



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christian Education: *A Series of Updates*

YOUTH GROUP

Our youth mission trip to Camp Johnsonburg in late June to early July was the highlight of this very different COVID 19 year. With eight energetic and enthusiastic 8th through 11th graders David Noble and Carolyn Buck braved 90+ degree heat and humidity to improve long unused areas of this Presbyterian camp in preparation for the arrival of campers. They literally cut a new trail through the woods, cleared a long overgrown fire pit meeting circle and a separate boulder area for climbing. It was hard work. But the challenges were met!

And the fun at the end of each day was matched with equal exuberance in the lake swims, card playing marathons, meal preparation and group reflections. What a great time being together again! And thank you to all who donated and supported the group to make the trip possible.

Youth Group is on break for August and September as planning for the fall is underway. Gus Arndt has happily agreed to join Carolyn in organizing and leading youth group beginning in October once everyone is settled into new at-school routines. Thank you, Gus.

The group is open to all youth in 6th through 12th grade and meets twice a month, on the first and third Sundays from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the church. Together we enjoy games, a meal and time for some discussion on a topic of interest. And of course, sharing highs and lows of our prior week. We look forward to seeing all our youth in early October. Bring a friend. Bring ideas for activities, discussion topics, food and outings.

We thank David for getting this group started, growing and leading it, and making it fun such that our younger children look forward to joining when they are in middle school. It is part of his legacy. The kids have a lot to look forward to!

Thanks for reading more on the following page. Have a restful August.

Cecile Mitchell, Pat Dancy, Kathy Johansen, Amy White, Carolyn Buck

August 2021



This summer our Youth Group used Gumby as their model for flexibility. They were invited to bend, forgive, and allow grace for their high-energy, high-intensity trip together. This month we put Gumby right on our front page as a great place for all of us to start, together.



A NIGHT OF BASEBALL
Thursday, August 12
7 pm

Join us for the New Jersey Jackals vs. Tri-City Valleycats game at Yogi Berra Stadium. We have tickets for 50 seats and the first 20 to arrive will get a voucher for a hot dog, chips and a soda. This is a summer favorite.

– Thank you Neal Day!

RSVP – first come first served:
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

That the Christian Education Committee owes a huge debt of gratitude to Pastor David should come as no surprise to anyone. David has been our guide and inspiration, nudging us to step out of our comfort zones and tackle new tasks, and even as he did that, he assumed a massive amount of the work needed to make our Christian Education program successful.

He met with a very small C.E. committee monthly and assumed the entire responsibility for managing the Sunday School from purchasing the curricular materials, finding the teachers and assuring the class was fully staffed each week to providing them with lesson plans.

Through creative programming, David led the Youth Group activities with the assistance of Carolyn Buck, and the Young Families Meetings with the assistance of Karen Noble so that our children and young people were brought into our church community in a way that encouraged their continuing engagement and fostered their sense of their importance as an integral of the congregation.

The list of his contributions to the education program is longer – including the annual Vacation Bible School, Communicants' classes, Adult Studies programs, and leading the Wednesday Bible Study. He did it all in a calm and competent manner. We are thankful for his contributions and for the time we had with him. We wish him Godspeed in his and Karen's new life in Brooklyn.



"This is our favorite photo of David from the Youth Mission Trip this summer." – C.E.

SAVE THE DATE

YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING

September 26, 2021

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

This event is for families with young children aged birth to 5th grade. Older siblings are welcome, too. Some activities will be all together. There will also be separate activities to engage the kids and allow parents to relax and talk. A light lunch will be served.

RE-OPENING NEEDS

We are getting ready to reopen the nursery and restart Sunday School in the fall. Our committee will be reaching out to previous volunteers and looking for new faces to help fill the below roles. Maybe you've been thinking you would give something a try?

- Nursery Care Leader
- Sunday School Teachers
- Nursery Helpers
- Time with Young Disciples Speakers

August Birthdays

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| 10 | Tom Goulder |
| 11 | Ernest Mitchell |
| 12 | Amy White |
| 13 | Evelyn Ann Ordemann |
| 18 | Joel Waisanen |
| 23 | Ellie Fitzgerald |
| | Max Marone |
| 24 | Peter Dancy |
| 27 | Henry Eveleth |
| 29 | Brian Cattell |
| | Silas Hall |
| | Lilith Claire Marone |
| 30 | Elizabeth Burkland |
| 31 | Caroline Schestag |

The In-Choirer

GOING AND COMING: First of all, I want to reiterate my best wishes for Pastor David and Karen as they embark on well-earned retirement. David has been such a pleasure to work with, because as I've said before he is a colleague that *tells you what he is going to do, and then does exactly what he told you*. This, as you know, is quite rare. He and I had a marvelous no-nonsense and creative working dynamic toward the goal of making worship at Central as great as it could be, and I will always appreciate him for that.



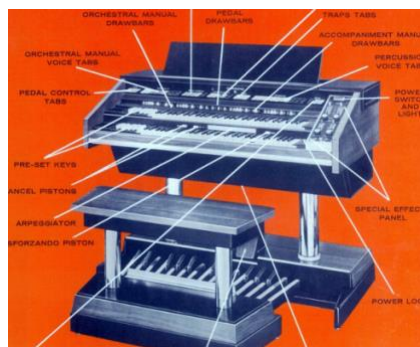
As they say, one door closes and another opens, and through that opening door comes something big and heavy for

our church's worship and music program.

We are now in possession of a Hammond X-66 organ, replacing the wheezy and increasingly unreliable Hammond that we had previously. Let me give you a little background on this marvelous 'new' instrument.

I used to do some concerts for the Hammond Organ Society of NJ. This X-66 organ and its 3 speaker cabinets belonged to them and lived at the Rahway Senior Center. When the HOSNJ dissolved in around 2014, the organ was offered to me free of charge provided I could get it moved out of Rahway in a hurry. I managed to get it relocated to a church in Montville where my wife Maxine was working at the time.

When the Hammond we have had at Central recently became too dicey to use and too difficult to fix, I realized that the reconfigured Sanctuary now



allowed room for this X-66 to be brought in to Central. The X-66 needed quite a bit of work due to its age and previous reconfiguration.

That is getting

done now, and it is being restored to health and given new life for us to enjoy and worship with!

The Hammond Model X-66 first came to market in 1967 as the 'latest thing': a space-age rethinking of the classic Hammond B and C series organs, designed for a totally new audience and a different kind of music. The price of a spiffy new X-66 and its accompanying wooden speaker cabinets was \$9795.00. You could buy a house for that in 1969!

This is from the Hammond X-66 Club's website (yes, there is a 'club'!), and tells its story:

"The organ's design was the product of an innovative industrial competition of the time. The result a wonderful futuristic concept that transcends time. The using of chrome pedestals, mahogany and ebony, give the X-66 it's signature look, never again attempted due to its extravagant cost.



Its great sound is being produced by a very unique tone generator and 11 tone bars. The vibratos give it a its unique

brand of animation which is achieved in perfect balance. At the end we have the perfect Hammond organ sound that is the X-66." (continued)

Continued: The In-Choirer

The X-66 is now a cult favorite and something of a period piece. They are very popular in Mexico (!), where an immensely popular organist named Juan Torres recorded dozens of smash albums on them in the 1960s and 70s. They are now sought after as 'vintage' pieces due to their technology, and they make no pretense of being classic B-3s, but no one will argue that they have their own amazing sound.

There are only a few hundred Hammond X-66s left on Earth, and CPC now has one. May it serve us well as we lift up our praise to God!

- Ed Alstrom, Music Director

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Rev. Doris A. Glaspy

Rev. Glaspy received a Bachelor of Arts from Upsala College, East Orange, NJ. Prior to the call to ministry, she worked as Court Administrator for the Plainfield Municipal for twenty-five years.

Pastoral Transition

Last month the Presbytery of the Northeast NJ COM (Committee on Ministry) assigned Rev. Doris Glaspy - *see biography at right* - and Elder Nicholas Stevens to be our liaisons during our pastoral transition.

Rev. Glaspy will also serve as our new Moderator of Session replacing our retired pastor. She will be our guest preacher on Sunday August 22 and will have the opportunity to introduce herself to the Congregation.

Please join me in welcoming Rev. Glaspy and Elder Nicholas Stevens to Central.

The Clerk of Session,
Frederick Moulongo

She received a Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and was ordained as minister of Word and Sacrament by the Newark Presbytery in 1994. She was installed as pastor of Roseville Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ in 1997, (the first woman pastor in its 169-year history).

Her service in the larger church includes representing the Newark Presbytery as Commissioner to the General Assembly, Moderator of the Presbytery, member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry. On the Synod level she served as Moderator of Mission and Outreach Advocacy, a member of the Personnel Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Glaspy retired from the Roseville Church in 2015 after an 18-year pastorate. Since retiring she has done some supply preaching and presently serves on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. She is married to Jay and resides in Plainfield. They have five children and 11 grandchildren. She enjoys deep sea fishing and reading.

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Elder Gayle Griffin, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship w/ Lord's Supper	2 Private Event; Sanctuary, Ed. Bldg.	3 Private Event; Sanctuary, Ed. Bldg. 6:00 PM Christian Ed. Committee meeting	4 Private Event; Sanctuary, Ed. Bldg. 7:30 PM Personnel Committee meeting	5 Private Event; Sanctuary, Ed. Bldg.	6 Private Event; Sanctuary, Ed. Bldg.	7
8 Elder Gayle Griffin, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship	9	10 7:00 PM Session Meeting	11	12 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 PM Baseball Night	13	14
15 Elder Gayle Griffin, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship	16	17 8:00 PM Worship Committee meeting	18	19	20	21
22 Rev. Doris Glaspy, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship	23	24 7:30 PM Communication Spiritual Outreach	25 7:00 PM Deacons meet	26	27	28
29 Elder Martha Day, Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship	30	31	Please connect with your committee chair directly to confirm meeting time.			

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.



Dear Central Congregation,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful party and generous gifts you gave us this past Sunday. We, including our children and grandchildren, had a marvelous time. Many thanks to the George family and to all who assisted in making the events happen. We wish you God's blessings always and know that you are poised to do great things. We love you,

David and Karen Noble



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