



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2021

Programs/ Fellowship Opportunities

YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING

September 26, 2021
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Your kids are treasured! You are treasured!

If you are a family with young children (0 - grade 5) we offer you not jewels and riches but some precious time with other young families in our church community on Sunday, Sep. 26 after worship. From 11:00 - 12:30 there will be a brief time with all together, games and activities for the kids, an opportunity for parents to converse, and a light meal. It has been awhile since our last Young Family Retreat. Come discover God's treasure! Come be refreshed!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



COMMUNITY MOVEMENT PROJECT

- A slow return!



Fall Session:

Tuesdays, September 21-December 21

Pilates/Barre Blend (Adults)

10-11am in the Community Room

Suggested Donation: \$15/class

Sign-ups coming soon!

More Info: www.communitymovementproject.org

BLT (Bible.Lunch.Together.)

We will be picking up our Wednesday Bible study classes again this fall. Stay tuned for a start date!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Saturday morning study group will reconvene in October. Watch this space for dates.

The Sunday School classroom is being refurbished with some paint and new furniture. Here (pictured left) Arshon Moses readies the walls for new color. We hope to reopen school on September 19th.

Sunday school teachers and nursery assistants are needed for the fall. E-mail us if this speaks to you!
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Pastoral Transition

Dear Members,

On Tuesday August 10, Session kicked off the search for an Interim Pastor with the creation of a Search Committee chaired by elder Mark Johansen.

The committee is comprised of 2 elders, 1 deacon and 2 lay people. So far 3 people have volunteered to participate to this committee that will conduct the process of hiring an Interim Pastor.

Please contact Mark Johansen if you are interested in joining this effort. If the way be clear the committee will start meeting on September 7.

The Clerk of Session,
Frederick Moulongo

The In-Choirer

Musings from the Music Program at CPC

It's a new day here at Central, and the Music Program is trying to find new ways to adapt to our current reality, while maintaining the stability of old.

The Choir is back in action, as you've seen if you've been in church. The majority of churches give their choir the summer off, but I always figured if choir people were around and in church anyway, they might as well sing! Also, it looks good for people who are new to the area and are church-shopping to see a choir in action in our church during the summer. This year, of course, our choir has been eager to get back to any kind of singing at all.

And if you've been in church, you've heard a new sound – that of our 'new' Hammond organ! It is a somewhat rare model from 1969 or so called the X-66, and was Hammond's pass at a theater organ, sort of.

IN-CHOIRER *Continued*

It comes to us from the Hammond Organ Society, which folded its tent about 5 years ago. It was housed at the Rahway Senior Center, where I did some recitals for them on it. I am thrilled to have it here, since it not only shines on the gospel-based things that we do, but on traditional hymns and nearly everything else too. It is another great tool for us, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I am.


I am now frequently in the position of selecting hymns for worship, which is something I've done a lot in my past positions. David selected all of the hymns while he was here. I enjoy this challenge a lot. It involves coordinating the hymns (as well as the anthem and pre/post service music) with the preacher's selection of lessons and prayers and theme for the day, to create a coherent and unified framework for worship that leaves everyone with no doubt about the message. Of course, if a visiting pastor wants to pick their own hymns, that's ok, too!

As ever, we are very receptive to new choir members, so if you would like to try it, feel free to join us on any Sunday morning. We have not started weeknight rehearsals yet, and probably won't until well into September, but I do send the music to choir members during the week, and we convene at 9:15 Sunday morning and put it together. We do still have a wonderful time! Talk to me on a Sunday after the service if you are interested, and if anyone you run into expresses an interest in singing with us, please steer them to my email.

We wish you all good health during this time.
Yours in Christ,

Ed Alstrom, Director of Music
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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our in-person events are vetted by Session and the COVID Task Force. Please contact the office to schedule any in-person events at the church.			1	2	3	4
5 Elder Pam Osborne, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship	6 Labor Day - Office Closed <i>Private Event</i>	7 6:00 PM Christian Ed. Committee meeting 7:00 PM Communication Spiritual Outreach <i>Private Event</i>	8 <i>Private Event</i>	9  1:30 PM - 6:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive	10	11
12 Rev. Doris Glaspy, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM WORSHIP, Live Stream w/ Lord's Supper	13	14 7:00 PM Session Meeting	15 <i>Private Event</i>	16 <i>Private Event</i>	17	18
19 Rev. Lydia Tembo, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship	20	21 10:00 AM CMP - Adult Pilates/ Barre Blend 8:00 PM Worship Committee meeting	22 7:00 PM Deacons meet <i>Private Event</i>	23	24	25 <i>Private Event</i>
26 Rev. Lydia Tembo, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Young Family Retreat	27 <i>Private Event</i>	28 10:00 AM CMP - Adult Pilates/ Barre Blend <i>Private Event</i>	29 <i>Private Event</i>	30 <i>Private Event</i>	The next Red Cross blood drive is via SIGN UP ONLY. The ARC will not accept Walk-Ins. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to register.	

Birthdays

- 1 Alice Sturzinger
- 3 Kara Beth Johansen
- 6 Emma Justice
- 15 Heather Rose Woodward
- 23 John Finney
- 28 Ruth Ann Dodd
- 29 Doug Ewertsen

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A NIGHT OF BASEBALL

A late start due to rain didn't deter our baseball night fun. Nearly fifty *Central* members and friends gathered on Thursday, August 12, for an evening together at the Yogi Berra Stadium. Little kids ran around in the play area beyond first base and the "big kids" enjoyed their hot dogs, cool drinks, and community.

Thanks so much to Neal Day for this treat!



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