



The Herald

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Did you know that even if you don't or can't physically attend worship each week, you can still worship with your church family? Each Sunday the service is streamed live on Facebook (Central Presbyterian Church page) and is recorded and later posted under the church's YouTube page (Central Presbyterian Church). We thank the volunteers that have and continue to provide these services so that others may participate.

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Dear Church Family,

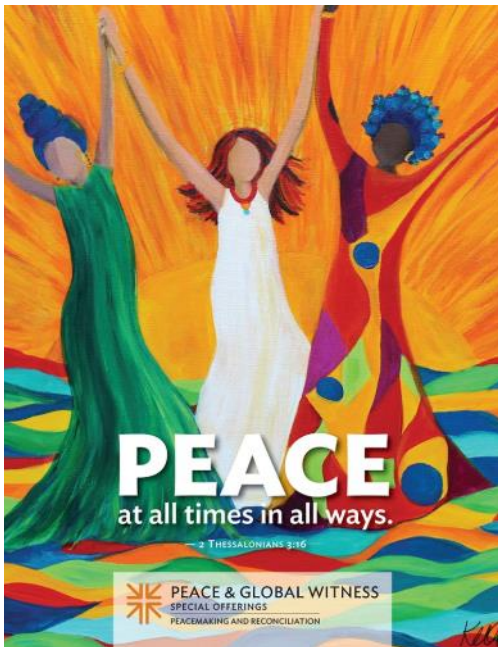
On September 26 we held our first of three sessions on gender identity, sexuality, the Bible and Central Presbyterian Church. We met during

Sunday school. About a dozen attended. We began with a survey of biblical teaching on the subject.

We will meet twice more, on October 10 and 17, during the 9:30 Sunday school time slot. On the 10th we will look at Presbyterian statements and teachings. Plans for the 17th remain flexible; the direction we take will depend on who attends on the 10th and how the class goes.

I am leading these sessions and I invite you to join the final two!

World Communion Sunday is October 3, 2021



The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace – at all times, in all ways. From our congregation, where we retain 25 percent of this offering ; to the region, where 25 percent is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

Peace at all times in all ways. — 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Christian Education — Ellie Templeton

Sunday School Kickoff was a fun morning for everyone on Sunday, September 19. We enjoyed time together in our Fellowship hall constructing and decorating special bookmarks to welcome back to our newly returning choir members. These were presented to our choir on September 26 during the children's moment and will be used by our choir to mark the hymns each week. Children and youth also got to enjoy music time with Mr Moles, something we have greatly missed! We wrapped up with a visit to our new classroom spaces and prayed for a safe and joyous year ahead.

Sunday School Classes for all ages began on September 26.

Classes meet from 9:30 to 10:20 am.

Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds (& 5 year olds not going to Kindergarten)

Kindergarten through 4th grade

Tweens 5th through 8th grade

High School 9th through 12 grades

Adults -- This fall we are excited to offer a new class aligning with our efforts as a Matthew 25 congregation. Beginning on October 24, Andrew Conner will lead a discussion series "Engaging Matthew 25 through film, Dismantling Structural Racism". Participants are to watch the films on their own in preparation for Sunday morning discussions. Films are available on most streaming services and at the public library. The film's discussed will be as follows:

-12 Years A Slave

-If Beale Street Could Talk

-Selma

-Do The Right Thing

-The Hate U Give

Adults and high school youth (with parent permission) are invited to join the series. More Info will be shared soon.

Our annual PYOCA family retreat was held October 1,2,3 at the PYOCA camp and retreat center in Brownstown,IN. 22 members and friends from Central joined together for a weekend of work, play, fellowship and worship. We will be sure to share a full report and photos in the November Herald.

Prayer partner Sunday is set for Sunday, October 24. This special program pairs adults and children in our church together once a child reaches Kindergarten. Their partnership lasts through their senior year of High School and serves as a way for young children to connect with adults in our church outside of their own family as well as have an adult mentor throughout their faith journey. In addition to recognizing our children and their prayer partners during the worship service, we will have a fun activity for the pairs to complete together before worship at the church. More details coming soon from Ellie.

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Holypalooza 2021 was held on September 12, 2021 at Central Presbyterian Church. We enjoyed hosting our 7th street neighbors from Centenary United Methodist, St. Stephens Episcopal and United Campus Ministries. Rev. Mike Riggins, Rev. Mel Camp, Rev. Drew Downs and Rev. Dawn Black led the service and attendees participated in elements of worship from all three faiths as well as partook in holy communion together. We had over 100 people attend the worship service and are praising God for a safe and blessed event. Following worship, United Campus Ministries held a drive thru style BBQ fundraiser where delicious boxed meals were served. We thank all the volunteers particularly our Highpoint Youth members who helped. The BBQ raised over \$2900 for UCM efforts.



October Birthdays

- 2—Fred Rubey
- 3—Sophia Spencer
- 9—Lance Weatherwax
- 10—Katherine Whitaker
- 12—Aidan Taken
- 13—Maxine Bough
- 14—Paul Foree, Emma Pennington
- 16—Susan Guell, Ezrina Seo
- 17—Sinwon Racop, Ricka Woodruff
- 18—Matthew Clinkenbeard, Theo Conner, Charlie Conner, Nancy Edgerton, Stephen Payne, Rachael Spencer
- 20—Zachariah Spencer
- 22—Andrea Paul-Bonham
- 23—Violet Taken
- 24—Andrea Clinkenbeard, Christopher Johnson
- 25—Mason Giltner, Brenda Green, Jessica Shepherd
- 29—Emily Haan
- 31—Alan Harder



The Fallacy of Logical Inerrancy — A Haphazard Supplication by Allen Holder

We, as the body of Christ, segregate ourselves into scores of adamant barrios defined by theological interpretation and reverential custom, with one of our most exaggerated delinations being that of biblical interpretation. Indeed, our congregational neighborhoods divaricate into comfy communities that dramatize parts of scripture as they whitewash others. Each faith family shakes its collective head in agreement with the bible's lucid support for its local culture, but oh how we search for mystic rationalization as scripture irritates our regional folklore. The resulting collective acumen is a grand hodgepodge that mires us in provincial debate, and while our argumentative contests seem acutely dire within our camaraderie, they pale against the commandment to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;" and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Luke 10:27 and Matthew 22:37-39)

Why are the topics of our debates so crucial, and why do we bicker instead of listen, contemplate, and pray? Why is it so important who is right!? Answers are many, although our appetite for wisdom, especially knowledge about sin, surely rests at the core of our angst. We crave interpretation because it reveals God's will, from which we can, through the Grace of our Lord, direct our habits toward righteousness and away from transgression. Tell us the rules O' Lord so that we might walk in your light, yes please, just tell us the rules so that our disparate communities can live in unity and peace.

Rule systems are complicated and have long been studied with mathematical rigor. These studies give irrefutable, but discordant and perplexing, outcomes with regard to what we might expect. For instance, one theorem proves that there is no fair voting system, whereas another establishes the impossibility of a guarantee that a representative democracy will converge to the median voter. As the prominent mathematician Henri Poincaré noted, "logic sometimes makes monsters." Common interpretations of logic are also flawed, for how many of us mistakenly read something like "faith implies salvation" to mean "no faith implies no salvation"? Moreover, is our blunder a simple misuse of logic, or is it instead a desperate and willful attempt to impose control over God's free gift of faith?

The most towering of results on rule systems are Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems, which assert that any system of sufficient complication will have statements whose validity cannot be decided within the system, and subsequently, that no such system can be self consistent. The theory further entails the existence of statements that are neither true nor false, with a prevailing example being "this sentence is false." If the statement is true, then it is also false, but if it is false, then it is also true. The Incompleteness Theorems portend the difficult reality that there are rules within our Christian law whose truth or falseness cannot be decided by the law, i.e. the validity of such statements necessarily depends on external knowledge. This mathematical fact elicits God's necessary role as the ultimate source of external wisdom, but sadly, our snippy little clans confiscate God's position as they establish their local decrees on ambiguous and territorial praxes. May Christ's mercy fall on us all as we continue our statutory franchises about who is right, but let us not forget that one day we will all know that God is the one who is really right.

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October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Pyoca Retreat →	2
3 Choir 8:45 Worship 10:30 Youth 6:00 →	4	5	6 UCM Dinner 5:00 Bible study and brew 7:30	7 Women's Book Group 6:00	8	9 
10 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	11 Church Office closed. 	12 Bible study and brew 7:30	13 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	14	15	16
17 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 6:00	18	19 Third Tuesday meetings	20 Youth Design Team 4:00 Bible study and brew 7:30	21	22	23
24 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	25 	26	27 Personnel Comm. 12:30 Bible study & brew 7:30	28 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	29	30
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Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Mike Riggins, Pastor

Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator/Communications Coordinator

Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary

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Church Happenings

*Next Herald
Deadline —
October 20, 2021*

Due to scheduled surgery for Sarah Kelsheimer, the Herald deadline will be earlier this month. Please submit your articles to the church office before noon on Wednesday, October 20.

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on Oct. 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Nancy Edgerton. The book to be discussed is My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

The 2021 Bible study will resume from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, October 27. The discussion will be on The New Testament You Never Knew by N. T. Wright. All women are welcome. Distancing will be observed and masks will be worn.



Becky daisy perennials-free to a good home. These daisies make wonderful bouquets all summer long. Please email

Susan Hodge
at hodgetravel@gmail.com if you are interested.