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CONCERTS & SERVICES

Harmony Chorale Concert
May 6 | 7:30pm

Denver Young Artists Orchestra
May 7 | 4:00pm

Swallow Hill Uke Fest
May 12 | 7:30pm

East High School Spring Vocal Music Program
May 16 | 7:00pm

CPC and Peoples Presbyterian Choir Concert
May 19 | 7:30pm

Worship at Peoples!
May 21 | 10:00am

Colorado Honor Band
May 21 | 2:30pm

Denver Philharmonic Orchestra
May 25 | 7:30pm



Summer of Service

Last year, 245 Central members and friends volunteered over **4,400** hours during the Summer of Service. This was an increase of 25% over the previous year!

This year, we encourage you, your family and friends to reach out in love and service again. The Mission Committee has arranged dozens of service opportunities between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and we challenge everyone to participate in two. The opportunities include serving dinner to homeless individuals, facilitating a shop for hunger for **Metro Caring**, participating in a skills camp for young refugees, delivering cookies to LGBTQ youth, cleaning children's toys, building a **Habitat** home, and serving in Alamosa. There are opportunities for all ages and at a variety of times during the day and week. We encourage you to remove the Summer of Service calendar from the *VOICE* and post it on your fridge or next to your desk. As you rest and play this summer, may you also make time to serve!



SAVE THE DATE

Free 'n Free

Sunday, **May 14** at 5:00pm in the Narthex

The theme for Free 'n Free's upcoming gathering is "Self Images". We will explore this theme by creating a *Soul Card*, an enlightening and often powerful spiritual practice. Participants will be invited to intuitively choose images and words from a table full of magazine cut-outs, to which they are energetically drawn, without having to know why the images or phrases "chose them."

Join us for a Spirit filled and thoughtful dialogue. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend or come alone. All are welcome. Free 'n Free curates contemplative space for expansion of the soul through dialogue the arts & sacred literature. For more information contact preenfree@gmail.com

Worship at Peoples Presbyterian Church

Peoples Presbyterian Church

Sunday, **May 21** at 10:00am

2780 York Street, Denver

Avoid the traffic snarls of the Colfax Marathon and join us for worship with Peoples.

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, **June 4** after worship at Congress Park (8th and Josephine).

The All-Church Picnic is brought to you by **Central Men's Night Out** group. Burgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers and drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish (chips count!) or a dessert to share.



Domestic Mission Trip

July 8 - 12 in Alamosa, Colorado

Please mark your calendar for this year's domestic mission trip to Alamosa, Colorado. We will embark on an intergenerational partnership with **La Puente**, an organization serving Colorado's San Luis Valley by providing food, shelter, and advocacy for the homeless and community members in crisis. La Puente endeavors to meet immediate needs and to empower people to live independently with dignity. Potential activities include working with PALS (Positive Activities Lead to Success) children's program for at-risk youth, gardening projects, clean-up activities and educational activities. There will be several different housing options, from individual to group formats.

All Church Retreat

Highlands Presbyterian Camp

Labor Day Weekend, **September 1 - 3**

1306 Business Highway 7, Allenspark

Make plans now to join your church family and invite a friend to the Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Allenspark, CO. There will be opportunities to attend the entire weekend or just come up for the day! The beautiful

camp provides the perfect back-drop for recreation and relaxation. The retreat planning team has plans for group hikes, a book club, a mission component, dancing and more! Saturday of the retreat will include a lunch cook-out with camp-style worship. Lodging ranges from camping to rustic lodges to limited hotel-style retreat center rooms. Watch for registration to open in early May. If you have questions or would like to help, contact Stephanie stephanie@centraldenver.com.

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May Worship Schedule

May 7 | Communion | Pastor Stan Jewell preaching on John 10:1-10, *Jesus: Threshold, Security Barrier or.....?*

May 14 | Baptism of **Madison Warren**
Pastor Louise Westfall preaching on I Peter 2:2-20, *Into God's Marvelous Light*

May 21 | 10am **Worship at Peoples Presbyterian Church** (2780 York St.)
No service at Central. Avoid the traffic snarls of the Colfax Marathon and worship with Peoples. Discussion of *Waking Up White*, the book on racism and privilege recommended by our General Assembly co-moderators, will follow worship.

May 28 | Pastor Louise Westfall preaching John 17:1-11, *We Who Are in the World* | On Memorial Day weekend, we will remember those who lost their lives in service to their country, and offer prayers for peace.



One Great Hour of Sharing Update

Thank you for your generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering! We have received **\$2,793.04** toward the goal of \$3,500.

FROM YOUR PARISH ASSOCIATE

"The table is one of the most intimate places in our lives. It is there that we give ourselves to each other. When we say: 'Take some more, let me serve you another plate, Let me pour you another glass, don't be shy, enjoy it', we say a lot more than our words express. We invite our friends to be come a part of our lives. We want them to be nurtured by the same food that nurtures us. We desire communion."
- **Henri J M Nouwen**



This year we have emphasized setting the table and welcoming all, and as Nouwen says, "We want them to be nurtured by the same food that nurtures us." But the sad reality of our world is that many people do not have access to the things at our table that nurture us. Our table is set with plenty to eat, clothing to wear, shelter over our heads and a sense of security in our land. So as we seek to follow the Jesus Creed and love God by loving others, we need to move beyond the invitation to the table and find ways that fully set the table.

The **Summer of Service** is one way to set the table with the fullness of God's bounty. There are opportunities to help feed the hungry, support those feeling insecure in our society because of their immigration status or sexual orientation, and most importantly, find friends together at the table. I encourage you to participate fully in these programs.

These are all great activities but they do not begin to address the systemic and underlying causes or the social justice needs we see in our society. At their April meeting the Session reestablished Central's **Task Force for the Common Good**. It has been tasked with the responsibility of studying, educating others and looking for ways to advocate for peace and justice in our society. This task force was in existence before and took on the issue of health care and the Health Assistance Site. Now that the Assistance site is closed, it was determined it was time to bring back the task force. We are looking for anyone who would like to be a part of this task force to contact me at stan@centraldenver.com. The group will determine the issues they want to study, explore ways to educate others and look for ways to advocate for change in our world.

I invite you to prayerfully consider being a part of this task force and help Central set the table with justice of God.

Pastor Stan Jewell



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00AM. Adult Education at Central asks questions, goes deeper, delights in diverse perspectives, pursues truth, honors all people, trusts God. Expect to be challenged, provoked, inspired, amazed and grateful.

In the East Room

Wondering about Worship

May 7

The **Worship Committee** and **Pastor Louise** will offer an overview of Reformed worship, with special emphasis on why we do what we do. We'll explore ideas that make worship more accessible, multigenerational, and welcoming to diverse people. We encourage your questions and suggestions!

Wondering about Worship

May 14

Sherry Kenney and **Lauren Kenney** will give an overview of worship education at Central for children. We'll move to the Third Floor classroom and experience worship in the Bible Story Room, and discover why many Christian leaders insist that faith is "caught," not taught.

Following 10am

WORSHIP AT PEOPLE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2780 York St., Denver

May 21

Discussion of *Waking Up White*, the book about racism and privilege, recommended to Presbyterians by the General Assembly co-moderators.



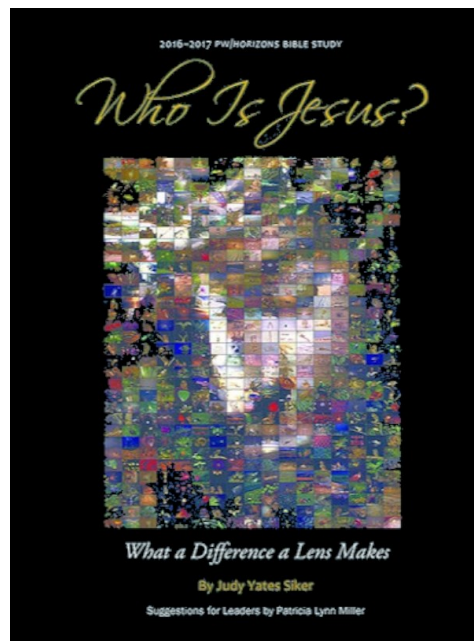
Central's Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Central Presbyterian Church combines caring for others and the ancient art of knitting. This ministry reaches out to those in need of comfort or to share in their joy.

The shawls are made by the loving and caring hands of members and friends of the Central family. Although the Ministry only began in 2015, already 22 shawls and 5 prayer bears have been shared. With each shawl and bear go the prayers and blessings from Central that these shawls and bears may provide warmth, comfort, and assurance in the love of God and in the love and concern of their family in Christ.

These shawls have been shared with many people locally, but also in an extended way through family and friend connections. In fact, the love and concern carried by these shawls extend all the way to Cape Town, South Africa.

THERE WILL BE NO ADULT EDUCATION ON SUNDAY, MAY 28 DUE TO THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



Women's Thursday Bible Study: Who is Jesus?

Who is Jesus? This study explores the question through the lenses of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Paul, Hebrews, the non-canonical gospels, the Abrahamic Faiths, and contemporary cultural interpretations. It notes that each of us who reads the New Testament is an interpreter of the text, and that how we interpret depends in part on who we are. All women welcome.

Next meeting on **May 4** at 10:00am at the home of **Annette Beaird** (3970 E. Evans Ave., Denver). RSVP to Annette at 303.512.0202.

Sanctuary Flowers

Beautify our historic Sanctuary by providing floral arrangements in honor or in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$75 per arrangement. Contact the church office at frontdesk@centraldenver.com or call 303.839.5500 to sign up!

Order forms may be found in the hutch across from the water coolers on the first floor.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

End of Program Year and Summer Season

May 7 will be the final Sunday of our program year with 9am Breakfast Club, Bible Story Room and Bible Trek. Throughout the summer months, there will be childcare during the adult education hour and nursery offered for little ones during worship. All ages of children are welcome to participate in worship every Sunday! We will be exploring the *Season of Creation* this summer which will include many interactive worship components. The worship bags and the art table will change each week. There will be children's messages where children are invited to bring items from nature to share. Children and Youth are invited to sign up to be liturgists! Email Stephanie at stephanie@centraldenver.com if interested.

May Schedule

May 7

9am Breakfast Club on the 3rd Floor for Children and Youth

10:30am Bible Story Room and Bible Trek (3 years-4th grade) after the Time for Young Disciples. Middlers (5th-7th grade) are also headed up to the 3rd floor this week to finish up their Lego Bible Timeline!

May 14

Childcare during the 9am adult education hour
Everyone worships together!

May 21

Worship at People's Presbyterian Church
Nursery at People's will be staffed

May 28

No adult education hour
Everyone worships together!



Looking ahead....

June 4 Pentecost Celebration!

Confirmation (pictured above) and Graduates celebrated in worship
Church picnic to follow worship

Family Missions and Summer of Service

Service is Central! The missions committee at Central provides a variety of service opportunities and ways to connect and learn more about our mission partners every summer. This is our 3rd annual Summer of Service. Families of all ages and stages are invited to take a look at the calendar and participate. Choose from an inter-generational domestic mission trip to Alamosa, cookie baking gatherings, a skills camp in a refugee community, and many other activities. There are ways for children, youth and adults to serve and connect all summer. Even if you are a weekend traveler, there will be plenty of opportunities to serve along-side your church family and stay connected. We encourage you to invite friends and family to be a part of Summer of Service. Each year, we have seen a significant increase in non-member participation. This is one way you can share how Central is witnessing in the community and the world! Make sure to look over the Summer of Service calendar in this issue of the *VOICE* and online at centraldenver.com.

MUSIC NOTES

May is a busy month for Music and Arts at Central! We continue our partnership with **People's Presbyterian Church** by presenting a concert at Central on May 19 at 7:30pm. Music will include spirituals and gospel music by our joined choirs, with a special feature by our own **Chuck Stevenson**. That same evening, from 5:30-8:00pm in the Sturgeon Room, will be a reception for artist **Stacy Lewis**, whose work is currently on display in the Sturgeon Room. Stacy's beautiful work explores the intersection of energy and spirit on canvas through vibrant acrylic color.

Other exciting groups in May include the **Harmony Chorale** on May 6 at 7:30pm to perform the Rocky Mountain premiere of *Tyler's Suite*, a 9 movement work that explores cyber-bullying by some of our leading composers such as Stephen Schwartz, Jake Heggie, and John Corigliano. On May 7 at 4:00pm, the **Denver Young Artists Orchestra**, composed of talented kids from around Denver, presents its string ensembles and conservatory orchestras. On Friday, May 12, **Swallow Hill Music** takes over Central to present their annual *Denver Uke Fest*, a series of workshops and concerts celebrating the Ukulele, culminating in a 7:30pm concert with ukulele virtuoso **Jake Shimabukuro**. On May 16, the **East High School** vocal music program presents its end of the season concert. On May 21 at 2:30pm, the **Colorado Honor Band** presents a free Spring concert. And finally, on Thursday, May 25 at 7:30pm, the **Denver Philharmonic** presents its year-end concert called *When in Rome*, featuring music by Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, and Respighi.



Pentecost Special Offering

Investing in our Greatest Resource – Young Adults and At-Risk Children
Pentecost offering will be received on Sunday, **June 4**. We will contribute 60% of the offering to PCUSA General Assembly which supports the development of young people and the needs of at-risk children. This special offering will also help PCUSA support young adult volunteers, ministries of youth and child advocacy.



The remaining 40% will go to Presbyterian Mission: Colfax Community Network. CCN serves families and children living in motels along Colfax, and provides meals and educational activities for kids in this area of Denver, many of whom are refugees.

To learn more about the Pentecost offering, visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/specialofferings/pentecost-offering

Give toward a more Promising future *For the promise is for you, for your Children, and for all who are faraway... –Acts 2:39*

The goal as a congregation is to raise **\$1,500!**

Did you know?

As an avenue of hope formed to reach the transient motel population along Colorado's roughest stretch of avenue, **Colfax Community Network (CCN)** seeks to not only provide needed services, but create a deep sense of community. In poverty, isolation and despair are the greatest obstacles to transformation. At CCN, we come alongside children, parents, and individuals to recognize their value and offer tangible resources to encourage stability.





OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Central ConneXtYons is committed to facilitating connections among faith-seeking people. For millennials (or those in a millennial state of mind). Sunday brunch on **May 21** after church. Contact **Chris Gibson** for more details at CGibson@realtor.com or 720.394.8861.

Central Prayer Shawl Ministry | Monday, **May 8** at 6:30pm in the **Prayer Room of the Shepler Heritage Center**. No experience is necessary and all are welcome.

Central Men's Night Out Denver Philharmonic Concert | Thursday, **May 25**
Concert starts at 7:30pm | Participants can gather at 6:00pm at City Grille (321 East Colfax Ave., Denver), no host dinner option or just go to the concert. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at denverphilharmonic.org or at the door. For more information contact **Jon Dreux** at jdreux59@gmail.com.

Lunchbreak Vinyasa Yoga | Every Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the **Shepler Heritage Center**.

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, will meet **May 25** at 7pm at **Carol Farnsworth's** home (747 Newport St., Denver, 80220). RSVPs to Carol at carol.farnsworth@gmail.com or 720.838.5901. We build friendships through fellowship, so please join us!

Walk the Labyrinth | Every Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the **Narthex**.

Church Directory

The Deacons are pleased to announce the scheduling of a new photo directory for Central!

Our last photo directory was published in 2011, so it will be a great time for you to get you and your family photographed. There will be no obligation to purchase any photographs and you will receive one free photo for just participating. If you wish, you may bring extended family members for the photo shoot.

Mark your calendar for the initial photo shoot dates: **May 31, June 1, 2 and 3**. More information and online sign ups will be available soon. Join us and stay connected through our new photo directory. Our goal is 100% participation.



THE CHURCH MOUSE



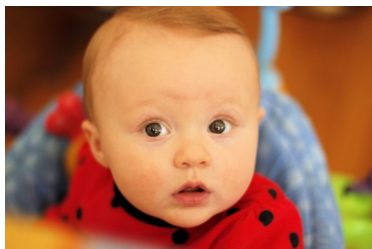
I love to visit the quiet nursery when there aren't any children visiting; there are so many toys to look at! Unfortunately, the nursery floor has been treacherous territory ever since it was flooded by a burst water valve last December. The damaged parquet flooring had little splinters that would stick in my mouse paws, and rats, did that hurt! Thankfully, **Joe Martell, Rob Habiger and Pam Bartzcak** came to the rescue. Joe and Rob flattened the buckled tiles and Pam found a nice carpet that was donated and installed. Now the floor not only looks better than ever, but saves my tender little paws as I scamper across it during my adventures!



CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

Baptisms

Billie Lusk was baptized on Sunday, April 30



Madison Warren, daughter of Zach and Jessica Warren will be baptized on Sunday, May 14.

Communion

Communion will be served on **May 7**. Please remember canned goods or a monetary gift in support of hungry families served by Metro Caring.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.



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Summer of Service 2017



Service is Central! Central puts together a variety of service opportunities and ways to connect and learn more about our mission partners every summer. Members and friends of Central are invited to engage in these opportunities! From an inter-generational domestic mission trip to Alamosa to cookie baking gatherings to a skills camp in a refugee community, there are ways for children, youth and adults to serve and connect all summer. Read about all the service opportunities and the contact person for each one here. For general Summer of Service questions, contact Stephanie Fritz stephanie@centraldenver.com.

DESCRIPTIONS OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Making Choices Prayer Partners: MC partners women incarcerated in Denver Women's Correctional Facility with mentors who lead them through a 12-week course in decision making skills. Participation in this course reduces the recidivism rate from 54% to 8%. If you would like to be paired with an incarcerated woman and her mentor, so you can pray for them during the summer, contact Jo Culbertson at joculbertson@gmail.com.

Dinner for Homeless Women: Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church provides 25 homeless women with a hot meal and a warm, safe place to spend the night. If you're interested in helping prepare and serve the meal on June 7, please contact Teresa Crane at tcrane10@gmail.com. Or, to help with the meal on August 2, contact Betsy Clark at eaclark422@gmail.com. All ages are welcome to participate.

New Genesis BBQs: Join us for a grill-out with the men from New Genesis shelter. Volunteers will help with set-up, grilling, serving and clean-up. All ages are welcome to participate, and participants are encouraged to eat with the men. If you are willing to assist with the meal on June 28 please contact Beth Groff at bethgroff@yahoo.com. If you want to help on August 23, contact Joyce Coville at fjcoville@msn.com.

Central Visitation Program (CVP) Toy Cleaning & Purging: CVP provides supervised visitation that allows non-custodial parents to visit their children. Since the staff spends their time interacting with the families, they could use our help cleaning toys and removing excess toys. Volunteers of all ages are invited to this event after church on August 13. Please contact Janis Mourer at jdmrnc@gmail.com to sign up.

Central Visitation Program (CVP) Scan and Shred-Fest: One of CVP's goals this year is to scan records in order to store them electronically. Then, after the scanning takes place, their paper files can be shredded. You will have the opportunity to help with scanning or delivering boxes to shred. To volunteer (adults only), please contact Janis Mourer at jdmrnc@gmail.com.

Domestic Mission Trip: On July 8-12th, we will embark on an intergenerational partnership with La Puente, an organization serving Colorado's San Luis Valley homeless and community members in crisis. Activities will include working with PALS (Positive Activities Lead to Success) children's program for at-risk youth, gardening projects, clean-up activities and educational activities. There will be several different housing options, from individual to group formats. For more information contact Gina Batali-Brooks at gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com.

Hope in Our City (HIOC) Kids' Skills Workshop:

Located at Fairview Elementary school in Sun Valley, the poorest neighborhood in Denver. HIOC ministers to refugees who have permanently relocated to Denver. During the Skills Workshop, you will help kids learn practical and fun skills for their age group. Focus on cooking skills for K-2nd grade and shape and color recognition with preschoolers. To volunteer, contact Stephanie Fritz at stephanie@centraldenver.com.

Christmas In July: This is an opportunity for us all to be proactive in our planning for the holidays. What? Presbyterians being proactive!?! During the month of July, Central will have the opportunity to bring items that are often collected during the month of December. Want to help with decorations or the collection of items, contact Stephanie Fritz at stephanie@centraldenver.com.

Habitat for Humanity Build: Worldwide, Habitat completes a home every 7 minutes and is the most energy-efficient home builder in Colorado. In partnership with other Presbyterian Churches, Central has helped build 19 homes over the last 19 years. To participate in a build on June 24 or August 19, contact Joyce Coville at fjcoville@msn.com. Also, let Joyce know if you are interested in participating in a golf tournament fundraiser.

CUBA Awareness & Relationship: As Central begins its efforts to partner with a sister congregation in Cuba, join us on July 30 and August 6 to discuss Cuba and our role in this forming relationship. Also, contact Steven Erhart at stevenerhart@gmail.com to join the monthly meetings that will occur throughout the Spring and Summer months.

Rainbow Alley (RA) Cookies: RA provides a safe, welcoming drop-in center for LGBTQ youth. As a way to support the youth at RA, Central members occasionally deliver homemade cookies for the youth to enjoy. To sign up to make or deliver cookies during the summer months, contact Stan Jewell at stan@centraldenver.com.

Metro Caring (MCR) Shop to End Hunger: MCR is the largest Denver food bank serving families with nutritious food, 72% of which is fresh. We are kicking off two "Shop to End Hunger" Saturdays this year to ensure their shelves remain stocked. Volunteers will hand out flyers at two groceries as shoppers enter the store with ideas for donations and will collect them as shoppers leave. For a 2-person, 2 hour shift from 10-4pm on June 10 or August 12 (Youth), please contact Teresa Crane at tcrane10@gmail.com.

We challenge you to participate in two service activities between Memorial Day and Labor Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28	29	30	31	June 1 CVP - File Scan, 1p-3p	2	3 CVP -,File Scan, TBD
4 Pentecost Offering Metro Caring Collection	5	6	7 Women's Dinner	8	9	10 Metro Caring Shop to End Hunger – Adult 10a-4p
11	12	13	14 Cookie Baking Party 10a-12p @Central for RA	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Habitat Build
25	26	27	28 New Genesis BBQ	29 Christmas in July Decorating 3:30p-5:30p	30	July 1
2 Metro Caring Collection Christmas in July, 9a-12p	3	4	5	6	7	8 Domestic Mission Trip
9 Domestic Mission Trip Christmas in July, 9a-12p	10 Domestic Mission Trip	11 Domestic Mission Trip	12 Domestic Mission Trip	13	14	15
16 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	24 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	25 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	26 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	27 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	28 HIOC Camp 3:30p-5p	29
30 CUBA - Adult Ed, 9a-10:15 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	31	August 1	2 Women's Dinner	3	4	5
6 Metro Caring Collection CUBA - Adult Ed, 9a-10:15	7	8	9 Cookie Baking Party @Central for RA 6p-8p	10	11	12 Metro Caring Shop to End Hunger – Youth 10a-4p
13 CVP Toy Purge & Clean, 12p-3p	14	15	16	17	18	19 Habitat Build
20	21	22	23 New Genesis BBQ	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	September 1	2

And, during your summer travels, we encourage you collect hotel toiletries and donate them in the bin in the narthex, so they can be given to New Genesis residents.