



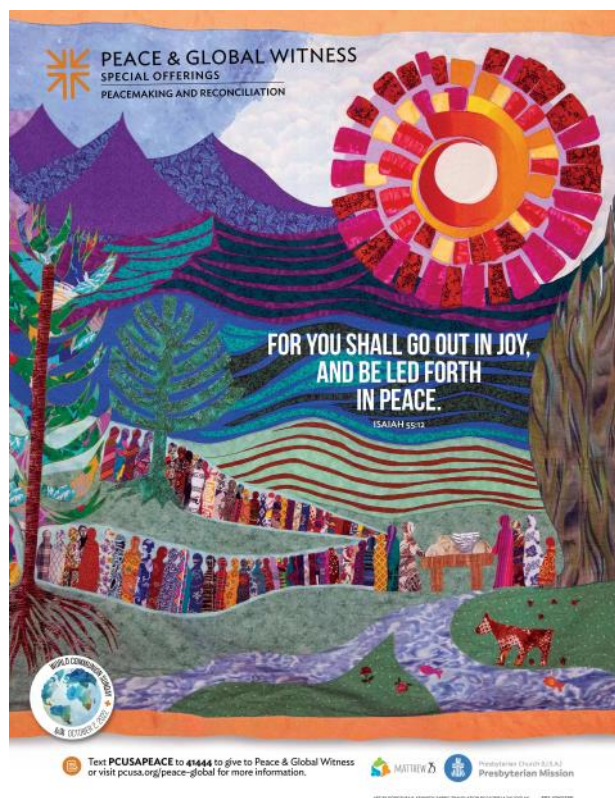
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Did you know that even if you don't or can't physically attend worship each week, you can still worship with your church family? Each Sunday the service is streamed live on Facebook (Central Presbyterian Church page) and is recorded and later posted 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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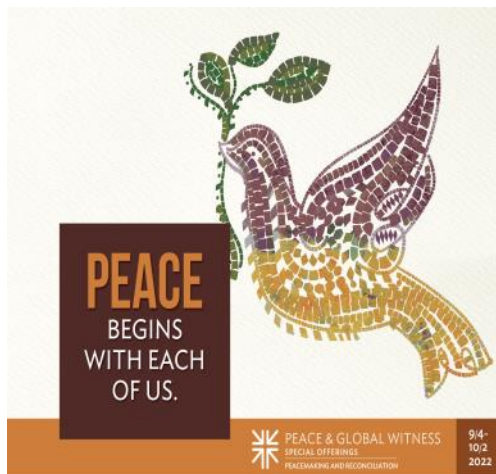


This coming Sunday we will celebrate communion in unity with Christians of all types, around the world. The Ecumenical Movement of the mid-twentieth century conceived of this show of unity. It is particularly meaningful to me when I consider my own extended families, whose Lutheran and Catholic Churches will join in the ob-

servance.

We Presbyterians will also have the opportunity to contribute to the Peace and Global Witness special offering. Twenty-five percent of what we give stay with us. Our Mission Committee will recommend to the session how we will distribute it. Twenty-five percent will go to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, whose Mission Committee will make its own recommendations. I understand one proposal works for reconciliation in communities that have experienced unrest around the resettlement of Afghans in them. (Praise God, I know of no such incidents here in Terre Haute.) The remaining half of our gifts go to the work of the Presbyterian national Mission Agency. They will use it to support their work across this nation and around the world. I urge all of us to consider making an offering to this cause.

World Communion Sunday is October 2, 2022



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.

Christian Education — Ellie Templeton

Sunday School Updates

Sunday school for all ages is underway and we are excited to be also doing a confirmation class this year with our middle school age youth. Younger children are studying the “Make Peace” practice using the PCUSA Follow Me curriculum. Once or twice a month we are bringing all the kids together for bible games, crafts and activities. We are excited for a great year and to continue to grow in our love of Jesus and faith together.

Our adults have begun another Matthew 25 film series. This time the group will discuss the topic of systemic poverty and use several films to dive deeper into this topic and our mission as a Matthew 25 church.

Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers, leaders and helpers! We appreciate you!

Just a reminder that our nursery is also fully open and is staffed on Sunday from 9:15-11:30. Babies and toddlers are welcome during the Sunday School time with the preschool age group meeting in the attached classroom. During worship children ages 3 and younger may go the nursery while our older children ages 4 to 1st grade are invited to come to worship and then join our adult leaders for children’s worship in the lounge. Children in 2nd grade and older are encouraged to remain in worship with their adults following the children’s moment. Activity bags for all ages are located in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER PARTNER SUNDAY

OCTOBER 9, 2022
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Prayer Partner Sunday

We will have an opportunity for our prayer partners to come together for fellowship time on Sunday, October 9 following worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you are an adult partner please make plans to attend and we hope that all of our young people can join in as well. We will have several stations of crafts and take home activities to help our partners connect with each other and in prayer together.

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High Point Youth Group —

On Sunday, September 18, 19 youth along with three adults floated down Sugar Creek near Turkey Run State Park. Most of the youth got quite the workout due to low water in spots of the creek. We also enjoyed a night at Unity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 25. Al Holder shared wisdom and encouraged our youth. Our lessons and talks have been focused on Peer Relationships. Sunday, October 2 is movie night at Cen-



October Birthdays

- 2—Fred Rubey
- 3—Sophia Spencer
- 9—Lance Weatherwax
- 10—Katherine Whitaker
- 12—Aidan Taken
- 13—Maxine Bough
- 14—Paul Foree
- 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



Parent's Night Out

Our next parent's night out is planned for Friday, October 21 from 5:30-9pm. Highpoint youth members will be involved in chaperoning this as a mission effort for the group and we plan to enjoy dinner, some fall activities and a movie. Also, Parent's Night Out is a great opportunity for families to invite friends to church! If you have someone in mind please invite them and include them in your RSVP to Ellie (ellie@thcpc.org).

Fifth Sunday Lunch

Church Life will host our Fifth Sunday Lunch on Sunday, October 30 following worship in Fellowship Hall. A main dish of meatloaf will be served and all are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Dessert will be provided for this lunch as the youth will be auctioning off sweet treats to help fund their planned retreat to PYOCA in November.



Operation Christmas Child

Central Presbyterian will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child program again this year. Beginning Sunday, October 2, boxes will be available in the Fellowship Hall to take a fill. You can purchase items for boys or girls and the boxes will contain a brochure with instructions on how to fill.

Filled boxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, October 30.

No postage is necessary, our Deacons will be donating to cover all postage costs.

For more info on how to pack a box or to donate to a box online visit:

www.samaritanspurse.org/occ



Session Notes from September for the October Herald

Session met on September 14 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Finance Commission

The Finance Commission written report was reviewed.

Pastor's Report:

The pastor's written report summarized his visit with David Montgomery, interim pastor at 1st Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, OH. The report echoed his oral summary during the August 10 session meeting. He emphasized his unequivocal support for the decision to publish both internally and externally our acceptance of persons of all genders and expressions. He also summarized recent activity in transporting what may be our final Afghan refugee, and reuniting him with his family, already situated in Terre Haute.

Treasurer's Report:

Beth Christ, filling in for Bruce McLaren, reported that August income was up. She also noted that because of the complexity and workload involved with the treasurer's duties, we may, in the future, need to consider a compensated position for those functions.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of August		Balance Sheet Summary	8/31/2022
Beginning of Month	\$31,704.71		Current Assets	\$761,056
Income	\$35,695.23		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$28,477.28		Short Term Liabilities	\$4140
End of Month	\$38,922.66		Long Term Liabilities	\$175,860
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,674,749

Christian Educator's Report:

Ellie Templeton reported that the fall Sunday School classes are going well, thanks to teachers and the kickoff activities. Tim has the youth program off and running with sufficient volunteers. Among future events are the presbytery-wide retreat at PYOCA in November, and a partnership with Jeff Moles' youth group from Owensboro. The current staff of nursery workers is proving reliable, and Ellie is recruiting additional workers for backups and extra duties as Tuesday committee meetings get underway.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: Tuesday night meals hosts are now scheduled through March 2023: September Church Life; October Mission; November Finance; January Facilities; February Worship; March Christian Nurture.

Worship: Worship is working to rebuild usher teams now that attendance is returning. The resumption of presenting the "gifts of worship" (Bible, paten and cup, and baptismal water) will resume when usher teams are formed. Ellie will explore a youth usher team with Central youth.

Mission: Andrew Conner reported on Operation Heart. The 4th family that was scheduled to arrive is not coming after all, and no more Afghan refugees are anticipated. Operation Heart has one unoccupied house, and will maintain it through the end of the contract. The families that remain in Terre Haute have exhausted their sponsored support. (90 days were allotted.) Informal support such as assistance in obtaining work permits, community orientation, etc, will continue through January.

Time to Move and Shake again!

Passing the Peace—Almost 2000 years of liturgical connection.



With the easing of Covid protocols, the Worship Commission has modified advice on avoiding personal contact during “Passing the Peace.” It’s OK, *as personal comfort dictates*, to move about the sanctuary to greet fellow worshipers, shake hands, fist bump, elbow bump or simply wave.

But why do we do it at all?!? Those of us “rich in decades” can remember that it wasn’t included in our earlier years. In fact, though, it’s been around in varying forms since the founding of the church!

“The Peace originated in the practice of the early Christians, who were accustomed to exchanging a “holy kiss” during the liturgy.”* (Romans 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss.) It signified full acceptance, and the egalitarian character of Christians.

We use it now after the prayer of confession and assurance of pardon to celebrate our reconciliation to God by offering reconciling words and gestures to each other as people of God.

*”The Companion to the Book of Common Worship” Bower, 2003

You may know Manna from Seven as a weekend food pantry. It is much more than that. It provides hair cuts as well as laundry service and so much more for our less fortunate neighbors. Manna from Seven spends around \$250 weekly to provide quarters (and detergent) so our less fortunate neighbors can launder their clothes. That is a lot of quarters! Please help by dropping your quarters into the little green donation box in Fellowship Hall. Clean clothes provide a fresh-start opportunity for these people. If you have questions, ask Rose Ray (a regular Central attendee) or another Central Manna volunteer. As written in Matthew 25:40, “*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*”



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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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Church Happenings

Next Herald

Deadline —

October 25, 2022

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on Oct. 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of John & Eileen Whalen. 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 Thursday, October 27. The discussion will be on The New Testament You Never Knew by N. T. Wright. All women are welcome.