



# The Herald

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## **PENTECOST OFFERING — June 5th THE PENTECOST OFFERING — BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH**

“I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord,  
.... to give you a future with Hope.  
Jeremiah 29:11

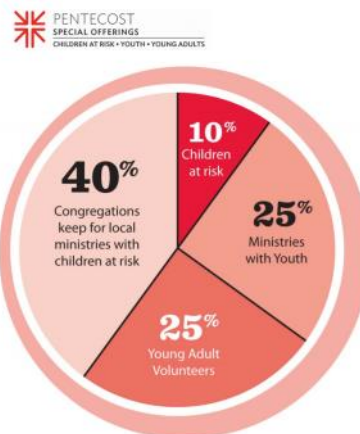
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The Pentecost Offering unites us in a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the Pentecost offering will be kept by our congregation with the distribution to be decided at a later date.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and *pointing us to the church of the future.*

In the book of Jeremiah, Jeremiah shares the statement: “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord ... to give you a future with hope”. These words reminded the Israelites that, despite their experience of the present, God’s gesture, thoughts and plans for them — and for us — are peaceful, abundant and hopeful. We celebrate that God offers more than we can plan.



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## New Adult Sunday School Class

Starting May 8 Pastor Mike Riggins will lead a class using a curriculum by Traci Smith entitled Faithful Families. Its lessons include the titles "Embrace the Imperfection and Messiness of Family Life", "Fight Against Consumerism and Materialism", "Prioritize Time Together" and "Value Mystery and Accept Doubt". Each week we will conduct discussions on these topics and biblical references appropriate to each. Join us at 9:30 in the upstairs Lounge!



## The Farrington Grove Chorale Concert

The members of the Farrington Grove Chorale wish to invite you to their spring concert. The Chorale is conducted by Dr. Mark Carlisle and accompanied by Mrs. Susan Farris. The Chorale includes 22 singers and are

all members from this area.

The Chorale will present two spring programs. The first will be on **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1807 Poplar Street. The second on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at Unity Presbyterian Church, 1207 E. Springhill.

The concert will include a variety of styles of music from light ballads to an eclectic selection of acapella sacred music. Some familiar songs will be "Amazing Grace" "What Wondrous Love Is This" "The Gift To Be Simple" and "The Road Home." There will be something for everyone to enjoy in the beautiful settings. A reception will follow the concert, and there is no charge for admission.

## VBS 2022 - Water All Around The World

We are excited to share that Central will be hosting a VBS program the week of June 6-10. The program will run June 6th through 10th from 9am to 12pm and is open to children ages 3 through those entering 5th grade in the coming school year. We welcome all members and friends of Central to attend as well as friends from our neighbor 7th street churches and hopefully some other community organizations who may be looking for worthwhile youth programming this summer. Volunteers are needed! Ellie will be leading the programming for this week and is looking for volunteers to help with crafts, snack, story time and more. If you are able to help for any of our days please reach out and look for more sign up info coming soon. Registration will also be made available online and at the church by the first week of May.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

### **Prayer Partner Sunday**

We had a wonderful get together with many of our youth and prayer partners following worship on Sunday, April 24. We all enjoyed painting rocks to exchange, save and even place here at the church. As always we are thankful for these partnerships and the connections and blessings they foster between our youth and their church family. Thank you to all who attended!

### **Highpoint Youth Updates**

The youth group continues to thrive and our middle school age group enjoyed a wonderful “Mystery Trip” outing with a visit to Climbing Cafe and Springhill Bowling here in Terre Haute in early April. Our high school age youth are planning to do a “mystery” outing later this spring as well. We were also thrilled to be able to gather on Sunday, April 24 to celebrate the upcoming marriage of our director, Tim Ghogle to his fiance Eileen Stinnett. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and had fun playing “bridal fashion show” with our youth teams and their tissue paper dress creation. Thank you to our CPC parents and youth design team for their contributions, prep and cleanup of this fun event.

### **Youth Sunday**

Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 22 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church at 10am. We will still have our regular services here at Central that day but many of our youth and their families will be attending the serve at St. Stephens. We invite CPC members and friends to attend that service if they wish.

### **Graduation Sunday**

Save the date for Graduation Sunday which will be on Sunday, June 5! We will recognize our high school and college graduates here at Central and award scholarships as well. A reception with cake and refreshments in the fellowship hall will follow worship.

### **Sunday School Updates**

Sunday school for all ages continues to meet weekly and will do so through Sunday, May 22 at 9:30am. Our preschool, elementary and middle school ages will be studying the practice of Baptism for our remaining weeks. We do have a new adult Sunday School class happening for the next few weeks. It is being led by Pastor Mike and focuses on the “Faithful Families” series by Traci Smith and a four week discussion parenting and faith in the family topics using current events and biblical texts. No book or other resource is needed for the class and the group will meet in the lounge. The class will meet on April 24, May 8, 15, and 22. Questions? Contact Ellie or Mike. Please Note: No Sunday School in session on May 1 due to our PYOCA retreat

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## Session Notes from April for the May Herald

Session met on April 13 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

### **Reception of New Members**

Gail Nattkemper and Megan Rubey introduced themselves and recounted their faith journeys, and elders introduced themselves and spoke of their history and involvement with Central. Session welcomed these new members to the church family.

### **Featured Report: Church Life Commission**

The primary objective of Church Life is to provide a warm welcome to the church family and visitors. There are currently 12 members and now that conditions permit, CL has resumed securing coffee hosts and planning Fifth Sunday meals and other celebrations.

**Treasurer's Report:** Note that after receiving the professional appraisal commissioned by the Facilities commission, the balance sheet value of the building, stained glass, and contents has been increased.

<b>Operating Fund Summary</b>	<b>Month of March</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Summary</b>	<b>3/31/2022</b>
Beginning of Month	\$33,324.24	Current Assets	\$793,903
Income	\$42,593.53	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$32,324.62	Short Term Liabilities	\$4111
End of Month	\$43,593.15	Long Term Liabilities	\$185,155
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,698,329

**Christian Educator's Report:** The Faithful Fellowship Lenten series has concluded; thanks to all who provided meals for the sessions. Sunday School will continue through May with summer classes and the resumption of Parents' Night Out under consideration. The church retreat at Pyoca will be April 29-May 1. Graduate recognition will be June 5.

### **Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:**

**Christian Nurture:** Volunteers are needed to help nursery workers with Parents' Night Out. Tuesday Night Meeting meals will probably resume in the fall.

**Finance:** The financial review for 2020 is nearly completed. We received a rebate from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program and it has been applied to our principle. The commission is still investigating socially responsible investment options per session direction.

**Mission:** Pastor Mike and Andrew Conner updated session on developments with our Afghan refugees. William Seo is still working to get people out of Afghanistan and the situation remains perilous. Locally, those working with Operation HEART have learned to expect the unexpected. The group is realizing that our assumption that these guests would remain and become part of the community may need to be reimagined.. Anyone who wishes to make a financial donation can do so through the church or directly to Operation HEART. Our partners at St. Ben's have asked that we help sell rubber ducks in support of the fund raiser for Catholic Charities, which has provided support to HEART. Session approved this motion from the committee.

**Personnel:** The committee has met with the pastor for his annual review.



### May birthdays

- 1—Mary McLaughlin, Melinda Modesitt
- 2—MacKenzie Racop
- 5—Scott Racop
- 7 — William Seo, Luanne Tilstra, Victor Tilstra-Smith
- 8—Paul Ekstrom
- 9—Jon Harder
- 10—Ella Glenn, Maddison Judge
- 12—Jean Shutt
- 13—Danielle Payne, Christopher Spencer
- 18—Becky Payne
- 19— Matt Glenn, Jennifer Skelton
- 20—Sally Moulton
- 30—Cody Scherb

### Guess What Time It Is?

The month of May has 5 Sundays so that means it's time for a carry-in dinner after worship. Church Life will provide the meat and drinks, but ask you to bring a dish or two to share with others. Stay and enjoy the fellowship with your church family.



### 14th and Chestnut volunteer opportunity

Our church has been asked to help with serving breakfast to the children at 14th and Chestnut this summer. We are seeking a group of volunteers who could help during the week of June 13th and possibly a few other weekday mornings through the summer. The time commitment is usually 8-10am and the opportunity is open to all adults and older youth in our congregation. If you are interested in serving please contact Nancy Edgerton ([pedger4460@aol.com](mailto:pedger4460@aol.com)).

Sunday, April 24th — Prayer Partner Sunday events



On Sunday night, April 24th, the youth celebrated the upcoming wedding of their youth director, Tim Ghogle to Eileen Stinnett. Below are some of the pictures of the celebration. Best wishes to Tim and Eileen as they join together in holy matrimony.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choir 8:45 Worship 10:30	2	3	4 Bible study & beer 7:30	5 Women's Book Club 2:00	6 	7
8 <b>Mother's Day</b> Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 	9	10	11 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	12	13	14
15 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	16	17 Tuesday night meetings	18 Youth Design Team 4:00 Bible study & beer 7:30	19 	20	21
22 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	23	24	25 Personnel 12:30 Bible study & beer 7:30	26 Seekers & Searchers Bible 10:00	27	28 
29 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Carry in dinner to follow 	30 Office closed	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/Communication Coordinator**

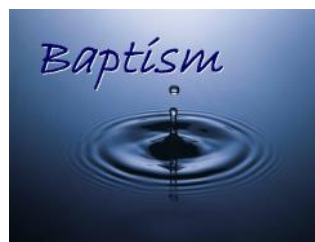
**Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary**



### Church Happenings

#### **Women's Book Club**

The Women's Book Club will meet this month on Thursday, May 5 beginning at 2 p.m. The book to be discussed is The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson. All who are interested are welcome.



On Sunday, May 15, we will celebrate the baptism of Henry Parks Rubey, son of Lucas and Megan Rubey. His proud grandparents are Charles and Sally Rubey and great-grandparents are Fred and Nancy Rubey. Welcome Henry to the church family.

*Next Herald  
Deadline —  
May 25, 2022*

The church will celebrate Graduation Sunday on June 5th. Please make sure the church office has your graduate's information if they will be graduating from high school or college this year. Thank you!

