



Dear Friends:

It is with sadness I invite all to offer prayers of condolence and sympathy to the many people, young and old, that have been directly impacted by the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on May 24th.

May God provide some solace to the grieving families, friends, classmates, friends who experienced devastating losses. May God's healing presence be experienced by those physically injured in the events. May God's peace be experienced by first responders, teachers, administrators and those who continue to work through the aftermath of this event along with the traumas of these experiences.

As I initially was searching for the "right words", I am reflecting upon three important insights:

The Dalai Lama, in the book, *The Book of Joy*, said, "Many people think of suffering as a problem. Actually it is an opportunity destiny has given you. ..." All of us can prayerfully determine how we will choose to have this event (and others like it) shape not only our words, but our deeds.

Mr. Rogers once shared this thought: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." As we discern what we are to do, we might be mindful of the "helpers". Not only those who faced trials at Robb Elementary that we cannot begin to appreciate, but those helpers who are seeking to discover ways of moving out of the cycles of violence and fear.

Jesus shares the following: ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. " (Matthew 5:14-16).

I invite us to reflect upon how we will choose to be "light". – Rev. Pete

A Day of Celebrations

Sunday, June 5, 2022

10 am – 2 pm



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During our 10 am worship service we will acknowledge our 2022 high school and college graduates and thank our Sunday school teachers.

11 am, immediately following the service, we will move outside for the festive Deacons' picnic. All are invited for an *al fresco* lunch hot off the grill.

At 11:30 am we will take a moment to officially welcome Rev. Peter Wilkinson as our Interim Pastor.

To RSVP or sign up to bring a side dish for the picnic, contact Barry Kenstler via email at kenstlers@verizon.net. An in-person sign-up is also available in the church office.

THE IN-CHOIRER
June 2022

Greetings! I hope you are getting ready for a relaxing and wonder-filled summer.

The music will go on at Central like it always does. The choir will go on a hiatus for a few weeks, but someone will be singing at Worship for most of the summer, be it soloists or the choir.

One difference will be that our pipe organ is going on a trip for some badly needed repairs. Specifically, the windsocks and regulators need work. Pipe organs need lots of air breathing into their pipes in order to make beautiful sound, and our conduits for getting the wind from the blowers to those pipes are a little long in the tooth, so our repair people in Pennsylvania will come and get the parts in need of fixing, take them back to their shop, repair them, and return them to us. This organ, as you know, is a fabulous and historic instrument, and it is in our best interest to keep it running for as long as we can, and this work will really help it perform to its best. It's being funded by... what else... the Piano/Organ Fund, which is for exactly this purpose! Services will probably not be in the Sanctuary, so you wouldn't be hearing the pipe organ anyway.

Other than that, the church marches on very effectively. Pete and I have forged a great working relationship, and the choir has been having as much fun as ever. Central is such a fabulous community.

I am privileged to work here, and I thank you all for your support and kind words.

Ed Alstrom, Director of Music

Faith & Fellowship

YOUTH GROUP

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June 12 and 26th, 11:15 am – 1 pm

Based on your scheduling feedback we are updating this program time to midday so more youth can participate. All middle and high school youth are welcome.

Program contact: Carolyn Buck – goulderbuck@verizon.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Sundays after Time with Young Disciples (10:15 am)

The last date is June 26th before a summer hiatus.

Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited. Follow the volunteer leader to the Education Building. Sundays except Communion/1st Sundays.

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THE MOVING ARCHITECTS +
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Community Movement Project

a pay-what-you-can movement program
Montclair, New Jersey

COMMUNITY MOVEMENT PROJECT

Spring Session 2: April 26th – June 7th, 2022 (7 classes)

Tuesdays, 10-11 am

Pilates/Barre Blend with Erin, in-person, in the Community Room.

Suggested Donation: \$140 (\$20/class)

Register and More Info: www.communitymovementproject.org

June Birthdays

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| 3 Maggie Dancy | 21 Pat Dancy |
| 8 Ryan Dancy | Lynn Selassie |
| 9 Kevin O'Hare | 24 Robel Hall |
| Jim Dodd | 25 Rolda Mitchell |
| 12 Cynthia Bennett | Barry Kenstler |
| Valerie Henry | 26 Graeme George |
| Mike Sneden | Michael Norton |
| 13 Ella Schestag | 29 Natalie Arndt Marone |
| 15 Frank Wood | 30 Eric Johansen |
| 17 Ryan Marone | Andrew White |



June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30pm Personnel Committee meeting	2 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 11:00am Howard Finney, III Memorial
5 10:00 am – 2:00 pm A Day of Celebrations 10:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA	6 7:30pm Comm. / Spiritual Outreach	7 10:00am - 11:00am All- Building Meeting 10:00am - 11:00am CMP 6:00pm Christian Ed. Committee meeting	8	9 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 10:00am Worship w/Sunday School 11:15am - 1:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA	13	14 7:00pm Session Meeting	15	16 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA	17	18
19 Father's Day 10:00am Worship w/Sunday School 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA	20	21 8:00pm Worship Committee meeting	22 7:00pm Deacons meet	23 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA	24	25
26 Pam Osborne, Guest Pastor <i>Last day of Sunday school for the summer</i> 10:00am Worship 11:15am - 1:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA Rev. Wilkinson on Study Leave	27	28 5:00pm New Jersey Vocal Arts concert	29	30 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA		Study leave concludes 7/5



Introducing **Evan Wilkinson**, our new nursery leader. Evan has been working in Montclair's well-established MMO childcare for several years. He has already supported Central's families during evening book groups and is now taking the lead for our Sunday nursery.

Christian Ed. is actively looking for adults to rotate as helpers for Evan throughout the summer. Please reach out to Carolyn at goulderbuck@verizon.net if you can help this summer.