



Central Press

JULY & AUG 2019

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

Calendar

July 2

PW p.m. teleconf.

July 2, 16, 30

Staff meeting

July 4

Church Office closed

July 17

Session

July Birthdays

Andrew Barger	5
Heidi Peterson	15
Jeff Clayton	15
Chuck Curry	16
Becky Chamberlain	24

July Anniversary

Mary & Rebecca Merola 16

August Birthdays

Will Borge	5
Robbie Levi	8
Michael Foiles	19
Mark Thurman	25

Ushers/Greeters

July

Roberta McBride
Pat Haguewood
Susan Borge
Matthew Mullins

August

Christopher James
Dean Frech
Carol Ann Schmitt
Danny Miller

Good to Know

Did you know that fire extinguishers are located in the narthex and either side of the choir loft?

Did you know that there are multiple paths to exit the sanctuary in case of fire?

Did you know that not leaving valuables (phones, wallets, loose change, etc.) visible in your car, and taking time to lock your car in the parking lot before entering the church dramatically reduces the risk of theft?

In June the Session received Safety and Security Guidelines drafted for Central by a task force of Session. When finalized, copies will be made available, and we will try to familiarize everyone with protocols.

Garden News

If you haven't already done so, take a minute when coming or going to check out the parking lot garden. Here are some things to look for:

1. Volunteer pumpkin vines climbing the east fence
2. Tomatoes in the center beds, peppers in the outside beds
3. Perennials in the perimeter beds and on the 'pitcher's mound", including butterfly weed, Echinacea, liotrix, bee balm
4. Annuals including marigolds, black-eyed susan vines, hyacinth, bean vines
5. Lock on the garden gate—because our produce is worth stealing

Dedication of our newly rebuilt and planted garden will be part of our Sunday worship on July 14 (rain date, July 21). Be here to celebrate and give thanks for the beauty of the earth & the fruit of soil and labor.

Communion Servers

Rebecca Merola 7/7
 Sara Boyd
 Matthew Mullins 8/4
 Roberta McBride

Worship Leaders**July**

Megan Berry 7
 Margaret Barger 14
 Dylan Little 21
 Chris James 28

August

Matthew Mullins 4
 Megan Berry 11
 Sonja Carlson 18
 Susan Borge 25

July**Holy Happy Hour**

Thursday July 11. 5 p.m.
 Mission Taco
 409 E. 18th St.
 KCMO

Dear Friends...

Way back in 1990 the General Assembly of PC(USA) adopted the resolution "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice", which calls our denomination to engage in restoring creation. The paper says in part, that we:

- recognize and accept restoring creation as a central concern of the church, to be incorporated into its life and mission at every level;
- understand this to be a new focus for initiative in mission program with major implications for infusion into theological work, evangelism, education, justice and peacemaking, worship and liturgy, global mission, congregational service and action in local communities;
- recognize that restoring creation is not a short-term concern but a continuing task and life style to which the nation and the world must attend and commit, and which has profound implications for the life, work, and witness of the church;
- approach the task with seriousness and with the practical awareness that cherishing God's creation enhances the ability of the church to achieve its other goals.

The General Assembly invites congregations to seek certification as an "Earth Care Congregation" which requires commitment to the "Earth Care Pledge" and completion of actions in the areas of: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. With the rebuild of the garden, the installation of solar panels, the more efficient zoning of HVAC and change of many bulbs to LED, Central already bears many marks of an Earth Care Congregation, so Session has voted to take steps toward official certification.

Our faith urges us to strive for eco-justice: to defend and heal creation while working to assure justice for all living things—floral and fauna, minerals and elements. In Genesis 2:15 the first humans were called to "till and keep" the garden. Because of our love for Christ who is firstborn of all creation (Colossians 1:15), we are challenged to live in a manner consistent with God's call to care for and commune with the creation of which we are a small but powerful part.

Aidi

Pantry News by Julie Smith

In May and June we served 222 households (34 new) with 267 adults and 59 children.

The garden is producing wonderful collard greens and soon we will have fresh tomatoes and peppers. The patrons have told me how good the produce tastes and that they are glad we have them to offer.

Our annual meeting with the Wednesday volunteers and those who set up the clothes closet was well attended. We addressed some issues with limited volunteers, changes in the closet items selected, and beginning to allow patrons the option to have new underwear and socks every month. The volunteers are a dedicated and hard working group of individuals and we say thanks to all of their hard work.

We welcomed new volunteers Oliver Hall, who is helping me unload the van weekly, Joyce White (formerly with shepherd Center Central, Medicare specialist) and Megan Berry, summer seminary intern. Both women are volunteering every Wednesday in the pantry during distribution. We have room for volunteers to assist with the food distribution and the clothing closet on Wednesday from 8:30—noon most weeks; and someone to put together the pre-sacked bags once a month, usually on Monday or Tuesday morning. If you are interested in volunteering give me a call at the church or email me: julie@centralpreskc.org.

Earth Care Pledge (summary)

God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family.

Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation. In **education**, we will seek opportunities to understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage each other to find ways to heal creation. We will maintain **facilities** in a way that respects creation, conserve resources, and share what we have. Our **outreach** will include public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable earth and oppressed and neglected people.

News

Pastor **Heidi** will be out of the office August 15-26. In her absence we are fortunate to have worship led by **The Rev. Brian Ellison and The Rev. Tamara Miller**.

Looking ahead

If you have an interest in contemplative or centering prayer come late summer/early fall we will be exploring the possibility of an occasional additional worship service in a different style. Let Carol Ann Schmitt or Heidi know. If you are intrigued.

Thanks

Dear Central Church Family,
Jesse and I would like to express our deep appreciation for your gracious hospitality and warm welcome on May 12th. It was a joy to worship with you. We will remember fondly our 24+ years with you. We cherish your love and support. May God continue to bless and sustain you.
Peace be with you,
Nancy & Jesse Butler

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Serving our neighbors
Worshipping God
Because Jesus*

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Two opportunities to give of yourself for
the enrichment of our common life.

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hallway bulletin board**

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