

#### Gratitude

In this, my next to last newsletter column, I want to express my gratitude for all the ways we have ministered together. I am very thankful for the conversations we have had with one another. Some were about faith and others about life, which aren't as separate as we may sometimes think. I've appreciated your interest in my own faith and life- something that helps knit a pastor and congregation together. I'm grateful for the humor and smiles that make this such a welcoming place.

And I have especially loved the opportunities you have provided for serving others, whether it has been through Family Promise, Second Saturdays, mission trips, food drives, music concerts, blood drives, Vacation Bible School, celebrated authors, and more. I've enjoyed experiencing spiritual discernment with you as we have sought God's will for us at various turns in the road.

It is during these times of discernment when we have studied scripture, prayed for revelation, and discussed together what God was leading us to do, that I have felt most alive and fulfilled. I am grateful to the choir for including me in their number. Music is a spiritual experience for me. It has been an honor and privilege to serve with you and I pray for your continued outreach into the community and "inreach" for deeper faith.

God is preparing a new voice to share God's word with you and to converse with you about faith and life. May they enjoy as much, if not more, mercy and love as I have these past 7-1/2 years. Peace be with you!

**David Noble** 

#### What's Inside for You?

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### **Deacons Picnic**



This year our event is planned as outdoor-only, with individual catered box lunches from Panera for easy service. Bring a picnic blanket or use available tables and chairs to enjoy your meal. Please RSVP by June 4<sup>th</sup> to help us in our planning.

Families will be socially distanced while eating. About 20 minutes after the start we'll have a message of gratitude from our Communications Committee for those whose voices inspired the inclusive messaging reflected in our new church banners. The rest of the time will be unstructured for you to visit and catch up with church friends and family.

We encourage masks outdoors for those who prefer but they will not be required. Bathrooms will be accessible. Donations to cover the cost are welcome at the picnic - \$12/person.

For questions, contact: Michael Norton at (614) 600-9701 or Barry Kenstler at (862) 333-9702.

RSVP online at <a href="https://www.centralpresbyterian.net/events">www.centralpresbyterian.net/events</a>

### June Birthdays

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

### **Pastoral Transition**

Over the next months we will use this space in the newsletter to update you on our pastoral transition progress.

- Central has informed the Presbytery of the dissolution of the pastor relationship with Rev. David Noble in August, that was approved by the Congregation on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The presbytery will acknowledge the decision at its next meeting in September.
- Meanwhile, the Committee on Ministry (COM) at the Presbytery will assign a Moderator for Session and a liaison for the Congregation to help discern the next steps going forward. These two appointments will start in August once Pastor David has officially left his position.

For questions, email <a href="mailto:fmoulongo@gmail.com">fmoulongo@gmail.com</a>, or call me at 1 (206) 372-0384.

The Clerk of Session, Frederick Moulongo

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School July 12-16, 2021 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

All Central children grades K-5 (rising)
This is a free program. Please contact the church office if you are interested in registering.



The steeple is illuminated in the month of June in memory of Amy Simmons with love from Valerie Henry.

## Faith & Fellowship



RSVP& Details www.centralpresbyterian.net/events

#### SECOND SATURDAYS - STEM

Saturday, June 12 2 to 4 pm On the Church Lawn

We are delighted to partner again with The MLC Stem Center for a fun, FREE, afternoon of discovery and experiments. Come join us to make your own slime and take it home, launch a water rocket, learn about electric circuits and much, much more. RSVP is required. Go to: www.centralpresbyterian.net/events



#### **GREAT EIGHT**

Wednesdays, 11 am & 7 pm June 2 and 9

This month we complete our Bible study series on eight different Old and New Testament stories.

Program Contact: <u>Pastor.Centralpresbyterian@gmail.com</u>



#### YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 5:30 pm on the church lawn June 6 and 20

#### **MISSION TRIP**

June 27-July 1

Support the Mission Trip: Shares are being sold to help fund the 2021 mission trip. Any amount is appreciated. Buying shares supports the youth and their mission, and donors will receive special recognition each day during the trip. Checks can be mailed to the church office, marked "Mission Trip," placed in the Sunday offering plates, or give online at <a href="https://www.centralpresbyterian.net/giving">www.centralpresbyterian.net/giving</a>. Thank you for your generosity!

Program Contact: Carolyn Buck at goulderbuck@verizon.net



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL - NURSERY

There is interest in opening the Sunday nursery for young children. So, we need volunteers to support Andrea in the nursery. Current plans are for it to be open Sundays from 10 to 10:30 (services are shorter for now). Staff should be fully vaccinated. Masks for all. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering or have questions. Email: office.centralpresbyterian@gmail.com

## Treasurer's Report

You now have access to our church financial reports on a password protected page on our website.

- Go to: <u>www.centralpresbyterian.net</u>
- Click on the "Home" button
- Select "Admin" from the drop-down options
- Enter the password Central Finance

New documents will be posted monthly as they become available. Thank you to the Finance Committee and Linda Bowers for helping us think through new ways of doing things!

### **Broadcast Production**

In March 2021, the Session acted to thank Dave Arndt on the anniversary of his exceptional work to broadcast Central's services via livestream. In response he asked the intended gift be used to purchase broadcasting equipment to enhance the production quality of the service. Following are letters of the gift and response.

Dear Session & Congregation of Central Presbyterian Church:

Thank-you for your extraordinary acknowledgement of my work on live streaming services over the past year. Pastor David's kind words during the announcements in worship on February 21st took me by surprise: I was both flattered and humbled by them. The honorarium given to me was an extraordinary measure and is very much appreciated.

This said, I cannot accept a monetary gift from Central for my services over the past year, nor for any services I have provided or might provide for Central in the future. Central Presbyterian Church has been my family's Church home for 36 years.

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My technical production assistance to broadcast services is given voluntarily as a parishioner, in the same manner that serving as Clerk, sitting on Session, ushering, being worship assistant, singing in the choir, or being an instrumental soloist are. As Pastor David said in his announcement: "It is a ministry". I cannot accept money for that which I do in service to Central as a parishioner.

I formally request that Session reallocate the honorarium amount to a new line item on Central's budget specifically ear-marked for equipment and software to be used for broadcasting services. This amount will cover a good portion of the cost for baseline equipment needed for this purpose: cameras, microphones, tripod stands, cabling, switches, etc., for any style of live/live streamed worship that might be adopted moving forward. This line item can then be used to sustain and further expand or enhance broadcast capabilities as needed, to further Central's worship service outreach in the future.

Sincerely and With Love, David W. Arndt

May 12, 2021 To: David Arndt

From: Central Presbyterian Church Session

#### Dear David,

We have received your gracious letter and understand your wish to decline the monetary gift offered in thanks for your hard work in broadcasting our worship services over the past year. We accept your generous proposal to use the funds instead to purchase needed equipment to continue broadcasting the services in the future. These broadcasts have extended the reach of Central into our community and beyond, and your efforts have been key in the extension of this ministry. Again, thank you for your faithful dedication and the thoughtful repurposing of the funds.

In Christ,
The Session
Central Presbyterian Church
Frederick Moulongo, Clerk

## June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please confirm committee meeting times directly with your committee chair.		<b>1 6:00 PM</b> Christian Ed. Committee meeting	2 11:00 AM Great Eight 7:00 PM Great Eight 7:30 PM Personnel Committee meeting	3	4	5
6 10:00 AM WORSHIP w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Zoom 5:30 PM Youth Group	<b>7</b>	7:00 PM Session Meeting 15	9 11:00 AM B.L.T. 7:00 PM Great Eight 16	American Red Cross  1:30 PM - 6:30  PM Red Cross  Blood Drive  17	11	12 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM STEM - Second Saturdays Event 19
10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Zoom 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Deacons Picnic		8:00 PM Worship Committee meeting	10	17	10	19
20 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Zoom 5:30 PM Youth Group	21	<b>7:30 PM</b> Communication Spiritual Outreach	7:00 PM Deacons meet	24	25	26
27 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Zoom Youth Mission Trip	<b>28</b> Youth Mission Trip	<b>29</b> Youth Mission Trip	<b>30</b> Youth Mission Trip			

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. Please Note: Per the CDC, Red Cross is not able to have minors on site at the Blood Drive. Please plan accordingly.



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Goofin' around in the Fellowship Room Circa 2000



- 1. We're combing through our archives to share highlights with you. This one made us just plain happy. Grateful for church friends/family!
- 2. It's our Office Admin Morgan and her husband Frederick back when they were "babies" and living out on the West Coast. (their words)



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# "Throw Back Thursday"

This summer we're featuring faces from the congregation for "Throw Back Thursday" (TBT) on our Facebook and Instagram Social Media. This is a fun time to dig out some of those old photos and show off your beloved family, dated hairstyles, or portraits of yore. Email the office or drop off a photo and a few words to describe the "where/when/who" and join in the fun.





- 3. "Maxine & Ed on Keyboards" circa 1984. Need we say more? We 'heart' our Music Director, Ed!
- 4. Pastor David with his mom, Martha, on the special day she gave him a batch of stoles hand-made for his role as a new associate pastor. Photo taken in Farmington, III.