

# June 29, 2014

A Worshiping Community Finding Purpose for Life Between Sundays

#### Upcoming @ Central

Find out about these and other upcoming events at www.centralpres.com/ resources/calendar/

> Women In Ministry White Cross 7/2

"Summer @ Central" Beginning July 6 JR/SR High "Tank Top Tuesday" 7/8 @ 11:30

SR High Camp 'N Canoe Trip 7/17-18

#### Parking Reminder

Effective June 1, Davis Place neighborhood parking is prohibited except on Sundays between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. For full details including available remote lots, please visit www.centralpres. com/parking

# A Call For Help | The Crisis in Ukraine

As you know, there is an ongoing crisis in Ukraine where we have some "family members." The political and economic unrest has turned bloody. Many have lost their lives, while others have been injured and driven out of their homes. There are great ethnic and religious differences in the country's eastern and western regions, and many Christians living in the eastern part have been forced to flee to the west.

One of our sister churches in Donestk has been greatly impacted. Many of these brothers and sisters in Christ are coming to Kiev, and Central's missionaries Igor and Lena are reaching out to help as many as possible. Many have small children, and one recent family just came to Ukraine and the mother is pregnant. Igor and Lena are trying to find housing, food, and other needed supplies to help them. For now, they are placing families in the local seminary and in area churches, but they may need to rent some low-cost apartments as well.

I visited Ukraine recently and was able to witness the devastation and some hear of their stories. First and foremost, please pray for our friends in Ukraine! Through our missions office, Central has already sent some emergency relief funds, but your support is needed as well. If you feel led to help with this effort, you may give your "above and beyond" gifts to the UKRAINE RELIEF FUND. Simply make your checks payable to Central and write "Ukraine Relief" on the memo line of your check and on the outside of the envelope. Your gifts can be placed in the regular offering plate, or mailed to Central and marked to the attention of our missions office. If you prefer to give on-line, just visit www.centralpres.com and click on the "Give Now" button in the middle of the home page.





Randy at a barricade in Kiev

Once you have logged in (or clicked on the "Quick Give" link), please select "Ukraine Relief" from the drop down menu.

Thanks for your help in reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine in their time of need. If you have any questions, please contact me in the Mission's office.

Blessings,

Randy Mayfield, pastor of Missions & Outreach

# **Building Community This Summer**

Beginning next week and continuing through August 10, Central will be celebrating a special summer schedule. Worship services will be held at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. While there will not be Sunday school during these weeks for our grade schoolers through adults, the nursery and early childhood (3 years old to Kindergarten) classes will be available.

From 9 to 11 a.m. each Sunday during this time, a special, free brunch will be offered in the Fellowship Hall. Not only will mom not have to cook breakfast for a few weeks, but this is also a fantastic chance to enjoy time with friends old and new alike. It is also a wonderful opportunity to bring to Central that friend or neighbor you have been meaning to invite.

Each of our Sunday morning communities have embraced the concept, and have graciously chosen one week volunteered to help in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. At 10 a.m. during each brunch, representatives from the various session divisions will introduce themselves, share a few important announcements, and have a brief moment of prayer for our church.

We sincerely pray you will join us for "Summer @ Central," and that your time with the Central community is a blessing to you. Be sure to watch our website (www.centralpres.com) for more details.

# Nominating Season Drawing To A Close

It is once again time to nominate elders, deacons, and members of the Officer Nominating Committee of the Congregation (ONCC), and the ONCC needs your input! Nomination forms and collection boxes can be found in the narthex by the Hanley Road entrance, outside the choir room, on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall, and at the reception desk on the third floor. Additionally, forms may be downloaded from our website (www.centralpres. com/about/officers/). Please note: there is a separate form for nominating ONCC members and officers.

**All recommendations must be submitted by July 20**. If you have any questions, please contact ONCC chairman Brian Middendorf (bmiddendorf@dotfoods.com).

## Join the West County Team

As our CPC family already knows, West County Fellowship is a congregation of Central Presbyterian Church seeking to reach un-churched and de-churched people in West County St. Louis. Our worship style is modern but with a deep respect for the Word preached, liturgy and the sacraments. We are looking for a part-time Director of Family Ministries, focusing mostly on elementary aged children. We are looking for someone with experience running education programs and training volunteers but also has the interpersonal skills to relate to children well. An educational or theological background is not necessary but would be considered valuable.

For more information, contact Daryl Madi (pastor of WCF): dmadi@westcountyfellowship.org

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### Missions Update: Bartek and Gosia Serkowski Campus Crusade for Christ | Gdansk, Poland

- Praise God for the campus ministry in Gdansk.
- Praise God for the people who have indicated decisions for Christ and for the daily questions received through the ministry.
- Pray for the large evangelism events, personal meetings, and bible studies.
- Pray for the student magazine "Pod Prad," which the Serkowski's help publishing.
- Pray for the healing of Bartek's ear. Due to a virus, he is left with a tinnitus noise and discomfort that is constant. Pray for guidance in his ministry and for healing.

Thank you, Central, for your prayers and financial support of our ministry in Poland.

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### Help Us Provide InfoCentral

Here's a really easy way to contribute to Central. Each week, we need volunteers to help "stuff" InfoCentral into our worship bulletins. With only two or three people, it will take no more than 90 minutes. Your help enables us to save significantly on the cost of producing InfoCentral. Interested? Willing? Contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@ centralpres.com, 314-727-2777) for details.

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