



# Central Press

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

## Calendar

### **October Wednesdays**

Food Pantry  
& Clothes Closet

### **October 12**

B & G meeting

### **October 12, 26**

Staff meeting

### **October 20**

Session

## October Birthdays

Elaine Foiles	3
Reberta McBride	6
Scott Vroegindewey	8
Lizzie McGurk	20

## Oct. Worship Leaders

Scott Vroegindewey	3
Chris James	10
Lynda Raner	17
Matthew Mullins	24
Susan Borge	31

## Oct. Ushers/Greeters

Margaret Barger	3
Chip Barger	
Rebecca Merola	10
Mary Merola	
Sara Boyd	17
David Alonzo	
Ray Hill	24
Chip Barger	
Rebecca Merola	31
Mary Merola	

## Life Stories edited by David Alonzo

This month the spotlight is on Dylan Little. Here is his story:

### **A GNARLY STRETCH**

"I am having a tough time ignoring or denying the impact of a recent experience involving a head-on collision between family research and resilience. So my grandma Betty Lou Little was born in a sod house in Western Nebraska. Though the family moved to a greener patch of dirt in the Ozarks before she was 7, she told stories that are vital components to the oral family canon. The insufferable weather, the merciless industry required, the bad hands dealt due to agriculture and isolation have stacked up in a way that they have become a shorthand explicator and memorial for three generations of Littles.

"Until last winter, I had never been to that chunk of land. I used a library database for some basic family research and uncovered the listing for the sale of the family farm in 1938.

### **PUBLIC SALE**

*I will sell at public auction at the farm known as the old Basom place 4 miles west on No. 20, 5 miles south and then 1 mile west of Gordon, or 8 miles east of Rulshville, starting at 1:00 p. m., on Wed., March 9th.*

### **12 head of cattle**

*5 milk cows, all young, to be fresh soon; 1 yearling steer; 5 coming yearlings; 1 roan shorthorn bull*

"Even with the limited directions given, I kind of know when the ferret has been shown a piece of lint. After 9.5 hours of driving and discovering a landscape where the cows outnumbered the people and the people outnumbered the

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trees, we found it. It was about as gnarly as a little stretch of rope. "Last weekend, I caught up with my Grandma and thanked her - and ultimately her father - for deciding to move to that greener patch. In hindsight, there are seasons where basic survival becomes a success story. On the other hand I felt these words from the Aeneid 'A joy will be one day, perhaps, to remember even this.' Somewhere between those two poles is a tenacious grace floating around."

### **October Preachers**

Rev. Joe Carle 3, 10  
 Rev. Eric Garbison 17, 24  
 Elder Derron Story 31

## Transition Team Update

Friends,

The transition team has worked over the last month to narrow the list of candidates to two. We have met and interviewed them via Zoom and now look forward to bringing them in to see our church and meet with us in person.

We have interviewed references and run background checks. Our new Executive Presbyter, Dale Jackson, has reached out to each candidates' Presbytery for more information and for potential red flags. Everything has come back with glowing reviews and both have strong transitional leadership skills which will help guide us in the next couple of years.

Throughout this time, many people have stepped forward to pray for Central and its future or have offered assistance and advice during the search process. We thank them including Becky Chamberlain, Marge Eckhardt, Brian Ellison, Dale Jackson, and Bryan Bond, our current Session moderator. The transition team would especially like to recognize our current Session for its trust in this committee to discern God's next call for our church.

We're almost there and all will be well!

Peace and Grace,

Peg McMahon Lynda Raner Susan Borge  
 Jim Corwin Anna Lisa Lawton

## Usher and Worship Leader Training Scheduled – October 17 and 24 at 10 am (before Worship)

With gratitude to all of those volunteering as ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks and months, the Worship Committee is providing a brief training for both responsibilities just prior to worship on Sunday, October 17 and 24, at 10 am. Peg McMahon will highlight the unique role of the Worship Leader position, while Sandae Custard will clarify the role of the Ushers in both greeting worshipers, as well as the more technical details related to lighting, securing doors, etc. Both trainings will be offered on both Sundays so that individuals who are

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volunteering as both Usher AND Worship Leader will have the opportunity to attend each training. It also provides an alternative date for those with only one responsibility who may only be able to attend on one of the Sundays. These sessions will also address specific needs related to Covid protocols and the live-streaming of worship on Facebook, so we ask that even "veteran" volunteers make an effort to attend one or both trainings.

## Pantry News by Julie Smith

In September we served 103 households with 126 adults and 28 children and had 17 households entering services for the first time. We continue to see an increase in persons who work and still have difficulty in obtaining food for the household.

I want to thank David Aguiar for volunteering at the pantry during his time away from work. His help has been a positive and valued experience for me; I cannot express adequately the help he has been. He also has been instrumental in obtaining many donated items for us to distribute: food, milk, backpacks, new plastic bags. And he also helped to sweeten our time with tasty treats. Thanks also to Becky Chamberlain for all she did to cover the many tasks of the garden and helping in the pantry distribution while others were away.

We are in need of more volunteers to help on Wednesdays during the pantry: someone to help with the interviewing of patrons, distributing the food and other items. We begin distribution at 8 am and are done at noon. Give me a call at the church (816-931-2515) or email me [julie@centralpreskc.org](mailto:julie@centralpreskc.org) if you are interested in helping with this process. For those we serve and those who serve it is a positive experience.

This year we hope to give a blanket or shopping cart to patrons for Christmas as well as a calendar, scarf, gloves or other winter item if we can't have the Christmas table. This will depend on the status of COVID in our area. We thank all who give of their time and goods to this service.

### **Having surgery or a medical procedure?**

*There are members who will be honored to pray for you during the procedure. Please contact Carol Ann Schmitt as listed in the Church Directory or contact the office. Thank you.*

### **There is a volunteer Pastoral Care**

**team** available for your pastoral care needs. For information, please contact the office.

### **Congratulations** to

*member Tony Beyer. On Sept 21, Heartland Presbytery affirmed his call to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder for the congregation of New Springs Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit. While serving as pastor to this re-constituting congregation he continues to work on the final academic requirements toward ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.*

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through prayer, community service,  
ministries of compassion, social  
justice and spiritual friendship.*

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