

Dear Friends,

The month of June is going to be experienced at Central in different ways

- *We began the month recognizing graduates and teachers during our worship. Along with this “normal” activity, the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey approved Central’s Mission Study and has granted permission for the church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. There will be more information about this information in the Newsletter).*
 - *On Sunday, June 11, the Deacons will host our annual picnic on the grounds following worship. We will also have an opportunity for people who are interested in exploring what membership means at Central to meet, following worship.*
 - *Our Session is in the process of reorganizing how it functions so it can more effectively lead this community in the changing and challenging times we are experiencing. The intent is to provide ways for the church to more effectively live out its mission statement.*
- The next steps toward the opening of the Mint Preschool are being addressed. There have been a couple of unanticipated challenges that have brought the process to a halt, but we are prayerfully seeking ways to move forward.

As we all appreciate the certainty of a different summer pace, this year, we will find ourselves experiencing the challenges of change. One of my favorite writers, Henri Nouwen shared the following: “To pray is to live.” The inverse is equally true: “To live is to pray.” Nouwen says that prayer is acceptance. “When we pray, we are standing with our hands open to the world. We know that God will show Godself in the nature that surrounds us, in the people we meet, in the situations we run into.” To live in prayer is to become alert. We ask, “What is happening now that shows God’s engagement with me? What is the Holy Spirit whispering? In whom do I see signals of God’s grace? If I were to fully do what the Spirit wants right now, what would it be?” I am curious to see how we will live into this unique time together.

Peace, Pete



New Members Class:

For those who are interested or curious about Membership at Central Presbyterian Church, please join us following worship on June 11, for a short, conversation regarding how one can participate in the Mission and Ministry of Central Church.

We are a church striving to be who God intends us to be - a diverse community of disciples who follow Jesus, and share God's love with neighbors near and far. We want everyone who enters our doors to feel welcomed, and connected to Christ and his community at Westminster.

Membership is often a natural next step for those who have already attended our church and begun to explore our ministries. Joining a church is not like joining a club. There are no dues or secret handshakes. The only requirement is a profession of belief in Jesus Christ. Whether you are proclaiming this belief for the first time or restating your commitment along with a letter of transfer from a former church, we rejoice with you!

Our Inquirer/New Member Class prepares you for this life-changing proclamation. Our goals for the Inquirer/New Member Class are to increase our awareness and understanding of: The central beliefs of the Christian faith

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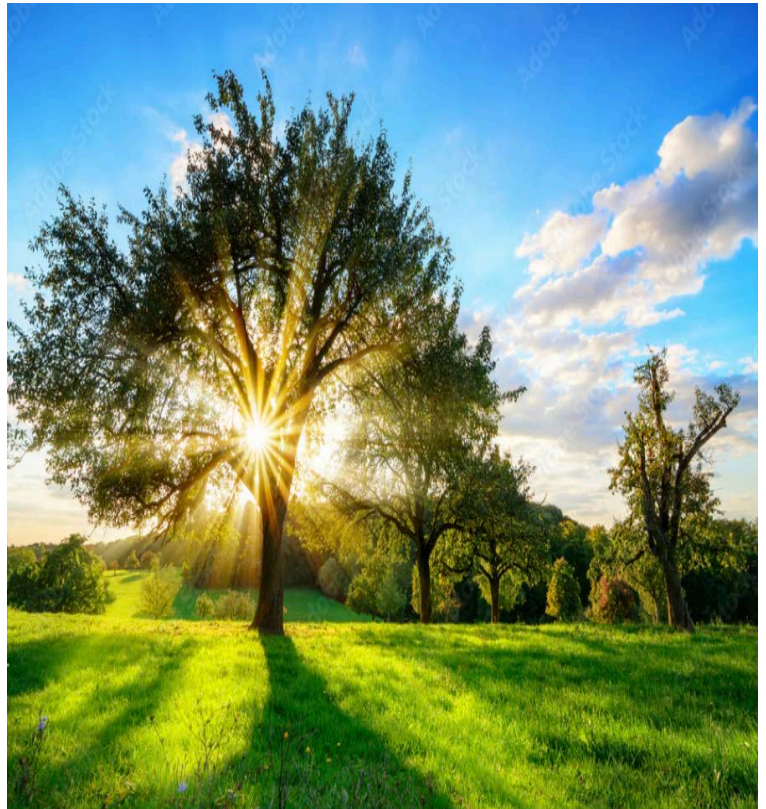
We look forward to meeting with people in the community room following worship. If you have any questions, please contact Rev.

Pete

(pastor.centralpresbyterian@gmail.com).

Summer Worship at Central

This Summer, we anticipate moving out of the Sanctuary during July and August and will worship in the Chapel. Among the many things that is currently on the Session's plate is the examination of how to improve the Chapel so it could be better utilized. We are taking advantage of the Summer to take some "baby steps" forward to make the space more effective as a worship space. For example, we have purchased new air conditioners that we anticipate cooling the room effectively and not becoming an annoyance because of the sounds from the units. We anticipate our worship services being designed for people of all ages as we will be providing infant care, but will not have Sunday School. We will continue to stream our services. We look forward to seeing you in the chapel on July 3!



Recognizing Teachers

Central's Christian Education Thanks the Teachers of our children:

- Christina Cattell
- Stephanie Fitzgerald
- Betty Hall
- Rolda Mitchell
- Frederick & Morgan Moulongo
- Erin Norton
- Kim O'Hare
- Evan Wilkinson

Central's commitment to nurture and support our youngest disciples begins with the support of those who share their time and talents with our children and youth.

We appreciate the willingness of these people to share their gifts. Thank you for the "work" behind the scenes that is shared by our Christian Education Committee: Carolyn Buck, Pat Dancy, and Amy SooHoo White.



Recognizing Graduates:

- Jonathan Ali graduated from Carnegie Mellon in engineering
- Maggie Dancy graduated from Duke Univ. with a MSN and ANP
- Michaela O'Hare graduated from American University
- Ella Schestag Graduated Kent Place School - Fall @ Cornell Univ.
- Charlotte Worth Graduated University of Westminster in London UK (Master's Degree in Global Food Nutrition Policy)

Let us lift up our Graduates congratulations from Central

Recognizing Choir Members:

- Valerie Spain
- Carolyn Buck
- Romana Schaeffer
- Pat Dancy
- Rolda Mitchell
- Ann Arndt
- Cathy McMahan
- Donna Karanja
- Ron Naspo
- Zane Cawthon
- Lin Roth
- Neal Day
- George Schulz,
- Arshon Moses
- Dave Arndt

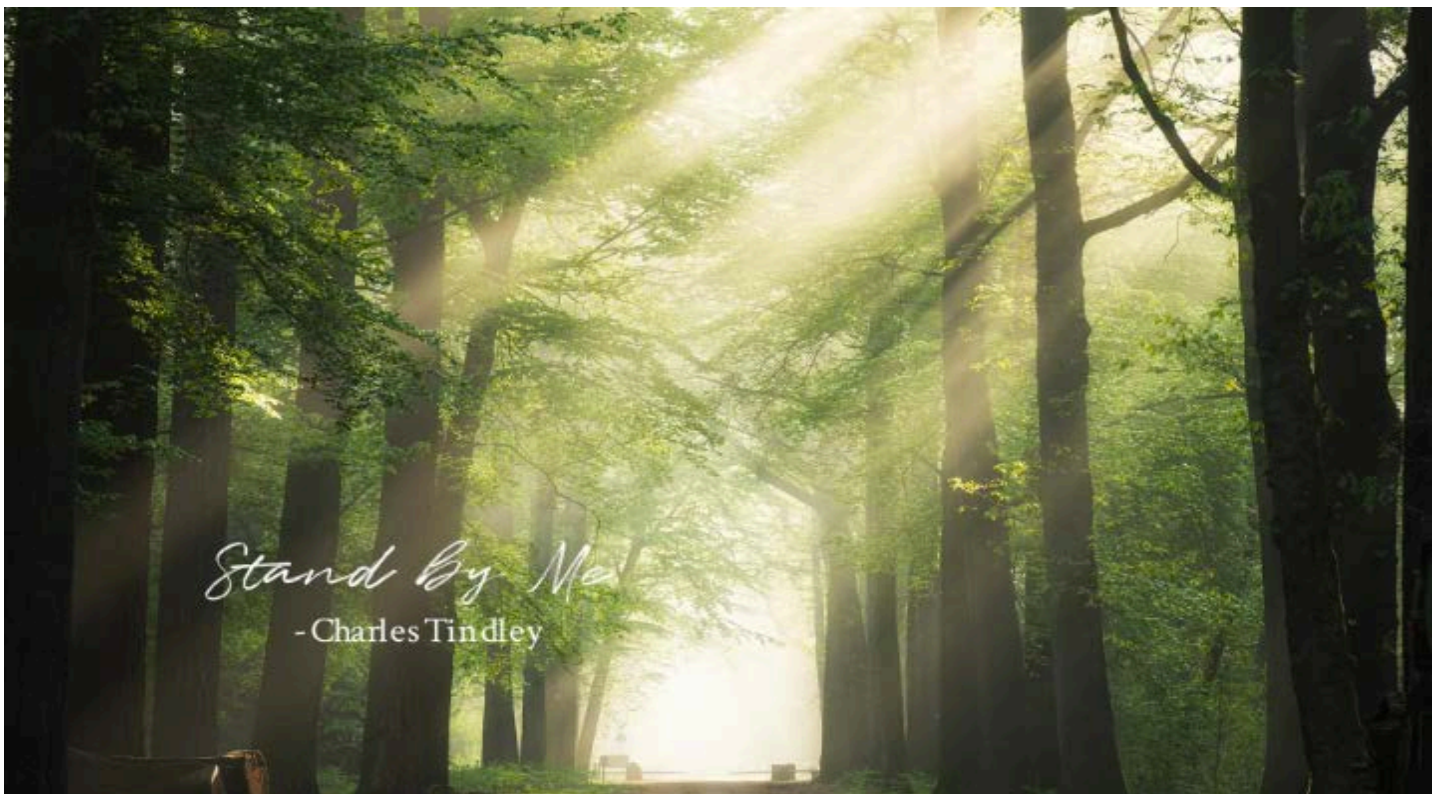
Update on Process to search for next Pastor:

The Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey's Committee on Ministry approved Central Presbyterian Church's Mission Study. They have also granted the church permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. This is an important step in the process.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is a committee that is elected by the Congregation to bring to the congregation a candidate to serve as the next called pastor for Central. We anticipate that there will be a called congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee before July 1 (we anticipate the meeting taking place on June 25th, following worship.

As we are preparing for this next important step in our journey as a church, the Session will begin searching for people who might be willing to participate in this important task. It is a fascinating process that might take as much as a year to complete. Committee members will organize, plan and implement a search for the right candidate (with assistance). Key gifts of committee members include the ability to work together. Being able to listen, to pray, and trust God and one another becomes vital. As one person who has shared, "Serving on a Pastor Nominating Committee was one of the most powerful experiences that I have had as a member of a church."

If you are interested in participating in this important task or can think of someone who would be a good member of this committee, please contact Rev. Pete or Frederick Moulongo, Clerk of Session.



Join Us

Following worship on June 11, please experience the joy of life together as our Deacons host the annual picnic on the church grounds. The Deacons will provide main dishes and drinks, if you have an opportunity to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to this special time together.



June Birthdays

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

