

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

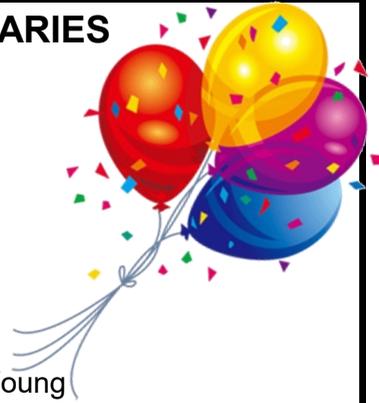
Birthdays

2 Stephanie Skaer
3 Charlotte Batchelor
3 Rev. David James
4 Linda Reynolds

11 Emily Comstock
12 Connie Levi
14 Gerald Kakalecik
18 Korey Allen
22 Mark Louw

Anniversaries

23 Clarence & Dean Young



Community Joys and Concerns

- ◆ Central Christian's Family Promise Week scheduled for July 5-12th has been canceled. Thank you to all who had previously volunteered to work.
- ◆ Pastor David has a new email – pastor@gfccc.net If you need to reach him quickly or in the event of an emergency, please call or text him at 510-461-0791.
- ◆ Lydia Group's **Annual Rummage Sale** - Saturday, July 18, 8:00am to 3:00pm.
- ◆ Watch for dates and times for the "Virtual Summer Camp!"

Moderators Message

Dear Disciples Family,

It has been a bundle of work these past weeks. Look into the Quilting Room to see the new paint done by the Lydia Group. It is beautiful! Big thanks to Brett Fagenstrom for getting the walls ready for painting. Also, thanks to Randy & Sheryl Knowles for all the work they have done on the church grounds. And to Connie McDonald for her brilliant red geraniums planted at the entry way.

Zoom. We are researching how to make Zoom better for all of us. We've asked you to turn up your sound. We've changed some settings on our computer in the church. Ruth Lindabury and Clint Houge have been on line looking for ways to improve. This week we are trying all speakers using the area around the pulpit. We want you hear all the news and announcements.

One of our important announcements was about our dear friend Lea McKerrow. Lea, who is in Washington, is in hospice with stage 4 cancer. Please remember Lea, Glenn and the family in your prayers.

All of us appreciate your support and patience while we travel though this pandemic. Please pray for all those the Covid-19 warriors on the front line.

Margaret Houge, Moderator

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The mission of Central Christian Church
is to empower people for Christ's
ministries in their daily lives:

July 2020

VISION STATEMENT

To be an inclusive people living God's radical love
that challenges all to grow in faith and mission.



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Welcome New Member Grady Comstock

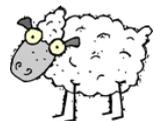
Grady Connor Comstock was baptized by Pastor Ron Greene on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, after going through the Pastor's Class. He was nurtured in his faith by his parents, Jeremy & Emily Comstock, and his grandparents, Brett & Shelly Fagenstrom, and Carl & Marty Comstock in Indiana. His Indiana family was able to witness Grady's Baptism over Zoom.

Grady turned 13 on June 21 and will be a 7th grader this fall at North Middle School. He plays the piano, drums, and enjoys football, basketball and lacrosse along with video games.

Welcome Grady!



Grady (left) with his family



Notes from the Rasture Pastor

As I write this, we have celebrated two Sundays together, and it has been a joy. I have met many of you, and there are others to meet still. It may take some time for me to learn everyone's name, so I hope you'll forgive me if I get it wrong a couple of times.

I am excited about the future of Central Christian Church. As an Interim Pastor, the dynamics are going to be different, yet I trust we all have the same goals: faithful service to one another and the world around us through Jesus Christ. The church's Vision Statement is who we feel we are called to be: "...an inclusive people living God's radical love that challenges all to grow in faith and mission."

Watchman Nee, an early 20th-century Christian leader in China, once wrote, "The Christian experience, from start to finish, is a journey of faith." In the coming months, as you prepare to begin a search for a new permanent Pastor, I hope we are able to vision together so there is a clear consensus of the path CCC will opt to follow on its continuing journey of faith.

I want to encourage you to reach out to me if you ever have a need, an idea you want to share, a concern or complaint, or just to visit. You are a precious child of God, and it is my privilege to be a part of your journey.

Pastor David

	OUR WORSHIP SERVICES	
SUNDAY, JUNE 28		
10:00 Worship		
Message: "Let Your Love Overflow" (Philippians 1:1-11)		
SUNDAY, JULY 5		
10:00 Worship		
Message: "A Life Worthy" (Philippians 1:12-30)		
SUNDAY, JULY 12		
10:00 Worship		
Message: "An 'Interested' Point of View" (Philippians 2:1-11)		
SUNDAY, JULY 19		
10:00 Worship		
Message: "Shining As Stars" (Philippians 2:12-18)		
SUNDAY, JULY 26		
10:00 Worship		
Message: "Knowing Christ" (Philippians 3:1-11)		

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor David will keep the following office hours:

Tuesday through Friday 9:00 to 12:00 and by appointment. Saturday will be his study/retreat day, and Monday will be his day off. Pastor David is available at all times for emergencies, regardless.

For urgent matters and emergencies, please call or text him at 510-461-0791. You may contact him by phone or via email for all other matters.
Email: pastor@gfccc.net

Thanks for the Memories

Dear Friends,

Sometimes over the past 30 years I've been sailing with ministry colleagues and it would be too rainy or too hot and we'd tell each other: "The worst day sailing is better than the best day working." (You may have said something similar when you're fishing, camping or hunting!)

That may be true for some jobs—and even some church jobs, but as pastors we were fooling ourselves. I can't think of anything better in life than the days spent in ministry with you at Central Christian Church. They weren't all perfect, the times weren't always easy, and it wasn't even fun all the time. But I found real joy in ministry as we grew together as Disciples of Christ, making a difference in our world as we changed each other's lives.

Thank you for the wonderful send-off as we said Good-Bye on Pentecost to sail on as the winds of the Spirit lead us. Thank you for the generous gift of patio furniture (heavy duty to stay put in winds!) that we will enjoy. I will think of you and the tables we shared when Ruth and I sit around that new table with family and friends.

I appreciate everything people did to make it a special occasion under challenging circumstances—when many of you had extra responsibilities in preparing to welcome your interim minister. Thank you to the Elders and the Board, especially Margaret Houge and LeAnn Budeski. The special cupcakes from Elders Chair Lynn Yahraus were a feast! I appreciate all the work Ruth Lindabury did as Church Administrator to empower our ministry.

Thank you for your letters and cards with memories, for your gifts to us, and for your contributions to our Week of Compassion Fund with Christian Church Foundation that will bless our world for generations to come. I felt the warmth of our farewells even without the hugs.

And thanks to the young people who offered special music, honoring me as they gave glory to God: April Buley, Antonio Jarvey, and Joey Taylor. As we rejoiced with their songs and celebrated the Baptism of Grady Comstock, I hope you realized we weren't just ending a pastorate. We were witnessing the future of the church as you begin a new chapter!

While I won't be returning to Great Falls for a few years, I do hope to see many of you at the Regional Assembly in November. You continue to be in my prayers. Be well.

In Christ,
Retired Ron