



Central Press

MAY 2022

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

Calendar

May Wednesdays

Pantry & Clothes Closet
9 am — 11 am
4:30 pm — 6:30 pm

May 3, 24

Staff meeting 9:30 am

May 8

Communion Sunday

May 10

B & G 4:00 pm

May 11

Heartland Presbytery
Anti-Racism Workshop

May 13

Media/Marketing
10:30 am

May 14

Session Retreat

May Birthdays

Dean Frech 4
Sandae Custard 15
Carol Ann Schmitt 17
Sonja Carlson 22

Anniversaries

Anna Lisa Lawton
& Sonja Carlson 6
Chip & Margaret
Barger 22
Dean Frech &
Chris James 23

What Is Love?

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 1 John 4:7-9

We use the word love in many different ways. We fall in (and out) of love. We make love. We love pizza, or a favorite team, or a season of the year. Love can mean anything from having a deep concern for the beloved, to wanting more of the object. So it can be confusing when people talk about love.

As I read the many scripture passages about love, it is apparent that the word is not a feeling but behaviors—a verb not a noun. God's love and our love for others is not dependent then on how we feel about the other, but how we live and act in spite of our feelings.

In worship during the month of May, we will explore a variety of ways that God's love for us may be more fully lived out in all of our relationships.

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| May 1 | Loving Self |
| May 8 | Love your family |
| May 15 | Love your neighbor |
| May 22 | Love your enemy |
| May 29 | Loss of love |

Electronic Recycling Event

Due to staffing shortages we are unable to offer a community Electronic Recycling event this spring. The church will be organizing a smaller event for church members near the end of the month.

Details to be announced

Kansas City Women's Chorus

Be sure to reserve your tickets to the upcoming "Hello, Goodbye"

concerts to occur on Friday, May 20 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 21 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Frost Production Arts Building, 712 E.

18th Street in Kansas City, MO. They will be saying hello to the exciting future that stretches before them and goodbye to Artistic Director and Conductor, Cindy Sheppard, who is retiring after 7 years with the KCWC.

<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=kcwc>

Visioning Process Update

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

Remember to complete your congregational vision survey by May 6. On May 14, the Session will take a day retreat for prayerful discernment, paying careful attention to the responses in our survey. The retreat will not be the conclusion of the vision process, but will help us to have a clear focus and action items for further input, discernment, and planning. Work in these focal areas will continue through the summer, with the goal of completing a draft vision and mission plan and presenting it to the congregation in August or early September. We will also be conducting a survey of our neighbors. Those in the immediate neighborhood will receive an invitation, but the link will be open to anyone to complete. This is a time where it is important to hear all voices, even and especially the unheard or unusual voices and ideas to discern how God might be at work in and through us.

Welcome Synod of Mid-America!

Welcome new occupants to our building. The Synod of Mid-America (SoMA) is a regional community of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Synod works to support and resource six presbyteries and 427 congregations in Kansas, Missouri, and Southern Illinois. The Synod will occupy office space on the 3rd floor. Synod Staff includes:

Transitional Synod Executive Tony De La Rosa

Stated Clerk Brian Ellison

Administrative Staff Dylan Klann

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The national meeting of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be in downtown Kansas City April 26-May 1. Some of the participants will join us in worship on Sunday, May 1, and we will hear a Moment for Mission about our partnership in disaster relief. Let's show our guests from around the country a warm Central welcome!

From the Pantry!

by Tessa Sheehan

Announcements:

As planned, beginning May, The Pantry will be instituting new hours every Wednesday from 9 am-11 am and adding summer hours, also on Wednesday, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm, during May, June, and July. Please note, we will be closing The Pantry the first week of August.

While we are abundant and able to give so much to our patrons, we consistently struggle with having an assortment of menswear on hand. If you or anyone you know is able to donate clean, undamaged, shirts, pants, of the leisure, athletic, dress casual variety, we and our patrons would be so grateful! To coordinate drop off or possible pick up, please email pantry@centralpreskc.org

In collaboration with KCMO Health, we will be scheduling "Plain Talk" events during Pantry hours, for our patrons to learn more about Covid-19 vaccinations, variants, and ways to manage and navigate the mental and emotional stresses derived from the current overall climate, ultimately providing a path to resources and care, needed, otherwise unknown or overlooked.

Upcoming Events and volunteer opportunity:

Join me in representing The Pantry of Central Presbyterian KC, at the annual **Civic Saturday III**, hosted by the **Pilgrims Center** in collaboration with the Kansas City Public Library, along with a list of allied organizations, including Chef Natasha Bailey of Thelma's Kitchen - focused on reducing/eliminating food insecurity in our community.

The Pantry will be on site for this event Saturday, May 14, noon to 2pm, distributing food boxes as well as grab and go no cook meal bags to those in need.

To prepare for this event, I am welcoming volunteers to help build meal bags and assist with tabling the day of the event.

If you are able and willing to help represent The Pantry at Central Presbyterian Kansas City, MO, please email me at pantry@centralpreskc.org. More information about the event can be found here:

<https://www.pilgrimcenterkc.org/civic-saturday>

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another."

- Charles Dickens



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NOTE: Jeff Light will be out of town May 16-20 participating in the Synod Transitional Ministers Continuing Education event in St. Louis.

May Worship Duties

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>
5/1	Carol Marley Matthew Mullins	Rebecca Merola
5/8	Mark Murphy Don Haring	Mark Murphy
5/15	Steve Heflin Candace Heflin	Allison Dodds
5/22	Sandae Custard Jim Corwin	Sonja Carlson
5/29	Chip Barger Margaret Barger	Don Haring

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

Jeff Light, *Transitional Pastor*
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Sarah Jacobs, *Organist*
Jan Powell, *Secretary*
Tessa Sheehan, *Director Community Ministries*

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David Alonzo Anna Lisa Lawton
 Cheryl Cornett Rebecca Merola
 Jim Corwin Lynda Raner
 Allison Dodds
Clerk of Session: Roberta McBride

Central Presbyterian Committee Moderators

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