



Central Press

JUNE 2022

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

Calendar

June Wednesdays

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

June 5

Communion Sunday

June 7, 21

Staff meeting 9:30 am

June 14

B & G 4:00 pm

June 22

Session 6:30

June Birthdays

Jonna Wood 4
Susan Borge 13
Anna Lisa Lawton 15
Margaret Barger 17
Jack Ditch 21
Chip Barger 22

Anniversaries

John Ditch &
Kat McDaniel 8
Heidi Peterson
& Jeff Clayton 10
Candace &
Steve Heflin 15
Don Haring &
Lynda Raner 25
Jim & Pattie
Corwin 28

Central Vision Process

When we ordain and install elders to serve on the Central Session, we ask them: "*Will you serve the people with energy, enthusiasm, imagination, and love?*" In late May, the entire Session was at Heartland Presbyterian Center for an all-day retreat to continue our visioning process. I can report that they indeed fulfilled their ordination vows and set in motion a number of steps we will undertake in the coming months. The Session is committed to a process that engages all members, friends, neighbors, and partners in discerning how we might grow in faith and service. Here are a few highlights:

As a guide for the process, the Session voted to join other PCUSA congregations as a "Matthew 25 congregation." Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. The commitment has three sections

- **Building congregational Vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

This is in addition to our ongoing commitment as a

More Light Congregation and an Earth Care Congregation.

The Session also scheduled four All-Congregation discernment gatherings to hear more voices as we draft our new vision document. These will happen on Sunday mornings as part of our time of worship:

Sunday, June 12. The Inward Focus (How do we revitalize the congregation through worship, nurture and community? How do we engage all who are connected to Central in any capacity—members, guests, volunteers, partners, and patrons).

Sunday, June 26. The Outward Focus (How do we extend our outreach into the community to fulfill our Matthew 25 commitments to address poverty, racial reconciliation, and earth care?)

Sunday, July 24. Buildings and Grounds (How do we imagine the use or configuration of all of our facilities in the coming years?)

Sunday, August 14. Draft Vision Document for review

These gatherings are not designed for debate, but discernment of possibilities for what God is calling us to do and be. Materials for study, reflection, and prayerful discernment will be provided in advance of these gatherings.

Thanks be to God!



From the Pantry!

by Tessa Sheehan

Summer hours:

It is with much excitement The Pantry is pleased to report that our new summer hours are proving to be successful! Each week we have increased the number of patrons we serve, welcoming new patrons, who appreciate the afternoon hours as more convenient. That said, happy to report we served exactly fifty patrons, for the record, May 25!

Volunteers:

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the

heart." – Elizabeth Andrew

The growth and success of The Pantry and its mission to create community while addressing food insecurity, relies heavily on its volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who show up to fulfill the intention of serving with loving kindness!

Donations needed:

The Pantry is always seeking gently used clothing donations for both men and women, with more attention to mens clothing.

Contact The Pantry for more information:

Pantry@CentralPresKC.org

Worship

June 7 begins the season of Pentecost, a time of commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus Christ. Throughout the Pentecost season, we will focus on the Fruits of the Spirit, as described in Galatians 5: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control."

- June 7 Pentecost Sunday / Communion
Heartsong Ensemble from Kansas City
Women's Chorus will sing
- June 14 Love / Discernment Gathering
- June 21 Joy
- June 28 Patience / Discernment Gathering
- July 3 Peace
- July 10 Kindness / Discernment Gathering

Holy Happy Hour

David Aguiar is hosting our next Holy Happy Hour on Friday, June 10 5:00 - 7:00 pm. On his back deck (3302 Holmes Street).

LOVE

Joy

Fruit of the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:22

peace

patience

KINDNESS

Goodness

FAITHFULNESS

HUMILITY

Self Control



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June Worship Duties

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>
6/5	Roberta McBride Susan Borge	David Alonzo
6/12	Anna Lisa Lawton Sonja Carlson	Lynda Raner
6/19	Rebecca Merola Mary Merola	Pat Johnson
6/26	Pat Johnson Ray Hill	Candace Heflin

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 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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 Building & Grounds Mary Merola
 Mission & Service Sandae Custard
 Personnel & Policies Allison Dodds
 Social Media/Marketing Anna Lisa Lawton
 Worship Rebecca Merola