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*Welcome to this week's edition of our e-newsletter, The Park Post. We hope to provide helpful information on events that are coming up and ways that you can be engaged as we seek to follow Jesus together. We welcome your articles as well as your comments and suggestions.*

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Events Calendar

**Our Park Central events calendar is now live on our website! Click the button above and it will bring you directly to it. You can view upcoming events and print a calendar if you like.**



May 7, 2017 10:30am

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



# Banners helping to tell the PCPC story



Something new is happening on the Fayette Street side of Park Central Presbyterian Church. Five of these seven banners were hung this week, one between each pair of stained glass windows. The session voted for all seven banners so that they can be rotated periodically to help keep the message fresh.

The purpose: to encourage those driving or walking by our beautiful building to learn about what happens inside and then to visit. The banners, designed by Caroline Sheffield, reflect the church's faith in the city and concern for issues of social justice. A brochure about the church and its work is also being prepared.

~Joan Deppa

# Procession of Neighbors

All Faiths Hand in Hand in Support of Refugees

*Please Join Us*

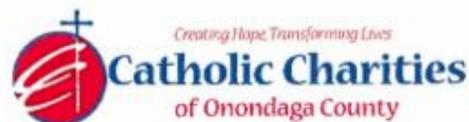


May 7th | 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Syracuse's Northside

People of all faith communities are invited to join a prayerful procession in solidarity with refugees on Sunday, May 7th, 2017. Along the route, the procession will pause at several faith centers in a gesture of welcome and acceptance. The procession begins at 3:00 pm in front of the White Branch Library (763 Butternut St). The procession will walk through the Northside with brief stops at several faith locations and conclude back at the library at about 4:30 pm.

For more details and a map of the route visit: [ccoc.us/news/procession](http://ccoc.us/news/procession)



***Restricted  
Travel  
Advisory  
Sunday,***



*May 7*



**Please be advised that on Sunday, May 7th, the 2017 edition of the Mountain Goat Run will pass through the city and by Park Central during worship. Between the hours of 9:15 am to 11:25 am on that day, several streets will be closed to traffic.**

**Please visit [www.mountaingoatrun.com](http://www.mountaingoatrun.com) to view details of the Mountain Goat Run so you can plan accordingly to attend worship.**

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## *How does a group write a song?*

Well, at Park Central Presbyterian Church, you begin by eating. On April 29, most of the participants who signed up for a workshop with Carrie Newcomer lunched on spinach and pasta salad and other freshly prepared dishes. Carrie herself slipped in quietly from a visit to the Samaritan Center, where the afternoon meal was being served to hungry people in a beautiful setting — what

had been the sanctuary of the former St. John the Evangelist Church. Her concert would benefit the Samaritan Center, which she would tell her audience is "really trying to make the world a kinder place."

The workshop itself began by sharing memories in response to a questionnaire, Carrie's way of persuading participants to see the poetry in the "sacred ordinary." Soon we were brainstorming ideas that could serve as the theme of a song. The clear favorite was "small things." The next task was to create the chorus, the strong statement of the theme. That emerged, after multiple revisions, as thoughts about growth of small things, like seeds:

Small things grow

In the simple things we do

This I know

It's a seed to carry with you.

Small things grow.



Then we needed verses that would give examples of the way small things matter. Carrie herself recalled how at the Samaritan Center visitors are greeted with: "Would you like a cup of coffee?" Another line that kept coming up was "It's doing the dishes when it's not your night." The next verse recalled small things that mark the passing seasons in Syracuse, beginning with spring. The final verse was about telling stories, expanding light and sharing sacred space.

And then we sang it.

Wynetta Devore said it reminded her of

the art work that we created as a congregation while Andrew and Sarah were on their sabbatical. Carrie wrote that it was based on stories by a beautiful gathering of spirits.

**Verse:**

It's a cup of coffee when you arrive

A warm embrace and a grateful sigh

It's a meal together and candle light

It's doing the dishes when it's not your night

**Chorus:** Small things grow

In the simple things we do

This I know

It's a seed to carry with you.

Small things grow.

**Verse** Blossoms falling from apple trees

Fireflies and bumblebees

An autumn frost and chrysanthemums

The first snow day when the winter comes

**Chorus:** Small things grow

In the simple things we do

This I know

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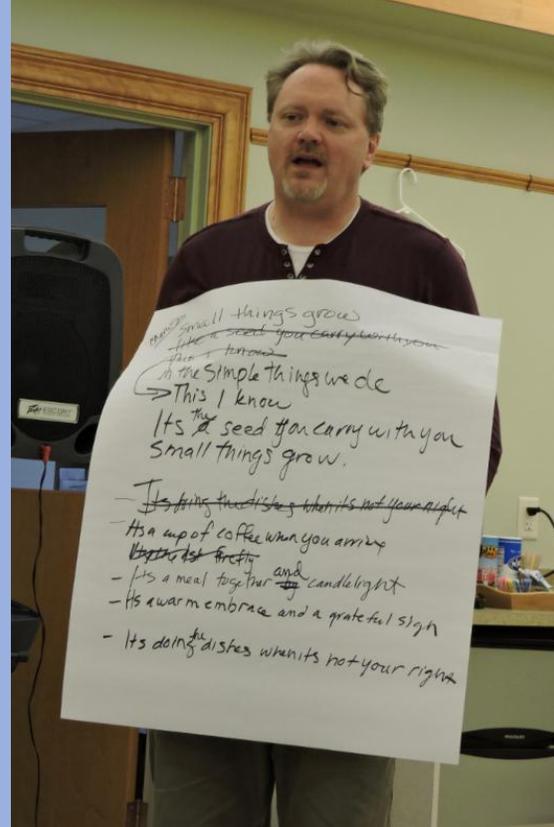
Small things grow

**Verse:** Telling your story and being heard

Listening without a word

A ripple of light in a shadowed place

Joining hands making sacred space.



**Chorus:** Small things grow

In the simple things we do

This I know

Its a seed to carry with you.

Small things grow

Small things grow

~Joan Deppa

~Photos by Grayson Jones

## *Carrie Newcomer in Concert*



**Carrie Newcomer in concert**



**Carrie Newcomer at the reception**

Quiet excitement seemed to be the spirit as people began arriving for Carrie Newcomer's concert on Saturday, April 29. For starters, the front pews filled early on. Fans familiar with Carrie's music and humor wanted to be close.



By the time she began, the audience had grown to 211, and people hearing her for the first time soon understood why fans had chosen to arrive early and sit close.

As a song writer, poet and humorist, she lifted up the ordinary things people share to show how we can relate to one another. In "Sanctuary," she sang, "Will you be refuge, my haven in the storm..." She read a poem about her mother washing dishes. She made us laugh with a song called "A crash of rhinoceros," which used collective nouns for different animals from "a gaggle of geese" to "a cluster of cats" in very rapid order. Then she recalled one time she had sung it very fast without realizing that it was being interpreted in sign language. The signer received a standing ovation.

As a folk singer from Indiana, she said she knew we were expecting to sing. And we did — harmoniously — then and in an encore.

After that we all headed for the reception, where Carrie could meet the audience up close and personally and where everyone could enjoy cookies and other treats provided by members of the Park Central congregation.

~Joan Deppa

~Photos by Grayson Jones

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## *Fellowship hour after worship*

Do you wish you could help with fellowship hour, but are not sure how to proceed? There are several ways you can help.

- If you would like to "do" the fellowship hour, it is not complicated. There is plenty of help in learning the details. Jane Garrett is the most familiar with the process. She is glad to assist or show folks the ropes while she is here from September through June.
- If you would like to participate and doing this alone seems daunting, you can team up with another person or couple of people.
- If you would like to bring something to be served at fellowship hour, that is also welcome. It helps for the office to know a week ahead so that plans can be made accordingly.
- If you would like to be reimbursed for expenses, be sure to save your receipts. You can give these to Joan Deppa or Andrew McTyre.
- During the summer, there is especially a need for people to fill in. You can plan the whole coffee hour or find someone to share the responsibilities.



If you have any questions, please seek me out either at church or by email: [egardner4@twcny.rr.com](mailto:egardner4@twcny.rr.com). Thank you!

~Elberta Bradshaw

May the Almighty continue to bless you and protect you forever. May all that you have dreamt and desired for, comes true this Birthday. Have a Happy Birthday dear.  
God loves you!



## May

- 2 Bill Porter
- 3 Amy Russo
- 4 Seth Bingham
- 10 Grace Bridge
- 16 Doug Storey
- 17 A Lachiir Mading Kuany
- 19 Tom Packard
- 19 Kay Keller
- 19 Debbie Williams
- 23 Gail Hamner
- 31 John Bridge

## MAY USHERS

May 7th - Craig Williams, Debbie Williams,  
Selma Moore, Tim Knapp, Patty Knapp

May 14th - Ginny Marty, Susan Barbour

May 21st - Carole Cannon, Diane Scaia

May 28th - Kevin Moore, Selma Moore

# May Liturgist List

**14th - Nancy Moeur**

**21st - Sharon Terry**

**28th - Anita Wagner**



**Iroquois Nursing Home ~Maurine McTyre**

**James Square ~Pauline Belfy**

**Maple Downs ~Maryanna Robinson**

**Menorah Park ~ Helen Carlson**

**The Nottingham~ Sherly Day-Bernthal, Marillyn Franklin, Kay Keller, Cynthia Tracy**

**\*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please email [office@parkcentralchurch.org](mailto:office@parkcentralchurch.org) or call the church office (315) 475-1677.**



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- The subject line of your email indicates that it's a Park Post article and which Wednesday(s) you would like it posted.
- The title & body of your article are clearly labeled in a Word document.
- Attach up to six pictures that are clearly labeled.

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