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A STATEMENT FROM CENTRAL'S  
ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE

*Racism is a lie about our fellow human beings, for it says that some are less than others. It is also a lie about God, for it falsely claims that God favors parts of creation over the entirety of creation.*

*Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the Presbyterian Church (USA) must stand against, speak against, and work against racism. Antiracist effort is not optional for Christians. It is an essential aspect of Christian discipleship, without which we fail to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

*(from Facing Racism: A Vision of the Beloved Community, by the Presbyterian Church (USA))*

At Central, we commit ourselves to the important and ongoing work of Anti-Racism. Many joined us in-person in February for two Sunday conversations based upon the book *How To Be An Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Kendi's argument is that we are surrounded by racial inequity and that labels like 'racist' or 'antiracist' are like peel-able name tags rather than permanent tattoos. "Being an antiracist requires

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Compassion Camp: Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You." We will be integrating some of the materials including this great theme, in the upcoming worship services. Kudos to the Illustrated Children's Ministry for an innovative and important curriculum!

New worship videos are posted to the website each Sunday morning at [www.centraforgood.org/stream](http://www.centraforgood.org/stream) and remain up for you to watch at your convenience. Want to watch prior week worship services? Simply scroll to the bottom of the page and see links for all worship services offered since services moved online.

### Sunday, July 5

We will celebrate communion - bake a nice loaf of bread or procure some juice and some bread in advance and participate in worship at the table at home. Our theme will be Compassion at the Table, with a story of a celebratory banquet from Luke 15:11-32.

### Sunday, July 12

This week we look at *Compassion: On the Move* with a story that emerged out of a scary time for a family (Ruth 1:1-22). This has been such a hard time with the people we love. How do we be present for one another? How do we offer support and love? Who is on your support team when you have to do really hard things? These are the questions that this story of Ruth helps us to explore.

### Sunday, July 19

This is the fifth week following the Compassion Camp curriculum. On this day, we look at the theme of *Compassion: to the World* looking at a radical idea found in Leviticus 25 about how a community could get a fresh start.

### Sunday, July 26

The shape of this week's worship is still being refined as of the printing of this newsletter. We are currently looking at special services being shared from the national Presbytery. Watch the mid-week email for news about this service once it is finalized.



## THE GIFT OF DEDICATION

Heidi Jernstedt is new to our church community and has already added so much in our music ministry! She is a member of the choir and the bells ensemble – and she impressed me right away when she told me about how she practiced her bell part during the week so that she was as prepared as possible for bell rehearsals. She mentioned she used salad dressing bottles as her “bells”, and sent this picture in! It has been a gift to get to know Heidi better!



## AN UPDATE ON COVID-19

**Did the church close?**

**When will we be able to safely worship in the sanctuary again?**

Over and over we hear those two questions. For the first, we respond with an emphatic - no! Central has been working hard and in new ways to worship, provide prayerful connections, and keep putting our faith into action. As to the second question, about when it will be safe to gather together in the sanctuary, the short answer is - not yet.

As we published in early June, the Session of Central Presbyterian Church will rely upon the guidance of our COVID-19 Task Force for decisions about when and how we will resume in-person activities

including worship. We are grateful for the Task Force members' expertise in public health, infectious disease and infection control. The health and safety of the Central community is of primary importance to us and will be paramount in our decision-making.

We are in a time when there are not easy and universally agreed upon recommendations about what practices are safe for which people. We do know that being indoors in large groups is riskier than small-group activities in the outdoors. We know that some important statistics in Minnesota such as the number of people who have died and are hospitalized and in Intensive Care appear to be going in the right

direction. But we also know that those same statistics are trending upward in alarming ways in other states.

When we do resume in-person worship, a number of changes will be made to prioritize the safety of our community. See the article on page 4 for some of the measures committees and church staff are investigating or preparing to implement.

Meanwhile, we continue to be the church right now in this unusual time of a global pandemic. Let us continue to move forward with all the faith and courage and creativity we can muster.

## A PRAYER

The following prayer was delivered by Elder Vinai Vinlander as an opening prayer at a Central Session meeting.

Gracious God,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet and discuss many important issues for our church. As we meet tonight, we thank all the essential workers - and our family and friends, who may not be considered "essential" under the various health guidelines, but who are very much essential to us.

In all crises and trials of our lives we call on you alone; and in this trying times, we call on you. Help us channel our energy from one of

concerns about scarcity of supplies, to one of abundance, an abundance of opportunities; because in you, we know that opportunities are limitless.

Grant us the wisdom to lead and the ability to listen and hear others; lay aside our stubbornness to the obedience of your will in our deliberation of important decisions that this body will make tonight.

In your name we pray,  
Amen.



# BEING THE CHURCH IN UNUSUAL TIMES

## Things That We Have Been Doing

1. We offer worship every Sunday! Join us online at the time that is most convenient for you. [www.centralforgood.org/stream](http://www.centralforgood.org/stream)
2. Education - Katie Morris has held weekly zoom calls for different age groups of children.
3. The Adult Bible Class continues to meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. (by Zoom) facilitated by Maureen Smith.
4. The Deacons are sponsoring and hosting Connection Circles to create an avenue for people to connect and share.
5. Putting the Deacon's Emergency Fund to work to help members of

our community. If you need help, please contact the church office!

6. The Deacons of Central represent the outreach of the church directly to members. They focus on connecting with the elder, less able parishioners that cannot attend Central and miss out on social interaction. They have also been reaching out to families where our guidance and concern can assist. In times like these, we work at talking with our members on the phone, sending cards and assisting where possible.
7. We are tracking our expenses and contributions carefully. Thank you for your continued

support of the church's mission and ministry! Our giving has enabled the church to continue paying all staff members

8. Throughout this year, Central's Coordinated Mission Committee has focused efforts to address three areas: Anti-Racism (see page 1); homelessness, and hunger.
9. We are addressing issues in the church building: upgrading our phone system, and installing energy efficient lighting, and painting projects.
10. Central's Hunger Task Force has made several monetary donations to area food shelves and other organizations including our neighboring Central Towers.

## Preparing to Resume In-Person Activities and Worship

While we do not yet know when we will be able to resume in-person activities including worship, committees are working hard to prepare for that day.

Steps underway include:

1. Purchasing equipment to enable livestreaming worship services from the sanctuary. We are grateful to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area for providing a technology grant of \$5,000 to purchase equipment that will enable us to livestream worship

services from the sanctuary. Our working assumption is that when we do resume in-person worship, not all will be able to join us in the sanctuary. The use of technology, while not a full substitute, will enable people to continue to worship online.

2. Purchasing and installing automated hand-sanitizing stations
3. Frequent cleaning of door handles, entrances, and bathrooms.
4. Worship will likely include modifications in the areas of Passing the Peace, Children's Time, singing, and communion.

5. Project Home - the ecumenical program to provide shelter for homeless families - has undergone significant changes to their operations due to COVID-19. We are in communication with them about whether we will host the shelter this November.



## ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE [ CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 ]

persistent self-awareness, constant self-criticism, and regular self-examination" and what we do matters.

These conversations were not the first at Central. In recent years Central has encouraged book discussions of Debby Irving's *Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*; and Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*. The enduring problem of racism and racial inequalities is not new and we are grateful for the good ideas and positive energy at working together for good.

The Anti-Racism Task Force convened in the immediate aftermath of the killing of George Floyd full of anger and sadness. We said that night that the church, our church, needed to take some immediate actions, but also that we would need to recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of anti-racism.

We offered a statement in the form of a prayer, and provided leadership for the worship services on May 31 and June 7. We hosted a conversation in which more than thirty members of the Central community expressed emotions, shared ideas, and gained strength by being together. The Anti-Racism Task Force will be expanding to include new volunteers, and will be working to set more action steps for the coming weeks and months.

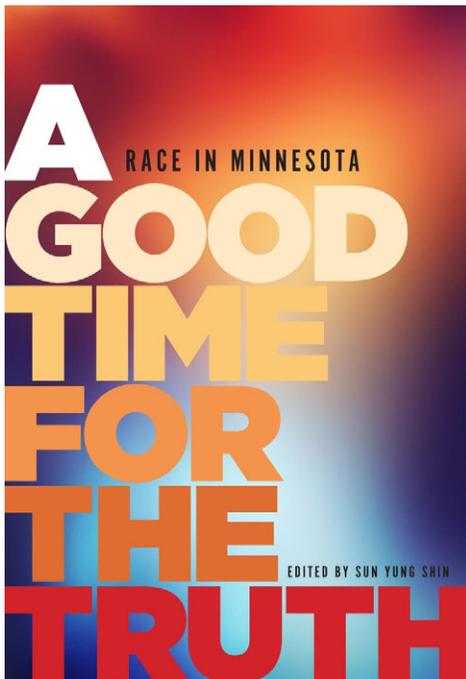
*We hope that you will join us in working together for more understanding, deeper equality, a more faithful church, and a better community.*

*We commit ourselves to do the work of countering racism in our witness to the Gospel. In our affirmation that God loves difference, we will honor diversity as a good in which God delights. In our conviction that*

*God desires justice, we will learn from others to broaden our understanding of equality. In our humility as sinful people, we will listen openly to diverse voices regarding how racism functions in our society. In our gratitude for God's grace, we will turn again and again towards the vision of whole community found in the Word of God. In our joyous response to God's love, we will love one another.*

*(from Facing Racism: A Vision of the Beloved Community, by the Presbyterian Church (USA))*

As the Anti-Racism Task Force expands and continues to guide our efforts, we want to thank the original members: Allynne Burg, Dwight Colby, Laura Hutton, Ernest and Catherine Lloyd, Leon Oman, Ronald Stagg, and Vinai Vinlander.



### Further Reading on Anti-Racism

[ RECOMMENDED BY THE ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE ]

We need to keep talking about race, and be able to appreciate stories of life in Minnesota. The Anti-Racism Task Force encourages the Central community to read *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in MN*. This is a collection of sixteen essays by Native American writers and writers of color. It is the selection of the One Minnesota Book Club / Friends of the St. Paul Public Library and people throughout Minnesota will be reading it.

Electronic copies of the book will be available for free downloads through EBooks Minnesota. We hope you read the book, reflect, and then plan to join others from Central in Zoom conversations that will be announced soon.

To learn more about the work and recommendations of the Anti-Racism Task Force, go to [www.centralforgood.org/anti-racism](http://www.centralforgood.org/anti-racism).

# A DIFFERENT KIND OF SUMMER

[ BY CHRISTIE RACHELLE ]

This summer may look a little different than those of past. As we continue social distancing and the careful reopening in the wake of the coronavirus epidemic, some of our favorite summer traditions – camping, outdoor concerts, fireworks, summer vacations – may be curtailed in the name of safety.

But that doesn't mean summer 2020 has to be a bummer. Don't focus on all the summer activities that have been canceled instead, think about the positive and the wonderful things you can still do at home or while social distancing. Get creative and push outside your normal habits and expectations!

If you're looking for fun things to do from the safety of home - or simply want to focus on the simple pleasures of the season - try some of these activities. While adjusting one's expectations for this season may take patience and effort, by the end of summer, you will feel like you got your fill of warm-weather activities, special time with those close to you, and something memorable to cherish.

## Connect with Others

1. Start a virtual book club.
2. Break out your phone and capture one photograph every single day of something that brought you interest, a smile, or serenity. Share it!
3. Send postcards with little notes to friends and family just to share a

memory, positive message or bit of humor (even if you talk to hem every day!)

4. Leave post it notes wherever you go with positive affirmations for people you don't know.

## Fun with Children

1. Have a water balloon fight.
2. Try your hand at face painting. Let them paint yours!
3. Have a backyard (or indoor) scavenger hunt.
4. Make a pillow fort, complete with s'mores (easily made in the oven on a low temp).
5. Paint rocks and leave them around in the community for other people to find and enjoy.
6. Have theme night dinners and have the children help pick the menu to cook together from recipe books.
7. Make a family time capsule to open at a future date.
8. Run through a sprinkler. Don't just set it up for them to play in, get out there and get wet too!

## Embrace Productivity

1. Clean out your junk drawer(s) and enjoy the odd treasures.
2. Time to clean all those windows to let the bright sunlight in.
3. Tighten all the knobs/handles and look for squeaky doors to spritz with WD-40.

4. Declutter by choosing one thing to throw, recycle, or give away every day.

5. Transplant house plants that need to grow.

## Treasure the Gift of Unexpected Time

1. Print and organize all those photos into a new scrapbook.
2. Master something new - try a new hobby or test a new recipe.
3. Plant and grow a flower indoors.
4. Research your family tree.
5. Pick up a power tool or small appliance you have not used in a long time and use it as it is intended!
6. Bake a pie from scratch.

## Time with Your Partner

1. Take 20 minutes and draw a picture of each other. (Extra points for silliness!) On the back, tell them about a favorite memory them from the past year.
2. Go for a walk around a lake or neighborhood you have never been to in a city you don't live or work in. Point on a map and go!
3. Make a large single ice cream sundae and share it over a game of cards.
4. Commit to 48 hours without television, computers, etc. Be open to opportunities that present themselves.

# DO YOU REMEMBER?



*When we welcomed Selma to Central's sanctuary?*



*When an eagle landed before worship in the Friendship room?*



*When the children put on marionette show in the sanctuary?*



*When we sang to our neighbors on the steps of Central?*



*The first time you heard this? (You can hear it even now, can't you!)*



*When Rocket Raccoon decided to climb the MPR building?*



*When we crossed an ocean to rebuild?*



*How little he use to be?*

## A CALL FOR PRAYER

### In Memoriam

In this time when we have been unable to gather, we have experienced the deaths of three church members.

- **ROGER ZOPFI**  
[ May 7, 2020 ]
- **GRACE TESTER**  
[ May 25, 2020 ]
- **JENILU RICHEY**  
[ June 8, 2020 ]
- **WANDA STRANE**  
[ June 13, 2020 ]

We give thanks to God for their life and we pray for comfort and consolation for those who are grieving.

### News From the Denomination

Elona Street-Stewart, executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and Rev. Gregory Bentley, pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL, were elected to be co-moderators of the 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Elona was an active participant at Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, the former chair of the St. Paul School Board, and known to so many of us.

We will get to meet Rev. Bentley in a worship service later this summer.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH: COMPASSION IN ACTION

[ BY KATIE MORRIS ]

During our Compassion Camp virtual VBS (which you can still have access to if you missed it, just reach out to [katiem@centralforgood.org](mailto:katiem@centralforgood.org) if you need more information or materials!), we explored what it means to be loved, to be kind, and to be you as we work in the world for justice.

Each day, we found a way to turn our compassion focus for that day into an action. We reminded ourselves that God loves us and calls us to love our neighbors. In this time when our cities are mourning the murder of George Floyd and fighting for justice,

we see that this love God calls us to is not passive or complacent, but rather fierce and compassionate. This love works for change and for justice. What does compassion in action look like for your family? How do you take your love and compassion and turn it into something that creates change, in big or small ways? Perhaps you have:

- Found ways to learn more about the history of racism and white supremacy and talked about them as a family
- Checked in on neighbors to see if there are ways you could

support them

- Made signs or attended protests or rallies
- Contacted your representatives to demand action on racist policing
- Donated resources to people doing work on the ground

There are numerous ways to turn our compassion into action and to work for justice as people of faith. This community has deep knowledge and wisdom, and we hope that you'll share that with one another. If you would like guidance on finding resources or materials, feel free to reach out.

## JOIN WITH OTHERS IN CIRCLES!

These small group Zoom sessions are offered as an avenue for the Central community to connect, share concerns, and offer support through facilitated conversations.

Sponsored by Central's Deacons, Connection Circles run every Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. until July 9, then move to 5:30 p.m. time until August 13. You can be a part of one or as many as you like.

### How to Participate

The following information will be the same for all Connection Circles.

**VIA VIDEO ON SMARTPHONE, COMPUTER OR TABLET, GO TO:**

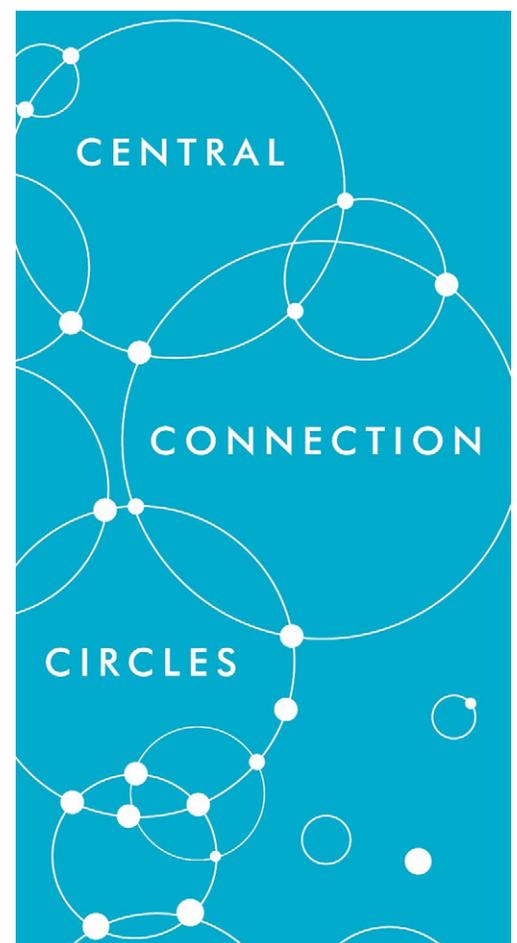
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87229900980>

**OR VIA PHONE CALL IN:**  
(312) 626-6799, then enter Meeting ID: 872 2990 0980#

### Have Questions?

If you have questions about Circles, are interested in special topics or serving as a host, we invite you to speak with one of the Connection Circle planning team members including Laura Williams, Laura Hutton, Linda Berglund, and Maureen Smith.

If you have general questions about small groups, how to get connected, or how to reach the planning team, contact Anna Sanchez in the office at [office@centralforgood.org](mailto:office@centralforgood.org) or call (651) 224-4728 ext. 100.



## SUMMER CHECK-INS



Recently, Katie Morris did some one-on-one check-ins with the children and youth of Central. As we finished the school year and prepared for Compassion Camp, we took a break from our weekly Zoom gatherings.

We would love to hear how your family would like to stay connected throughout the summer – we know that many folks are feeling tired of virtual gatherings, but we want to stay safe while continuing to connect in meaningful ways.

If you have thoughts or questions, please reach out to Katie Morris directly at (651) 224-4728 ext. 109 [katiem@centralforgood.org](mailto:katiem@centralforgood.org).



### OPPORTUNITY FOR INVOLVEMENT

The Coordinated Mission Committee is inviting you to participate in our bi-monthly volunteering event on Saturday, July 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. serving lunch at the St. Paul Opportunity Center). The St. Paul Opportunity Center is part of Catholic Charities and is located at 422 Dorothy Day Place, St. Paul, MN. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old . This is our second year volunteering with Catholic Charities and we invite everyone at Central to serve. To sign up, simply visit our website at [www.centralforgood.org/volunteer](http://www.centralforgood.org/volunteer). If you have questions about Covid-19 safety, contact [office@centralforgood.org](mailto:office@centralforgood.org) to be connected with this team.

## AN UPDATE FROM VOCALPOINT

Dear Community,

One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities of an arts organization is to amplify voices that need to be heard. This is our very mission, and there cannot be a more crucial one right now. As we listen to the important conversations that are taking shape around us (with an awareness that many communities have been having these conversations for generations within a system that has consistently silenced them) we hear about multifaceted ways that systemic racism roots itself in our culture. Meaning that it will take a multifaceted approach to uproot it. It will take human rights action and employment changes. It will take an overhaul of our prison system and appropriate funding for education and youth development. It will take the continued good work of our non-profit partners that we have had the true honor of learning from throughout the years. They are the subject matter experts. They are the voices we must listen to. They are the leaders and the change-makers.

Today, we commit to continuing to partner with these organizations as they do their important work to provide resources and advocacy for people across our communities. (See below for updates from our non-profit partners.)

I also commit to becoming an anti-racist arts organization in all the things that we do. I don't know if we'll be having a 2021 concert or not; COVID 19 will be the director of that. So, instead of programming and rehearsing, we will be learning. I will

be learning. Choral culture in Minnesota is deeply racist. I know that. What I don't fully know yet is how I continue to contribute to that racism (and benefit from it.) That is work I must do.

As an organization, we need to do that same difficult soul-searching. Let me be clear – it is difficult because we don't like being uncomfortable, not because our organization's life is at risk. But people's lives are at risk. This is imperative work. We must do this. And I believe this is what you – our singers and our audience -- want us to do. While I don't have concrete steps to offer today, I promise that we will include you in our conversations and report back to the community with our actions.

Today, I so wish we could be together to sing. We know the power in that. I would so value that time and connection right now. We would hug, and sing, and cry, and we would say George Floyd's name.

With a deep sincerity and commitment to change,

Jennifer Anderson  
VocalPoint, Artistic Director

### Updates From Our Non-Profit Partners

#### OPEN ARMS OF MINNESOTA

Located in the epicenter of the destruction in South Minneapolis, Open Arms continues to serve

healthy, local meals to their clients. Loss of power and phone lines, as well as the boarding up or damage to business that they rely on, hasn't stopped their important work. During COVID 19, these meals, safely delivered, are even more crucial.

#### AVENUES FOR YOUTH

During a stay-at-home order, Avenues is providing that HOME for young people who would not have a safe place to be.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

"The Neighb" is providing crucial support while so many experience unemployment during COVID 19, including rent/housing assistance and food. They have continued to offer literacy and adult education classes by moving those online.

#### ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Advocates continue their ongoing work to dismantle systemic racism by providing legal support to those seeking justice, and by calling on the United States and member states to dismantle the existing policing systems and to create a national commission to examine police tactics nationwide, including the use of excessive force, militarization of local police forces, and policing of protests.

## UPSTREAM ARTS

Just three blocks from where George Floyd was murdered, Upstream Arts is grieving in a profound way with its neighbors. But its mission continues by shifting to online resources during COVID 19. Upstream is continuing to cultivate self-expression and social connections with the disability community.

## ONE HEARTLAND

One Heartland joined with other LGBTQ organizations to call out racial violence, and to underscore especially the violence against trans POC. Due to COVID 19, summer camps will not be able to be held, but One Heartland is working on other ways to connect with their youth.

## TWIN CITIES RISE!

TCR is holding classes online during this time of social distancing. It is worth noting that it was during our partnership with TCR that we, as a chorus, read "The New Jim Crow" and watched the documentary "13th." These were foundational in understanding more of the systemic

racism -- especially in our justice system -- in the United States.

## WALK-IN COUNSELING CENTER

COVID 19 is not only a physical health emergency, it is a mental health emergency as well. Walk-In continues to provide free, no-appointment needed, anonymous counseling to all who need it.

## EXPRESS BIKE SHOP

Keystone Community Services is providing crucial food distribution during this time when several of our neighborhoods have been hit not only by COVID 19, but also by becoming a food desert due to the damage and boarding up of local grocery stores.

As a chorus, our voices are only as powerful as the messages that we share. We continue to honor the work of these nonprofits and the people on the ground doing this imperative work, and pledge to continue learning and listening and collaborating in the days ahead.

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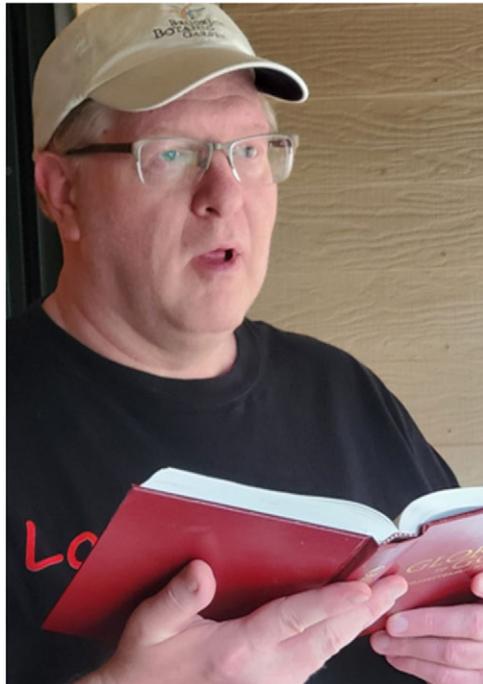
**VocalPoint**  
Music for a purpose - Singers for a cause



[ BY JENNIFER ANDERSON,  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY ]

For Juneteenth this year, we were encouraged by our own Abbie Betinis and her work with Justice Choir to sing “Lift Every Voice and Sing” from our homes – and with others if safely distanced. What a great turn-out from Central folks! (And around the world: 50 states plus DC, and 6 countries were represented!) Some pictures are below!

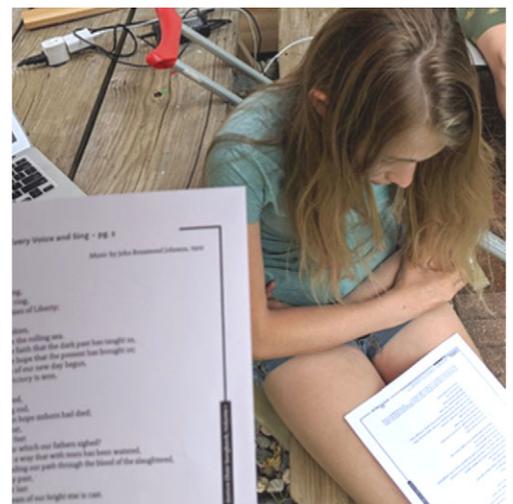
If you are looking for songs to learn and sing together, remember that the Justice Choir Songbook is available to download and use in your home – many of the songs have YouTube videos to help teach you the melodies as well. Learn more at [www.justicechoir.org](http://www.justicechoir.org).



David



Eliana & Rowan



Natalie



Eric, Abbie and Baby T



Christie, Marie, Bruce, Jess, Jennifer, (Lucy taking the picture!) & South Mpls neighbors.



*Maureen, Nancy, and Barb*



*Eliana & Rowan*



*Shanta*



*Mark, Wendy, Kyle, and Aiden, along with neighbor Marlene*

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# BEACON SUPPLY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the supply drive last month for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and the donation drive for Keystone Community Services and Central's own Deacons' Emergency Fund.

Our volunteers packed a car full of supplies, delivered to Beacon, and collected financial donations of \$1,050 (Beacon), \$760 (to Keystone) and \$1,185 (Deacons' Fund).

We are grateful for your generosity, and because of the great response, hope to hold another supply drive later this year! Stay tuned for details.





As we did not distribute a June newsletter, we wanted to include both June and July birthdays so that we can wish a *Happy Birthday* to all who are celebrating during this time.

- Virginia Juffer ..... 6/3
- Doug Throckmorton ..... 6/5
- Vinai Vinlander ..... 6/6
- Anna Sanchez ..... 6/7
- Deborah Flies ..... 6/9
- Kerry Bollman ..... 6/10
- Carol Baldwin ..... 6/12
- Lisa Fry ..... 6/12
- Nickalos Sanders ..... 6/12
- Beth Jagger ..... 6/13
- Carolyn Hess ..... 6/14
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## Announcements

### IN MEMORIAM

Central member Roger Zopfi passed away on May 7 after a brave battle with cancer, and he will be greatly missed in our community. In July of 2017, the Session and the Finance and Stewardship Committee created the Zopfi Fund for Necessary Building Improvements, in honor of the decades of service brothers Roger and Bill Zopfi gave to maintaining the physical building of Central. The fund is intended to help cover unexpected building expenses to maintain current operations or address a safety issue, that couldn't be covered in the normal budget.

After Roger passed away last month, memorials made in his honor have been dedicated to the Zopfi fund, so far totaling \$1,265.

### DEVOTIONALS NOW AVAILABLE

The June - September volumes of *These Days* have arrived! *These Days* is a quarterly publication of the Presbyterian Mission Agency featuring daily meditations and devotions written by clergy and lay leaders. Central's Deacons distribute them to our home-visit members and friends, and they are available upon request from Anna Sanchez in the office. To confirm days or times available to pickup, call ahead to (651) 224-4728 ext. 100 or email Anna at [office@centralforgood.org](mailto:office@centralforgood.org).



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A wonderful tradition continued, even if in a very different way. Our end-of-year music picnic was held on Zoom and included a great number of our music folks.

We checked in, shared updates, and did the annual Central Music Mad Lib as we looked forward to rehearsing together again!

Want to see and hear more from our Central musicians?

Remember to visit The Exchange on our website for special musical offerings. And, if you'd like to contribute something, send an email to [jennifera@centralforgood.org](mailto:jennifera@centralforgood.org).