



# the Herald

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## *Christmas Eve*

### *Candlelight Service*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Carols, Lessons & Candles*

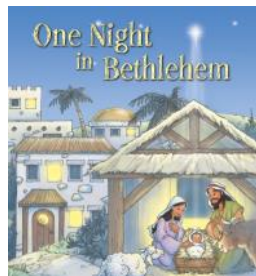
*Pre-service music begins at 6:30 p.m.*

*Childcare provided.*



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The Children and youth will present *One Night in Bethlehem* during the worship on December 18

Join Church Life Commission for **lunch following worship** on December 18 to celebrate the season and the children's program.

Church Life will provide the meat, drinks, and service.

Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

### Sunday School Updates

Our children and youth have had a wonderful year so far! We spent time this fall learning about the practices of “Making Peace” and “Practicing Generosity” and are spending the next few weeks preparing for our Christmas program, “One Night in Bethlehem”. We continue to be grateful for this wonderful group and the teachers that lead them.

Our adults wrapped up their study of another Matthew 25 film series, this time focusing on systemic poverty. Meaningful conversations were had and much learned. Thank you Andrew Conner for leading this class and continuing to be a wonderful resource as we learn and grow as a Matthew 25 church.

We have a new adult class for Advent being led by Al Holder.

**Advent Sunday School Class on Liberation Theology Begins Sunday, 12/4.** It will meet from 9:30 - 10:20 in the Lounge on 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18

Come prepare for Christ's Birth by studying how oppressed Christians have committed themselves to a faith of action as they have craved emancipation. Liberation theology might seem like a modern doctrinal derivative, one possibly mired in contemporary political ideology, but the reality is that it has been part of our story since the beginning. Wherever there has been captivity, slavery, or apartheid; or wherever people have been oppressed, abused, or mistreated; there has been a longing for freedom. The downtrodden sing, "We shall overcome, someday," and then the liberation theologian continues with,

You guard our world with locks and guns  
 And you guard your fine possessions  
 And once a year when Christmas comes  
 You give to your relations  
 And perhaps you give a little to the poor  
 If the generosity should seize you  
 But if anyone of us should interfere  
 In the business of why there are poor  
 They get the same as the rebel Jesus\*

What a sad, sad reality, but one on which we should reflect and contemplate as we await the greatest of saviors.

\*slightly edited from Jackson Brown's "Rebel Jesus"

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 to 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.

### **2022 Christmas Program and Carry in Lunch**

Our children and youth are hard at work practicing for this year's Christmas program, "One Night in Bethlehem". The program will take place during worship on Sunday, December 18 and will be followed by a carry in lunch hosted by Church Life in Fellowship Hall. Rehearsals are scheduled for 9:30am on December 4 and 11 and 10am on December 17.

We hope to see all of our church family and friends able to join for this special morning.

### **Parent's Night Out**

On December 17 we will host a "Parent's Morning Out" at 10am as we gather the children to eat and play and also for a final rehearsal of our Christmas program. 2023 planned dates for Parent's Night Out are January 20, February 24, April 14 and May 12. Mark your calendars!

### **Giving Tree**

Our Giving tree is up and filled in front of the church! We are blessed to continue this mission effort for the third year in a row after it was started by Cheryl Moles during the shut down in 2020. Thank you to Andrew Conner and Phillip Dixon for assisting in setting up the tree! Donations continue to be needed to stock the tree through the month of December to keep the tree



## Session Notes from November for the December Herald

### **Reception of New Member**

A motion to accept Jeanne Rozel into membership was made and approved. She will be received during worship at a convenient date.

### **Featured Report: Nominating Committee**

Steve Mead updated session on the committee’s progress. They have secured five adult and one youth elders and so far two deacons. Work will continue until the slates are filled.

### **Pastor’s Report:**

After consultation with Min Seo, the remaining balance in the Korean Worship Fund (\$297.42) will be donated to the HEME project.

Although the school may allow our six mentors to complete this school year with their children, Kids Hope will not allow us to partner with another church. Suggestions were made to have the mission committee explore alternative mentoring options.

Operation Heart is working on asylum status for one of our last arrivals. Families have expressed their pleasure to be in Terre Haute, and one family now has a licensed driver and a donated car.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

Expenses are tracking as expected and we anticipate ending the year with a surplus.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of October	Balance Sheet Summary	10/31/2022
Beginning of Month	\$26,169.03	Current Assets	\$769,972
Income	\$45,515.61	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$25,957.61	Short Term Liabilities	\$4158
End of Month	\$45,727.03	Long Term Liabilities	\$172298
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,687,209

**Christian Educator’s Report:** Youth director Tim Ghogle and Ellie have applied for a Triennium grant for joint mission work with youth from Jeff Moles’ church in Kentucky.

**Communications:** Results from the Time and Talent surveys have been distributed to appropriate commissions and committees. Ellie has looked over the existing church banners will work with Megan Rubey to develop two additional welcoming banners.

**Church Life:** There will be a carry-in lunch after the children’s program on December 18.

**Facilities:** The commission is giving attention to spots on the Fellowship Hall carpet, lights, and a thermostat.

**Interpretation and Support:** Work on the 2023 budget is in process. For now, they are using requests as submitted.

**Mission:** Session approved the following distribution of \$4100 in local benevolence funds

\$600 Fourteenth and Chestnut

\$1500 Manna from Seven

\$600 Reach Services

\$500 Unity Food Pantry

\$300 Mental Health America

\$600 CODA

Individual checks will be written and delivered in person to these agencies. The committee anticipates using the remaining \$300 of their annual \$6000 budget to support the Angel/Giving Tree.

**Personnel:** After looking at Presbytery minimums the committee submitted a 7% salary increase in the budget request.

***Best wishes for the Holiday season***

***from the staff of Central Presbyterian Church***

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





I've been happy to field questions recently about our assisted hearing system in the sanctuary.

I'm delighted by the increased interest, and want devote a bit of space to what it is and how it works!

Our system takes advantage of the "Telecoil" function available on many hearing aids. During the sanctuary renovation we installed loops of wires in the floor of the sanctuary. Those wires can transmit the PA system directly into hearing aids equipped with a "telecoil" function. Our telecoil system reaches every seat in the sanctuary except the chancel area.

Telecoil technology has been available for decades, and many brands and styles are able to pick up a telecoil installation.

Hearing aids continue to evolve rapidly in their capabilities, especially in making speech more understandable. Sometimes audiologists and hearing aid dispensers locally don't seem to highlight up the good old telecoil feature, though. The marketing push seems to focus instead on Bluetooth and cell phones.

Bluetooth can be very handy for putting phone calls into hearing aids. I love it for that! But Bluetooth has some inherent shortcomings for use in public address systems. We do not use Bluetooth, and telecoil systems aren't available through cell phone apps. It requires compatible hearing aids or a special receiver to pick up the telecoil loops.

If you have hearing aids now and want to explore making them work with our telecoil system, the place to start is your hearing aid provider. Ask first if your hearing aids have "telecoil" capability. If they do, your provider can work with you on how to activate that feature.

If you're shopping for hearing aids, asking whether they have "telecoil" capability should let the provider to know it's important to you!

If you're having trouble hearing the PA and don't wear hearing aids, we can help with that too! We have small receivers with headphones that can pick up the telecoil system. In fact, we're using two of them every Sunday morning to add audio to our Facebook Live broadcasts and YouTube recordings! If you'd like to use one of those receivers, just ask an usher!

I'm always happy to talk about the telecoil system, or for that matter about my own experience with hearing aids! Please feel free to catch me during the fellowship hour!

Alan Harder

## Highpoint Youth Updates



Nine youth and two chaperones spent a wonderful weekend at PYOCA camp and retreat center last month. They enjoyed lots of food, activities and fellowship as they dove deep into Matthew

25:31-46 and learned more about serving God and our neighbors.

Youth will meet the first two weeks of December at our neighbor church, Centenary United Methodist and plans to enjoy a holiday party here at Central on December 18. We continue to be thankful for Tim Ghogle's leadership of this group and the adults who assist him and serve on our Youth Design Team.



## Lessons and Carols Friday, December 9!

You are invited to enjoy this foretaste of the Christmas season with the Farrington Grove Chorale, a chamber music ensemble that includes CPC members Maggie McCormick, Alan Harder, Bruce McLaren, Luanne Tilstra and Mark Carlisle.

The traditional service of Lessons and Carols is on Friday, December 9th at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 215 N. 7th St.

The FGC will provide the music, interspersed with readings by representatives of the academic, legal, youth, medical and faith professions. Child care will be available, and a reception will follow the service. There is no admission cost.

## Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree for this holiday season is setup in the Fellowship Hall now! This year's tree will benefit children through our local Department of Child Services (DCS). To participate in supporting this year's tree you should:

- Choose an ornament from the tree and use the info on the back as an guide for shopping.

The list is suggestions only, you are welcome to buy anything that you think the child would like.

- Write your name and the number on your ornament on the clipboard list next to the tree

- Items should NOT be wrapped

- Return items with identification number back to the church no later than Friday, December 9

1—Luna Moulton

4 — Donna Wilson

6 — Chuck Shutt

7 — Alisa Ennis

11—Barbara Goltry

12—Phil Farmer

14—Jim Moles

17—Monica Hawkins

22 — Matthew Ford, Samuel Ford







23—Katlyn Powers

25 — David Giltner, Annie Templeton



# December

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1 Women's Book Club 6:00	2	3
						
4 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 6:00	5	6 Staff meeting 12:00	7 Bible study & beer 7:30	8	9	10 
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18 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Carry in dinner Youth 6:00	19	20 Third Tuesday meeting nights	21 Bible study & beer 7:30	22 	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Music prelude 6:30
25 Worship 0:30 	26 Office closed	27	28 Bible study & beer 7:30	29	30 	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 & Communications Coordinator**

**Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary**

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## Church Happenings

**Next Herald  
Deadline —**

**Dec. 27, 2022**

### **Women's Bible Study**

Bible study will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, December 15. The discussion will be on The New Testament You Never Knew by N. T. Wright. All women are welcome.

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REPORTS MUST BE  
IN TO THE CHURCH  
OFFICE NO LATER  
THAN JANUARY 4**

Are you missing a jacket or coat? We have accumulated a large selection of them near the restrooms by the offices. Please check to see if one of them is yours if you are missing one!!