



Central Today

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 AM

This has been an exciting year at Central! When we received a large financial gift, we knew that it offered a chance to really think about who we are as a church and what we want to do and who we want to become before deciding about the best use of that gift.

We have also known for a while that our publications needed to be refreshed for a new age. Our website needs to become more mobile-friendly, so that it is fully usable whether someone is finding Central on their phone or on a tablet or a desktop. These two processes came together very nicely, and in this newsletter and the next, you will learn about and see our new branding campaign.

Our decision-making process about how best to use the financial gift had the Session start with articulating our values, then move toward goals before thinking concretely about the best way to use the gift. Some of the questions we asked included: Who are we? In what ways are we similar to other churches? How are we different from other churches? What makes us unique? What are our priorities? What is most important to us? What would someone experience on their first visit?

Then we turned to goals, asking questions like: Who do we want to become? What do we want to do? Why do we exist? How should we be different or better?

Our Publications and Communications Director (and the editor of this newsletter), Christie Rachele, brought a great deal of professional experience to this work that is called re-branding. Shortly after starting at Central, Christie began to build upon the work that the New Members and Volunteers Committee and Central friend Tina Marie Orosz began in 2017. The work by that original team affirmed our tagline and made the decision that we would continue to use *"in the city for good."*

After a phase of research and discovery with administrative staff and the NMV Committee, Christie helped us develop three narrative statements that define Central as an organization and reflect the work Session was doing in discussing values, goals and how best to use our gift. Christie asked a lot of questions, and listened closely, and together we arrived at these statements that summarize who we are as a church and what we are trying to do.

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Worship

Our worship series on turning meals into mission continues throughout August. We will hear from a variety of voices as we explore meals in the Bible and what we can do to be part of a solution to the hungers people experience around us.

**JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP!
SUNDAYS AT
10:30 AM**

**Sunday
Morning
Schedule**

**9:30 Education
For All Ages**

10:30 Worship

**11:30 Fellowship
& Coffee**

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In the Bible there exists a little rule with a big impact, a rule for an agrarian community not to farm all the way to the edges of the field, but to leave the margins for those who are hungry to glean food. This Bible rule is about not wasting food, about remembering the hungry within the community, and has paved the way for programs like Second Harvest. Rev. Colby will preach and we will celebrate communion.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Jennifer Anderson will preach on the Genesis commandment to tend the garden. How do our food choices reflect our values? How can we support local farmers and growers and reduce our carbon footprint?

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

“Why so many rules? Didn’t Jesus do away with all that?” Wouldn’t you like to know! Come hear former Central staffer Phil Romine preach on the food laws in Leviticus 11 and the liberating, life-giving potential of food rules.

Phil Romine serves as Director of Admissions at his seminary alma mater, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.)

Following worship, all are invited to the Third Sunday Lunch

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

We come to the final course in our summer banquet of looking at meals in the Bible. Rev. Colby will preach, we will hear about ideas under exploration of how we can better serve those who are hungry, and we will celebrate communion.

Update on Progress Toward Associate Pastor

After deciding to set aside funding for an Associate Pastor position, the Personnel Committee and Session continued to work to define the scope of what she or he would do and the qualities and characteristics we believe are needed in successful candidates. The Session approved a working draft of the denomination’s Ministry Information Form (MIF), which was submitted along with an official request to the Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry to open a Designated Associate Pastor position. On July 16, that request was accepted. We will be working to finalize the MIF and begin publicizing the position soon. There will be many steps between now and the arrival of an Associate Pastor, and we will continue to keep the congregation informed of our progress.

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- *We put our faith into action by nurturing spiritual growth and reflecting the call of God to serve our neighbor.*
- *We transform our communities by promoting social justice and engaging others in ministries that drive change.*
- *We invite everyone to the table, sharing fellowship, worship, meals, music and works as one body.*

It is important that we be able to articulate these key statements not just with words, but with a visual logo. After exploring several themes, design concepts and subsequent refinements to our favorite possibilities, the Session was excited to endorse this image.



Inspiration is taken from the balcony view of people seated throughout the curved sanctuary of Central on Sundays. Subtle, but important, theological images can be found within this design, be it the splash of water at baptism, a crown of thorns, or the dancing flames of the Holy Spirit. The icon is reflective of the sanctuary, an auditorium designed to amplify the spoken word. The focal point of the

logo is the core, reflective of our emphasis and focus first inward on the Word of God.

The shapes in the logo represent diversity – persons from differing backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures and strengths coming together around a common purpose. The elements move inward to reflect the idea of people ‘coming to the table,’ representative of communion and our food initiatives where all are welcome. In pursuit of social justice, elements move out from the core – showing Central’s efforts to put faith into action by engaging others and drive change in our community.

The aesthetic is inspired by the shape of our prominent stained glass windows. The design is open and airy with an almost fluid movement, much like the art of music for which Central is so revered. A clean, contemporary style was chosen to reflect changing design trends, the prominence of digital marketing and the influence of younger demographics.

I hope you like this new logo! And I hope that you can see the best of who we are and who we want to become captured in this logo and in the narrative statements. In the coming months, you will see many of our publications, website, signage and other communication pieces taking on new shape, style and direction as the rebranding unfolds.

Thanks to all the people, especially Christie, who helped pray and listen and imagine how to describe the ways we are living out God’s call to us as a church.

It’s an exciting time at Central and we look forward to sharing it with you!

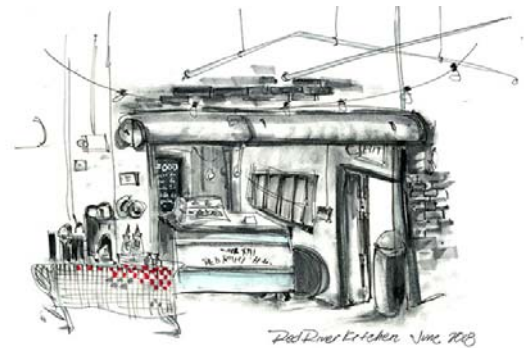
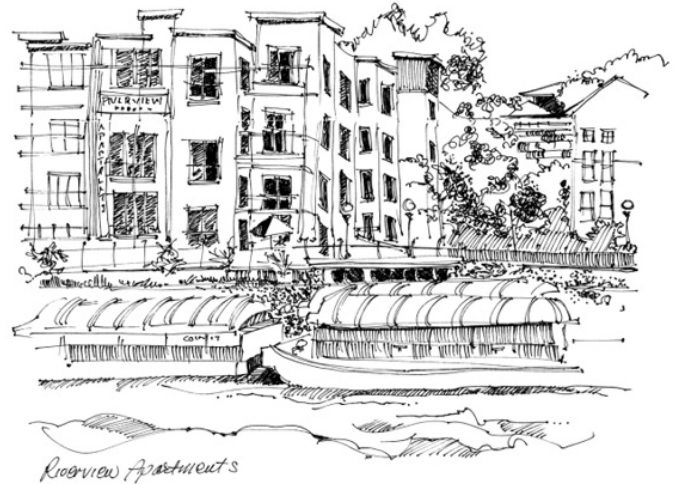
Rev. David Colby

Art Exhibit and Sketching Class

We are delighted to host an exhibit featuring the artwork of Saint Paul artist Jeanne Kosfeld. Her pieces will be on display in the Friendship Room throughout August and into October. There will be an Artist Reception following worship on September 30. A chance to meet the artist, ask questions, and come to a deeper appreciation of her work.

And – we are excited to announce that Jeanne will lead a “Sketching in the City” Workshop on Sunday, October 7 from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (See below for details.)

Jeanne has a separate and concurrent exhibit that will remain up at the Landmark Center (75 W 5th Street) North Gallery through August 30. This exhibit features sketches of Saint Paul.



JEANNE KOSFELD TRAVEL SKETCHES

- ▶ **CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
500 Cedar St, Saint Paul
- ▶ **July 27 - October**
- ▶ **Meet the Artist Reception**
Sun, Sept 30 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm.

- ▶ **FREE Sketching Workshop**
- ▶ **Sun, Oct 7 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 pm.**

Join Jeanne for a free & fun sketching outing (*no experience necessary*) to accompany the exhibit. Space is limited, please respond early!

RSVP: office@cpkstpaul.org

Upcoming Events

DORCAS CIRCLE

A reminder that we aren't meeting until September.

BOOK GROUP

We meet at 10:30 in the Friendship Room on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. In August that will be the 14th and 28th. The book for August is *The Secrets of Mary Bowser* by Lois Leveen.

MARTHA'S CLOSET

We are open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 2:30. There will be no evening hours in August. We are having our annual sale of summer clothes on Thursday, August 16 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Prices range from \$.50 for items on the bargain rack to \$7 for suits and \$5 for dresses. Tops are \$2 and pants and skirts are \$3. Come check it out!

LOWERTOWN CLEAN UP

Looking for a fun & rewarding volunteer opportunity? Come be a part of the Lowertown cleanup crew with other Central members on Sunday, August 5.

Following church we will have a light lunch and then walk over to our assigned cleanup area and do clean up from 1 to 3 p.m. Those interested can also stop by the Black Dog Cafe after the cleanup to socialize. Lowertown cleanup is sponsored by Spire Credit Union and Black Dog. Cleaning supplies, including gloves will be provided. All participants also receive a free t-shirt.

If you are interested in volunteering, go to <https://cpcstpaul.org/volunteer> to sign up or call Anna in the church office to RSVP by August 1. We would like to know how many to expect for lunch and the cleanup. If you have questions about the event contact Kati Berg or Sharon Zopfi-Jordan.



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Women of Central News

WOMEN'S NETWORKING DINNERS

We braved the rainstorm on July 12th (almost 2 inches of rain fell that evening) by sitting indoors at Forepaugh's enjoying the patio menu! The staff there was wonderful and the food was excellent!

This month we are headed to the home of Kate Pearce for a Potluck!

When: Tuesday, August 7th at 5:30 p.m.
Bring: Yourself! A dish to share if you can!

Please contact Sue Hoffman (612-998-6389 or syhoffman123@comcast.net) to let us know you can attend! Also, tell us if you will meet us there or if you need a ride. Carpool will leave church at 5:15 p.m.

Here are our upcoming events for fall:



Thursday, September 20
Saint Dinette
261 East 5th Street



Tuesday, October 9
Burger Moe
242 West 7th Street

Come and join the fun!

Please RSVP to the church office or to Sue Hoffman (612-998-6389 or syhoffman123@comcast.net), as it helps us get a count for a table reservation and if child care is needed. We depart the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. for the restaurant. You can also meet us at 5:30 p.m. at the restaurant.

4TH SUNDAY KNITTING GROUP

As a reminder, we will not be meeting in August. The group will resume meeting in September.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE TWIN CITIES HYGIENE KITS—AUGUST 12

On August 12 after worship, we will assemble hygiene kits that will be given to the Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities for disaster relief.

These kits help people who are in need due to hurricanes, floods and other disasters. We will use some of our Women of Central mission funds to purchase supplies for the kits. This is one example of how annual pledges to Women of Central help us support mission efforts.

Church Directories Available

The 2018 Central Presbyterian Church directory is here! If you indicated that you would like a paper copy of the directory, you can pick it up Sunday following worship, in the Friendship Room, or stop by the office during the week.

If you did not want a hard copy but changed your mind, we ordered a few extras. We can also send you a digital copy of the directory if you prefer. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to publish the directory, especially Carmen Binger, Erika Kelly-Kennedy, Joan Kelly, and Mel & Fluryanne Leach.

Happy Birthday!

Erika Kelly-Kennedy.....	8/1	Kate Pearce.....	8/10
Emily Ross.....	8/2	David Gustafson.....	8/11
Scott Schlittenhart.....	8/2	Mary Miller.....	8/13
Joseph Ehling.....	8/5	Andrew Lonergan.....	8/16
Roger Zopfi.....	8/5	Constance Smith.....	8/16
Kendall Peterson.....	8/6	Stan Turner.....	8/18
Scott Klaehn.....	8/7	Taylor Runkel.....	8/23
Jeffrey Olson.....	8/8	Jacqueline Vosecky.....	8/26
Joey Engeswick.....	8/9	Thomas Klaehn.....	8/29
Richard Binger.....	8/10	Jack Toikka.....	8/29
Rebecca Lee.....	8/10	Jeff Jones.....	8/30
Russell Lundeen.....	8/10		

If we erroneously missed your name, please send us a note so that we can correct our records: office@cpcstpaul.org

Thank You to Our Hunger Initiative Volunteers!



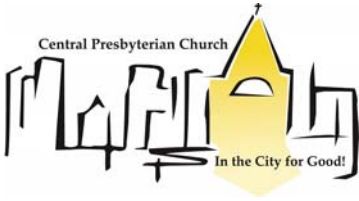
Thank you to everyone who represented Central's Hunger Initiative Task Force at Higher Ground this past month!



Through our many volunteering opportunities with area food programs, insight by worship speakers and research efforts by the Hunger Initiative Task Force, we are learning so many things, including:

- Much of the food thrown from area grocery stores deemed un-saleable, is still edible, often still within its expiration date.
- One in ten households in Minnesota, and one in six households with children under 6, has food insecurity (meaning they don't know how they are going to provide food for their family).
- The SNAP program (formerly called food stamps) provides 12 times as much food as all other programs added together (such as food shelves and church meal programs).
- The vast majority of people who use SNAP are employed.
- Many people in our community struggle with access to stores that offer affordable groceries.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with food issues, go to www.cpcstpaul.org/hunger. We will continue through August to explore meals of the bible, how hunger is being addressed in our community, the unmet need that still exists and how Central can meet this call.



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