



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

September becomes a time when we begin to see life at Central move into a comfortable “routine”. We anticipate returning to the Sanctuary to worship on September 11. Our Choir begins rehearsing on Thursdays. We will have a 123 Kids Event on September 17. On September 25, we will give Bibles to young people and have a Sunday focused upon ways to embrace the Bible.

As people return, there has been work in the Nursery, in anticipation of the beginning of our new Preschool project that will begin this fall. Another fall project will be a group working on the development of a Mission Study to assist the church in identifying the direction and focus of Central’s Ministry (the next step in the process of calling the next minister).

As we value “routine”, I find that it is exactly in the moments that I want “routine” that God shakes up life. Think of Mary and Joseph finding out they are going to be parents. Remember Peter, Andrew, James, and John who found their “routines” interrupted by a stranger inviting them to stop what they were doing and follow Him.

The Psalmist writes: “The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.” (Psalm 145:15 - 19)

I am curious to see how God will surprise us as we journey together...

Peace,
Pete

9/17 - STEM Saturday



Make plans on joining us on Saturday, September 17, from 2-4 pm, for our 123 Kids Stem event. Make your own slime! Launch a water rocket! Learn about electric circuits and much, much more.

This is a FREE event. Please choose one of the available one-hour slots for your child/children. Adults do not need to register. www.eventbrite.com/e/stem-saturday-at-central-tickets-408103477487

Calling volunteers! We could use help setting up the space and cleaning up afterwards. To volunteer, call the church office at (973) 744-5340. Or, read more and sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545a4ae2ca6f58-mlcstem

9/25 - Rally Day

On Sunday, September 25, 10 am – noon, we will host our traditional “Rally Day” in a newer format, highlighting our opening activities for our Children’s Ministry.

During worship, we will have a children’s presentation of Bibles. We will focus both our worship service and activities following worship on the role the Bible can play in our lives.

We will enjoy a “special” coffee hour and time for fellowship after the service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Peace & Global Witness



This fall our congregation will link arms with Presbyterians around the world to support efforts through a Peace & Global Witness special offering. This giving campaign begins Sunday, September 4, 2022 and culminates on October 2, 2022, World Communion Day. Rev. Wilkinson is planning a special sermon for us on October 2nd to speak to this united effort.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world and here locally.

You may support this fund through our offering plates or online at www.centralpresbyterian.net/giving.

Stewardship

The Importance of Stewardship

As we prepare to move from the warmth of summer into the fall season, for most of us, it will be the busiest time of the year. School is starting, Halloween is around the corner only to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Session at Central will be very busy as well, planning the annual budget based on our mission goals and operational needs. In order to plan our work ahead, we will need your full participation and your gifts.

We each give to the church for a variety of reasons: it could be that it meets our needs for pastoral, emotional and religious connection. It might be because our children are taught life-lessons and about scripture in Sunday school. It may be because we find our outreach to those that are food insecure and homeless vitally important.

Moving forward, the Stewardship Committee will be providing regular information about the impact your donations make. Your gifts literally change lives, offer hope, and ripple out into the community. The missions we support are in alignment with the teachings of what Jesus is calling us to do.

Thank you!
Emma Justice
Stewardship Chair

Save the Date

Halloween Trail
Saturday, October 22nd
3-5 pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA	2	3
4 Peace & Global Witness Offering 10:00am Worship w/nursery 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA + Al-Anon	5 Labor Day Office Closed 6:30 pm Women in Action	6 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Christian Ed. Committee	7 7:00-9:00pm Private Event – Grace Hall	8 1:00pm – 6:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA	9	10
11 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper, Nursery open 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA + Al-Anon	12 2:00-8:00pm Private Event 6:30 pm Women in Action	13 10:00am All- Building Meeting 7:00 pm Session Meets	14 7:00-9:00pm Private Event – Grace Hall	15 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA	16	17 2:00-4:00 pm 123Kids STEM Saturday
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25 Rally Day 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship w/ Sunday School 6:00-10:00pm Private Event 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA + Al-Anon	26 8:30am-1:00pm Private Event 7:00pm Deacons meet	27 9:30am Staff Meeting	28 7:00-9:00pm Private Event – Grace Hall	29 11:00 am Communications Committee 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA	30	

Birthdays

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| 1 Alice Sturzinger | 23 John Finney |
| 3 Kara Beth Johnson | 24 John Weber |
| 6 Emma Justice | 28 Ruth Ann Dodd |
| 15 Heather Rose Woodward | 29 Doug Ewertsen |

“Historic” Jackals Outing



A NIGHT OF BASEBALL
Thursday, August 11

On Thursday, August 11th, a “Central” crowd gathered at Yogi Berra stadium for the New Jersey Jackals vs. Empire State Greys game. The weather was perfect and proved to make an excellent night to kick back and enjoy some baseball.

We even lead the stadium in song during the 7th inning stretch. With Chapel Choir representatives Ed Alstrom, Kirk Woodward, and Neal Day leading the way, we took on “God Bless America” and “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”.

In unexpected news, just days later the Jackals announced 2022 as their final season at Yogi Berra Stadium. Their last games at the stadium will be between Aug. 19-25th. They expect to announce their new home this September.

Thank you so much to Neal Day and the Day Family for helping connect us to these games over the years and making such a great night out for our community!

