



The Herald

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

January 23, 2022

The annual meeting of the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church and of the members of our church corporation (Central Presbyterian Church, Inc., of Terre Haute, Indiana) (the “corporation”), will be held in the church sanctuary immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship (that is, approximately 11:30 a.m.) on Sunday, January 23, 2022.

All members and friends are encouraged to attend to elect officers and review the work of the church. The Annual Report booklets will be available on January 9 and on the thcpc.org website.

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We Welcome All! You might have noticed the new banner hanging on our sign in front of our church. As we work toward being a more inclusive, welcome congregation and living fully as a Matthew 25 church we hope this banner helps to share that message with our entire community. This will be something that can be displayed not only in front of our church but also used as we further our mission efforts out in the community.

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To the church family:

Thank you so much for the cards, other expressions of good will and the generous Christmas gift each of us received. We are so grateful for your love and support. Blessings to each of you for the new year.

Mike, Sarah, Ellie, Mark, Steve, Alvin, Tim, and Cheryl



"Highpoint Youth will resume Youth Nights starting Sunday, January 9. The first Youth Night in January will be at Central Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM. The "Lost but Found" series will continue through the Spring!

We are seeking volunteers to provide dinner at the youth nights. If you are interested in providing dinner, contact Tim asap for more details."

Deacons' Ministry

The time that we spent delivering the Christmas Cactus was time well spent. We became more acquainted with our church family, and it made it more fun for us all.



We sent the beautiful cards that Bruce McLaren made for us. I know that receiving Christmas cards is a treat, and this was a particularly great card, because it was a picture taken inside our sanctuary.

We are trying to meet people that come to church. Sometimes it's a bit embarrassing, because he/she has been coming for some time. But it's an opportunity to let people know that they are important to us.

We are optimistic about the coming year on so many levels. God has held us together and great things are in store for us.

Blessings, Kay

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

Christmas Pageant - Our Christmas Pageant was held on Sunday, December 12 during worship. We presented a program called “His Name is Jesus”. All of the children and youth who were able to participate did a fantastic job and worked hard to learn their lines and music. In these uncertain times, we were overjoyed to be able to bring the children together and celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Thank you to Steve McCullough for his help with musical instruction and leadership and also Jill Conner, Beth Christ, Corrinne and Paul Foree, Tisha Glenn and Valeri Kershaw for organizing costumes and helping during the program. Also thank you to Bruce McLaren and Alan Harder for their assistance making sure our video and sound setup was in place. An extra special thank you to the Guell family and baby Jack Salmeron (son of Katie Guell Salmeron) who joined us all the way from Kentucky and played the role of baby Jesus beautifully.



Sunday School Updates - Sunday School for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 2nd. We will be offering a new four week class led by Pastor Mike for adults. The class will discuss Luke the Storyteller: How the Gospel of Luke gets in our heads. This class will study the man Luke, the structure of his Gospel, how it fits with the Book of Acts, and how many of the stories we know about Jesus appear only in Luke. Following this Al Holder will be leading a class on sin that will commence on Sunday, January 30 and go through the Lenten season wrapping up on Palm Sunday.

Notes on the class:

Jesus commanded those whom he helped to sin no more, see John 5:14 and 8:11, but working toward this goal is a tall, tall order. For what exactly is sin, and how do we possibly avoid it in our fallen state? Scriptural references and theological studies, which often differ in their interpretations, make it difficult to be certain about what is, and is not, sin. We will examine a new characteristic of sin each week by reading scripture and theological perspectives, followed by a conversation to share our thoughts. We will end on Palm Sunday and await the amazing grace of our Lord, who died for our sins on Good Friday and who rose on Easter to prove the greatest of all clemencies. Everyone is welcome, and no previous knowledge or forethought is needed. Come for a few or attend them all, just know that you are invited and that differing opinions will be respected and appreciated. Masks will be required to help keep us as safe as possible as we gather to contemplate the great mystery that is our faith.

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Session Notes from December for the January Herald

Session conducted its stated meeting on December 8 to hear reports and transact business. A summary of actions follows.

Featured Report: Interpretation and Support Committee

Michael Shaw explained that the duties of the committee are to develop the annual stewardship campaign and assist in developing the budget. They choose campaign materials, review budget requests, and develop a preliminary budget based on these requests and cost estimates. As pledges come in, they continue to work to develop a balanced budget. Treasurer Bruce McLaren summarized the work that led to a 2022 budget of approximately \$311,000. Local benevolence is about the same, allocations for the cantata and scholarship singers have been reinstated, minimum hourly wages are at \$15.00, and salaries are increased by 4%. A motion to accept the budget as proposed and forward it to the congregation for action at the January congregational meeting was made and approved. Session approved the pastor's 2022 housing/salary distribution as follows:

Compensation/Terms of Call of Pastor Mike Riggins: \$34,766 salary; \$37,000 housing allowance; \$26,533 pension and medical insurance; up to \$2000 reimbursement for continuing education and professional expenses; up to \$500 reimbursement at IRS rate for church-related personal automobile usage; \$540 parking fringe benefit; vacation, 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays); study leave, 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays); sick leave, 5 days.

Pastor's Report:

Several issues were raised for consideration and action.

The Afghan resettlement initiative is proceeding. A motion for Central Presbyterian to support Afghan resettlement in the amount of \$2000 (with \$1000 from the mission fund and \$1000 from the session discretionary fund) was made and approved.

New member classes will be done via video and new members will meet with session in January.

Staff performance reviews will be done in January and February.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce McLaren presented the report.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of November		Balance Sheet Summary	11/30/2021
Beginning of Month	\$44,957.99		Current Assets	\$682,894
Income	\$27,572.58		Fixed Assets	\$2,980,000
Expenses	\$24,863.43		Short Term Liabilities	\$4005
End of Month	\$47,667.14		Long Term Liabilities	\$192,285
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$3,466,605

Christian Educator's Report: Ellie noted that Hanging of the Greens was a lovely evening and well attended. The Giving Tree is emptied daily and we will spread the word at Manna from Seven distributions.

Clerk's Report: Session reviewed membership changes to the roll and voted to remove the names of eight members who have moved away or joined other churches.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Church Life: According to our adopted policies, as long as Vigo County's Covid status remains orange we will not have coffee hour or other events with shared food.

Facilities: The warming oven has been repaired as have the brake lights for the bus.

Mission: Committee members distributed local benevolence checks in person to recipients.

Nominating: Judy Duffy presented the full slate of elders and deacons, and session thanked the committee for its timely work.

4—David Rader, Nicholas Spencer
5—Phillip Smith
8—Corrine Foree, Rogene Froeb
9 — Mark Carlisle
12 — Mont Foree, Derek Van Dyke
18—Joe Harder
19 — Don Lowder
21 — Concetta DePaolo
22 — Kay Farmer
24 — Charles Foree, Brenda Weatherwax
25 — Amanda Green Gilsinger, Rebecca Stinnett
26 — Warren Clem
28 — Alice Harder
30 — Carol Modesitt



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A **sign-up for flowers** has been posted in the fellowship hall. The cost for the flowers is \$33 per Sunday. Sign up for the day you would like to donate flowers. You may also call the church office to see if your special Sunday is available. On days when flowers have not been purchased, the silk bouquets will be used.



Per Capita payments

Every Presbyterian congregation has the opportunity to pay an annual per capita assessment to the denomination. Central Presbyterian, maintaining its traditional support for the PC(USA) to which we belong, makes this payment in full. We ask every member prayerfully to consider making an additional contribution--over and above your offering pledges--to cover this expense for our church. In 2022 the amount is \$46 per active member. You will find a special envelope in your offering boxes for this purpose.




A REMINDER OF THE CPC COVID GUIDELINES

Because of the growing number of COVID-19 cases reported, it is becoming increasingly likely that even fully vaccinated, apparently healthy individuals are carrying the virus. While they may be asymptomatic or have only very mild symptoms, they are still capable of passing the virus to others. We therefore propose we take steps to minimize the rate of re-infection that are consistent with the apparent viral load that is in the local community. We have, for our ready reference, an indication of the local viral load as manifested by the number of COVID cases in our county; the Indiana COVID19 Dashboard and Advisory Map. At the same time, we recognize that the high vaccination rate in the church community is helping to keep the viral load low within the church building.

When Vigo County is:

- Blue conditions - Normal services without restriction.
- Yellow - Normal services without restriction, masking and distancing would be recommended.
- Orange - Masking required, distancing strongly recommended. Choir and other music subject to the individual participants comfort level.
- Red - Masking and distancing required, suspension of choir and children's school/worship (children to remain with parents and not go forward for children's moment)

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship	3	4	5 11:15 Staff meets 7:30 Bible Study & Brew	6 2:00 Women's Book Club	7	8
9 8:45 Choir 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	10	11 7:30 Bible Study & Brew	12 5:00 Deacons 7:00 Session	13	14	15
16 8:45 Choir 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	17  Office Closed	18 Third Tuesday Meetings	19 4:00 YDT meets 7:30 Bible Study & Brew	20	21	22
23 8:45 Choir 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annual Meeting 6:00 Youth Group	24 HERALD deadline	25	26 12:30 Personnel 7:30 Bible Study & Brew	27 10:00 Seekers & Searchers Bible Study	28	29
30 8:45 Choir 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	31					



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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

Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary

Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on January 6 at 2 pm at the church to discuss *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams.

The February meeting will be on the 3rd at the same time. The book is *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave.

All women are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on January 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. All women are invited to the study of *The New Testament You Never Knew* by N. T. Wright.

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