



The Herald

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Lenten Series – April 3, 10

5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

“Faithful Fellowship” - During this time, participants will have several activities such as pretzel prayer, worship & Lenten scripture reflection, prayer-focused stations and much more. It’s a great series to participate in and focus on our relationship with God during this season.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated during the April 12 worship

Maundy Thursday service will be held in our sanctuary

beginning at 7:00 p.m. on April 14

Good Friday service is at Central at noon on April 15

Saturday — Easter egg hunt for children at Collett Park at 11:30

Carry in dinner with ham provided to follow. Plan to attend even

if you don’t have anyone to hunt eggs. Bring a lawn chair to sit on.

Easter Sunday service is on April 17 beginning at 10:30

in our sanctuary

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An update on Operation HEART

Our effort to help Afghans resettle in America continues. We say "America" because several of our initial guests have already relocated from Terre Haute. They have relatives and/or friends in other places across the nation and have chosen to join them. We celebrate their

independence and wish them Godspeed.

Two of our first group of five remain. Both have jobs and have completed their initial medical checks. They want to work. They want to send money to their wives and children back in Afghanistan.

Church World Service, our partner agency, has assured us we should receive an entire family in the very near future. In fact, by the time you read this we should know an exact date. We are excited to help wives and children find safety together.

Andrew Conner and I, along with four others from ISU, Rose-Hulman, SMWC and a retired Vigo North teacher, form the steering committee for Operation HEART. I know I speak for all six of us when I thank you for your support of this effort.



The 2022 Surrrell Scholarship application is available now!

Mary E. Surrrell became a member of Central Presbyterian Church in 1866. With a bequest from her, the church has established the **Surrrell Scholarship** Fund for the benefit of graduating high-school seniors and current college students (including non-traditional) who are a part of the CPC family, whether by membership or participation in church life.

The deadline to apply is April 15th.

Apply online via the church website or contact Ellie.



PYOCA Spring Retreat Registration Open!

The **CPC spring retreat** at PYOCA is set for April 29-May 1. We hope all will make plans to join for a weekend of respite, fellowship and work together at this wonderful facility. Registration forms are available in the church office or online via the weekly e-news. Contact Ellie with questions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

2022 Lenten Series Our “Faithful Fellowship” Lent series continues through April 10! We are excited to be able to serve dinner as COVID numbers have improved in our area. We continue to use Traci Smith’s book “Faithful Families for Lent, Easter and Resurrection” as a guide and to be able to offer a chance for everyone in our church to simply come together for a time of fellowship and a chance to slow down and explore the gifts of this Lent season. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. The series will run March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. All gatherings will be held at Central Presbyterian church in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend!

Prayer Partner Sunday Save the date! Prayer Partner Sunday is Sunday, April 24. We will have a special children’s moment during worship and an activity for prayer partners to complete together following worship. Please make plans to attend.

Highpoint Youth Updates The youth group continues to thrive and is preparing to meet in person again, yay! The youth group volunteered at the St. Mark’s chili fest fundraiser benefitting United Campus Ministries on March 20 and is looking forward to some other fun activities this spring. A joint youth Sunday is planned at St. Stephens for May as well. More details coming soon!

Sunday School Updates In Person Sunday School for all ages is off and running again! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteer teachers who have been leading the children and youth each week. Sunday school will meet weekly at 9:30am through May 22. For our adults, Allen Holder is leading an adult class on Sin on Sunday Mornings from March 6 through April 10 (Palm Sunday) starting at 9:30 in the Lounge.

More info below: 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 encouraged to help keep us as safe as possible as we gather to contemplate the great mystery that is our faith.

PYOCA Retreat Weekend We are scheduled for what is sure to be another wonderful weekend at PYOCA this spring! Dates for the annual retreat are Friday April, 29 through Sunday, May 1. Members and friends of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend a weekend of fun, fellowship and service at the beautiful PYOCA facility in Brownstown, IN. Registration forms are available in the church office. Questions? Please contact Ellie

April Birthdays —

- 3—Judy Duffy
- 9—Teddy Perry, Greg Simmons
- 10—Beth Whitaker
- 11 — Andrew Simmons
- 12 — Doug Shepherd
- 13 — Christopher Ennis, Bob McLaughlin, Nathan Paul-Bonham
- 16—Kendra Scanlon
- 17—John Ramer
- 18—Elinor Cleveland, Linda Harder, John Moulton
- 20—Stella VanDyke, Molly Wadsworth
- 23—Margaret Tamar
- 25 — Miller Bough, Mary Ann Clem, Mike Wadsworth
- 26 — Frank Bailey
- 27—Bill Green
- 28 — William Merrill



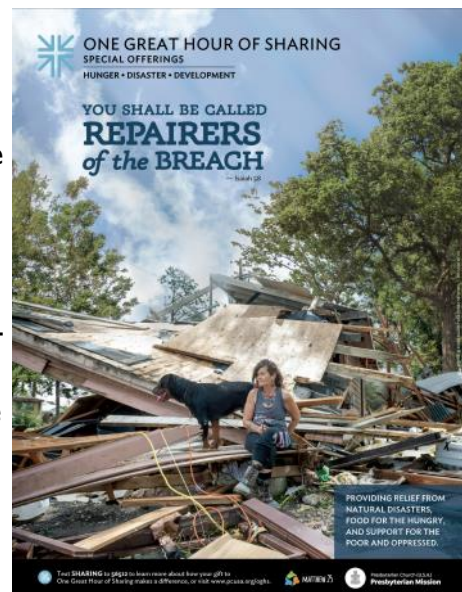
“You shall be called repairers of the breach”

found in Isaiah 58 is this year’s theme for One Great Hour of Sharing. Sharing God’s love with neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations and reflect the call of Isaiah to become repairs of the breach.

The church is happening right now, all around us — because we share Christ’s love.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday.



Session Notes from March for the April Herald

Session met on March 9 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Election of Officers

Corporate and church officers for 2022-23 were elected.

President: Brad Bough

Vice President: Lance Weatherwax

Secretary and Clerk of Session: Connie McLaren

Treasurer: Bruce McLaren

Assistant Treasurer: Beth Christ

Pastor’s Report:

Several issues were raised for consideration and action.

Because the COVID status for Vigo County is blue (the best) we are planning for all activities to proceed normally. Fifth Sunday gatherings, including the one Memorial Day Weekend, will resume.

For continuing education, Pastor Mike is looking for churches in similar situations as Central and who have successfully expanded their demographic. He hopes to build relationships and have conversations with their staff.

Treasurer’s Report: Bruce McLaren presented the report and it was received.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of February	Balance Sheet Summary	2/28/2023
Beginning of Month	\$26,551.95	Current Assets	\$784,952
Income	\$31,512.84	Fixed Assets	\$2,980,000
Expenses	\$24,740.55	Short Term Liabilities	\$4092
End of Month	\$33,324.24	Long Term Liabilities	\$187,097
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$3,573.763

Christian Educator’s Report: It is good to be able to return to normal programming. The Lenten Series will involve small fellowship groups and a meal. Sunday school will resume. Ellie is grateful to have attended the APCE conference, a wonderful experience and chance to build connections.

Clerk’s Report: The Lord’s Supper was celebrated during worship on February 6. On February 27 elders Beth Christ and Steve Mead were installed. Deacons Pat Smith and Pam McKinney were ordained and installed. Member Carol Cook died on February 12, 2022 and member Rogene Froeb on March 7.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: Commissions and committees are asked to provide meals for the Lenten Series and for third Tuesday meetings later this spring.

Session Notes: (continued)

Church Life: The commission will plan the Easter egg hunt and the Easter Saturday carry in lunch at its next meeting. A shelter in Collett Park has been reserved.

Facilities: The garbage disposal needs a repair, and the dishwasher thermostat reads 25 degrees lower than the water temperature.

Finance: Bruce explained the end of year transactions. Once he receives the appropriate voucher, the church property valuation will be updated on the balance sheet. The 2020 financial review is just about complete and the materials are ready for the 2021 review.

Worship: Unity will host the Maundy Thursday service and we will consider a later start for the Good Friday service. The commission will review returning to unbagged bread for communion and bringing items forward during worship.

Personnel: There have been about 50 responses to the pastor review questionnaire and they are being tallied. The committee will meet with the pastor to review responses. Performance evaluations for the staff have been completed.



**Easter Egg Hunt
& Carry In Meal**

Saturday, April 16th at Collett Park

Beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Easter egg hunt for kids

Carry in meal (with ham provided) to follow at the park. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on. Join us for a time of sharing a meal and fellowship.

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Lenten 5:00	4	5	6 Staff 11:15 UCM meal 5:00 Bible study & brew 7:30	7 Women's Book Club 2:00		9
10 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Lenten 5:00	11		13 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	14 Maundy Thursday worship at Unity 7:00	15 Good Friday service 12:00	16 Easter egg hunt & carry in dinner at Collett Park 11:30 
17 EASTER Worship 10:30 	18	19 Tuesday Night meetings	20 Youth Design Team 4:00 Bible study & brew 7:00	21	22	23
24 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	25	26	27 Personnel Comm. 12:30 Bible study & brew 7:00	28 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	29 Pyoca Family Retreat 7:00 	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/Communication Coordinator

Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary

Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will not be meeting this month. The book to be discussed on April 7 is [Three Words for Goodbye](#) by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb. All who are interested are welcome.



Please be sure that the church office has the names of **2021 graduates** in your family. We will honor high school and college graduates in May.

**Next Herald
Deadline —
April 26, 2022**