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CENTRAL AWARDED GRANT

\$20,000 GRANT WILL ALLOW MUSIC MINISTRY TO GROW WITH NEW ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAMS

[BY JENNIFER ANDERSON,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY]

I'm so thrilled to let the congregation know that we have received a grant for us to expand our music ministry here at Central (and around the larger Presbytery.)

Following is a shortened version of the grant that we submitted. Stay tuned for how we will put this amazing gift into concrete action in the coming months! Looking forward to our musical future together!

Singing More Stories

**MUSIC OF AFRICAN AMERICANS
IN THE GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL**

Our Ministry Initiative is to bring African American Artists-in-Residence onto the Central staff who would teach, engage, and lead music (specifically from the *Glory to God Hymnal*, as well as some supplemental resources) during worship as well as during workshops open to the Presbytery.

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CENTRAL
IN THE CITY FOR GOOD

UPCOMING WORSHIP

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.
IN-PERSON OR ONLINE
FOR LIVE-STREAMED SERVICES.**

Sunday, November 7

RUTH 3:1-5, 13-17

MARK 12:41-44

Rev. Carol Reed will preach "God Will Provide." Music will be shared with the Central Choir and the Handbell Ensemble.

Sunday, November 14

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

FIRST SAMUEL 1:4-20

MATTHEW 5:25-29

Rev. Carol Reed will preach "The Faithfulness of God." Central Choir will sing in worship, including a special hymn written just for Central by Abbie Betinis called "Central for Good".

Sunday, November 21

PSALM 93 | REVELATION 1:4B-8

JOHN 18:33-37

Rev. Carol Reed will preach "The Alpha and the Omega." This week Ivory Doublette is back, along with the Central Choir!

Ivory has been a professional performing artist for the past 14 years. Locally, Ivory has performed with Penumbra Theatre, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, Theatre Latté Da and many others. She and her family perform as a Gospel quartet called SeVy (Say-v). Ivory has also

performed with other musical groups such as the Soul Tight Committee Band and kid favorite, The Bazillions. Ivory Doublette began teaching at MacPhail in 2015, and works as a vocalist in the Sing, Play, Learn! with MacPhail® and School Partnerships programs.



Additionally, Ivory has been a teaching artist with Children's Theatre Company, Stages Theater, Ordway Center for the Arts and Billingsley School of Music and Art. She holds a BA in Theater Arts from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities.

Sunday, November 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

FIRST THESSALONIANS 3:8-13

As the Advent journey begins, Rev. Carol Reed will speak of "Moving Towards Hope."

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TAKING TIME FOR STEWARDHIP

What do you think of when you see the word stewardship?

Most people who have spent any time around a church may think it is all about money and paying the bills.

The Bible tells us that stewardship is much more than how much money we give.

Stewardship is . . .

- How we spend our resources, including time and money.
- How we use our individual talents and gifts.
- How we manage our relationships.
- How we care for our bodies.
- How we care for the environment.
- How we live our faith.

Stewardship is everything we do after we say, "I believe."

Stewardship is what we each bring to help build the body of Christ. It is our unique offering of our time, talent, and treasure.

This has been a difficult year for everyone, but the church has continued to meet for weekly worship – albeit in a different format part of the time. The church has continued to serve as the body of Christ in downtown St. Paul, in the community, and in the world. We have even found ways to be in fellowship and in study together.

The church has learned to move outside the walls of the building on Cedar Street, and God has been with us through it all. Stewardship means responding to God's

presence and blessings in the past year with an eye towards how God will continue to bless us in the year ahead.

We are hearing in worship from church members with stewardship moments for mission. Watch your mail for a letter and a pledge card. (Or simply cut out and return the pledge card shown at the bottom of this page.)

The stewardship pledges we receive allow us to plan financially for the coming year, to maintain a balanced annual budget, and to know where we can grow our ministry. We encourage all to pledge as a commitment for Central to remain *in the city for good*.

Stewardship dedication with the receiving of pledge cards will begin on Sunday, November 14.



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)
- _____ would like to make a special year-end gift of \$_____.

My Stewardship Pledge for 2022 is \$_____ per week, month, year (circle one)

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

FACILITIES UPDATE

[BY CARL WILLIS, CHAIR
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & RISK
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE]

Building security has been a major focus over the past several months, and as a result, extensive security upgrades to Central's building and grounds will begin later this year.

The upgrades include the addition of an iron security gate between our building and the Church of St Louis and replacement of the existing gates between our building and the Pointe Condominiums with taller gates. This will essentially secure most of the north and east sides of our property. Design approval has already been received from the City of Saint Paul Heritage Preservation staff.

Other upgrades include replacing and adding interior and exterior security cameras and replacing, re-keying, and adding locks, including the addition of panic bar locks where required by city code. This will allow us to lock areas of the building interior when they are not in use.

Additionally, several sections of rubber membrane on various parts of the roof have reached the end of their useful life and will be replaced next summer.

Total cost of these upgrades will be approximately \$250,000. Session recently approved taking a loan against our current investments to pay for the upgrades, while keeping the annual budget impact minimal.

Finally, work on the front of the building is nearing completion with restoration of most of the windows and stonework.

If you wish to learn more about these changes or other areas of facilities management, please speak with Carl Willis or contact the office.



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NURTURING OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

[BY LAURA WALLS, CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR]

Children are a special and dear part of the congregation at Central! Their voices, ENERGY, honest questions, and sense of wonder bring joy and hope to all of us. They're precious in the eyes of God (Mt 18:10) and according to Jesus, they actually teach us how to receive the Kingdom of God (Lk 18:17). Isn't that amazing?!

As we launch into this new season at Central, we want to celebrate and support our kids and families. Key to this is providing kids programming that protects kids' health while also giving them fun, welcoming Sunday School classes. We want all kids at Central to be safe, known, and loved!

Want to help with this? We're looking for volunteers! Here are some possibilities:

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

- Spend time with kids from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
- "Shepherd" children as they play, listen to stories, and work on crafts.
- Commit to 2-3 Sundays per month.
- Curriculum and support provided.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

- Cuddle babies and play with toddlers during Sunday School and worship service.

CREATIVE TYPES

- Help with crafts, bulletin boards,

pageant planning, or room decorating.

STORYTELLERS

- Share Bible stories with our Sunday School classes!

These are just a few of the possible ways that you can use your talents and gifts to support our kids and families. Sign up here for more

information: <https://bit.ly/central-kids-volunteer>

Want to share more ideas or ask questions? Please contact Laura Walls, Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator at (651) 224-4728, ext. 109, or drop an email to lauraw@centralforgood.org. Thank you!



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Music so often plays a vital role in many communities; Central church is no exception. We are a congregation that loves to sing together as a form of praise and prayer. As such, the motivating factors for this grant proposal are:

First, we have been singing from the *Glory to God Hymnal* for several years, and yet we know there is more music to engage with, specifically music of African Americans. We currently have no music staff who are African American and our current staff lack specific experience in Black sacred music.

Second, two years ago, the congregation of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church joined us, bringing their talents and faithful commitment to the work of the church. We have been blessed! They have expressed that they miss singing African American musical styles as they had at DAPC.

Third, while it is not new, this last year has brought even clearer focus for those of us who identify as white as to who is being left out of conversations and whose voices are being excluded. While Central's membership is currently primarily white, we know that we would be a richer congregation if we, with authenticity and integrity, included more diverse and under-represented people's voices. We also feel that the church will grow if we include more styles of music in worship. Our church is located in a diverse part of our city, and we boldly proclaim that we are "in the city for good." Broadening our worship to

include music that speaks to more people would help us more fully live into that mission.

THE SPECIFICS OF THE INITIATIVE ARE:

- We will contract with musicians who have specific experience in leading music of and by African Americans for approximately one year.
- These Artists-in-Residence (most likely a song leader, set player, keyboardist, and perhaps bass or guitar player) would lead the congregational music on average once per month during worship.
- The Artists-in-Residence would also lead an occasional Adult Education Hour on topics of their particular interest related to Black sacred music.
- Since other church musicians wouldn't be able to join us on Sunday mornings as they are participating in their own congregations, we would offer 2 - 3 Saturday Workshops led by our Artists-in-Residence – providing opportunities for other leaders to learn, sing and ask questions. We would specifically focus on music from the *Glory to God Hymnal* in these Workshops so other Presbyterian congregations (assuming they use this resource) would find it most beneficial. Since Central is equipped with recording capabilities, we would plan to produce video recordings of a

few of the pieces and share them with congregations and the Presbytery for use in their own worship, on social media, or on websites.

Central has a thriving music program which has seen tremendous growth over the last 10 years. We have talented staff musicians, all of whom are incredibly open to a variety of music and who are fully supportive of this initiative. (Our Alto Section Leader is the Executive Director of the *Justice Choir Songbook*, a resource that Central uses often.) Our Director of Music Ministry has wonderful connections with colleagues both through the music and church communities and is committed to the success of this project. Through her work as the founding artistic director of VocalPoint, a community choir that promotes justice and education through benefit concerts, she understands the importance of listening well to those who have been historically underrepresented or misrepresented.

As a faith community, Central Presbyterian Church is one that believes that systemic changes are needed to bring about a more just Body of Christ. In the last several years, the church has actively hosted book studies and watch parties of important current reflections on race such as *The New Jim Crow*, *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in MN*, the documentary "13th" and others. We have an active and engaged Anti-Racism Task Force that provides opportunities for the faith community

to listen and respond.

The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee, the Session of Central, and staff and pastoral leadership, are all committed to this project and looks forward to supporting the initiative.

Above all, the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church is one that has tremendous respect for our neighbors – whether those neighbors are literally ones that border the church property or are across our globe. It is this deep respect that we believe is the foundation for the success of this project: respect for

the styles, the story, the history, the significance of the time and relevancy to today.

WHAT WILL THIS GRANT ALLOW US TO DO?

It will allow us to learn more about these hymns from the African American tradition and increasingly weave them into our congregation's identity. Years into the future, we will sing the songs we learn from the Artists-in-Residence, remember the stories told, reflect on why the music is meaningful, and allow the songs to be a part of our shared faith journey. Our children will learn these songs, learning them

from people who can share the humanity behind the words, the depth behind the notes, and the promise that the music holds.

We would build relationships with new people – both the musicians that we work with and also those who we welcome into our community through this opportunity. Those relationships will be a part of our success story.

And, perhaps more than anything, we will deepen our understanding of God: a God who is made more complete when we listen to all of those who are made in God's image.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO SING

[BY JENNIFER ANDERSON,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY]

SING WITH THE CENTRAL CHOIR FOR NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

We are excited to be starting rehearsals for our wonderful Nine Lessons and Carols Service on December 19, along with the Schubert Club "Songs for the Season" concerts on December 16.

Those who are fully vaccinated and wish to join the choir for these very meaningful events are invited to start rehearsing with the choir on Wednesday, December 1 at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary. Please let Jennifer Anderson (Director of Music Ministry; jennifera@centralforgood.org) know that you will be participating by November 14 so that music can be set aside for you. Friends are

welcome to sing with us as well, so please invite those who enjoy choral singing.

Rehearsal Details:

- Wednesday, Dec. 1 7:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 8 7:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 15 5:30 pm (special early rehearsal), dinner, 7:00 p.m. rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 16 Schubert Club Concert, "Songs for the Season" featuring special guests not yet announced, as well as our own Central Choir.

Sunday, Dec. 19 Nine Lessons and Carols Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. There is a 9:00 a.m. call for the choir, with Third Sunday Lunch following worship.



**COME AND BE A PART
OF THIS FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS
TRADITION**

THANK OFFERING

[BY SUE HOFFMAN]

During the November 21 worship service we will have an opportunity to learn more about the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. This year marks the 133rd anniversary of the Thank Offering which provides financial assistance to mission projects locally and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we help fund programs that provide health care education and resources, education, disaster relief, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more. 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.

Presbyterian Women USA manage the offering so that 100% of your

donations go directly to the projects. Funds donated in 2021 will support projects in 2022. Through your generosity, twelve projects received grants in 2021, nine of which were in the United States and three were international. As always, over 40% of the projects are related to health ministries.

There are a number of ways you can donate to the Thank Offering. You may donate to the Thank Offering by check (payable to Women of Central) or online. We will have baskets to collect donations during the November 21 Third Sunday Lunch. Additionally, checks may be sent to the Church Office, 500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Finally, to donate online please visit centralforgood.org and select Give, then choose Thank Offering - Women of Central in the Special Offering section of the page.

SEARCH UPDATE

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

– Jeremiah 29:11

The search process for a called pastor is continuing to move forward with behind-the-scenes work. Thank you to Laura Hutton, Barbara Swanson, and Heidi Jernstedt who are currently compiling comments received from study groups.

Once completed, a report will be sent to the Presbytery showing we have done our work to consider where we have been, who we are currently, and where we are going as a congregation. When the report comes back that we have done due diligence on those tasks, we will receive permission for a Pastoral Nominating Committee to be elected by congregational vote.

In the meantime, there is work that you can do. Watch for a survey about what skills you believe are important for the next pastor. Prayerfully consider if you would be willing to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Watch for an informational meeting to explain what it means to serve on a PNC and the amount of time required.

Finally, continue to be praying for Central Presbyterian Church in this time of transition. It is a time of change, but God is in the midst of the ministry of this church and in all the changes.



CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting to elect officers will be held Sunday, November 14 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 2021 Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee consists of elders Mel Leach (chair), Todd Mikish, Sally Mortenson, Lynda Petrie, Erika Kelly-Kennedy, and Rev. Carol Reed (ex-officio). 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 2024

WENDY FLINNER came to Central in 2017 after the closing of North Emanuel Lutheran Church where she was a long standing music director. She is a retired Music teacher, and taught at Chelsea Heights Elementary in Saint Paul, and Janesville, Minnesota. She was raised in Crosby, Minnesota and was a member of C-I Presbyterian, where at the age of 14 she had the honor of being the organist, until her graduation, and moving on to college. Wendy and Mark have enjoyed being part of the Music program at Central.

Wendy and her husband Mark have been active in leadership roles throughout their lives. She was a member of the adult counsel of VIBE (Value Invest Build Equip), a collaboration of Inner City Lutheran churches for youth in their congregations. Sewing, quilting, music making, enjoying grandchildren, and baking are all important activities for Wendy. She and Mark have three children, Alex, Nick, and Janelle, and 4 1/2 grandchildren. It has been a blessing to see them involved in their own churches and building loving families. Wendy thanks you for the opportunity to become part of the Central Presbyterian family.

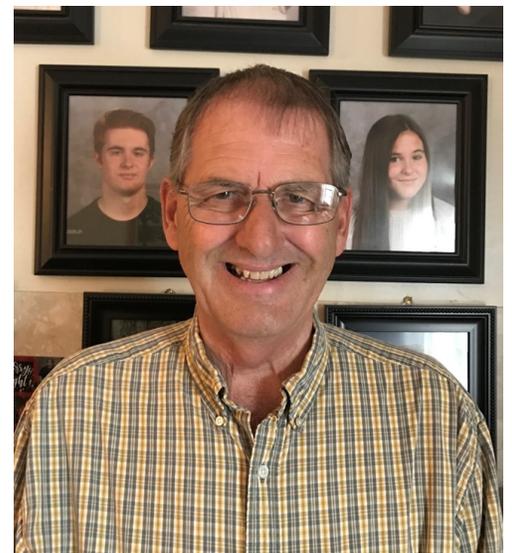
JACKIE KLAEHN, who also goes by Jackie, Mom or "Hey you", is happy to be serving on the session of elders after a three-year break. She is a stay-at-home mother of four and also teaches piano lessons two nights a week. Now members of Central, Jackie and her kids first visited nearly



Wendy Flinner



Jackie Klaehn



John Lee, Sr.

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Sally Mortenson

seven years ago when her young children mistook Central for a castle and asked to visit.

Jackie and her family live in South St. Paul, where she enjoys spending her limited free moments sewing, gardening, and creating in the kitchen.

JOHN LEE, SR has been a member of Central since 1984. All five of his children were baptized and confirmed at Central, including several of his grandchildren who have been as well.

During this time, he has served on the Deacons several terms over three decades. He has also served two terms on the Board of Trustees before they merged with the Session. He finished his last two terms on Session back in 2015.

John is a long-time attendee and leader of Bible Study and has been an usher for most of his time at Central.



Marcia Robert

SALLY MORTENSON and her husband, Al Zdrasil, moved downtown in 2013. They decided to join their neighborhood church - an easy decision since Dave Colby had served as the transitional pastor at their previous church Macalaster-Plymouth Church.

Sally is presently completing her first term as an Elder on Session, and serves as Clerk of Session. She has recently started serving as an usher and volunteer in the nursery once a month. Sally enjoys our Wednesday community lunch, where she has volunteered for the past five years. She finds cooking with friends and seeing our guests enjoy a good meal and talking around the table very satisfying.

MARCIA ROBERT. Until age 18, Marcia went to school in Spokane, Washington and Klamath Falls, Oregon. She worked as a public health educator/planner in Health Care Reform, Lyme Disease



Lynne Severson

education and Emergency Preparedness Responses and Recovery. She also worked as a freelance writer for many years. Marcia owned a home along the St Croix River for 33 years, then moved to St Paul and lives along the Mississippi River.

Marcia has attended Central since 2011, sings in the choir and appreciates the Bible Study, music, and sermons. She is grateful for the giving spirit of Central Presbyterian Church members.

LYNNE SEVERSON was a member of Central Presbyterian Church from 2001-2005 when John served as the interim pastor at the church. She rejoined Central Presbyterian in August 2020 when they moved from Northfield to Presbyterian Homes Waverly Gardens in North Oaks.

Lynne is a former teacher and Christian Educator. In her previous church she served on the visuals/arts committee, facilities committee,

organized the weekly all church meal program every Wednesday, and enjoyed being part of the prayer shawl knitting group. Lynne was a member of the Session at Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Des Moines, Iowa, where John was pastor for 20 years.

Lynne and John are pleased to live closer to their son, Eric, who teaches in St. Paul.

**FOR DEACONS:
CLASS OF 2024**

PETER KNAPP and his wife, Cindy Jesson, were longtime members of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, where they raised four now-adult sons. Peter served as an Elder and then for many years a Deacon. Peter has been a faculty member at Mitchell Hamline School of Law since the 1980's (with one three-year detour into administration). Much of his teaching at the school has involved

work with the clinic program, working with students handling cases for clients who would otherwise not have lawyers. A native Nebraskan, he remains a loyal member of Cornhusker Nation, but is also a devoted Twins fan. He serves on the boards of a number of organizations, including Liberty Plaza Corporation (an affordable housing development) and LegalWise (an incubator for community-based legal practices).

MAUREEN SMITH came to Central as a seminary intern in the fall of 1999 and has stayed on in different roles since then. She retired as a pastoral associate in 2016 and then joined the church. She has been glad for the chance to continue to serve as a volunteer. She leads the adult Bible study, which met on Zoom through the 18 months of Covid and now is meeting in person again. She is married to Denny Reimer, who is an elder at Central. They were married at Central in

2012. She admires the work that the deacons do and looks forward to serving in this way.

MIA WINTHEISER spent several years as a high school teacher before attending the U of M medical school. She completed her psychiatry residency in the HCMC/Regions program and practices in St. Paul. She does guided Forest Therapy walks to connect people to the natural world.

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE 2022
(FOR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE)**

JOAN KELLY has been a member of Central all her life. When she worked her career, she was an art teacher in North Branch Middle School for 36 years. Now she enjoys time with her family, being up north at the lake cabin, painting kindness rocks, and drawing dogs.

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Peter Knapp



Maureen Smith



Mia Wintheiser

DAKOTA REMEMBRANCE

[By Casey Wells]

The Native American way of life was an abomination to American Christians in the early development of this country. Thus many missions were established in Indian territories to bring the “Christian word” to the Natives. Sadly, many of our Presbyterian fore bearers were among these missionaries.

In the 1860’s, missionaries not only tried to convert Natives to Christianity, but also colluded with the government to change their culture from hunting and gathering to farming on parcels of land. Treaties with the Dakota Sioux promised money, food and land along the Minnesota river in exchange for giving up vast acreages of their land/reservations for immigrant settlement. Then the government and its traders frequently withheld the food and money they promised as the Natives struggled with unfamiliar farming practices. The Sioux were starving as their wild game (bison, elk, deer and bear) and their furs were being depleted by land take-over and settlers who also hunted.

It was under these conditions that some Dakota leaders, acting in great need and frustration, attacked several white settlers, traders and missionaries. It was called the Dakota War of 1862, but note it was the horrible treatment of the Dakota people that caused the “war”. The white government leaders and settlers took action which lead to the arrest and hanging of the 38 Dakota men and the forced march of the



Reconciliation Park, Mankato, MN

survivors to Fort Snelling. The Reconciliation Park in downtown Mankato is the site of the execution. Since 2002, some 1,700 men, women and children have walked 150 miles along the Minnesota river from near Mankato to Fort Snelling to honor the Dakota refugees who were forced to make that walk in

November 1862.

As part of an effort to create dialogue, understanding and healing between Native and non-Native peoples, Healing Minnesota Stories offers Sacred Site Tours of the Twin Cities area. These Tours are led by Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican), and Bob



Riders arrive in Mankato to commemorate the execution of 38 Dakota warriors.

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Klanderud (Dakota). The tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through story-telling and experiencing the sites in silence, meditation, and reflection. For more information, contact Jim Bear Jacobs, director of Racial Justice for the Minnesota Council of Churches at JimBear.Jacobs@mnchurches.org.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

U.S. to Review Dark History of Indigenous Boarding Schools (June 22, 2021, Associated Press) <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2021/06/22/us-official-to-address-legacy-of-indigenous-boarding-schools>

Addressing the Crisis (April 2021, Minnesota Women's Press) <https://www.womenspress.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/37-4-April-2021.pdf>

Children were taken from their families and placed in boarding schools to remove their "pagan" languages and ways and to speed their assimilation into Christianity and US/European ways of life. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/06/11/deb-haaland-indigenous-boarding-schools/>

A fairly detailed report of the daily life of the wife of a Presbyterian missionary at Lac qui Parle, can be found in this paperback book: *A Small Bit of Bread and Butter, Letters from the Dakota Territory 1832-1869*, Edited by Maida Leonard Riggs, Ash Grove Press.



Mary Miller

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 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.



Joan Kelly

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, reading, and writing are also favorite activities. Her partner Bob and their cat, Jesse James, reside on the Eastside of St. Paul.



SESSION UPDATE

[BY SALLY MORTENSON, CLERK OF SESSION]

With the hiring of Laura Walls as our new children and youth programming director, and re-opening of the church, we are moving forward with in-person programming. We have re-started the artist exhibits in the Friendship Room- where we are featuring the work of an area artist for two months, and hosting a reception featuring a talk by the artist. Terri Arnold's work will be displayed during November and December.

VocalPoint has started rehearsals for their 2022 concerts. During the October 17 service, we heard the history and development of Lift Garage, which will receive the proceeds from the concerts.

The Nominations Committee has completed their task of recruiting members to serve as Elders and Deacons in 2022. A special congregation meeting on November 14 will include election of Deacons

and Elders for terms starting in January.

Wednesday lunch and Third Sunday Congregation lunch have re-started. Please come to these meals. In addition to sharing a meal in our dining room, we are offering the option to take out your lunch - the menu offers two soups (one vegetarian), salad, homemade bread, dessert, and beverage.

We are in the midst of planning the 2022 Budget. Committees have prepared their proposed budgets. Now the task goes to the Finance Committee to review the seven committee budgets and adjust them to create a comprehensive budget for the Congregation.

We are in the second step of the process to locate and hire a permanent pastor (sometimes called an "installed pastor".) Central's present pastor, Carol Reed, is our transitional pastor, meaning that she has a fixed term contract with us as we go through the search for a

permanent pastor to replace Dave Colby. At our October meeting, we appointed an ad hoc group to assist with tasks until a Pastor Nomination Committee is elected by the congregation.

Our third focus is the issue of building security. As a congregation in downtown St. Paul we have experienced people entering and remaining in our church while there are no scheduled activities. We have also found drug paraphernalia, and other inappropriate items around the grounds. This situation has resulted in a decision that Central needs to spend funds on security measures - gates to protect our trash dumpsters and unused areas, cameras both inside and outside the building, and new locks throughout.

To learn more about these upgrades, see the facilities update article on page 4.

COME SEE A SPECIAL EXHIBIT

The Anti-Racism Task Force is inviting you to come see a special exhibit at the Hennepin History Museum (2303 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis), **Human Toll: A Public History of 35W.**

Date: Saturday, November 20th
Time: 10:15 a.m. or 12:15 p.m.

There will be time to tour the exhibit and then time at 11:15

a.m. and 1:15 p.m. respectively, for a conversation with Central's Elder Dr. Ernest Lloyd, one of the creators of the exhibit.

There is no cost, but the museum has asked for the names of those attending. Sign up with the church office by leaving a message at (651) 224-4728 or email Anna at office@centralforgood.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed at the St. Paul Center

[BY SHARON ZOPFI-JORDAN]

November 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is the next volunteer opportunity to serve the lunch meal at the St. Paul Opportunity Center. Nutritious meals are offered free to adult men and women in need. The St. Paul Opportunity Center is part of Catholic Charities and is located at 422 Dorothy Day Place St. Paul, MN 55102.

The Coordinated Mission Committee is looking for 8-10 volunteers to help out with the meal service. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up at the church's website www.centralforgood.org/volunteer.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and should wear appropriate closed toed footwear. Catholic Charities requires volunteers be fully vaccinated for COVID.

If you have questions, please contact the Central church office.

Women's Networking Dinner

[BY SUE HOFFMAN]

We had a great time at Celeste in September and so we are going to head back there in November! The atmosphere is lovely and it is a quiet place with wonderful staff. We will plan to gather at 5:30 p.m. on November 4. You can park at church and walk across the street to Celeste. Please RSVP to

women@centralforgood.org to let us know if you are able to join us.

Not on our mailing list? Email women@centralforgood.org to be added to the list.

Knitting Group

[BY LYNNE SEVERSON]

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Central Knitters will be meeting the 2nd Sunday of the month, November 14. Our current projects are prayer shawls and hats and scarves.

Prayer shawls are given with love and can be warm hugs of empathy and support. If you know of someone in our church family who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please contact Pastor Carol Reed or the church office.

This month knitters are also working on scarves and hats for the Mitten Tree. The Women of Central, the knitting group, and the coordinated mission committees work together to collect winter clothing for Neighborhood House. These donations will be collected through Sunday, December 12, and delivered that week. We invite beginning and experienced knitters to join us as we knit for the 2021 Mitten Tree.

If you have any questions about the group or need supplies such as yarn, needles, or patterns, please reach out to Lynne Severson at women@centralforgood.org.



Join us in wishing a another joyous *Happy Birthday* to all who are celebrating birthdays this month.

- Leslie Bergman 11/1
- Avis Tilden 11/3
- Nancy MacDonald 11/4
- Stevana Ndumbe 11/4
- Judy Schuberg 11/4
- Amorita Linner 11/8
- Wendy Neuman 11/8
- Waverly Bergman 11/11
- Del Case 11/12
- Philip Nichols 11/12
- Mark Juffer 11/15
- Jackie Klaehn 11/19
- Leon Oman 11/20
- Deborah Fonkert 11/21
- Anne Vinlander 11/21
- Kathleen Zopfi 11/24
- Lisa Kelly 11/25

If we missed you, please send us a note to office@centralforgood.org so that we can correct our notes and share birthday wishes with you, too!



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Central Lunches Have Returned!

Join us Wednesdays from 11:45 - 1 p.m. for our community lunches, open to all, or our Third Sunday Lunch offered after worship. These delicious catered meals are prepared by Chef Barb Westman and her amazing staff and team of volunteers.

The suggested donation is \$8. However, all who are hungry are invited to eat, no matter their ability to donate. Visit our website for the weekly menu at www.centralforgood.org/lunch.

Welcome back, lunch crew!