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**CHRISTMAS AT CENTRAL**  
**JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES!**

[ BY CHRISTIE RACHELLE ]

It will be a busy month at Central and we invite you to share these special events with your family and friends.

**Alternative Gift Market**

December 5, 12, 19 - After Worship  
 December 8, 15 - During Lunch

The Alternative Gift Market returns this year and will be offering unique gifts for sale in the Friendship Room.

Shopping at the market is a way of supporting artisans from around the world while finding unique gifts for your family and friends. Besides the beautiful handcrafted items, we will be selling chocolate bars, coffee, tea, and soups from all over the globe.

You will also have an opportunity to make donations to Martha’s Closet, VocalPoint, and Heifer International. If you have questions about the gift market speak with Denny Reimer or Elaine Oman.

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# UPCOMING WORSHIP

## WORSHIP AT CENTRAL SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. IN-PERSON OR ONLINE WITH SERVICES STREAMED LIVE

December will feature the lighting of the Advent candles each week. This year, as we are building up our children and youth programs, we are featuring the children, youth, and their families as our weekly candle lighters. We are following a theme of being on a pilgrimage, moving through the weeks of Advent to the birth of Jesus the Christ.

### Sunday, December 5

#### A PATH TOWARDS PEACE

MALACHI 3:1-4  
LUKE 1:68-79

Advent begins this year just after Thanksgiving and as the days get shorter, our worship services get fuller as we "work towards peace." Central Choir sings.

### Sunday, December 12

#### A PATH TOWARDS JOY

CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Join us this day as we witness the annual Children's Christmas Pageant, with carols sung by the Central Choir and special music by Ars Nova Brass Quintet.

### Sunday, December 19

#### A PATH TOWARDS LOVE

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Central's special tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols returns, with a full choir as well as instrumental and

handbell ensembles, including special guest Michael Barone playing the organ. This is a wonderful morning of music and message, and we invite you to hear again the beauty of the season. After worship, stay for a catered meal in our Third Sunday Lunch.

### Sunday, December 24

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship with us for Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. with a children's message and special music. (This service will be live-streamed online.)

Worship at 10:30 p.m. with a candlelight singing of "Silent Night," along with our Central Choir. (The 10:30 p.m. service will not be live-streamed.)

### Sunday, December 26

We invite you to gather on this Sunday for a story and more carols. This service will not be live-streamed to allow our video crew a break.

## Special Advent Art

A special thank you to artists Marie Prottengeier Smith and Jackie Klaehn for creating the artwork during our Advent pilgrimage. You will see that more is added each week along our path as we journey towards the Christ Child.

Additional banners were also created by Wendy Flinner and Marie in past years.

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## WHEN ALL DOES NOT FEEL JOYFUL AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

[ BY REV. CAROL REED ]

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” – John 14:27

For anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year, the month of December can feel exceptionally long and dark. It is hard when everything around us seems to be light and cheerfulness, but we feel anything but joy. Some churches have a Longest Night or a Blue Christmas Service.

At Central Church the All Saints’ Service is a time for us to each remember those who have gone

before us. But that does not take away the feelings that are so contrary to this time of year.

Know you are not alone; you have a community that surrounds you and is there to walk alongside you, and most of all, a God who knows the emptiness and the jumble of feelings. Below is a prayer for those finding the month of December dark, not just in terms of shortening daylight hours, but also for anyone feeling losses.

*God of love, the sun has set  
on the world as we know it  
and we do not have night vision.  
Our loss lays over us like a quilt,*

*weighing on our spirits.*

*We need you O God, in our grieving  
places, and the transition seasons.*

*Guide our feet.*

*Move us through this  
wilderness season.*

*Tilt our heads upward  
to see the stars.*

*We do not have night vision,  
But we know we have you.*

*Move through us.*

*Move among us*

*Move with us in this time. Amen.*

*By Rev. Sarah Speed,  
Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org*

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## AN INVITATION FROM BEACON

[ BY BARBARA SWANSON ]

Central Presbyterian is a member of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. Unclear what this is?

⇒ 100+ congregations in the Twin City metropolitan area...

⇒ who collectively put their faith values in action...

⇒ to ensure all people have a home.

Last year, several Central members participated in Beacon’s workshops and decided to form a Beacon Leadership Team to address the homelessness in our communities and its intersection with racism and

hunger.

Central’s Coordinated Missions Committee’s housing justice values guide Central’s Beacon Leadership Team. Present team members are Maggie Gordon, Heidi Jerstedt, Leon Oman, Lynne Severson, Barb Swanson and Casey Wells, with Christie Rachelle serving as an ex-officio member. Along with the other Beacon congregations, we are able to live out our faith values by impacting housing policy and creating affordable homes.

We invite you to learn how Beacon addresses housing insecurity through the power of faith communities in action by joining us

at Beacon’s Joyful Congregational Convening Meeting via Zoom or in-person on December 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn more on the Beacon website at [www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/beacon-convening](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/beacon-convening). This event will be a great introduction to Beacon for those new to our work and nourishment for the journey for everyone working for the vision that all people have a home.

If you have questions, or need further information, speak with a member of Central’s Beacon team or reach out to the church office at 651-224-4728 or email Anna Sanchez at [office@centralforgood.org](mailto:office@centralforgood.org).

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also an on-line giving tree list at [centralforgood.org/volunteer](http://centralforgood.org/volunteer).

Please drop off wrapped presents with the detailed gift tags taped on the packages by Tuesday, December 14. Thank you for your generosity and for making the Christmas season special for these families. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Sanchez in the church office or talk to Kelly Ishizuka.

### Children & Youth Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 12 - 10:30 a.m.

We're happy to announce a new, hybrid Christmas pageant written by Jeff Jones! In his words, "This year's play centers on the uncertainty and melancholy so many are feeling right now during the long tail-end of the pandemic. We can sort of be together. But, sort of not. A 'normal' pageant simply isn't possible—logistically and psychologically. So,

### TubaChristmas

Sunday, December 5 - 4:00 p.m.

Central's annual tradition of hosting TubaChristmas returns this month as we welcome scores of low-brass players to our sanctuary, playing Christmas carols in 4-part harmony. A free-will offering is received to help support Central's food program and community lunches. Audience members will be masked and seating is more limited this year to provide social distancing.

Want to play in the concert? If you play tuba, sousaphone, euphonium, or baritone you are invited to play! All ages are welcome; Covid vaccination is required of all musicians. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. on December 5, and rehearsal begins at 2:30.

For more information contact Anna Sanchez in the church office or call the Twin Cities TubaChristmas organizer Carol Jensen at (612) 788-3516.

### The Giving Tree

Items due Tuesday, December 14

The Coordinated Missions Committee is delighted to announce that the Giving Tree has returned this year for those interested in donating gifts for families in need from Ramsey County. Gift tags are available on the Christmas tree in the Friendship Room and there is



let's put the traditional pageant characters in our shoes and see what happens...

Pageant rehearsals will be held during Sunday worship on Dec. 5, as well as Saturday Dec. 11 during the Deck the Halls event. The pageant will be shared in worship on Sunday Dec. 12. Join the fun by emailing [Laura Walls](mailto:Laura.Walls@centralforgood.org) at [lauraw@centralforgood.org](mailto:lauraw@centralforgood.org).

## Schubert Club Concert: Songs of the Season

### FEATURING CAROLS BY MINNESOTA COMPOSERS

Thurs., Dec. 16 - Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Again this year, due to audience demand, Schubert Club is expanding to add a second performance at our own historic Central Presbyterian Church. The concert is free and open to the public.

Named "the most imaginative classical holiday program" by the *Star Tribune*, and performed to overflow audiences for the past seven years, The Schubert Club's annual "Songs of the Season" program features winter songs and carols by more than a dozen Minnesota composers and songwriters. This year's program is curated by Central's Composer-in-Residence Abbie Betinis with special guests, including Central Choir as a guest performer!

Composer Abbie Betinis writes music called "inventive, richly melodic" (*The New York Times*), "superb, whirling, soaring" (*Tacoma News Tribune*),



and "the highlight" of the program (*Boston Globe*). With over 50 commissioned works for ensembles, Abbie is also a two-time McKnight Artist Fellow, and at age 31, was listed in NPR Music's Top 100 Composers Under 40. Abbie has been a Composer-in-Residence with New York State School Music Association, The Rose Ensemble, The Singers-Minnesota Choral Artists, and Schubert Club.

Originally from Wisconsin, Abbie is a graduate of St. Olaf College (B.A.), the University of Minnesota (M.A.), and holds a diplôme from the European American Musical Alliance Institute in Paris, France. She lives in Minnesota, where she is Adjunct Professor of Composition at Concordia University-St Paul and executive director of Justice Choir.

## Worship with Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 19 - 10:30 a.m.

Central's special tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols returns, with a full choir as well as instrumental and handbell ensembles, including special guest Michael Barone playing the organ. This is a wonderful morning of music and message, and we invite you to hear again the beauty of the season.

## A Change to Live-Stream Services

As has become a new tradition at Central, live-streaming of Sunday services will continue for those who wish to share in worship from home. However, in light of the different needs this month, there will be an adjustment to our schedule. The 4:00 p.m. worship service in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve will be live-streamed. The candlelight service at 10:30 p.m. that evening will not be live-streamed due to limited light for filming. Sunday, December 26 will also not be live-streamed to allow our video crew a much needed rest.



## CHRISTMAS BOOKS FOR ANTI-RACISM

[ BY LOU BENDER, CONVENER OF THE ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE ]

Anti-Racism never takes a holiday! In this holiday season, consider sharing your convictions gently by gifting a book that lifts up the work of an artist of color. These suggestions are just a few of the treasures I have gathered over the years. They are all sold in the children's section of the bookstore and make perfect gifts for children of all ages!

*O Holy Night: Christmas with the Boys Choir of Harlem* combines the choir's recording of traditional carols with their texts illustrated by the paintings of Faith Ringgold. Ms. Ringgold is best known for her artistic activism and her story quilts. Her life bridges the years between the Harlem Renaissance and the recent work of Bisa Butler, whose remarkable quilted portraits convey the joy of Black life in the United States. New York: HarperCollins, 2004.

*Christmas Moccasins* is written and illustrated by Ray Buckley, who is of Lakota/Tlingit/Scots descent. The story is one of love, forgiveness, and the freedom that comes from practicing both. A young boy and his grandmother deliver some very special Christmas gifts to some young men whose previous cruelty would seem to preclude the story's ending. Nashville: Abington Press, 2003.

*Amazing Peace* is prominent Black poet Maya Angelou's Christmas poem, which she read at the lighting of the National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C., in 2005. A recording of the event, with its inclusive holiday spirit of peace, is accompanied by the paint and fabric artistry of Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher, a white couple from the Pacific Northwest who have collaborated on many picture books. New York: Random House Schwartz and Wade Books, 2005.

Not a Christmas text, but certainly a message of peace to a world torn apart by chaos, *Old Turtle* is one of my all-time favorites. Prints of two of the water-color illustrations hang in my home. They are the work of Cheng-Khee Chee, who has worked throughout the United States and China, and who is an Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Douglas Wood, who penned the text, is an author, poet, and musician who lives in a cabin in the Minnesota woods (and must be white, because no one ever says otherwise!) Duluth, MN: Pfeiffer-Hamilton Publishers, 1992.

And of course, *Birchbark House* by Ojibwe author Louise Erdrich would also make a wonderful gift! Our intergenerational read has been rescheduled to begin in January because of delays in publishing. Email [office@centralforgood.org](mailto:office@centralforgood.org) if you want to order a copy through the church.

# DECK THE HALLS AT CENTRAL

Come one, come all for Central's annual Deck the Halls tradition! On **Saturday December 11**, there will be activities for all ages. Read on for details about the days schedule and activity options. See you then!

## PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Children in the Christmas Pageant will gather in the sanctuary for a final dress rehearsal starting at **9:30 a.m.** We would love 4 or 5 parent volunteers to help with costumes as well as help groups move to their places as we walk through the play.

## BRUNCH

Please join us in the dining room at **9:45 a.m.** for greetings and punch; then at 10:00 we will have a wonderful meal, prepared by our amazing chefs and sponsored by the Women of Central. Kids will join us after their rehearsal.

No tickets will be used this year, but instead a suggested donation will be collected of \$5 per adult to cover food costs, with no cost for children. As always at Central, all are invited to eat, regardless of their ability to contribute.

During the Deck the Halls brunch we will collect Mitten Tree donations. The Women of Central, Knitting Group and Coordinated Mission committees are partnering together to collect donations of winter gear (mittens, gloves, hats and scarves) for the Neighborhood House. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 12.

## DECORATING

Beginning at **11:15 a.m.**, we need lots of volunteers to hang greenery outside, garlands and bows on the balcony railing, poinsettias placed and swags hung in the sanctuary, trees and crèche set up in the Friendship Room and the lower entry, and of course decorating the tree.

To sign up as a volunteer, go to [www.centralforgood.org/volunteer](http://www.centralforgood.org/volunteer). This is a great way to get to know people in our congregation and to have fun creating the holiday setting at Central!

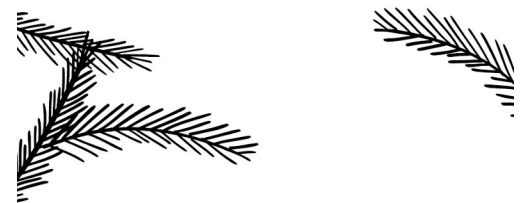
During decorating, we invite children to join Laura Walls upstairs where we will have materials to decorate the upper level of the church!

## CHILD CARE

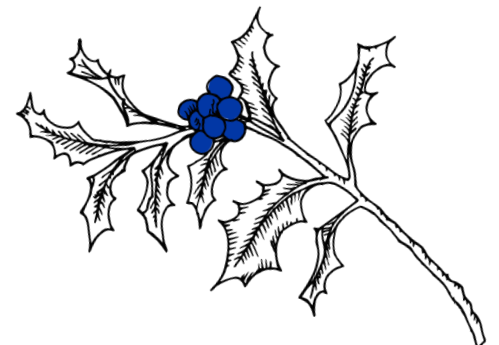
To those with young children who want to participate in the day's activities, childcare will be available in the nursery for an hour during decorating, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## FOR MORE INFO

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JOIN US FOR SOME  
TINSEL-TIME FUN!



# CHRISTMAS GREENERY & POINSETTIAS

Orders are due by Monday, December 20.

This December, we continue with a Central tradition to decorate the church with beautiful greenery and poinsettias. To donate to the decorating fund (perhaps in memory or honor of a loved one), complete the following and return with payment to the office or the offering plate. Christmas decorations will start to take their place around the church during our Deck the Halls event on December 11. To have your memorial listed in the Christmas bulletin, please submit donations by December 20.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are purchasing in honor or memory of someone, please list their name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

PLANT	PRICE EACH	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Small Poinsettia (5-7 blooms)	\$ 9.50		
Large Poinsettia (10-18 blooms)	\$18.00		
Evergreen Swag	\$16.00		
Evergreen Wreath	\$25.00		

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to Central Presbyterian Church.

*Return orders to the Sunday worship offering plate or to the office.*



## HELP SESSION WITH 2022 BUDGET PLANNING AND SUBMIT YOUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE BY DECEMBER 7.

Pledges are welcome anytime, but having them by December 7 allows Session to more accurately lay financial plans for the coming year.



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# SESSION UPDATE

[ BY SALLY MORTENSON, CLERK OF SESSION ]

Central is proceeding with the search for a permanent pastor. In November, we reviewed and approved the Mission Study report prepared based on the discussion groups held earlier this summer. This report has now been sent to the Presbytery for review and approval. Once we get word back from the Presbytery that we have done our initial work, we are ready to move forward on forming a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). To read the Mission study, go to [www.centralforgood.org/pastor](http://www.centralforgood.org/pastor).

All church members were invited to attend an informational meeting with Rev. Gale Robb, Acting Presbytery Executive Presbyter and Diane Smith, our Presbytery liaison. Seven Central members attended. Another information meeting will occur during the next few weeks. Watch the

eConnect and the bulletin for date and time to learn about the process and decide if you are interested in serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Please attend. The church needs a diverse membership for the PNC to locate a pastor who will serve all our members and lead us.

The Advent Season will begin early this year - the first Sunday of Advent is November 28. We will celebrate the season with the lighting of the Advent wreath every Sunday. Decorating the church will be Saturday, December 11. Please sign up at [www.centralforgood.org/](http://www.centralforgood.org/) volunteer if you would enjoy decorating for Christmas. The children's pageant (always fun) will be on Sunday, December 12. And the big climax of Advent is Christmas with two services on December 24.

We are moving forward with developing the 2022 budget. Challenges this year are increases in the basic expenses (utilities, repairs, etc.) along with updating and replacing mechanical systems in the building. In November, we approved necessary upgrades in our security system. The third part of our budget is personnel - so important in serving our present members, and expanding our membership. The unknown part of the budget is our anticipated income - which depends on our members making an increased pledge for 2022 - and then keeping it.

If you have not yet pledged for the 2022 year, we are continuing to accept them. Simply complete the pledge card below and drop in the offering plate in worship or return to the office.



## WAYS TO GIVE (RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide me a box of weekly offering envelopes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I want to pay monthly by direct bank transfer. (Download form at [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please call me about donating stock or other investments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I want to make a donation by credit card or PayPal. (Go to [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give))
- \_\_\_\_\_ would like to make a special year-end gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

My Stewardship Pledge for 2022 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week, month, year (circle one)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Women's Networking Group

[ BY SUE HOFFMAN ]

In November, the Women of Central had a great time at Celeste St. Paul Hotel, enjoying excellent conversation and good food.

The venue works so well for our group – great location with easy parking at Central and the venue is not crowded! And the staff is so helpful. We are going to stay with Celeste for the next couple of months.

We will not meet in December, so that we can focus our Deck the Halls gathering on December 11. But, in January, we plan to return to Celeste on Wednesday, January 5. Please RSVP to let us know if you are able to attend by sending an email to [women@centralforgood.org](mailto:women@centralforgood.org).

## Food Shelf Donation

[ BY LEON OMAN ]

Thank you to everyone who donated to October's food drive for the Rice Street Food Shelf as part of Keystone Community Services. Together we raised \$275 in financial donations and over 200 lbs. of food!

## Art Exhibit This Month

[ BY MAUREEN SMITH ]

An exhibit of landscape paintings by Carrie Arnold, an artist from Rochester, is now in the Friendship Room and will be up through December. If you haven't already seen it, we invite you to stop by.

Carrie Arnold is a representational artist, creating primarily still life and landscape paintings on location. After a career in education, she made a commitment to return to art through the process of 'daily painting' wherein she would create small pieces each day while at the same time raising her children. Apart from plein air studies, most of her works are created at her kitchen counter with a palette of acrylics while her kids are napping or asleep for the night. In her works, Carrie aims for an expressive, painterly approach, drawing inspiration from the Russian Impressionists and the colorist movements of both America and Europe. Learn more about her at [www.carriearnoldart.com](http://www.carriearnoldart.com).

## Knitting Group to Meet December 5

[ BY LYNNE SEVERSSON ]

We are putting the final touches on items for the Mitten Tree donations collected during Deck the Halls. With many pieces in the works, we have decided to meet again Sunday, December 5 after worship. In January, we will look to return to our usual date for meeting on the 4th Sunday of the month.

## Thank Offering

[ BY SUE HOFFMAN ]

Thank you to all who attended the 3rd Sunday Lunch on November 21! If you would still like to contribute to the Thank Offering, you may still do so through December 12. You may donate to the Thank Offering by

check (payable to Women of Central) or online. Checks may be sent to the Church Office, 500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. To donate online please visit [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give), then choose Thank Offering - Women of Central in the Special Offering section of the page.

## Newsletter Deadline

[ BY CHRISTIE RACHELLE ]

Thank you to all who have contributed to Central's newsletter in recent months. Your additions have helped to create a rich publication full of news, learning opportunities, and ways to connect with others.

As we continue to improve publication efficiency and timelines, now is a good time to remind everyone that all contributions are due by the 10th of the month for the coming edition. If there is important content, but you need a bit more time, please contact Christie Rachelle at (952) 564-4472 or email [christier@centralforgood.org](mailto:christier@centralforgood.org) to speak with her about your needs. Where possible, she will accommodate or discuss other options to promote your news.

## Wednesday Community Lunch to Take a Holiday

[ BY BARB WESTMAN ]

In light of the holidays, there will be no Wednesday Community Lunch on December 29 or January 5. However, we welcome you to join us Wednesdays before and after!

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

[ BY LAURA WALLS, CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR ]

## This Year's Advent: The Jesse Tree

In December, we anticipate the Christmas holiday and the joy of time spent with loved ones. As followers of Christ, we also anticipate the season of Advent - a time to reflect on the promised Messiah, Jesus, born in Bethlehem - our Lord who is coming again. This year, we invite you to join our Children's and Youth ministry as we pilgrimage through the Bible using paper Jesse Tree ornaments.

Here's how the Jesse Tree works: each day of Advent, read a short Bible story about someone on Jesus's family tree and hang an ornament symbolizing the story on your Jesse Tree (which can be branches brought in from a tree or shrub or just the ornaments, taped to your wall in the shape of an evergreen). As you hang the ornaments, witness the beautiful faithfulness of God through generations and the meaning of Jesus' birth.

Jesse Tree kits will be available by the Children's and Youth bulletin board beside the Friendship Room on November 28, the first day of Advent. These kits are welcome to all!

If interested, please email Laura Walls at [lauraw@centralforgood.org](mailto:lauraw@centralforgood.org) to request a kit, so the right amount of ornaments and devotional stories can be printed.

## Calling all Shepherds, Angels, and Wisemen (Wisepeople?)

### THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEEDS YOU!

The annual Christmas pageant will be in-person this year and all children and youth are welcome to participate. We have plenty of room for participants - including speaking and non-speaking roles. We'll be practicing during the Sunday services on November 28 and December 5, as well as on Saturday, December 11 during our Deck the Halls morning. The pageant will be performed during the Sunday service on December 12. Join the fun by emailing Laura at [lauraw@centralforgood.org](mailto:lauraw@centralforgood.org).

If you would like to participate but aren't able to be in-person or can't attend the practices, we'd still love to have you join us! Just email or call and we'll make it happen!

## Create a Lasting Impact!

Share your faith and love for Christ by volunteering in our children's and youth ministry! Right now, we have a huge opportunity to impact future generations in a real way by serving Sunday mornings in the nursery, with school age students, or at youth activities. No matter your age or talents, we have a way for you to serve! Please join us in this exciting time in the Children's and Youth Ministry! Email Laura Walls [lauraw@centralforgood.org](mailto:lauraw@centralforgood.org) for more information. Thank you!



Join us in wishing a another joyous *Happy Birthday* to all who are celebrating birthdays this month.

Isaac Fisher .....	12/1
Benjamin Hanscom.....	12/1
Matt Ehling.....	12/3
Carl Peterson.....	12/3
Andrea Lawson.....	12/6
Christopher Bremicker .....	12/7
Thea Berg .....	12/8
Alfred Zdrasil.....	12/8
Sharon Zopfi-Jordan.....	12/8
Annabelle Endres.....	12/9
Joan Kelly .....	12/10
Jane Lonergan .....	12/10
Kathy Barker.....	12/11
Aiden Flinner-Davis .....	12/12
Allie Pyan .....	12/12
Natalie Klaehn .....	12/13
Richard Wheeler .....	12/14
Bonnie Joyce .....	12/16
Isabella Hanscom .....	12/18
Jeff Zeise.....	12/18
Jennifer Toikka .....	12/19
Carl Willis .....	12/19
Virgie Bundy.....	12/21
Maureen Smith.....	12/22
Johann Toikka.....	12/24
Lillian Sanders.....	12/25
Matt Jagger.....	12/28
Ben Jagger.....	12/28

If we missed you, please send us a note to [office@centralforgood.org](mailto:office@centralforgood.org) so that we can correct our notes and share birthday wishes with you, too!



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## Schubert Club: Songs for the Season

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Free and open to the public, this concert features winter songs and carols by Minnesota composers and songwriters, curated by Central's Composer-in-Residence Abbie Betinis with special guests including our own Central Choir!



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