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WELCOME NEW STAFF!



KATIE MORRIS
Child & Youth Ministry
Coordinator

Katie graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School in December of 2018 with her M.Div., and is excited to become part of the Central community. Having grown up in Clemmons, North Carolina, she studied psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill and served as a YAV through the Young Adult Volunteer Program of the PC(USA) after graduating. As a YAV in Nashville, Katie worked at Room In The Inn with people experiencing homelessness and began her interest in Vanderbilt. She has worked with children and youth programs at churches in North Carolina and Nashville, as well as serving on the planning team for the Montreat Middle School Conference through Montreat Conference Center.

Katie is excited to explore the Twin Cities along with her partner, who moved here last year. She loves to sing, strum along on the guitar, and has recently started knitting.



NATALIE PENCE
Nursery Care Provider

Please join us in welcoming our new Nursery Care Provider, Natalie Pence. Natalie is a student at St. Catherine’s where she is currently studying to become a teacher. In the midst of Minnesota’s recent cold snap, Natalie wrote, “I worked at a daycare in my hometown where I learned that I loved working with children. I love the idea of being part of our younger generation’s foundation. I’m far away from my home in Houston Texas, but I’ve learned the people here are warm enough to thaw out those freezing temperatures!”

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Ashley Bair will preach and we will celebrate the sacrament of communion. Central Choir sings with Steve Swanson playing piano.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

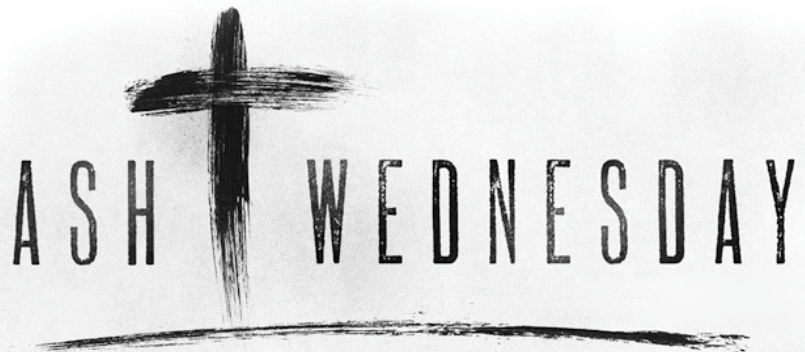
We will begin the season of Lent with two Ash Wednesday services on March 6. We will have a short midday service at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. In the evening, people are invited to a simple dinner at 6:00 p.m., prior to our 7:30 p.m. evening service.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

This winter we have been exploring key stories about Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. On this first Sunday in the season of Lent, we jump back to an early story from Jesus' ministry, the story of his facing temptations in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). The temptations we face can be real and powerful. Central Choir sings. Following worship, Grades 3-8 "Sticks and Steel" rehearsal from Noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Choir Room (See page 7).

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

In Lent, we encounter passages of threat and warning. The foreshadowing of the cross comes heavily through the gospel stories. In



MARCH 6

12:30PM & 7:30PM SERVICES

our passage for today (Luke 13:31-35), Jesus receives a warning that Herod wants to kill him. Yet Jesus does not cower; and his course is set toward Jerusalem. Central Choir sings.

Following worship, all are invited to stay for a Third Sunday Lunch. Grades 3-8 "Sticks and Steel" rehearsal from Noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

If the way be clear, Ashley Bair will be ordained in a 2:00 p.m. service of worship at First Presbyterian Church of Holt at 2021 North Aurelius Road, Holt, MI 48842.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

"But why did this happen?" When confronted with tragedy and violence, one of our first impulses is to seek an explanation, and to try to ease our concerns that something

similar could happen to us. In Luke, Jesus confronts tough questions about tragedies (Luke 13:1-9). Rev. Colby will preach. Central Choir sings with Sharon Kleckner as guest organist. "Sticks and Steel" share in worship with rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. in sanctuary.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Reverend Ashley Bair will preach at Central. Central Choir sings and Ars Nova Brass Quintet will perform in worship.

Education for All Ages 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

Homeless Day on the Hill

March 13, 2019
8:00 AM - 3:00PM

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless

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JOIN US FOR HOMELESS DAY ON THE HILL!

Who: Central members & friends—be a participant or volunteer as a building host.

What: Advocacy training, legislator meetings, and more!

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

8 – 9:00 a.m. - Registration
9 -10:00 a.m. - Advocacy Training
10 – 3:00 p.m. - at the Capitol for legislator meetings

Where:

Registration & Training

Central Presbyterian Church
500 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Advocacy

Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev. Martin Luther King Drive
St. Paul, MN 55101

Registration is free but required!

Register at: <https://conta.cc/2QXJi2N>

Learn more at:
www.facebook.com/mnhomelessco

The Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless (MCH) is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) public-policy and advocacy organization that works to ensure statewide housing stability and economic security.

The mission of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless is to end homelessness in Minnesota, through generating policies, community support and local resources for housing and services.

We achieve our mission and vision through advocacy inside the Capitol, outside the Capitol and in the media. With our partners, MCH

has advocated for state funds to build over 9,000 units of affordable housing, and cultivated over \$270M in legislative wins for housing stability across the state. We've moved upstream to improve economic policy for families in Minnesota living in deep poverty.

Homelessness is declining, but we still have work to do!

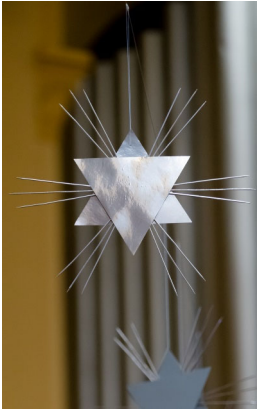
For more information, check out the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless website at www.mnhomelesscoalition.org or www.facebook.com/mnhomelessco or contact Eden Fauré at eden@mnhomelesscoalition.org or 651-645-7332.

To volunteer for the event as a building host at Central, contact Anna Sanchez in the church office.

VOCALPOINT RAISES MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Thanks to the number of generous donations have come in since the benefit concert weekend, VocalPoint has now raised **23,734 to date** for the Walk-In Counseling Center! Thank you to everyone for your commitment to making mental health services available to everyone in our community.





SESSION PASSES NEW MEDIA USE POLICY

As part of the recent rebranding efforts at Central, we have been working to better illustrate the culture and community of Central in our communications, including an increased use of photographs through social media channels.

Photographs of worship activities and our members brings our website and social media to life, providing a window into the vitality and friendliness of the community that gathers at Central each Sunday. Accordingly, as we continue working to grow our congregation, you may see more and more of our staff photographer during worship and other Central activities.

With that in mind, Session has approved the following policy for our member and visitors.

When you enter a worship service at Central Presbyterian Church or a church-sponsored event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. By participating in these events, you consent to photography or video recording being used in Central marketing materials, including but not limited to: websites, social media, newsletters, brochures, advertisements, displays, etc.

Our photographers and staff will aspire to abide by the following:

1. To ensure the privacy of photographed subjects, personal identifying information – beyond the use of full adult names - will not be used in any publications,

videos, displays, websites or social media.

2. We may identify children or youth and if so, by first name only, in any publications, videos, displays, websites or social media.
3. We will not tag anyone in social media posts, but instead allow our congregants, staff and visitors to tag themselves as they see fit on pages sponsored or managed by Central.
4. Subjects of images may receive digital copies of published images at no cost.
5. If copyright for a photo or video is held by someone other than Central Presbyterian Church, we will receive permission to post it and provide credit if desired by the photographer.
6. We will gladly remove any photo or video upon written request from our online websites, social media and resource files.

If you or your children wish to not be photographed or appear in our publications, displays or online media, please do any one of the following:

- Email Christie Rachelle, Director of Communications, at cpc@christierachelle.com, and provide the name of those who should not be photographed and include a photograph of said persons for reference, if possible. Central will use the

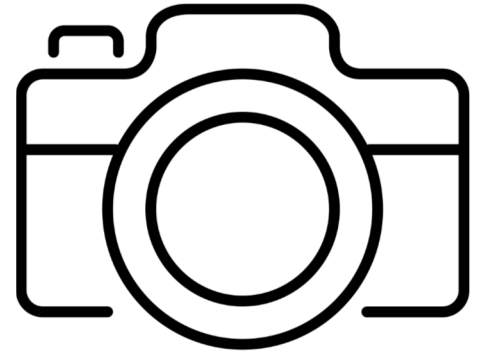


photo for identification purposes only and will hold it in confidence.

- Contact Anna Sanchez, Church Administrator, in the office during normal church hours at office@cpchstpaul.org. She will provide you with the necessary form to ensure we properly document your request.
- Make your wishes known to the photographer in person at the time of photography.
- Complete and submit the revocation form on our website at www.centralforgood.org/photography.
- If circumstances change and you wish to reverse or modify your decision, please speak with the church administrator.

By participating in Central worship or events or by failing to notify Central of your desire to not have your image used, you are agreeing to release Central from any and all claims involving the use of your picture or likeness.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

OPPORTUNITY FOR INVOLVEMENT

Continuing on the work began in the community as part of the Hunger Initiative, the Coordinated Mission Committee has scheduled volunteer opportunities for Central to serve the Saturday lunch meal at Mary Hall several times this year. Our first volunteer date is March 9 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Subsequent dates are Saturdays, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9 in 2019.

Mary Hall is part of Catholic Charities and is located at 438 Dorothy Day Place, St. Paul, MN 55102. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and should wear appropriate closed-toe footwear.

Sign up to volunteer for any identified 2019 date on our website at www.centralforgood.org/volunteer.

We need 8-10 volunteers for each meal service date. If you have questions please contact Sharon Zopfi-Jordan at szj@comcast.net.



STICKS & STEEL

PERCUSSION AND BELL GROUP FOR GRADES 3 - 8

Join us for a fun music experience! Three rehearsals, which are important for students to attend all three.

- March 10: Noon – 12:30 p.m. in Choir Room
- March 17: Noon – 12:30 p.m. in Choir Room (kids should eat 3rd Sunday Lunch first)
- March 24: 10:00 a.m. rehearsal, performance at 10:30 a.m. worship

Please contact the Director of Music, Jennifer Anderson (jennifera@cpcstpaul.org) with questions, or to let her know if your child will be participating.

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A REMINDER TO VISITORS AND CONGREGANTS

Please be mindful and considerate of other people's privacy when photographing at Central for the purpose of sharing on social media. This is especially important when photographing minors. At Central, we want children to feel welcome and safe and we want them to form friendships and relationships. If you are taking photos of someone's child, please take a moment to ask their parents if they are okay with you posting images of them on social media.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Last year we joined forces with the House of Hope Presbyterian Church to offer vacation Bible school. It was deemed a good success with our staff and kids working and having fun together. This year we are expanding the partnership! This summer Central will be partnering with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul to offer a fun vacation bible school experience for the children and youth of Central.

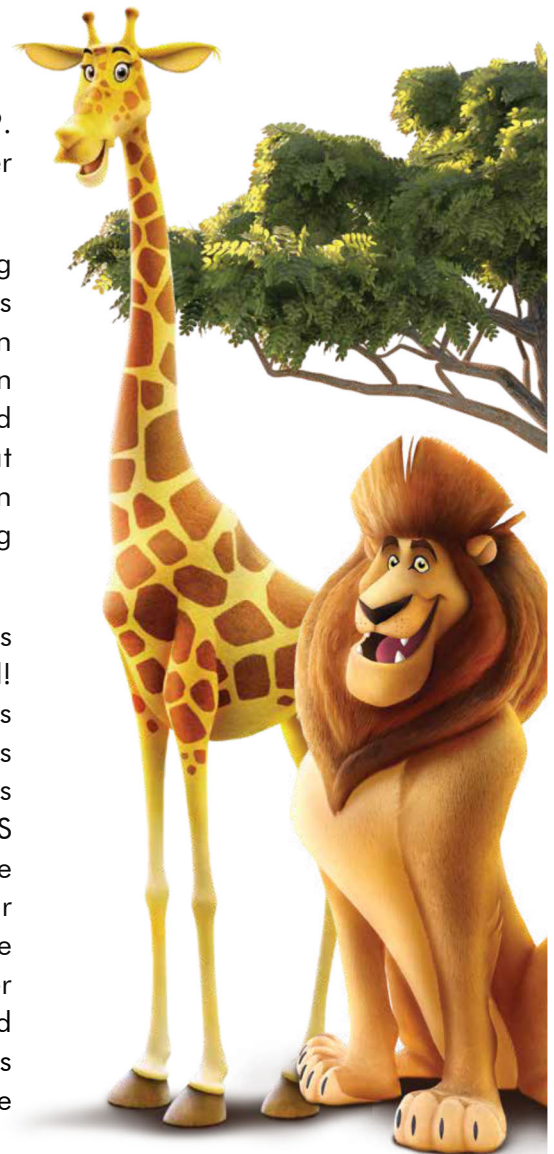
Vacation Bible School will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (700 Snelling Ave S, St Paul, MN 55116) on June 17-21, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 per participant, which includes t-shirts, snacks and materials. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance in order to participate.

The Preschool and Elementary Vacation Bible School program is open to children who are 4-years-old by September 1, 2019, through

Grade 4, completed by June 2019. Online registration opens by Easter (available on their church website).

A joint afternoon program is being considered. We will send updates as soon as we have them. If you plan to participate and would like an afternoon extension for your child please email Rev. Colby at dcolby@cpcstpaul.org so we can send along your preference during the planning period.

ROAR Vacation Bible School is where Life is Wild! God is Good! Children will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Each day at Roar VBS children in small groups will explore different stations to deepen their understanding of the daily Bible point. The children will also gather together for the fun-filled sing and play while collecting Bible Buddies to take home that include the special Bible verse for that day.



PROJECT NEWS FROM THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Check out the new water fountain! Thanks to generous donations from several members, the old water fountain outside the sanctuary on the main floor has been replaced. The new fountain is ADA compliant and has a bottle-fill option. It is located in the hallway outside the elevator on the main level.

If you haven't been upstairs to the lounge in a while take a minute to see the new look. This project began in 2017 with a generous donation from a member. The goal was to refurbish the lounge so that it would be more functional and attractive. We began by replacing the 1970's-era shag carpet and repainting the walls. One side of the children's bathroom next door was remodeled into a small storage closet. The front portion is now furnished with a modular conference table and chairs, that can seat up to 14 and has electrical outlets and USB ports. This area was the perfect setting for the telephone and video interviews conducted during the search for an associate pastor. The second half of the room is now furnished with comfortable furniture intended for informal gatherings. We are very grateful to the many volunteers who helped with this project.

The latest project is to remodel the former copy room to create an office for the new associate pastor. We were excited to find out that this is where the associate pastor's office was located long ago. We hope this will be completed by the end of February. Stay tuned for progress reports and photos.



WOMEN'S NETWORKING GROUP

Join us for our upcoming lineup of Women's Networking Group events for the coming months.



Thursday, March 7
Tongue in Cheek
 989 Payne Ave.
 St. Paul, MN



Wednesday, April 3
Ngon Vietnamese Bistro
 799 University Ave
 W St Paul, MN



Wednesday, May 8
Gray Duck
 345 Wabasha St N
 St Paul, MN

As always, we will meet at church at 5:15 p.m. or you can meet us at the restaurant at 5:30. We will plan to drive to Tongue in Cheek in March as it is too far to walk from church. Please RSVP to Sue Hoffman (syhoffman123@comcast.net) to reserve your spot and let her know if child care is needed.



CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENT

Children and parents are invited to a pool party!

When: Sunday, March 17 (after 3rd Sunday lunch and Sticks & Steel rehearsal)

Where: Kellogg Square Apartments

Hosts: Amaya and Max Colby-Clay and their Grammie, Linda Clay

Bring a swimsuit and towel to church and plan to walk through the skyways after lunch for swimming, fun and good conversations!

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for worship Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. for a beautiful worship presentation by the Central Choir.

Berliner Messe (or Berlin Mass) is a mass setting by Estonian Composer Arvo Pärt. It was first performed at St. Hedwig's

Cathedral in 1990 for the Feast of the Ascension. Pärt uses his tintinnabuli technique throughout, with movements taking many forms within that style - flowing from quietly reverent duets between parts to full chorus proclamations of faith.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK GROUP

Book group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room. The February dates are March 12 and 26. The book selection is the 4th book in the series by Louise Penny called *The Cruellest Month*.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas circle will meet Thursday, March 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Friendship room. Bring your own lunch with coffee to be provided. We are looking at Lesson 6.

MARTHA'S CLOSET SALE

Thursday, March 28 from 11a.m.—2 p.m. Help us clear the racks to make room for spring donations. Great bargains are to be had!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Caitlyn Welch3/2
 William Zopfi3/3
 Barb Westman.....3/3
 Cheryl Williamson3/4
 Bradley Peterson.....3/5
 Andrei Kelly-Kennedy.....3/8
 Marilyn Gjerde3/9
 David Fisher.....3/9
 Amy Adams.....3/9
 Laura Henry3/10
 Farie Hogue3/10
 Linda Clay3/14
 Sally Mortenson.....3/14
 Stephanie Geisler3/15
 Alexis Linner.....3/15
 Gracyn Jagger3/16
 Larry Larson3/17

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of Central Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 in the sanctuary immediately following worship.

The annual meeting may consider such business as electing officers, hearing reports of the session along with plans for the coming year, hearing reports from the board of deacons and other organizations of the church, and transacting other business as appropriate. It shall review the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor upon report of the prior review by session.

Gloriana Wolf 3/18
 Cora Jones 3/18
 Jeffery Linner..... 3/18
 Abe Smith 3/19
 Paula Cooley 3/21
 Grace Toikka 3/22
 Derek Peterson..... 3/25
 Mary Rose Lee..... 3/26
 Annie Siebell 3/28
 April Greibrok 3/29

If we missed your name, please send us a note so that we can correct our records.
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CENTRAL IS *in the city for good!*

Thanks in part to Central's financial contribution towards a new cargo van and a partnership with iHelp Market Square, every Thursday the dining room at Central Towers transforms into a market square where residents can shop for fresh groceries, free of charge, from the comfort of their own homes. See first hand this program in action by watching this youtube video:

<https://youtu.be/w5kleafdhYk>

