



Dear Friends:

As we have moved through the Lenten/Easter season, I am finding my appreciation for the wonderful ministry of Central Church to grow. I value the leadership of the Session, the diligent work of the staff, and the opportunities that God is presenting the church.

It is important for me to return to my primary focus as the Interim Pastor. My goal as the Interim Pastor is to aid the church in completing a process to identify and call the next pastor.

The steps involved for me (and the church) include:

A TIME FOR HEALING/UNDERSTANDING - Through personal conversations and small group listening/discussion, enable God's Spirit to bring about healing where there may be hurt. It is a time for me as the Interim to gain a sense of understanding of how the church functions and possible challenges that might need to be addressed.

LOOKING AT GOD'S PLAN FOR THIS CHURCH BY DOING A MISSION STUDY - Who is God calling us to be? How are we to prepare for that? Look at our vision, mission, values, goals, strengths, and the needs around us, and discern God's purpose for this congregation.

ELECTING A PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) - Who is God calling to lead the search for a new pastor? Determine what is needed (gifts, skills, commitment, etc.), pray for guidance, and elect the committee in a congregational meeting. The Presbytery's Committee on Ministry will need to approve the election of the PNC.

BUILDING A TEAM AND COMPLETING A CHURCH INFORMATION FORM (CIF) - The PNC writes the Church Information Form, including the information from the mission study, and has it approved by the Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

PNC - IDENTIFYING CANDIDATE TO BE THE NEXT CALLED PASTOR AT CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CONGREGATION ELECTING THE NEXT CALLED PASTOR AT CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The process is very deliberate. It is designed to provide the congregation to be led by the Spirit, discern and discover how the church will navigate the next chapter of its journey and identify the person with the gifts needed to provide Pastoral leadership.

As we enter the month of May, the Session will begin taking the next intentional step in moving through this process. By the end of May it is the Session's hope that a "Mission Study Team" will be identified and organized to complete the foundational task of completing the Mission Study.

The Mission Study is the working document that will share how Central Presbyterian Church anticipates living out its mission and ministry in the years ahead. It is essentially a practical and spiritual "business plan". The study process itself will involve conversation and input from members of the church community along with other people in our community.

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Nursery News: Our nursery has officially reopened for Sunday morning worship. Staff will welcome children ages 0-4 from 9:45 am - noon.

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The team will be made up of approximately five people. They will plan, implement, and ultimately create the study. The final product will be shared with the congregation, approved by the Session and by the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey's Committee on Ministry.

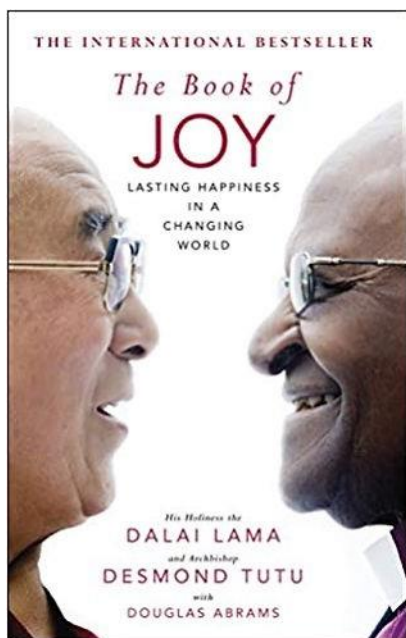
The "team" will first organize itself and develop a plan to gather information about our church and our community. The work includes gaining an understanding of the history of the church, a current assessment of life in the church and the dynamics of the community. It will ultimately share a plan of how Central Presbyterian Church understands how God is calling us to move into the next chapter of its journey.

Once the mission study is completed, the whole is presented to the congregation for review. If we feel that it does a good job of reflecting where we are and where we are going, we move into the next major task of the transitional work, the formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

I am curious to see how we will experience God through this experience.

- Rev. Pete

Faith & Fellowship



“THE BOOK OF JOY”

Wednesdays

May 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6-7:30 pm

In this book, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama discuss how to live in joy despite suffering. Let's look at this in the context of our faith and community. The discussion will take place in person and on Zoom. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Books are available in the church office. They are \$20 – pay what you can. The title is widely available (Kindle, etc.)

6 pm – Dinner is served/Childcare opens

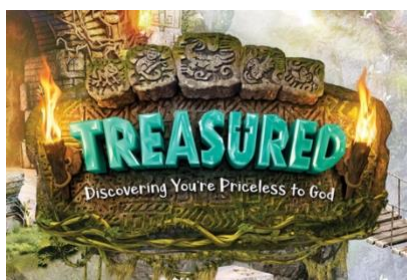
6:30 pm – Zoom opens and discussion starts

7:30 pm – End of program

8 pm – Childcare closes

Program contact: Erin Carlisle Norton

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YOUNG FAMILIES GATHERING

Sunday, May 22, 2022, 11 am – 12:30 pm

One more Young Family Gathering is set for families of young children before the end of the school year! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22 after worship until 12:30. Your whole family is invited. There will be time for multi-generational discussion, activities for your kids, and a chance for parents to visit with other parents. A light lunch will be provided. Come be reminded that you are treasured by God and Central Presbyterian!

Program contact: Kathy Kauh

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Faith & Fellowship (cont.)



YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP – *New time!*

1st and 3rd Sundays

May 1st and 15th, 11 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)

Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited to a volunteer-led lesson with an activity during the church service. Follow the leader through to the colorful classroom in the Education Building. Sundays except Communion/1st Sundays.

Program contact: Carolyn Buck – goulderbuck@verizon.net

COMMUNITY MOVEMENT PROJECT

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

Tuesdays, 10-11 am

Pilates/Barre Blend with Erin, in-person.

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

Register and More Info: www.communitymovementproject.org



Men's Bible Study

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, May 7th, 8 am – *Last session before the fall*

Program contact: Contact Scott Osborne at 201-704-2510

or scott.osborne@verizon.net

May Birthdays

- 2 Barbara Eveleth
Eugenia Bishop
- 4 Neal B. Day
- 5 Nina Moulongo
- 11 Curran Schestag
- 16 Loren Hoyt
- 17 Marylyn Smalls
- 20 Stephanie Fitzgerald
Pam Osborne
- 24 Lidet Hall
- 26 Mark Johansen



The Central Church steeple is illuminated in the month of May in loving memory of Larry and Priscilla Stauffer.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	2	3 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CMP 2:00 PM Communication Spiritual Outreach 6:00 PM Christian Ed. Committee meeting	4	5	6	7 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8 Mother's Day 10:00 AM Worship w/Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	9	10 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CMP 7:00 PM Session Meeting	11 6-7:30 PM "The Book of Joy" Small Group	12 1:00-6:00 Red Cross 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 10:00 AM Worship w/Sunday School 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Youth Group 4:00-5:30 pm APEX Concert 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	16	17 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CMP 8:00 PM Worship Committee meeting	18 6-7:30 PM "The Book of Joy" Small Group	19 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	20	21
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29 10:00 AM Worship w/Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	30 Memorial Day - Office Closed	31 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CMP	Community Movement Project (CMP) at Central Presbyterian Church provides the Montclair, New Jersey community and beyond high quality, accessible, and pay-what-you-can movement classes. Read more at www.communitymovementproject.org			

Easter 2022 in Pictures

