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IDENTIFYING & NURTURING LEADERS

The Nominating Committee Needs You!

We trust and believe that God calls and equips people to serve as leaders. Central's Nominating Committee has begun its work to prayerfully consider people to serve as elders and deacons for the next terms. Presbyterians elect elders to exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and deacons to minister to those in need. In 2020, our elders and deacons have done a very good job of providing the necessary leadership to meet the challenges of ministering during a pandemic.

The job of the Nominating Committee is to discern those members of Central Presbyterian Church that God is preparing for

leadership and then to recommend them to the congregation for election. While the Nominating Committee will conduct its discernment prayerfully, carefully and confidentially, we have two requests of you at this time. First, we seek your prayers as we work. Second, we seek your ideas and suggestions of particular people that you think might be good elders and deacons. Self-nominations are encouraged!

These roles require a love of Jesus and a strong faith that is open to new ideas and new frontiers. Their manner of life should be a

UPCOMING WORSHIP

The Coordinated Mission Committee set three missional foci for 2020. These are working on providing housing for people experiencing homelessness, providing food for those who are hungry, and anti-racism efforts. Each of these three areas are big issues that connect our faith to problems in the world. And they have some ways of overlapping with each other. We will highlight each mission areas on a Sunday in the middle of August. For each worship service we hope to pair conversations that inform and inspire and ground us in religious values with suggestions for concrete actions.

Sunday, August 2

We will join others from the presbytery in online worship, getting to hear from denominational leaders. The Rev. Gregory Bentley, newly elected co-moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will preach. While the first Sunday of the month would be an opportunity to share in communion, this activity will be held until later in the month.

Sunday, August 9

we will focus on housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness. We will get an update on Project Home, the shelter program dear to the heart of Central and then listen in on a conversation with Elizabeth Tannen, congregational organizer for Beacon Interfaith Action. If you are looking to pair faith with action to help people experiencing homelessness, we will launch a diaper drive.

Sunday, August 16

Our food ministry has been a vital part of our identity at Central. On what would ordinarily be a Third Sunday Lunch, we will have a chance for a conversation with chef Barb Westman. In addition, there will be a second conversation with Mary McKeown, the Executive Director of Keystone Community services. Mary spoke at Central in late 2019 about the work of Keystone during the preparation for the 2020 VocalPoint benefit concerts that raised funds and awareness about the Express Bike Shop run by Keystone. This time, Mary will be speaking about hunger and the impact of Covid-19 on food shelves run by Keystone.

For those looking to pair faith with action, Central will be sending a volunteer team to Opportunity Place shelter in downtown St. Paul on the 2nd Saturday in September.

Sunday, August 23

Worship will feature leadership from the Anti-Racism Task Force. They have been encouraging members of the Central community to participate in a statewide book reading of *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* that is a collection of essays by writers of color living in Minnesota.

Sunday, August 30

The shape of this week's worship is still being refined as of the printing of this newsletter. Stay tuned to the mid-week eConnect email.

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demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. And during this pandemic, we have come to rely upon our leaders having the comfort to learn and use technology like email and Zoom

when we have not been able to meet in person.

The Nominating Committee would love to hear from you with suggestions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The 2020 Nominating Committee (Stu Siebell, Alex Bollman, Mary Miller, Mark Vance, Mel Leach and David Colby, ex-officio)



SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR LEADERS

Due to the coronavirus, it would be best if you would email your confidential suggestions to Rev. David Colby at davec@centralforgood.org who will then share your suggestion with the whole Nominating Committee.

If you do not have email, you can phone your suggestions in to the office (651) 224-4728, ext 102 or mail this form to Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

I would like to explore God's call to serve as an: elder deacon. *(Please indicate which or both).*

I suggest _____ be considered as : elder deacon. *(Please indicate which or both).*

My reason for the above nomination is because: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION!

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Central's Session received the following people as new members to the congregation on July 21 (and were welcomed in online worship on July 26).

- Allynne Burg
- Becky Gienger
- Barbara Hein
- Tom Hein
- Heidi Jernstedt
- Catherine Dittberner Lloyd
- Ernest Lloyd

To watch the video these moments, go to www.centralforgood.org/stream-0726. As they continue to make their home here - even in this time of distancing, we invite you to learn more about them and engage them in the life, people and culture of

Central as you are able. Over the next couple newsletters we will introduce you to each of them.



Tom and Barbara Hein

Tom and Barbara were college sweethearts, having met at Bemidji State University, and have been married for 32 years, living in St. Cloud for the majority of those years. They moved to the Twin Cities in 2019 when Barbara accepted a job with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in downtown St. Paul. Tom and Barbara have two adult children - Aimee and Jack. Aimee is in the final year of her Ph.D. program at Boston College and Jack lives in Minneapolis where he works at Augsburg University.

Join us in the September newsletter when we share profiles of other new members!

AN INVITATION FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

If you are a visitor or a regular attendee to Central, even in this time of exclusively online worship, we invite you to become a member of the Central Presbyterian Church congregation. As a member you can hold positions as an elder or deacon and can vote in ongoing church matters, as well as further connect with others at Central as one body.

Mark Your Calendar

We are going to have a new member class in August. It will be held over two 90-minute sessions on Sunday, August 9 and August 16 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Like so many things in this virtual season of our lives, the

class sessions will happen over a Zoom teleconference call.

We know that many people have become connected to the Central community over the last many months, and this is a chance for you to learn, to ask questions, to meet others from Central, and perhaps to decide to join this church community in an official capacity. It's a different format for a different kind of time. But, we think it will work to make deep connections and offer support. If you have been involved with our mission and ministries and want to make it official, or just want to learn more, we hope you will join us.

How to Participate

Send an email to Rev. Colby at davec@centralforgood.org to register for the class and then watch for a Zoom invitation email. If you have questions about the class or conflicts in participating on these dates or in this format, please email Rev. Colby or call (651) 224-4728, ext. 102.





Join us in wishing a very *Happy Birthday* to all who are celebrating during the month of August.

Erika Kelly-Kennedy	8/1	Mary Miller.....	8/13
Emily Ross	8/2	Andrew Lonergan	8/16
Scott Schlittenhart	8/2	Constance Smith.....	8/16
Joseph Ehling	8/5	Stan Turner	8/18
Kendall Peterson.....	8/6	Taylor Runkel	8/23
Scott Klaehn	8/7	Ryan Weyandt	8/24
De' anne LaRue	8/8	Jacqueline Vosecky	8/26
Jeffrey Olson.....	8/8	John Clay.....	8/29
Joey Engeswick.....	8/9	Thomas Klaehn	8/29
Rowan Klaehn	8/9	Jack Toikka	8/29
Richard Binger.....	8/10	Jeff Jones	8/30
Sara Haller.....	8/10		
Rebecca Lee	8/10		
Russell Lundeen	8/10		
Kate Pearce.....	8/10		

If we missed your name, please send us a note to office@cpstpaul.org so that we can correct our records.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

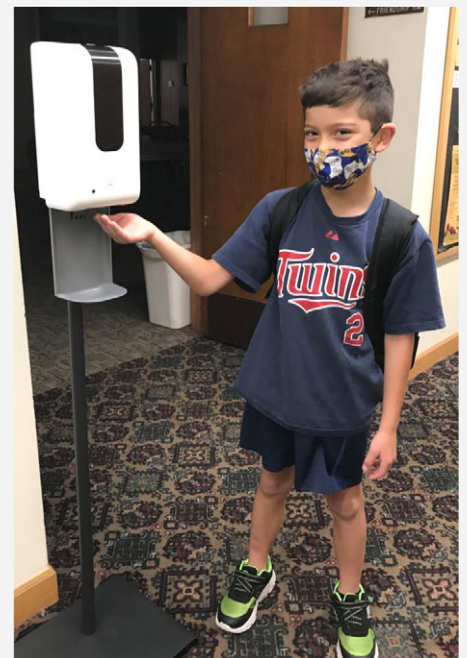
On August 11 Central will again be serving as a polling site for the election primaries. It is a great way to use our facility to strengthen all neighborhood connections and engage civic participation. We are working with election officials to ensure that appropriate safety

measures are in place. Ramsey County Elections will map out floor markers with the appropriate distancing for voters waiting in the hallways and we are coordinating with them janitorial staffing, sanitation, and other safety items as necessary.

Announcements

PREPARATION FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS

While we continue to look to our Covid-19 Task Force for recommendations as to when it will be safe to gather again in-person, Facilities Management and Risk Assessment Committee has begun preparing the building. Mobile hand sanitizer stations have arrived and are placed strategically in hallways and at entrances. New touch-free dispensers for paper towels and hand soap will soon be installed in all restrooms. All committees of Session have also been considering ways in which our worship services and regular church events and activities will need to adjust in light of Coronavirus, and we are grateful for their work.



Thank you, Johnny, for demonstrating our new mobile hand sanitizers!



Support Project Home

With concern for health and safety during the Covid-19 pandemic, Project Home's model has shifted so that families with children are being housed in hotel rooms in downtown St. Paul. We do not know yet if this model will continue through Central's usual hosting month in November, but as it might be we are looking at ways we can continue to support this group in this unusual time.

Project Home families are in need of diapers and baby wipes. One of the best ways we can support

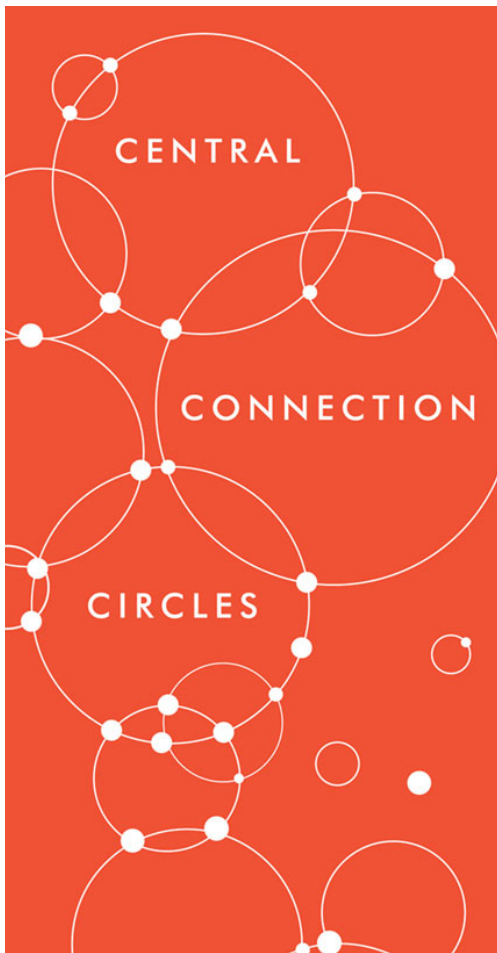
these families during this time is by donating baby diapers and wipes to be safely delivered to the families. At this time, toddler sizes 5 and 6 are the ones most requested, though baby/toddler diapers of all sizes are accepted.

Drop Off Details

Donation drop-off times are Sunday, August 9 and 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Central's MPR Lot entrance, or Wednesday, August 12 or Thursday,

August 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the church office.

For the Wednesday / Thursday drop-offs, we encourage you to call ahead to the church office at (651) 224-4728 to give a heads up that you are coming on those days. With the building only lightly staffed during this time and projects happening throughout the building, we want to be sure someone is available in the office to buzz you in. If these times do not work for you, feel free to call the office and arrange a special drop off time or to make other arrangements.



CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Have you yet shared in Central's weekly Connection Circles? These Zoom events are hosted by Central's Deacons and offered as a means for our community to gather and connect through guided conversations. People of all ages and backgrounds share personal stories, concerns, and offer support with others. If you have not yet been a part of one, we invite you to stop by for this wonderful, casual gathering.

Connection Circles run every Thursday until August 13 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Be a part of one or as many as you like!

How to Participate

The following information is the same for all Connection Circles.

VIA VIDEO ON SMARTPHONE, COMPUTER OR TABLET, GO TO:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87229900980>

OR VIA PHONE CALL IN:
 (312) 626-6799, then enter Meeting ID: 872 2990 0980#

Have Questions?

If you have questions, are interested in special topics, or serving as a host, we invite you to speak a planning team member (Laura Williams, Laura Hutton, Linda Berglund, or Maureen Smith.)

If you have questions about small groups, how to get connected, or how to reach the planning team, email office@centralforgood.org or call (651) 224-4728 ext. 100.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Gathering for the first time together to learn about anti-racism?



Enjoying the opportunity to hear music from our favorite guest musicians?



Hearing special worship messages from our Parish Associates?



The yummy smells that emerged from the kitchen on the third Sunday?



Networking with others around our city?



Watching our youth share new talents!

WOMEN'S NETWORKING GROUP

The WoC took a short break from networking gatherings, but are ready to go in August! There will be a Zoom networking event on Monday, August 10 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (Watch the mid-week eConnect email for the link.)

On Wednesday, September 2, the Women of Central will plan for another Zoom event from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. If there is a change in that plan (perhaps a patio gathering at a residence downtown), we will let you know.



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It may be quiet at Central in light of Covid-19, but it will not be silent. Join us for worship on August 23 when the Anti-Racism Task Force leads worship and reflects on a essays by writers of color living in Minnesota

