindy if you would like to offer your talent.

Again in July, August and September we will give our florist a break and provide flowers and greenery for our worship time from the abundance of our own gardens. Understanding that we can't predict with laser accuracy when things will bloom, look for a sign up sheet.

## Green Thumbs Wanted

Mission and Service Committee hopes to rebuild raised garden beds in our parking lot, grow vegetables in them and provide this fresh produce to our pantry clients. But first we need the commitment of a head gardener, or team of gardeners, to lead the effort.

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**Ushers/Greeters**

Sarah & Mark Thurman	3
Nicolas Lira	
Chris James	
Tony Beyer	10
Mike & Elaine Foiles	
Robbie Levi	
Sonja Carlson	17
Shawn Elmore	
Lynda Raner	
Don Haring	
Mary Merola	24
Dylan Little	
Carol Marley	

**Notes & News**

*This season's final Kansas City Women's Chorus Concert is a single performance at The Polsky Theatre, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210 (campus of Johnson County Community College) on June 3 at 4 p.m.*

**SHOWTIME: PRIDE!** celebrates the music of Broadway shows and TV theme songs and promises to be an energetic, uplifting beginning to PRIDE month.

**Robbie and Phil Levi** have moved to Bishop Spencer Place. Their new address is: 4301 Madison Avenue, Apt. 313, KCMO 64111 Their phone number remains the same: (816) 561-9513

## Dear Friends,

About 20 years ago, before I became pastor of Central Church, the session adopted the vision statement that now for two decades has been printed on newsletters, worship bulletins, session dockets and advertising. At the time it was written it was visionary, aspirational. Since then, the congregation has lived into this vision, and helped shape the whole PC(USA) into a church of wider welcome, along the lines of our vision statement.

Now is a different time. How do we understand ourselves as a congregation? How do we describe our church to others? Is our vision statement still visionary? Can we convey a message about what Central values using fewer words, or less specificity? What are the words that accurately represent who we are and hope to be as a congregation?

These are some of the questions the Session is pondering. Over the next several weeks you may notice different descriptive language. We hope you will share your thoughts and feedback with Session members and with me.

Grace and peace,

*Hedi*

**Vision Statement for  
Central Presbyterian Church**

*With God's help  
we bring together people  
to worship and work for Christ  
through prayer and praise,  
community action  
and ministries of compassion,  
spiritual fellowship and nurture.*

*As Christians, we welcome into  
God's house all people  
regardless of race, gender, age,  
sexual orientation, family status,  
nationality, faith background,  
education, abilities or income.*

## Pantry News by Julie Smith

The pantry and clothing closet have been busy helping to meet the needs of food and clothing for persons we serve in this neighborhood.

We are in need of new underwear and spring clothing in good condition for our clothes closet, and are especially in need of men's clothing. Please keep in mind that our storage space is limited.

We have a dedicated group of volunteers in the clothes closet. Maggie Evans, Sonja Carlson, and Mary K. Marxsen helped with sorting and switching to the warmer weather items. Some of the volunteers work weekly and others vary in the amount of time they serve. They are: Susan Borge, Sonja Carlson, Maggie Evans, Neta McCall, Mary K. Marxsen, Markus Mack, and Susan Wyssmann. Neta and Markus have both been volunteering 10+ yrs., primarily in the clothes closet.

I appreciate all who give of their time and energy to make this a safe and welcoming place to serve the patrons who often tell us how welcome they feel here and that they look forward to their time spent in the pantry.

According to the first quarter reports from MAAC (Mid-America Assistance Coalition), the KC area served 18,000 households from 78 regional food pantries. Approximately 37% of those served had at least one member of the household working at least part time. Hunger is a major problem especially in urban areas where food is difficult to find and afford. We are grateful to the church, Harvesters, and the generosity of persons who give of their time and donations.

### GREEN THUMBS continued

It can be as large or small an effort as there is energy. Please talk to Sandae Custard or Heidi if you are interested in considering this service opportunity.

Heartland Men's Chorus concert, **Indivisible**, is June 9-10. Joined by men of the US Army Soldiers' Chorus and in coordination with the National World War I Memorial and Museum, "**Indivisible**" will celebrate one of the principles of our great nation's founding . . . that ALL are created equal.

Congratulations to **Nicolas Lira** who completed his graduate study program at UMKC Conservatory of Music.

**Rev. Peterson** will be out of the office June 14-19. The **Rev.**

**Glenda Watts** is on call for pastoral needs. (816) 210-6565

Pantry donation  
for June:  
**paper products**

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## Central Church

*Practicing love  
Serving our neighbors  
Worshipping God  
Because Jesus*

Please participate in our common life this summer by signing up to bring flowers for worship or to host post-worship fellowship time!



The spiritual life has to do with the heart of existence. I find the word 'heart' a good word. I don't mean by it the seat of our feelings as opposed to the seat of our thoughts. By 'heart' I mean the center of our being, the 'place' where we are most ourselves, where we are most human, where we are most real. —Henri J. M. Nouwen

## COFFEE HOUR

needs **YOU!**

Sign up to host on hallway bulletin board

### **Central Presbyterian Church Staff**

**Heidi Peterson**  
*Pastor*

**Cynthia C. Sheppard**  
*Interim Director of Music*

**Sarah Jacobs**  
*Organist*

**Jan Powell**  
*Secretary*

**Julie Smith**  
*Director Community Ministries*