

Central Press

FEBRUARY 2022

Central Presbyterian Church □ 3501 Campbell □ Kansas City, MO 64109

Calendar

February Wednesdays

Pantry/Clothes Closet
8 am — noon

February 2

Committee Moderators
6:00 pm

February 6

Communion Sunday

February 8

Staff meeting 9:30 am
B & G 4:30 pm

February 15

Personnel 6:30 pm

February 16

Session 6:30 pm

February 21

Church Office closed
Administrative noon

February Birthdays

Ray Hill 16
Tony Beyer 18
Lynda Raner 23
Sarah Jacobs 28

Feb. Anniversaries

Mike & Elaine Foiles 14
Allison & Michael Dodds 18

The Light Shines

Happy February!

Thank you for the warm welcome to Central and the invitation to be your Transitional Pastor. I look forward to meeting each of you, and working together to continue the faithful work this congregation has carried out for 165 years.

While all of life and ministry could be considered “transitional,” there are key stages that we will work through together to guide the transition process into the next chapter of Central's ministry.

Reflection

In worship and other gatherings, we will explore Biblical and theological themes to reflect on the purpose of the church, and will recall and celebrate Central's history and heritage.

Data Gathering and Analysis

We will audit and document all processes and procedures of the church, and gather and analyze data about the church and community. This will help us to know where we stand, and where there are opportunities for growth and improvement.

Visioning

We will engage members, friends, neighbors and partners of Central through surveys, town halls, and other forums to identify a clear vision for the worship, programs, staff and property in the future. This will also be an opportunity for us to experiment with programs and activities.

Preparing

Later this year or early next year, we will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee to identify and call the next

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Annual Reports

Contact the church office (816 931-2515) if you would like to receive a copy.

Reminder Church Office Closed February 21

Corporate Officers

Central Church is a corporate as well as congregational entity. Each year the Session elects officers of the corporation. They are: Anna Lisa Lawton, Pres. James Corwin, V.P. Cheryl Cornett, Treasurer Roberta McBride, Sec.

Share our story

Every Friday, the Central Facebook page will feature a video preview of the upcoming Sunday service, and an invitation to join us for worship in person or online. Watch for the video each Friday on Facebook, and click **Share** to invite friends, family and neighbors.

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installed pastor. As the committee works, we will think about how to prepare for and welcome the next pastor.

But throughout this transitional stages, the work, worship, and ministry of the church continues. Most of our activities and programs will see little change. We will continue to worship together, care for one another, engage all members, and invite others into this journey.



"See, I am making all things new." - Revelation 21:5

Jeff Light, Transitional Pastor



Exploring the Great Ends of the Church

explore the big questions of the church's purpose as we begin our transitional work and look to the future of Central church.

The Six Great Ends of the Church:

- Good News - "Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind"
- Hospitality - "Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God"
- Worship - "Maintenance of Divine Worship"
- Truth - "Preservation of the Truth"
- Justice - "Promotion of Social Righteousness"
- Hope - "Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world."

The **Big Picture** is a sermon series through Easter Sunday. It is based on the "Six Great Ends of the Church," from our Presbyterian Church Book of Order. The series will give us the opportunity to ex-

Pantry News by Tessa Sheehan

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." ~ Coretta Scott King

It is with much gratitude and excitement, I officially stepped in as Director of Community Outreach for Central Presbyterian Church, as of January 3. Thank you to everyone who has supported and welcomed me along with the changes we have implemented in just a few short weeks. As a congregation, your compassionate actions for this service mission and the people we are serving have been overwhelmingly kind and generous.

Beginning February, expect the following changes:

- Pantry patrons will not need to provide address or identification; thus, we are welcoming those who live beyond our zip code.
- Pantry service will officially return to a grocery service, allowing those we serve to choose what they want and need.
- Pantry Patrons can return weekly.

It is our intention to eliminate as many

obstacles as possible for those who struggle with food insecurities, while creating a warm and welcoming environment they look forward to visiting each week.

Volunteers wanted!

Thank you to the volunteers who have worked so passionately and relentlessly. This much needed mission is only successful because of the volunteers who help make it happen! Should you have interest in serving or simply wish to learn more about the Pantry and clothing distribution, please email me Tessa@centralpreskc.org

Donations:

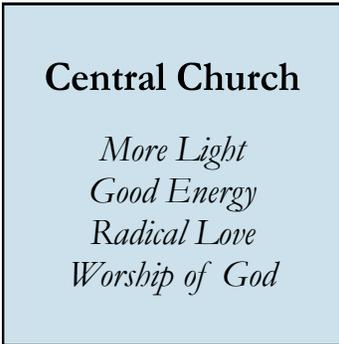
While Harvesters provides food and many household items, I will occasionally ask for donations when certain items are difficult to obtain. Currently, dishwashing soap and toothpaste are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I want to extend great appreciation to the former Director of Community Outreach, Julie Smith, who poured her heart and energy into this pantry mission for many years!

Lenten Season

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Once again, we will prepare daily Lenten Meditations. If you would be willing to write a short meditation, please contact Cindy Sheppard. Ash Wednesday plans will be announced later this month.

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February Worship Duties

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>
2/6	Matthew Mullins Phil Utton	Lynda Raner
2/13	David Aguiar Sara Hirsch	Sara Boyd
2/20	David Alonzo Sandae Custard	Matthew Mullins
2/27	Mary Merola Carol Marley	Susan Borge

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

Jeff Light, *Transitional Pastor*

Cynthia Sheppard, *Director of Music*

Sarah Jacobs, *Organist*

Jan Powell, *Secretary*

Tessa Sheehan, *Director Community Ministries*

Central Presbyterian Session Members

David Alonzo	Allison Dodds
Cheryl Cornett	Anna Lisa Lawton
Jim Corwin	Rebecca Merola
Sandae Custard	Matthew Mullins
Clerk of Session:	Roberta McBride

Central Presbyterian Committee Moderators

Administrative	Cheryl Cornett
Building & Grounds	Mary Merola
Mission & Service	Sandae Custard
Nominating	Matthew Mullins
Personnel & Policies	Matthew Mullins
Social Media/Marketing	Anna Lisa Lawton
Transition	Anna Lisa Lawton & Peg McMahan
Worship	Rebecca Merola