

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – July 9

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – July 12

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

THURSDAY – July 13

10:00am Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

Generosity GPS is a way of navigating our way through the stewardship of God's gifts entrusted to us. We continue to find ourselves exploring the encompassing journey of stewardship with many stops along the way. It is not what we do once year, nor is it only a financial exercise.

Fun Fellowship Event at beautiful Loeb Stadium for a Lafayette Aviators Baseball game on Sunday July 16 at 3pm. We will have special concourse seating. Tickets are \$20 each and include soft drinks. Please contact Jennifer Brown (765)412-3419 or the church office (765) 742-8481 to reserve your tickets.

Sign Up Now! Central will have a booth at OUTfest on Saturday August 19 4pm-9pm. We need at least 8 people to volunteer to represent Central, share some swag and show that God's people are all people. Please let Pastor Wil know you are interested.

Save the Date - August 13 is the annual Worship at Fort Ouiatenon. This is a Fellowship and Worship event with other local PCUSA churches, Bethany, Dayton, Elston and the new A Work in Progress Faith Community. Come for the worship, stay for the picnic, activities and nature at Fort Ouiatenon Park. **There will be no service at Central that day.**

Saints softball versus The Visitors, July 13 at 7:35 p.m. at Arni Coehn Field.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffery Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Celebration Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Generosity GPS

July 9, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

“Not to Us”

(Tomlin/Giglio)

*Call to Worship

Kathy Meeks

Leader: Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.

People: For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for our souls.

*Hymn

“Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, and our partners. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of our faith: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, showing compassion to all.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Congregational Response

“Glory to God in the Highest” (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 145:8-14

Anthem “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” (Martin Smith)

Second Reading Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30

Message “Taking the Yoke” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” 182

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles’ Creed

***Response** “Gloria Patri” 581

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at this time.

Offertory “Amazing Grace” (Early American)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Voice in the wilderness, Lamb upon the tree, Wind carrying the Word of salvation to the world – you who are the One in Three, thank you for calling us by name, for providing for our needs, for freeing us to live in union with Christ. We offer to you what you have given to us in joy with love for the common good. Bless gifts, givers, and receivers so that we can give you our richest praise in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** “Give Praise to the Lord” 550

*Benediction

Postlude “Grand Choeur in C” (Theodore Salome)

Join us at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and fellowship.

** Please stand as you are able.*

MUSIC NOTES—String quartet members today are Karen Isaacs and Alex Karker, violins; Regan Eckstein, viola and Sara Wollan, cello. We welcome these musicians and thank them for sharing their music with us this morning.

In Our Prayers

We pray for Peggy Anderson and Peg Wier for health reasons. We also pray for our Special Care friends Bunny Boardman and Nancy Clerget.