

CONNECT CENTRAL

Planting Seeds & Growing Together in Faith

BY REV. CAROL REED, TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

While driving into the church on the day I was to write this newsletter article about stewardship, I heard Minnesota Public Radio announcers talk about their fall member drive. The MPR announcer said, "You can listen for free, but if there are benefits you receive from our quality programming, your giving helps ensure the programming you enjoy will continue into the future".

Stewardship happens in churches every fall where we too talk about the need for giving to support the budget, to pay the bills and to support the church's mission. You may give to the special building funds at Central realizing that this beautiful historic building would never be built again and it is a mission to keep it in good repair for generations to come. General giving pays staff salaries, which in turn allows programs and missions to continue. This year, a new growth area is the children's and youth



programs. It is not a big expense on the budget, but it does take resources.

However, stewardship is more than just talking about the budget. The Bible defines a steward as someone who cares for the world and all God created. Practicing stewardship is more than deciding what dollar amount to give the church. Stewardship imitates God's example of abundance and sharing; it is a spiritual practice – a part of living as

a disciple of Jesus Christ.

This year the stewardship season at Central is focusing on how we are **Growing in Faith** – both as individuals and as a congregation. Scripture uses the image of seeds being planted to remind us that God's word has been planted in our lives and in our community. Through the spiritual practice of stewardship, we participate in nurturing faith to help it grow.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 13. In the coming weeks in worship, we will hear from church members about why the church needs funds and why they have chosen to give. A stewardship letter and a pledge card will be coming in the mail which can be returned on November 13, dropped in the offering plate, or mailed to the church office.

Blessings to you as you continue to grow in faith at Central.

NOVEMBER 2022

Dedicate your pledge for 2023 on November 13.



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New to Central?

Drop us an email and say hello. We'd love to connect with you!

office@centralforgood.org

Or, call and ask about our next Inquirer's Class for prospective new members.

(651) 224-4728, x 100

Upcoming Worship

Sunday Schedule

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Worship Service & Children's Education
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Worship services are streamed live each Sunday on our website at: www.centralforgood.org/stream

Sunday, November 6

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. Carol Reed preaches "Making a Joyful Noise to God" with scripture readings from Psalm 98 and I Peter 4:8-11. Central's Finance & Stewardship Committee will share a Moment for Mission.

Rod Kelly Hines joins us in worship to lead music, along with the Central Choir and Steve Swanson, piano. This is a Spark! Sunday, so we will be led in worship by our elementary-aged children.

Sunday, November 13

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Handbell Ensemble is joined by the Central Choir and Barb Brooks, organ/piano. We will also share in stewardship dedication of pledges.

As a part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week (November 12-20), worship will highlight the work of and be led by Central's Beacon Leadership Team and the Hunger Task Force.

Central has been learning about and addressing the issues of hunger and homelessness locally in several ways... as a member of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, volunteering and donating clothing for Project Home and the Department of Indian Works, food drives for Keystone Community Services, participating in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters, and serving meals at Catholic Charities' Opportunity Center regularly over the past few years. All of these worthy organizations, along with others for many members, report increased need for our time and donations. Worship will explore these themes further.

Sunday, November 20

This week we welcome the return of Rev. Phil Romine as our guest preacher while Pastor Carol is away for the Thanksgiving holiday. Chamber Ensemble plays, Central Choir sings, and Barb Brooks is our keyboardist. After worship, there will be a congregational meeting. (See page 6.)

Sunday, November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Carol Reed preaches "Staying Awake" with scripture readings from Psalm Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44.

Dr. Melanie Ohnstad returns as our organist with special music by Flinners and Friends!

Financial Update

FROM MATT EHLING, TREASURER

Thanks to generous and sustained giving by its members, as well as solid expense management by staff, Central's finances have been stable and predictable year-to-date. At the end of September, total revenue for the year was \$399,977, with total expenses of \$391,935.

Increased pledging at the end of last year helped us to eliminate a projected 2022 deficit, and to instead remain financially stable into 2022, even in the face of increases in utility prices and other necessary expenses.

The session is now in the process of constructing the 2023 budget, and evaluating how to deal with the continued cost increases in certain areas, along with a slight projected reduction in earned income from Central's investments, due to challenging financial market conditions this year. Pledges for the coming year will help in the budgeting process. (See below)

Much of the finance committee's work this year has involved finalizing a five-year financial plan

to address things like future capital needs for the church; ways to boost rental income from building use (such as from musical groups or potentially another congregation); long-term bequest giving; and future staffing costs.

Details regarding church finances and financial planning can be obtained anytime by contacting Treasurer Matt Ehling, Finance Chair Ernest Lloyd, or Church Administrator Anna Sanchez in the office.



Make your pledge! Stewardship Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 13.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

[MATTHEW 13:31]



Growing in Faith
AT CENTRAL

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.
(Set up online at www.centralforgood.org/give)
- _____ Please call me about donating stock or other investments.
- _____ I want to make a donation by credit card.
(Go to www.centralforgood.org/give)
- _____ I would like to make a special year-end gift of \$_____.

My Stewardship Pledge for 2023 is

\$ _____ / week, month, year (circle one)

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Community Sing with Rod Kelly Hines

FROM JENNIFER ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & YOUTH MINISTRY

Thanks to all who joined us for the Community Sing with Rod Kelly Hines in October! We had a great time singing new music together and in just one hour we learned four songs and had a blast!

Special thanks to Wendy Flinner, Peggy Hanson, Jane Gulsvig, Janelle Flinner, Leslie Bartlett, Fluryanne Leach, Lucy Hiestand, and Steve Swanson who offered their time and talents in extra ways for the event. And of course, a huge thanks to Rod for his great leadership!





Did You Know?

FROM JENNIFER ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & YOUTH MINISTRY

Central was recently the host site for a beautiful video tribute created by the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists to honor Michael Barone and the 40th anniversary of his radio program *Pipedreams*.

Central's own Matt Ehling was the videographer and did a fantastic job capturing the impact that Michael has had on the profession and art. The video was shown at the Gala Concert and Dinner for the Twin Cities American Guild of Organists (TCAGO) opening event

in September, and will also be shown at the AGO Regional Convention held here in Minneapolis next summer. Jennifer Anderson, who chaired the program committee before recently stepping off, was part of the planning team for the upcoming convention.

Thank you to Central for being a beautiful place to create this video and congratulations to Michael Barone for this amazing milestone!



Above: Celebratory video honoring Michael Barone, friend of Central Presbyterian Church and creator/producer of Pipedreams, being shown at the Gala Dinner for the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. On the screen you can see Phillip Brunelle speaking about Michael, with the Central organ pipes behind him.

Call to Congregational Meeting

FROM SESSION AND THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

An in-person congregational meeting to elect officers will be held Sunday, November 20 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 for all positions from the floor may be made at the meeting.

Following you will find profiles of the nominees to be presented by the 2022 Nominating Committee. There are still positions to fill. If you are interested in serving as an elder on Session, please contact the office.

The Nominating Committee consists of elders Wendy Flinner (chair), John Lee, Mary Miller, Joan Kelly, and Rev. Carol Reed (ex-officio). We are pleased to present the following slate of nominees to be voted upon at the meeting of the congregation. We are grateful to them 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 2025

VIRGIE BUNDY has served Central in many ways since joining in 1962. Both Virgie and her husband were teachers in the St. Paul School system

for 30 years. Together they raised three daughters at Central, confirmed and later married with photos taken under the beautiful stained glass windows.

Virgie has organized and lead many programs at Central, including serving as Chair of Women of Central. She also had the privilege of Chairing the 150th Anniversary Celebration (with help from Jan Engeswick and others) and a tea and style show. Using the talents of Stan Turner, a monthly history paper was published each month during that celebration.

Virgie served on Session previously and on several call committees. "After my husband died in 2010, I was not an active participant at Central," Virgie shares. "Since my life partner Roger Grussing and I have been together, we have enjoyed being at Central and admire the good work and programs that are happening."

KIERA FAYE is a filmmaker living in the heart of Downtown Saint 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 past volunteering with Project Home. Kiera was a participant on the mission trip to Puerto Rico in 2018 and served on the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating

Committee. She is currently serving on Session, leads our videography and live-stream services, 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.

DEBORAH FONKERT is that woman you see in choir, but have likely never spoken to. (Born and raised in Saint Paul, Deb champions herself the classic introvert.) Growing up, faith was something celebrated at major holidays in mostly secular ways when she was growing up. She didn't really feel a pull towards any particular religion until attending college and becoming best friends with a future pastor. Coming to this faith as an adult has given her a unique perspective on the role that the church plays in our community and what it means to be Christian. She came to Central by way of our incredible music programming stating, "Choir has always been where I feel most at home." When not singing in choir, you would most likely find her at home with her family (Scott, Isabelle, and Ellie), or teaching (15 years now). Her passions are music, social justice, and being generally nerdy.

JOHN PATTON worked in downtown Saint Paul for over 30 years and has lived in the downtown area with his wife Michele for nearly 15 years. He has been a member of Central for over 10 years and has previously served as an elder.



Virgie Bundy



Kiera Faye



Deborah Fonkert



John Patton



Erika Kelly-Kennedy



Déanne La Rue

During the pandemic shutdown in 2020, John decided to retire. With that change in his life, now seems like a good time to become more involved at Central.

FOR DEACONS: CLASS OF 2025

CAROLINE HESS will have a bio available in bulletin the day of the congregational meeting. At this time, we do not yet have a photo.

ERIKA KELLY-KENNEDY has been a life long member of Central. Some of her early church memories are playing the angel in the Christmas

pageant and participating in youth mission trips. Now that she is all grown up, her church memories include having served previously on the Session and the Nominating Committee. She lives in White Bear Lake with her husband Sean, their son Andrei, and dog Elly. In her free time she likes exploring the outdoors, playing in the dirt of her gardens, doing yoga, and reading a good book.

DÉANNE LA RUE lives in St. Paul and works part-time as a Special Ed Consultant. Déanne began attending Central alongside her mother, having attended community

events here long before she moved to St. Paul. Over the years her availability and involvement has expanded. After volunteering for the Disaster Relief Mission to Puerto Rico, she became a member of Central. She calls Central her spiritual home, family and community - feeling the virtues of spiritual growth, support and guidance here.

In her free time she enjoys spending time with her son, being outdoors, volunteering, and gardening in her neighborhood. She has a strong commitment to being involved in community, environmental, and social justice activities.

Women of Central News

FROM SUE HOFFMAN

Networking Dinner

We had a perfect patio evening at Patrick McGovern's in October. We even had a few people join us who had not been at an event before, or had not been for a number of months! This group is a great and informal way to connect with women of Central. No agenda, no action items, just a fun and relaxing time!

The weather is getting colder and so we are returning to the Celeste for our next gathering. The atmosphere is lovely and it is a quiet place with wonderful staff. We will plan to gather at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10. You can park at church and walk across the street to Celeste. Please RSVP by November 8 to women@centralforgood.org if you are able to join us. Email us there as well to be added to our mailing list for event updates.

Thank Offering

During November 20 worship, we will have opportunity to learn more about the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. This offering has a long history in the Presbyterian Church, dating back to 1888 when women gave a little extra to support the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

This offering focuses on financial assistance to mission projects locally and around the world - funding programs that provide health care



support, safe housing, disaster recovery, and more. To qualify for a grant, projects must have a clearly defined purpose that meets basic human needs and be a 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 2022 will support projects in 2023. Through your generosity, ten projects received grants in 2022, eight of which were in the United States and two were international. As always, over 40% of the projects are related to health ministries.

There are several ways you can donate to the Thank Offering. You may donate by check (payable to Women of Central) and drop in the offering plate, or donate online at www.centralforgood.org/give,

choosing 'Special Offering' fund and 'Thank Offering' in the memo. We will have baskets to collect donations during the Third Sunday Lunch on November 20th and checks may be sent to the church office (500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101). Thank you, in advance, for your support of the Thank Offering.

Knitting Group

Central's knitters will be meeting again on November 27 after worship. We are working on hats, mittens, and scarves for the Mitten Tree in December. Knitters are also encouraged to work on projects at home and bring them in to the church for sharing and distribution. We have several prayer shawls completed and always work on the small prayer pockets that are available in baskets on the tables near the church entrances, by the kitchen, and the Cedar Street doors.



SAVE THE DATE

Deck the Halls

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

This is a fun day for all ages, offering an opportunity to get to know others in our congregation and have fun creating a holiday setting at Central!

BRUNCH & CONVERSATION

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 brunch, sponsored by the Women of Central and prepared by our amazing team of volunteers. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per adult to cover food costs and there is no cost for children to attend. We will also collect mittens, hats, scarves and socks for this year's Mitten Tree donation to the families of Project Home.

PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Children in the Christmas Pageant will gather in the sanctuary for a final dress rehearsal starting 10:30 a.m. Parents are asked to stay to help with costumes as well as help groups move to their places as we walk through the play.

DECORATING FUN

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.)

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

Pastor SEARCH

PROGRESS UPDATE

FROM AL ZDRAZIL, CHAIR OF PNC

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been interviewing candidates for Central's permanent pastor and is now checking references.

We are pleased with the quality of pastors who have applied and hope that our final candidate will emerge from this group.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

FROM SHARON ZOPFI-JORDAN, COORDINATED MISSION

Thank you to the amazing volunteers (shown above) who served lunch on behalf of Central at the St. Paul Opportunity Center in September.

Saturday, November 12 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. is our next opportunity to serve. 8-10 volunteers are needed to help with meal prep and serve lunch. It is required that those who volunteer at least 16 years old and wear closed toed footwear. To learn more and to sign up, go to www.centralforgood.org/volunteer. The link there will take you to the Catholic Charities website to register and answer Covid status questions.

Christmas Greenery & Poinsettias

FROM ANNA SANCHEZ, CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Orders due December 18.

This December, we continue our Central tradition of decorating the church with beautiful greenery and poinsettias. To donate to the decorating fund (perhaps in memory or honor of a loved one), please complete the adjacent form and return with payment to the office or to the Sunday offering plate.

Christmas decorations will start to take their place around the church during our Deck the Halls event on December 10. To have your memorial listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, please submit donation forms by Sunday, December 18. (Checks should be made payable to Central Presbyterian Church).

PLANT	PRICE EACH	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Small Poinsettia	\$10.50		
Large Poinsettia	\$20.00		
Evergreen Swag	\$20.00		
Evergreen Wreath	\$25.00		

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Phone / Email: _____

In honor or memory of: _____

Music Ministry News

FROM JENNIFER ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & YOUTH MINISTRY

Be a Part of the Annual Lessons & Carols Service

Join our Central Choir, Chamber Ensemble, or the Handbell Ensemble for our wonderful Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. If you plan to join us for any of these groups for this short-term commitment, please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifera@centralforgood.org by November 13 in order to have music ready for you.

Featuring Rod Kelly Hines, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols worship service will be held Sunday, December 18.

Central Choir rehearsals will be held Wednesdays 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14 at 7:15 p.m.

Handbells rehearse on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting November 29 for this service.

Chamber ensemble rehearses on Wednesdays immediately before the choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. starting November 30.

Handbell News

Do you know why handbell players often wear gloves?

Some techniques require you to touch the bells (to stop the sound in certain ways) and the oils from our hands can damage the bells. So, we wear gloves! And, occasionally, we need to polish the bells to remove anything that could cause harm to the bells



over time. Our handbell ensemble polished up the bells a few weeks ago and the bells look great!

Interested in learning more and perhaps joining us?

We could use a few new ringers! People often ask me if you need to be able to read music to play the bells. Yes, at some level you do – but I think people might think that means fancier things than it really does. Typically, and most often in our bell ensemble, you are assigned 2, 3 or sometimes 4 bells for the entire song. So, you need to be able to recognize when those 2, 3 or maybe 4 bells ring. In other words, you do not need to be able to play every note – just the few that are assigned to you. You do need to have some sense of counting to be able to play the bells at the right

time. If you know how beats work in a measure, and you have some general comfort with how music is written out, you should give ringing a try!

Talk to Jennifer Anderson if you are interested in learning more, or if you'd like to give bells a trial run!

New Stoles

Did you notice the brightly colored stoles that the choir wore on October 2nd for World Communion Sunday? We were gifted a variety of stoles from Central clergy who have retired, and on a day we celebrate our connectedness it felt right to wear those beautiful stoles.

Thanks to those who shared them with us. We will definitely wear them again!



Children & Youth Ministry News

BY JENNIFER ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & YOUTH MINISTRY

Join Us for Library Day!

I love, love, love to read, and one of the things that I've enjoyed settling into this new role is learning about new kids books that are available. I've been gathering up books (some recommendations from you!) and on November 6, after worship, they will be set out and available to borrow! Come, take a look, and borrow ones that you think you'd like to read. All ages are welcome! We will also have a donation box as well as a "Wish List" for you to contribute to our growing library.

Do You Happen to Have. . .

The children's ministry is currently seeking the following odd items for some upcoming projects we have planned.

- Newspapers, but none of the glossy ads.
- Clean plastic containers, such as cool whip, ice cream, etc., with a wide opening. (So, no peanut or popcorn containers.) Lids are helpful but not crucial.

To donate, please bring to the office and clearly mark that it is for the children's ministry. Thank you!

Game Night Fun

Many thanks to Jackie and Scott Klaehn, as well as Natalie, Eliana, Thomas and Rowan, for hosting a fun night of games, fire pit, and connecting. We roasted hot dogs and s'mores, learned new games, enjoyed the beautiful weather, and caught up with old friends as well as met new ones.





LifeBoat small group breaks-out with volunteer leader Deborah Fonkert.



One of the new murals in our Children and Youth Ministry space upstairs.



The olive tree that is growing in the Galilee Room doubled as the tree in the Garden of Eden during a recent lesson about Adam and Eve.



LifeBoat small group break-out.

Children & Youth Calendar

NOVEMBER 6

- 9:30 Nursery care available until 11:30.
- 10:00 Spark! gathers in Galilee to prepare for worship
- 10:30 Worship, led by Spark!
- 11:30 Library Day! (See page 12 for details.)
- 11:30 LifeBoats (Middle School Fellowship)
- 5:45 Confirmation Class
- 6:30 Compass (Senior High Fellowship)

NOVEMBER 20

- 9:30 Nursery care available until 11:30.
- 10:30 Worship, plus Sunday Connection (Following the Time for Children, kids are welcome to go upstairs.) Pageant rehearsals continue
- 11:30 LifeBoats and Lunch (Middle School Fellowship)
- 5:45 Confirmation Class
- 6:30 Compass (Senior High Fellowship)

NOVEMBER 13

- 9:30 Nursery care available until 11:30.
- 10:30 Worship, plus Sunday Connection (Following the Time for Children, kids are welcome to go upstairs. Youth Shepherds assist in nursery.) Pageant rehearsals begin.

NOVEMBER 27

- 9:30 Nursery care available until 11:30.
- 10:30 Worship. No Sunday Connection today; instead, extra activity sheets will be available in worship.

Announcements

TO SHARE FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS, SIMPLY EMAIL CHRISTIER@CENTRALFORGOOD.ORG.



Bare Foot Worshipper

FROM MAUREEN SMITH

Recently congregation member Maggie Gordon was sitting on the front steps of our church between the Bible study and worship when a woman approached her and asked if the church might have shoes for her friend, whose shoes were stolen in the night at a shelter. The church didn't, but Maggie did. After checking for size, she took the shoes off her feet and gave them to the woman. So Maggie was barefoot in church and went home barefoot. What a wonderful Christian witness.

Office Closed

In recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Central office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Update from the Hunger Initiative Task Force

BY LEON OMAN

September's donation drive for the Rice Street Food Shelf (Keystone Community Services) yielded 240 lbs. of food and \$1,040 in financial contributions. Thanks to all for your support!

Last spring, Central members took part in Bread for the World's *Offering of Letters* to advocate for passage of the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act. We are happy to report that after passing the Senate by unanimous consent, it now heads to President Biden for his signature. It will make existing U.S. global nutrition programs even more effective and support countries in their efforts to prevent and treat child and maternal malnutrition. Central, you helped make this happen!

Offering Envelopes

BY ANNA SANCHEZ, CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Would you like to get a box of weekly offering envelopes to use for your financial contributions to Central? Central distributes (upon request) a boxed set of giving envelopes that are dated for each Sunday of the year, including several special offerings. Did you get a box of envelopes this year, but do not use them? We will happily take you off the list to save paper

and printing costs.

Please contact the church office at office@centralforgood.org or call (651) 224-4728 to order a box or cancel your order for next year. If you received a box this year, and want to continue again, you do not need to do anything.

Happy Birthday!

This month we share in wishing a joyous *Happy Birthday* to all who are celebrating birthdays.

Leslie Bergman	11/1
Avis Tilden	11/3
Nancy MacDonald	11/4
Judy Schuberg	11/4
Amorita Linner	11/8
Del Case	11/12
Jackie Klaehn.....	11/19
Leon Oman	11/20
Deborah Fonkert.....	11/21
Lisa Kelly	11/25

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

Election Day

We are in the city for good. On election day (Nov. 8), neighbors 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. Thank you to the election officials and volunteers – and if you are here to vote, hope you will say hello!

New Platform for Giving

BY CHRISTIE RACHELLE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Recently, Central unveiled its new options for giving, including text-to-give options! This change is available because Central has moved its online giving platform from Paypal to Abundant. Abundant is an online payment processor, uniquely designed to meet the needs of churches. It provides improved reporting and accounting system integration, as well as new features for how members can donate.

As it has always been, you can access online giving on our website at www.centralforgood.org/give. All options are outlined there. When you click donate, you will have the ability to choose which fund you are donating to, as well as set up an account to save your payment methods and see records of your giving (if you so desire).

The advantage of this system is that in addition to donation via credit or debit card you can give through bank transfers and recurring giving.

If you have recurring giving already in place in PayPal, we ask that you change your giving to this new system before the end of 2022.

Want the convenience of giving anytime, anywhere at your figure tips? Simply pick up your smart phone and text 'givecentral' to 73256. A link will pop up where you can give through your phone.

If at anytime you have questions regarding how to use this system or setting up your first transaction, speak with Anna Sanchez, Church Administrator at (651) 224-4728 or email office@centralforgood.org.

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GIVING

Be it regular giving, special offerings, or a drive, Central offers options to fit your needs.



Offering Plate
Drop in Sundays during worship.



Donate Online
www.centralforgood.org
and go to 'Give'.



Mail a Check
500 Cedar St, St. Paul, MN 55101



Text Giving
Text 'givecentral' to 73256 & follow prompts.



Deliver In Person
Bring to the office (M-F 9am-12pm).



Bank Account Transfer
Set up one time payment or recurring transfer.

Have Questions? (651) 224-4728 or email office@centralforgood.org



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Thank You, Central Lunch Crew!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help every Wednesday to prepare, cook, serve, and clean up for Central's Community Lunch. (as well as those who further assist with our Third Sunday Lunches).

Your passion and talents are amazing and we couldn't do it without you!

CENTRAL IS *in the city for good!*