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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Our annual ecumenical worship service with members of our sister churches on 7th St. happens at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 18. Our hosts at St. Stephen's Episcopal church encourage, but do not require, the wearing face masks. We want you to know we will honor whatever decision you make. We hope we will have a strong representation from Central Presbyterian this year!

Salt Shaker Dinner groups are forming!

After a long break, once again it is time to think about shaking the salt! Traditionally, the Salt Shakers Dinners have mixed a different group of 7 – 9 people three times a year at a host's home to share a meal. Participants have been "shaken up" each time so they get to be with someone different. It is a great way to meet new people and learn new things about old friends. More info and sign up is available in our fellowship hall near the kitchen and large bulletin board. Sign ups will be open through September 18.

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There's more than one way to invite a guest to church

Studies and books abound that show over 80% of people who become active in a church do so because they received a personal invitation from a person they

trust. Therefore each of us has the opportunity to help people participate in our church. But to what should we invite them?

Worship seems like the obvious answer. It is certainly the traditional idea. It is important that people know how we worship, with what musical styles and whether the person in the pulpit can preach his or her way out of a wet paper bag. We spend more time worshipping together than anything else--perhaps more time than in all other church activities combined.

But we do other things, and we do them well. They can become portals through which guests can enter our church. Perhaps the best example of this is Parents' Night Out. This program offers a loving atmosphere with ample adult supervision. And what a gift it is to the parents! I know of one couple who used to use Parents' Night Out to go back home and take naps!

Others have invited friends to certain special adult Sunday school classes. Invitations to worship services followed by 5th Sunday carry-ins, Vacation Bible School, community service projects (like SAWS ramp builds) and the women's book club are other good examples.

Will you think and pray over whom--and how--you might personally invite to participate in our wonderful church?

Operation HEART welcomes another Afghan

On 8/30 the husband and father of the Afghani woman who's been here for three months with their five children arrived at Chicago O'Hare. His diplomatic visa, obtained after his personal service to the former President of Afghanistan, obtained entry to our country. He traveled to Terre Haute and a reunion with his family. His name is Saber Sohrab. He wants me to thank "every person who helped make this happen." So, thank you!

We have experienced more delay in welcoming a fourth household. But our partner organization continues to work on making that happen.

We appreciate all the support this, and several other, churches have given. Without it we could not have done this important mission.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

We have enjoyed quite a few “back to school” celebrations and activities over the last few weeks and our year is off to a great start! Our children and youth received a special tag to add to their backpacks this year reminding them “You’ve Got This” and to have a wonderful school year.

We kicked off Sunday School with our annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 21. Thank you to Christian Nurture members and all the helpers who prepared, served and cleaned up our delicious meal.

Our families also enjoyed Parent’s Night Out on Sunday, August 26 with pizza dinner, games, and outside play. A special thanks to Corrine Foree for bringing her sweet dog Lemon to visit with the kids and to Valeri Kershaw, Steve Mead, Dan and Cheri Bradley for volunteering their time.

Sunday School Updates

Sunday school for children and youth has begun! We will not meet on September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday but will pick back up with classes on September 11. Nursery care also will be available for our babies and toddlers during Sunday School time. Our adult classes will begin on September 25 and we plan to offer a new Matthew 25 film series led by Andrew Conner.

Highpoint Youth Updates

Our Highpoint youth group is also back in full swing and continues to be led by Mr. Tim Ghogle. Youth is holding their Sunday meetings rotating between the partner churches and is looking forward to a float trip on Sugar Creek at Turkey Run State Park in mid September. Looking ahead the group plans to participate in the PYOCA youth retreat weekend in November and will be doing some fundraising for that during our Fifth Sunday Lunch in October. Be on the lookout for more info on how you can donate and receive a yummy treat in return! :)

Highpoint youth is also looking for volunteers to bring meals to youth group meetings on October 9 and 30 when the group meets at Central. Contact Ellie (ellie@thcpc.org) if you would be willing to provide a meal.

Grief Share Meetings

Grief Share meetings are being held at World Gospel Church in Terre Haute beginning on August 25. This is a faith based grief support group for anyone who has recently lost a spouse, friend or loved one. More info can be found at <http://worldgospelchurch.org/ministries/griefshare> or by contacting World Gospel Church.

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Session Notes from August for the September Herald

Session met on August 10 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Reception of New Members

Session voted to receive Joe and Lynn Biggs into membership. Welcome!

Featured Report: Christian Nurture

Corrine Foree summarized the work of the commission and reviewed its subcommittee structure. She explained the plan for the Sunday School year ahead. This plan provides a mix of classroom and service projects and should offer the flexibility we need for our current roster. Session approved motions to accept the curriculum and teachers proposed in the commission's report.

Pastor's Report:

The pastor related his experiences visiting the Bowling Green, OH, church and meeting with its interim pastor. Session then proceeded to discuss how we might become more welcoming. Comments centered around having a balanced outreach, not adopting branding but making sure everyone is welcomed. More than recruiting, we should work on being welcoming to all and the rest will follow. We will consider ideas to make it easier for first time worshippers to feel comfortable.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce McLaren presented the report. The July receipts were better than those from June, with year to date income being slightly higher than budget. Bruce explained the distribution of dividends. The increase in our insurance premium reflects our increased valuation, not an increased risk.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of July		Balance Sheet Summary	7/31/2022
Beginning of Month	\$23,804.91		Current Assets	\$765,808
Income	\$31,095.77		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$23,195.97		Short Term Liabilities	\$4445
End of Month	\$31,704.71		Long Term Liabilities	\$178,131
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,676,925

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: Third Tuesday meeting night meals are back; CN will provide a taco bar for September 16.

Church Life: The July 31 Fifth Sunday meals went well. Publicity for Salt Shaker gatherings will be posted after the CL meeting on September 16.

Facilities: There have been some adjustments to phone lines and links. The work list is prepared for the Donaghy Day student workers.

Finance: At its July meeting the commission reviewed cash flow and budget updates. An additional Sunday counter is needed.

Mission: The new church T shirts are popular, with 47 out of the initial order of 50 already sold. The committee recommends that we support Min Seo's seminary tuition with a grant of \$500 (\$400 from the Surrell fund and \$100 from local benevolence) and encourage Min to apply for next year's round of Surrell funding. The motion was approved. We will also ask Min about the status of the Korean worship fund. Andrew Conner provided an update on Operation Heart. The children will be starting school and that is a good step. Our partner Church World Service has awarded our residents an additional two months of living expenses. To bridge the time until that funding arrives, we will tap the previously approved \$10000 allocation for \$9000. This will be reimbursed once the funding arrives. We expect a fourth family to arrive in the next two weeks.

Personnel: The committee met to begin reviewing staff compensation for next year's budget.

Usher Teams

The Worship Commission would like to reinstate a regular schedule of usher teams. But we need volunteers to make it happen. Can you commit to ushering on a stated week of each month? (No worries if you have to miss from time to time!) This is an easy, rewarding way to serve. No experience required. Contact the church office or Beth Christ

Commission and Committee Chairs —

"It is time again for commissions and committees to consider and submit budget requests to Interpretation and Support for consideration in forming the budget for 2023. The discussions should begin at your September meeting and submitted by October 1. Without the help of each, Interpretation and Support can not consider and respond to the needs of Central in an effective manner. If you need to confirm the budget request submitted last year and the budget approved for your committee or commission, please contact Sarah in the office.'"

September Birthdays

2—Barbara Schmitt

13—Larry Clinkenbeard, John Ragle

15 — Jon Ford, John Whalen

18— Grant Racop

20—Mary Jean DeMarr

21 — Carol Ennis, Eunice Pate

24 — Julian Moulton

29 — Henry Connor





Operation Christmas Child returns in October!

We are excited to share that Central will have Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes available again this fall. Boxes will be available starting on Sunday, October 2 and available through the end of October. All are invited to take and fill a shoe box with toys, hygiene items and school supplies then return it to the church. They will all be picked up in early November for distribution.

More info about Operation Christmas Child:

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.



Highpoint Youth & Family night highlighted "RELATIONSHIPS" with ourselves, families, the community, and God. Highpoint Youth will continue the RELATIONSHIPS series, encouraging the youth to take steps closer to Christ.

Highpoint Youth is looking for **volunteers**! If you are feeling the call to serve, this is your opportunity. Contact Tim at tim@thcpc.org to get connected.

Chaperones needed for Sugar Creek Tubing & Kayaking. If you want to have fun on September 18 with the youth, now is the time to let Tim or Eillie know!

Want to know the Highpoint Youth **schedule**? Below are our upcoming youth nights in September.

SEPTEMBER

4 NO YOUTH NIGHT – Labor Day

11 6:00 – 7:30 Youth Night at Unity

18 12:30 – 5:30 Turkey Run/Sugar Creek Tubing or Kayaking

25 6:00 – 7:30 Youth Night at Unity

Parents' Night Out has returned!



Pancake Breakfast and Acolyte Training



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women's Book Club 2:00	2	3
4 Worship 10:30	5 Office closed.	6	7 Bible study and beer 7:30	8	9 	10
11 Choir 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 6:00	12 	13	14 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	15	16	17
18 Holy- palooza at St. Stephen's 10:00 Youth to Tur- key Run 12:30	19	20 Staff meeting 12:00 Tuesday night meal and meetings	21 Youth Design Team 4:00 Bible study & beer 7:30	22 Seekers & Searchers 10:00	23	24 
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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



Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on October 6 at 2:00 in the church fellowship hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

The 2022 Bible study will resume from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Tuesday, September 28. The discussion will be on The New Testament You Never Knew by N. T. Wright. All women are welcome.

*Next Herald
Deadline —
Sept. 27, 2022*