



The Herald

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation — January 22, 2023

The next annual meeting of the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church and of the members of our church corporation (Central Presbyterian Church, Inc., of Terre Haute, Indiana) (the “corporation”), will be held in the church sanctuary immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship (that is, approximately 11:30 a.m.) on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

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On Sunday, January 22, Church Life will host a baby shower for our youth director, Tim Ghogle and his wife, Eileen. This event will be following our morning worship service in the fellowship hall. Tim and Eileen are expecting a little boy in the middle of February.

Christian Education Report – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

Sunday School Updates

We paused traditional Sunday School for our youth and children in most of December as we prepared for our Christmas Program. We are excited to return to group and classroom lessons beginning January 15. We will continue our study of “practicing generosity” through January and February and then prepare to move in the season of Lent with some new lessons.

Confirmation class also continues for our middle school age children and we will get busy learning about the trinity and sacraments as well as history of the Presbyterian church and Central specifically through the next several weeks.

We are thankful to Al Holder for leading a wonderful adult Sunday School class during the advent season. The group studied Liberation Theology and enjoyed some thoughtful and meaningful discussions over the course of the four weeks of advent.

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 Christmas program, “One Night in Bethlehem” was held on Sunday, December 18 and was followed by a carry in lunch in Fellowship Hall. Our young people did a fabulous job speaking, singing and acting and it was a wonderful morning in our church.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year’s program come to life, and especially to our wonderful organist, Steve McCullough who was a tremendous help with learning and practicing the songs again this year.

Lunch was organized by Church Life and of course deliciously prepared and served. We thank the members of the Church Life commission for always offering such wonderful food and fellowship during our group meals.

Parent’s Night Out

Our next Parent’s Night Out is coming up on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 5:30pm. All children and youth and their friends are invited to attend for a night of fun and fellowship. Look for more info from Ellie in the e-news soon.

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare food or chaperone our Parent’s Night Out events contact Ellie Templeton (ellie@thcpc.org)

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree was once again up in front of the church through the month of December. We filled it almost daily and saw the items go quickly. This shows us a continued need in our community and we are glad to be able to continue this service. Thank you to all who donated items for this year's tree!



Angel Tree

Our Mission Committee led by Andrew Conner setup the Angel Tree this year and we were so glad to have it back! We had literally dozens of gifts donated including a bike that one child was undoubtedly so glad to receive. All items went to children in need identified through our local Department of Child Services. Thank you to all who took an ornament and donated gifts.




Matthew 25 Film Series Class

Our adult Sunday School will continue studying Matthew 25 through film with a series on Congregational Vitality. Class will meet in the lounge at 9:30am on Sundays beginning this Sunday, January 15. Thank you to Andrew Conner for leading this session!

Souper Bowl of Caring '23


Drop off at
your church
by
Feb 12!



What's Needed?

- All kinds of soups
- Rice
- Ramen Noodles

Where will it go?
United Campus Ministries



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Session Notes from December for the January Herald

At its December meeting, session welcomed a new member, approved the 2023 proposed budget, heard commission and committee reports, and acted on several recommendations. A summary of the meeting's activities follows.

Reception of New Member: A motion to accept Kristi Nelson into membership was made and approved.

Featured Report: Interpretation and Support Committee

Brad Bough and Bruce McLaren described the work of the committee. They gather budget requests to create an "ask" budget, work with the pledge amounts that come in, and finalize a proposed budget. This committee works with all the other groups in the church.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses are tracking as expected and we continue to anticipate ending the year with a surplus. Pre-paid pledges for next year are held and then distributed in January.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of December		Balance Sheet Summary	12/31/2021
Beginning of Month	\$47,677.14		Current Assets	\$713,788
Income	\$32,771.49		Fixed Assets	\$2,980,000
Expenses	\$29,661.59		Short Term Liabilities	\$4064
End of Month	\$50,787.04		Long Term Liabilities	\$199,561
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$3,499,163

Christian Educator's Report: Ellie reported that we have received a \$1000 grant from the Triennium funds and she and youth director Tim Ghogle are working on plans.

Communications: Ellie has met with Megan Rubey to design new welcome banners.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Facilities: Tom Bogigian explained the HVAC situation. At this point, the commission has decided to repair the unit (one of our five) that controls the office area rather than replace it. A motion to cover the repair cost from the cumulative maintenance account was approved. Session thanked the commission and John Whalen for all their work on this problem. Touch up painting in the stairwell and the north wall of the sanctuary is underway.

Finance: the commission has begun discussing options for higher yield opportunities.

Worship: A motion to change the date of January communion to January 8 was made and approved. The remainder of the 2023 dates will be presented in January.

Interpretation and Support: The 2023 budget was presented and a motion was made for its approval. Pledges have surpassed last year's total but not by as much as anticipated; perhaps more will be confirmed later this month. The budget as presented is balanced, but there is much uncertainty surrounding utilities and maintenance. The personnel committee originally hoped to provide 7% raises but had to go with 5% and 6%, which still provides a substantial increase, the largest in the last few years. The raises seem both fair and smart. All should remember that this budget is for the operating fund only; we do not budget cumulative maintenance or for our forty-some other funds.

Details of the pastor's budgeted compensation are

Salary	\$34,893
Housing	\$39,973
Pension/Medical	\$29,198
Mileage Allowance	\$500
Pastor Cont. Ed. and Prof. Exp.	\$2000
Total	\$106,564

Session approved the budget as proposed and it will be presented for congregational approval at the annual meeting on January 22.

Mission: The committee requested approval to use the remaining \$300 of its local benevolence funds to supply the giving tree. A motion was made and approved. The Operation Heart update shows that one family remains in Terre Haute. Our mission was to help the arrivals gain independence and they have. We would like to find someone to sublet the empty houses until our leases are up or will ask the landlords if we can be released.

Nominating: Steve Mead reported that the committee has secured 15 deacons and a full complement of elders, including one youth elder.



TEACHING SERIES:

What to expect at our youth nights? We are in the series called "RELATIONSHIPS." The youth will discuss various types of relationships, build relationships, and focus on God. A stimulating topic that enables them to take steps closer to Christ.

Below are our upcoming Youth Nights!

Jan. 15	6:00–7:30	Youth Night at Central
Jan. 22	6:00 -7:30	Youth Night at Central



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To the church family:

Thank you so much for the cards, other expressions of good will and the generous Christmas gift each of us received. We are so grateful for your love and support. Blessings to each of you for the new year.

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

Dear Central Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, kind words, and support you offered our family as we navigate through this difficult time and deal with the loss of Norma. She enjoyed worshipping and fellowshiping with you all! Words cannot express how much we appreciate your kindness. May God bless you all.

Lowell Shaw

Mary Bauer & family

Glen Shaw & family

The words thank you cannot convey the true feelings we have after the last few months. It's been a tough few years but through it all, with your prayers, cards, calls and texts, we have come out stronger on the other side. When Larry had his open heart surgery in November, you were there to offer support and allow me the time needed to be with him both in the hospital and at home. You all have become more than a job to me—you've become family and for that I am grateful. If you were to look at Larry today, you would never know that he had surgery at all. Even the surgeon was amazed. Thanks again for all your prayers and concern. I am blessed!

Sarah Kelsheimer

Thank you all so much for the Christmas presents you were able to provide for foster children in care this year. Each present helps to spread love to a child in care and remind them that they belong and are loved by their community. We hope you all have a great 2023!

Region 8 Foster Care Team

Thank you for your donation of \$300 to Mental Health America of West Central Indiana. Your generous donation helps fund and support programs within our community.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$600 to Council on Domestic Abuse Inc. on December 21, 2022. Your gift allows our work to continue in the shelter, the courthouse office and throughout the community every single day.

CODA

Some photos of the fun December happenings



A **sign-up for flowers** has been posted in the fellowship hall. The cost for the flowers is \$33 per Sunday. Sign up for the day you would like to donate flowers. You may also call the church office to see if your special Sunday is available. On days when flowers have not been purchased, the silk bouquets will be used.



January Birthdays

- 4—David Rader, Nicholas Spencer
- 5 — Phillip Smith
- 7 — Amanda Mang
- 8 — Corrine Foree
- 9 — Mark Carlisle
- 12 — Mont Foree, Derek VanDyke
- 18 — Joe Harder
- 19 — Don Lowder
- 21 — Cetta DePaolo
- 22 — Kay Farmer
- 24 — Charlie Foree, Brenda Weatherwax
- 25 — Amanda Gilsinger, Rebecca Stinnett
- 26 — Warren Clem
- 28 — Alice Harder

Per Capita payments

Every Presbyterian congregation has the opportunity to pay an annual per capita assessment to the denomination. Central Presbyterian, maintaining its traditional support for the PC(USA) to which we belong, makes this payment in full. We ask every member prayerfully to consider making an additional contribution--over and above your offering pledges--to cover this expense for our church. In 2022 the amount is \$50.15 per active member. You will find a special envelope in your offering boxes for this purpose.



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10:30	2 Office closed.	3 Staff meeting 12:00	4 Bible study & beer 7:30	5 Women's Book Club 2:00	6	7 
8 Unhang Greens 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 Youth 6:00	16 Office closed 	17 Commission & Committee meet- ings	18 Bible study & beer 7:30	19	20 Parents Night Out 5:30-9:00	21
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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 on Thursday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m.

The book for February is *The Reading List* by Sara Adams.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to the study of *The New Testament You Never Knew* by N. T. Wright.

**Next Herald
Deadline —
Jan. 31, 2023**