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SHARING IN THE VIEW

[BY REV. DAVID COLBY]

We are on the cusp of an exciting new time at Central!

We have been preparing for this moment for a long time; some would say fifteen years of hard work has brought us to this point. Like someone preparing for her first hang gliding experiencing, we have been preparing. Some have such a fear of heights that they remain earthbound, unable to take risks. But those who wish to see, to soar, to fly, must climb to the top and walk to the edge. They will double check safety gear, take a deep breath, and launch.

And we believe that the hard work in recent years, combined with steady stewardship of generosity, has put us in a unique position.

We have stabilized our endowment after receiving a large financial gift a few years ago. Instead of socking that money away for a rainy day, we prayed and dreamed and wondered what God wanted from us. We set goals and priorities, we made decisions about where to invest in new staff and enhanced hours from current staff. Previous generosity, combined with investing in our mission and ministry capacity, have brought us this opportunity to soar.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

As we observe All Saints, we will remember those who have died in the past year by name.

Loved ones are invited to bring pictures and objects of those who have died, which will be placed by the pulpit. We will celebrate communion and Rev. Colby will preach.

The Central Choir sings special music as we honor and remember on this All Saints Day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The prophet Isaiah provides a memorable image, that "those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). November 10 is a day to celebrate the work we have been doing together and give thanks for we know it is Time to Soar! On this Stewardship Sunday, we will hear and see how Central has been preparing for this very moment, and the opportunities we have before us. It is a day to dedicate gifts and pledges and also a day to dedicate people.

Music will feature a new anthem by our composer-in-residence Abbie Betinis, sung by the Central Choir.

Following worship, there will be a congregational meeting. (To learn more, see page 6.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Rev. Ashley Bair will preach on Luke 21:5-19. An apocalyptic text in which Jesus offers his followers instructions on how to witness in the midst of persecution. Music in worship features our Central Choir as well as our Sticks & Steel II Youth Percussion ensemble.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday. Unusual in that it is not a religious holiday, yet the sentiment of giving thanks is deeply spiritual. In worship this day, we will gather to give thanks, and offer prayers, and sing hymns. Rev. Colby will preach.

The Central Choir sings and bells ring in worship. After worship, stay for the artist reception for Mark Cosimini whose work is currently on display in the Friendship Room.

Exchange Gathering Time 9:15 a.m.

Education for All Ages 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

PAGEANT REHEARSALS BEGIN!

Central has a tradition of putting on a Christmas pageant in worship during Advent, December 15 this year. Each year the pageant is a little different, and usually involves a slight twist on the nativity story, so stay tuned for more details!

Rehearsals for the pageant will be mostly during the Sunday school hour starting November 24. There

will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 14 during the morning of our *Deck the Halls* Saturday. There are opportunities for children and youth to have speaking and non-speaking roles, as well as for adult support throughout the rehearsal process. If you have questions or would like to be involved, please contact Katie Morris, katiem@cpstpaul.org.

DECK THE HALLS AT CENTRAL

Come one, come all for Central's Deck the Halls celebration! On Saturday December 14, there will be activities for everyone! Read on for information about the schedule and activity options. See you there!

PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Children in the Christmas Pageant will gather in the sanctuary for a final dress rehearsal starting at **9:30 a.m.** We would love 4 or 5 parent volunteers to help with costumes as well as help groups move to their places as we walk through the play.

BRUNCH

Please join us in the dining room at **9:45 a.m.** for greetings and punch; then at 10:00 we will have a wonderful meal, prepared by our amazing chefs and sponsored by the Women of Central. Kids will join us after their rehearsal. At 10:30, we will all share in a carol sing with Wendy Flinner.

Brunch tickets will be available on Sundays, December 1 and 8 after worship and also at the door on December 14. Ticket prices are:

- Adults - \$5.00
- Children under 12 - FREE

Mitten Tree - During brunch, we will collect mittens, hats, scarves and socks for our annual sharing tree. In the past, these items have been given to The Family Place. We are currently in the process of determining the 2019 beneficiary.

DECORATING

Beginning at **11:15 a.m.**, we need lots of volunteers to hang greenery outside, garlands and bows on the balcony railing, poinsettias placed and swags hung in the sanctuary, trees and crèche set up in the Friendship Room and the lower entry, and of course decorating the tree.

To sign up as a volunteer, go to www.centralforgood.org/volunteer. This is a great way to get to know people in our congregation and to have fun creating the holiday setting at Central!

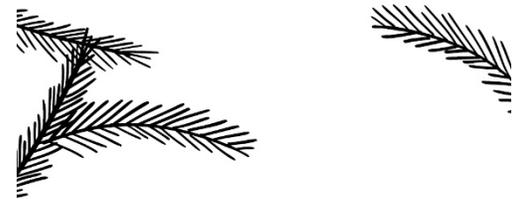
During decorating, we invite children to join Katie Morris upstairs where we will have materials to decorate the upper level of the church!

CHILD CARE

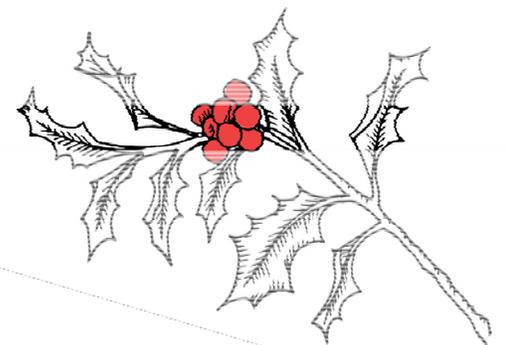
To those with young children who want to participate in the day's activities, daycare will be available in the nursery beginning at 9:30 a.m. and running until 1:30 p.m. when decorating concludes.

FOR MORE INFO

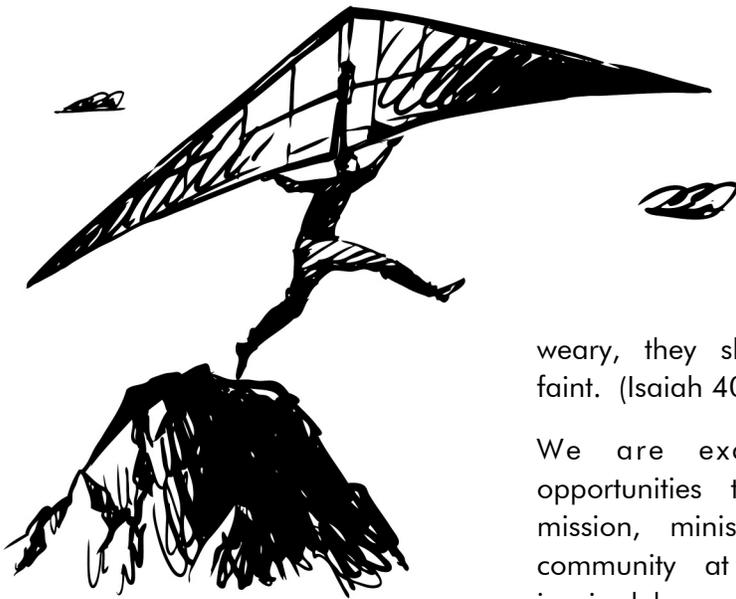
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JOIN US FOR SOME
TINSEL-TIME FUN!



TIME TO SOAR [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1]



Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be

weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

We are excited about the opportunities to be involved in mission, ministry and a caring community at Central. We are inspired by preaching and prayers and great music. We are seeing a community emerge that is inclusive and diverse. We are looking forward to that continuing in 2020. We hope you will share in our excitement, and help make the future possible. Please give prayerful thought to what you can do to provide the materials that will make our flight possible.

Here are things that you can do:

- Make a financial gift to Central today (Central can accept gifts

by checks, cash, and credit cards through the website at www.centralforgood.org/give)

- Plan to make a year-end gift. Many people give to Central in December, and we are grateful for this intentional generosity.
- Make a pledge to support the church in 2020.
- Pray for Central's mission and ministry.
- Get involved. There are so many ways to serve and volunteer at Central, especially during the month of November.

We hope that you will join us on Sunday, November 10. We will dedicate pledge cards on that day, or you can mail them to the church office before or after that date. You can also email a pledge to office@cpcstpaul.org.

We believe that it is time to soar. Join us for what promises to be the ride of a lifetime.



WAYS TO GIVE (RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE)

- _____ Please provide me a box of weekly offering envelopes.
- _____ I want to pay monthly by direct bank transfer. (Download form at www.centralforgood.org/give)
- _____ Please call me about donating stock or other investments.
- _____ I want to make a donation by credit card or PayPal. (Go to www.centralforgood.org/give)
- _____ I would like to make a special year-end gift of \$_____.



My Stewardship Pledge for 2020 is \$ _____ / week, month, year (circle one)

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

POP UP CLASSICAL RETURNS

VOCES8 Scholars are coming to Minnesota! The British vocal ensemble VOCES8 is proud to inspire people through music and share the joy of singing. The ensemble is delighted to have established The VOCES8 Scholars. First set-up in 2015, the VOCES8 Scholars program exists as a training opportunity for eight talented young singers, who have a particular interest in choral and small ensemble singing.

Come and hear some of the best young singers from across the pond!

When? November 13 - 12:30 p.m.

Where? Central's Sanctuary

This free concert is co-hosted by Minnesota Public Radio and is open to the public. Come for our usual Wednesday Community Lunch then stay for the music!



A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE CENTRAL CHOIR!

The Central Choir invites you to join us for one of the most beautiful services of the year: our *Nine Lessons and Carols* service. This wonderful worship service incorporates readings from holy scripture as well as modern-day prophets, music written by a variety of composers including several from Minnesota, and ensembles such as our Central Choir, the Chamber Ensemble, the Bell Ensemble, and guest musicians. This year, we are inviting both adults AND teens who would like to sing this challenging and rewarding music

to join us for rehearsals. We will also reprise a song or two at the Schubert Club's *Songs for the Season* concert on December 19.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:15 p.m. There is no rehearsal on Wednesday, Nov. 27, but they resume again on Dec. 4. If you are interested in participating, please reserve your place so that we can have music ready for you by contacting Jennifer Anderson (jennifera@cpcstpaul.org) by Sunday, November 17.

MUSIC NEWS

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH

Sticks & Steel II: A youth percussion ensemble for middle school and high school age students.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3 from 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Sunday, November 10 from 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary; play in worship at 10:30 a.m.

If your child is interested in participating, please let Director of Music Ministry Jennifer Anderson know at jennifera@cpcstpaul.org.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

VocalPoint auditions will be held Sunday, November 10 and Thursday, November 14. Please visit our website for the material that you will need to prepare and to sign up for an audition slot.

www.vocalpointchorus.org

Please note that we have very few openings this year for soprano or alto singers.



CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting to elect officers will be held Sunday, November 10 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All active members of the Central congregation are eligible to vote and be considered for office. A slate of nominees for vacant positions on the Session and Board of Deacons will be presented by the Nominating Committee, as well as nominations for next year's Nominating Committee member-at-large positions. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting.

Following you will find information on the nominees currently on the table to be presented by the 2019 Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee consists of elders Stu Siebell and Carl Willis, deacon Craig Muntiferring, Rev. Ashley Bair (ex-officio), Rev. David Colby (ex-officio), and members-at-large Wendy Flinner and Mel Leach.

It is pleased to present the following slate of nominees to be voted upon at the meeting of the congregation. We are grateful to the following people for agreeing to serve if elected, and eager to see them use their talents and faith for the service of God through this church.

FOR SESSION: CLASS OF 2022

KIERA FAYE is a filmmaker living in the heart of Downtown St Paul. She grew up in rural Minnesota and moved to St. Paul with her husband in 2016 after 8 years in Orange County, California. She loves the opportunities that Central offers to put faith into action, including volunteering with Project Home in November. Kiera was a participant on the mission trip to Puerto Rico last year and served on the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. She is currently serving on session and is excited to take part in the next

chapter in the life of Central and its mission in the downtown community where she lives.

DENNY REIMER married Maureen Smith in a ceremony at Central September 15, 2012. They dated 34 years ago and at the time were both Presbyterian elders. Denny lived for 37 years in Le Sueur, where he worked for a company that made veterinary drugs and was a captain with the Le Sueur Ambulance Service. At Central he currently serves on session and is chair of the Worship, Music and Arts Committee. Denny has been active on the Coordinated Mission Committee, Refugee Task Force, and Alternative Gift Market.

CHRIS SMITH is a retired registered nurse. She and her husband, Kelly, found Central while exploring the downtown area after they moved to St. Paul three years ago. Chris enjoys reading, dabbling in a few crafts and traveling, including visits to



Kiera Faye



Denny Reimer



Vinai Vinlander



Linda Berglund

the North Shore and to see their three adult children who are scattered around the Midwest.

VINAI VINLANDER was born in Paterson, New Jersey and spent his childhood in northern Thailand and a New York City suburb. He received a bachelor's degree in marketing and information systems with a minor in earth and environmental science from New York University. Vinai earned his law degree (J.D.) from the University of Wisconsin Law School and holds a master of law (LL.M) in environmental and natural resources law from Lewis & Clark Law School. After practicing law in the private sector for nearly a decade in New York, he transitioned to the public sector and currently serves as a supervisory attorney-adviser for a federal agency in downtown Saint Paul. Vinai joined Central in December 2018, following his relocation from Jackson, Mississippi. He currently resides in Lowertown. Vinai is an avid reader



Soloman Haile

of non-fictions and enjoys running downtown and along the river when the weather is not too cold.

FOR DEACONS : CLASS OF 2022

LINDA BERGLUND hails from Cumberland, WI and holds a BFA in Theater, Film and Art from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She is passionate about telling stories, creating and constantly examining the human experience and life in general. Linda spent several years in Los Angeles where she worked on several short film projects, and prior to moving back to the Midwest, spent some time in Shreveport, Louisiana. She has survived abuse and assault and seeks to be a beacon of hope for others experiencing similar issues. Her hobbies include reading, writing, drawing, painting, walking and seeking wisdom. Orange is generally her favorite color and she is INFJ.



Todd Mikish

TODD MIKISH grew up in the north suburbs and was heavily involved in sports and the community. He studied law enforcement at St. Cloud University and spent several years with Elk River and Blaine police departments. Todd currently works at California Closets. Todd loves his work and enjoys the outdoors. He moved to Burnsville a couple of years ago. Todd loves spending time with his family and son Michael (18). He found Central through his fiancée, Christie Rachelle. They have a December wedding planned at Central. Todd was part of the mission trip to Puerto Rico.

MARK VANCE is a retired resident of Shoreview MN. He and his wife, Mary Kay, have two daughters and three grandchildren. Mark enjoys interacting with people. In reflecting on his role as a deacon, Mark says he enjoys getting to meet new people who have often been members of Central for many years. When

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NOMINATIONS [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7]

listening to their fascinating stories of past events in the life of the church, he finds it rewarding to help people know they have not been forgotten. Mark was part of the mission trip to Puerto Rico.

**FOR DEACONS :
CLASS OF 2021**

(replacements for two resignations)

SOLOMON HAILE came to America over 30 years ago from the African country of Eritrea (borders Ethiopia). He joined Central earlier this year and is a former Dayton Avenue Presbyterian member where he served as a deacon. Solomon worked for many years with electrical circuits at Honeywell and Guidant/Boston Scientific. He retired several years ago and now works part-time as a parking attendant in downtown Minneapolis. Solomon remarried in Eritrea after his first wife, Shirley, unexpectedly passed away in 2012. Tsega will join him as soon as her visa process is finalized.

LAURA HUTTON started her church life at the University Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and served as an elder there. She was an active member and served three terms as deacon at Dayton Avenue Presbyterian. Laura specifically chose to be a deacon while the church was ending as a faith community so she could support and comfort members during the transition time. She finds Central to be very friendly and welcoming, as well as sharing values in social justice and inclusivity which are important to her. Laura lives in the Battle Creek area of Saint Paul with her husband Terry and one-year-old Standard Schnauzer, Sadie. She is retired from the Minnesota Department of Health. Laura enjoys walking her dog, theater, music and discussing different points of views with people. She has a strong interest in connecting with and caring for church members and is looking forward to serving as a deacon at

Central Presbyterian Church.

**FOR DEACONS :
CLASS OF 2020**

(replacement for one resignation)

LEON OMAN came to Central earlier this year from Dayton Avenue Presbyterian, where he and his wife, Elaine, were longtime members. He served as deacon there and was involved in social justice issues. They have been married over 47 years and live in the Merriam Park neighborhood of St. Paul. The Omans have two adult children, a son who lives in South Minneapolis and a daughter who lives in Chicago. They also have a 15+ year old beagle. Leon is retired after a 28+ year career as a community education administrator with the Minneapolis Public Schools, involved in both adult education and youth programming. While still doing community education work, mostly with 55+ programs, he enjoys



Mark Vance

Chris Smith

Laura Hutton

Leon Oman

volunteering at the Rice Street Food Shelf and also doing Medicare related insurance counseling for the Senior Linkage Line.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2020

(for Members-at-Large)

MEL LEACH and his wife, Fluryanne, moved back to Minnesota in November 2013 and became members at Central in the Spring of 2014. They live in Inver Grove Heights and are enjoying retirement with their Newfoundland, Orson. Prior to joining Central, Mel served as an elder and chair of a pastor nominating committee. He currently serves on Central's 2019 Nominating Committee. Mel is a regular worship leader and has preached two sermons in David's absence.

MARY MILLER joined Central in 1981. Her younger children were baptized at Central, and all were confirmed here. A son and daughter

-in-law and grandchildren are in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and she treasures visits with them, as well as with her son in Madison, Wisconsin. Mary is on the Coordinated Missions Committee and she was part of the mission trip to Puerto Rico. She served a number of terms as clerk of session for Central and has been a commissioner to presbytery, as well as sitting on presbytery committees. Her legal career involved working for the State Department of Labor & Industry for 32 years. Prior to that, Mary taught secondary English for four years. Now retired, she volunteers at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Tubman Family Services, East Side Freedom Library, St. Paul Monastery, and Central. Mary serves on several boards. Playing bridge in several clubs along with reading and writing are also favorite activities. Her partner Bob and their cat, Jesse James, reside on the Eastside of St. Paul.



Mel Leach



Mary Miller

WHAT DOES GOD LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

LOVE?

LIGHT?

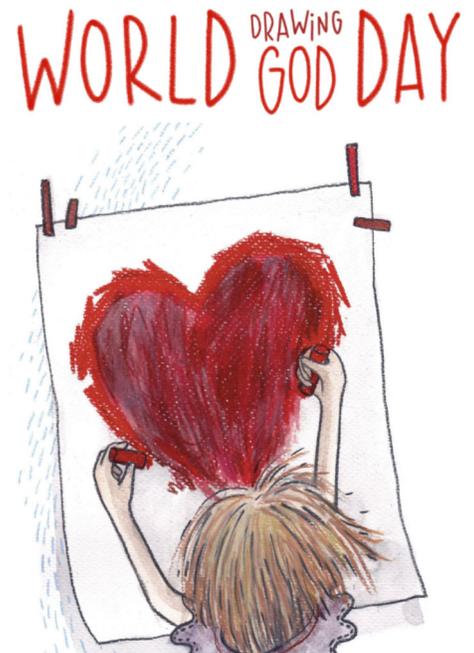
BREAD?

PRAYER?

SOMETHING ELSE?

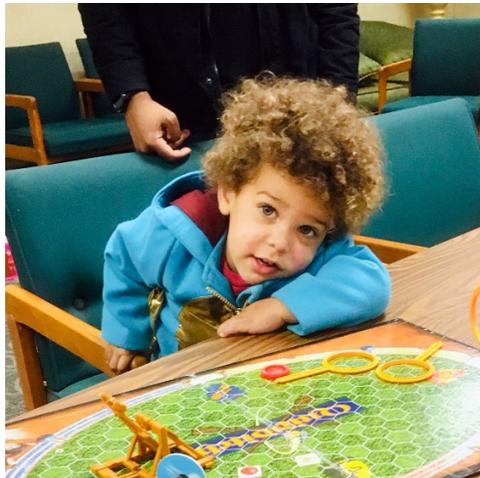
November 7 is *Drawing God Day*, so get out some materials and create something that shows what God looks like in your life! We all see God differently and in different ways in our lives, and sharing that with one another can be so meaningful and eye-opening.

Share your drawing on Central's Facebook page on November 7 at facebook.com/centralforgood.



FALL FAMILY RETREAT

This year, 30 people joined us for the annual family retreat at Koinonia Retreat Center in early October. We shared meals, prepared for cabaret by learning songs and making marionettes, played all sorts of games, and worshipped together. The weather may not have fully cooperated, but it was a grand time. Thanks to all who joined us!





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WOMEN OF CENTRAL NEWS

NETWORKING GROUP

Join us for our next informal gathering as we talk, share stories and delicious food!



Tues, Nov. 12
Birch's Lowertown
289 5th St East
St Paul, MN

Please RSVP if you can attend. You can do so on Central's website at www.centralforgood.org/women, Central's Facebook page where events are posted, or by contacting coordinator Sue Hoffman at syhoffman123@comcast.net. You can meet at church at 5:15 p.m. to walk or car pool to the restaurant, or meet us directly at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will not meet in December. In January, we will begin the year with a potluck, at the home of Sandy White. In 2020, we are planning to hold our networking group on the first Tuesday each month. So, mark your calendars now!

KNITTING GROUP

Starting in November, we are making a permanent shift in the date of our group meetings. Come join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month (November 10) to knit and connect with one another. We meet in the Oval Room after gathering in the Friendship Room for a quick cup of coffee.

We have yarn, needles, help for

beginning knitters, great conversation and companionship.

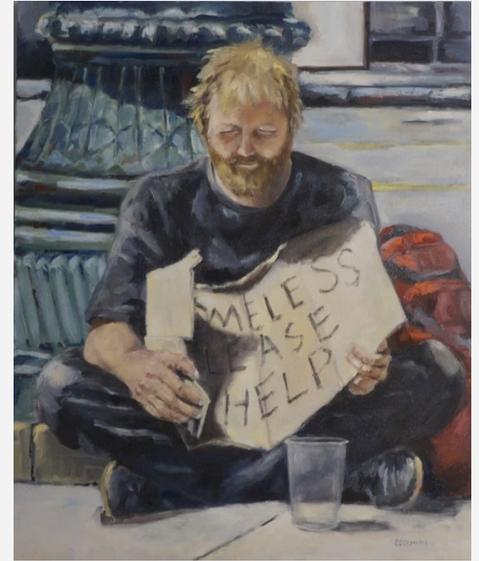
This year Central knitters will try something different. We will be knitting scarves. Just think how splendid garlands of scarves will look on our mitten tree on December 14th! We encourage you, and especially beginning knitters, to make children's scarves. They are just an extension of Prayer Pockets. All you do is just make them longer! Of course, we also welcome your mittens and hats for the Mitten Tree!

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Maggie Gordon at margaretagordon@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT MARY HALL

This month will be the last opportunity in 2019 for Central members to serve at Mary Hall and we hope you will join us in serving lunch to those in need. Our volunteer team is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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. We need 8-10 volunteers this day.

If you would like to participate, please sign up online at www.centralforgood.org/volunteer. If you have questions please contact Sharon Zopfi-Jordan at szj@comcast.net.



ARTIST RECEPTION

Join us Sunday, November 24 after worship for an artist reception for Mark Cosimini. Mark's oil and acrylic paintings are currently on display in the Friendship Room through the month of November.

He is currently sharing with Central two conceptual series: Social Landscapes and Altar Pieces. The Social Landscapes series of paintings focuses on the homeless and others less fortunate in society. The Altar Pieces are semi-abstract studies of portions of the interiors of churches.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

On October 12, twelve women from Central drove to Kasson, MN for the Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Presbytery. These gatherings happen twice each year and are an opportunity to learn about topics of importance to Presbyterian Women's related to our emphasis on mission, justice and peace. Women from across the Presbytery come together to learn and share fellowship with one another at these gatherings.

This fall's gathering began a broader discussion on topic of immigration, which is a highly emotional and heart-wrenching topic. It is also complex, with many agencies having involvement in the process, making it difficult to sort out all of the pieces. We heard from a speaker who works in Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who gave us

information on their role and responsibility. In addition, we heard firsthand from a gentleman who spent time providing aid at the southern border recently. We also shared a worship service, lunch and then time in small groups discussing how we can be helpful to people in need and impact change. The offering that was collected was to support the work of Angry Tias and Abuelas of the Rio Grande Valley, a group founded by 8 women whose mission is to provide basic necessities for health and safety, and support for human dignity and justice, to individuals and families seeking asylum at our borders, and as they embark on their journeys to designated destinations in the US. Some may be familiar with Paula Sanders, a Presbyterian Minister from our Presbytery. Paula has

recently relocated to the McAllen, TX area to join this ministry.

As PW-PTCA women, we want to learn about how we can support people in need through humanitarian efforts in a very challenging environment. Conversation and learning about how we can be more impactful will continue at the Spring 2020 Gathering, which will be held at Central on April 25, 2020.

At the Fall Gathering, we had the opportunity to talk with women from across the Presbytery, who are doing good work in our communities and our world, supporting justice, peace and humanitarian efforts. We rekindled relationships and developed new ones.

It was an inspiring day.

THANK OFFERING [NOVEMBER 17]

During the 3rd Sunday Lunch in November, you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. This offering began in 1888, and provides financial assistance to mission projects regionally, nationally and around the world. Presbyterian Women USA manage the offering so that 100% of your donations go directly to the projects.

To be considered for a Thank Offering grant, projects must have a clearly defined purpose that

meets basic human needs and be a creative project less than three years old, or an existing project moving in a new direction. The Thank Offering bylaws require that 40% of the projects that receive grants are related to health ministries.

Grants provide access to food and water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, promote health, and improve the lives of women, children and men throughout the world. In 2019— thanks to your generous giving in 2018 - 18 projects (12 national and

6 international) received grants.

Central has been so generous in our support of the Thank Offering. Join us on November 17th for good food and fellowship, and to support new projects via the 131st Thank Offering!

You may also donate online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give. If you choose to make an online donation, please indicate that you are affiliated with Central.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE

Very soon, Central will be opening its doors to homeless families as part of our annual Project Home. As of the printing of this newsletter, there are still many volunteer spots to be filled, especially for overnight hosts. We are hoping as you read this, you will feel that sense of urgency to step up and serve our community in this important way.

During the month of November, Central will serve as a homeless shelter for 20 people, offering meals, hospitality, and compassion. To make this happen, we rely on volunteers to serve as hosts each night during this month-long program.

OVERNIGHT HOSTS STILL MANY SPOTS TO FILL!

This is an easy position to fill with the work-shift from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. (weekdays) or 9:30 a.m. (weekends). Overnight hosts assist to ensure everyone is settled for the night, then sleep in a separate room

where beds are provided. In the morning, overnight hosts put out a simple breakfast (plus clean it up) and assist the Project Home staffers in seeing families off for school, work, or other activities. Your presence is to answer any questions that may come up during the night. However, most families will be with Central for the entire month and will know the routine.

MOVE-IN & MOVE-OUT SHIFTS
Work alongside staff members from Central and Project Home to do some behind-the-scenes work necessary for making Central a welcoming space for families to spend the night. Shifts are Friday, November 1 (9:00 a.m.), and Monday, December 2 (7:30 a.m.) and last about 2 hours.

EVENING HOSTS SHIFTS STILL AVAILABLE!

The work-shift is from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. The evening hosts meet up with Project Home staff members to



welcome and assist our guests, read and play with children, converse with parents, and serve snacks.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Sign up today! To see the schedule and reserve a spot, go to www.centralforgood.org/volunteer and follow the link for Project Home.

If you have any questions about the positions, schedule or signing up, please contact Anna Sanchez at office@cpstpaul.org or call (651) 224-4728 ext. 100.

FUN AND GAMES

Some people had an idea that it would be a lot of fun to invite young and old alike to an intergenerational event where the sole purpose is fun and games and getting to know others.

So, following the Thank Luncheon (see page 13) on November 17, all are invited to stay at church for

an early afternoon of games. Why? Well, games are fun!

While playing games together, we use our creativity and intelligence and personalities. And playing games helps us get to know others as well. There will be a variety of games to play and a puzzle for people to work on together.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet November 14 at 11:30 in the Friendship Room. Bring your own lunch, coffee will be provided. We will be looking at lesson 2.

BOOK GROUP

This group is no longer meeting. If you are interested in being a part of a group please contact Anna Sanchez in the office at office@cpstpaul.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study will have a two-part series with Rev. Ashley Bair on November 10 and 17 focusing on homelessness in Saint Paul.

OFFICE CLOSED

In recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Central office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Leslie Bergman..... 11/1
 Avis Tilden 11/3
 Nancy MacDonald..... 11/4
 Stevana Ndumbe..... 11/4
 Amy Linner..... 11/8
 Wendy Neuman 11/8
 Waverly Bergman 11/11
 Del Case..... 11/12
 Mark Juffer..... 11/15
 Jackie Klaehn 11/19
 Lucille Ferguson 11/20

ELECTION DAY

On election day (November 5) with Central serving as an election polling site, neighbors will stream in and through our building to vote. It is a great way to make connections and use our facility to strengthen the neighborhood connections and civic participation. This year, despite being a non-presidential election year, we do anticipate a high count of voters in response to a referendum regarding trash collection in Saint Paul. Thank you to the election officials and volunteers – and if you are here to vote, we hope you will say hello!

PRESBYTERIANS FOR EARTH CARE

On November 9 at 10:00 a.m., members of the Twin Cities area Presbyterians for Earth Care chapter will gather with Rev. Ashley Bair at Central to discuss upcoming events and levels of environmental action where churches can get involved.

Deborah Fonkert 11/21
 David Colby 11/22
 Chandy John..... 11/23
 Lisa Kelly..... 11/25
 Connie Taylor 11/27

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

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On September 29, Central welcomed several new members from the Dayton Avenue congregation. Pick up the December newsletter to learn more about them and join us in welcoming them all to Central.

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