



The Herald

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Ash Wednesday Worship Experience

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Ash Wednesday service will be celebrated on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. This is a joint service with Unity Presbyterian Church.

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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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

Sunday School Updates

Sunday school has resumed for our children, youth and adults. Starting in February our children will begin studying the practice of “Love God, Neighbor, Enemy” from the PCUSA curriculum “Follow Me”. This will continue through the Lent Season with some nice tie ins for Lent. High school age youth have continued with their studies on prayer and are also participating in our newest adult class.

Our adult Sunday School will continue studying Matthew 25 through film with a new series on Congregational Vitality.

Class will meet in the lounge at 9:30am on Sundays beginning this Sunday, January 15. The class will watch and discuss selections from: "All Saints", "Encanto", "Lars and the Real Girl", "The Long Walk Home", and "Walking Across Egypt".

You don't have to watch the films in advance; just come, watch, discuss, and learn about how being a Matthew 25 congregation can build church vitality, which in turn makes us more effective at carrying out our mission! Thank you to Andrew Conner for leading this session!

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.

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.

Parent's Night Out

Our next Parent's Night Out is coming up on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 5:30pm. All children and youth and their friends are invited to attend for a night of fun and fellowship. Save the date and make plans for your children to attend while you enjoy a night to yourself!

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



Highpoint Youth Updates

The group has received a grant from the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and is looking ahead to some fun events in 2023 including a mission partnerships with First Presbyterian Church in Owensboro, Kentucky the last weekend in February. We are working on a plan to have the youth from that church visit us for a weekend of mission work, fellowship and fun and then also to hopefully take a trip to visit them later this spring.

We continue to be grateful for the wonderful leadership of our youth director, Tim Ghogle.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our youth will also host their annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” fundraiser on Sunday, February 12. The youth will host a soup meal following worship and appreciate your donations of soup, rice and noodles to be donated to United Campus Ministries. On February 12 the youth also invite all to bring a crockpot of their favorite soup to contribute to the meal.



2023 Lent Series

We are excited to be planning for our Lent series for 2023! This year’s series will take place on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7pm and will begin on the first Sunday of Lent, which is Sunday, February 26, 2023.

A meal will be served and adults and older youth will then be invited to join in a Matthew 25 Lenten study “Lord, When did we see you?” led by Pastor Mike. Children will be led through separate group activities and study each week as well. Childcare will also be available.



Joint meeting of session and deacons to happen Wednesday, February 8

All currently-serving elders and deacons and newly elected officers should plan to attend our annual joint meeting. We'll start at 5:00 p.m. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall. An agenda for the meeting has been emailed to all. If you have not received your agenda, please contact Pastor Mike and he will send you the information.

Session Notes from January for the February Herald

Session met on January 11 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Worship Commission

Alan Harder reviewed the work of the commission and session discussed ways to augment the membership of this short-handed group

Treasurer's Report:

December and end-of-year statements were reviewed. There was a deficit of about \$3000 for the month of December, perhaps due to Christmas being on a Sunday and perhaps due to changes in tax laws for deductions. End of year adjustments roll over continuing education amounts (\$2605.79) and direct any remaining surplus in the operating fund to cumulative maintenance (\$10,702.89). Amana funds are marked to market at year-end and midyear; this year they reflect market losses on paper.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of December (before adjustments)		Balance Sheet Summary	12/31/2022
Beginning of Month	\$42,252.36		Current Assets	\$810,245
Income	\$24,413.09		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$28,235.40		Short Term Liabilities	\$4099
End of Month	\$38,430.05		Long Term Liabilities	\$168,712
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,731,127

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Communications: Plans are underway to develop a short video containing clips of members discussing the church. Ellie will be in touch privately with participants.

Facilities: The furnace that controls the office wing is working successfully after repair.

Finance: The commission met began to look through old financial records but a work session will be needed to determine what to shred, save here, move to the safe deposit boxes, and archive. The commission continues to examine higher return investment strategies

Mission: The Angel Tree was a big success, with generous donations for the Department of Child Services. Our outdoor Giving Tree, with clothing and hygiene items for those in need, was depleted almost daily and then re-filled. The committee has discussed how we might avoid abuse of it and will continue to ponder the issue. Operation Heart is winding down, with the last family leaving Terre Haute this week to be near other family members in New Hampshire. In the end, after we have helped stabilize their lives, they tend to want to join other larger communities. There is some disappointment in this, but all in all it has been good, remembering the saying that no care given is care wasted. We do, however, have to cover the remaining rent. Session approved a motion (with one abstention) to advance \$2000 from the session restricted fund to cover remaining rent. Once the rental deposits are returned, this amount will be reimbursed. Questions about helping Ukrainian refugees were posed, but that situation is quite different and frequently handled on a more personal basis.

New Business: Tom Bogigian related the mayor’s remarks that there was a great need for day care in the community. Elders recounted the history of our pre-school, but noted that there would be reservations, from both a facility and personnel situation, about any sort of program now. It was suggested that perhaps 14th and Chestnut could be approached about offering a second shift for care.

At its January 17 meeting, the worship commission proposed the following motion for 2023-24 communion dates and it was approved by session via email. Communion will be celebrated on the following first Sundays: February 5, March 5, (skip Palm Sunday), May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, and February 4; and, in addition, Maundy Thursday (April 6, 2023), Pyoca Retreat (April 30, 2023), and Holypalooza (September 10, 2023).

United Campus Ministries Chili Fest

United Campus Ministries will host their annual chili fest here at Central on Sunday, February 26. This will be a dine in event and tickets are \$12 each. Tickets can be purchased through UCM board members Molly Wadsworth or Pastor Mike. A meal of chili (beef or vegetarian) and choice of hot dog or PBJ sandwich as well as fresh veggies, chips and drink will be served. Tickets will also be available that day at the door.



PYOCA Annual Church Retreat

Our annual PYOCA church retreat weekend is also set for April 28-30. This will be a weekend of fun and fellowship open to members and friends of Central of all ages and stages. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Ellie will be sharing more info and registration details in March.



Support for Manna from Seven

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. Donations of egg cartons and plastic grocery bags are also being collected in Fellowship Hall to aid in Manna's food distribution ef-

forts. Thank you for your donations!

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February birthdays

- 1—Susanne Hawk, Bruce McLaren
- 3—Peter Ekstrom
- 4—P. J. Ekstrom
- 6—Kevin Christ,
- 7—Rowyn Holder
- 8—Ryan Giltner
- 10—Danny Rader, Grace Ann Spencer
- 13—Charles Hoffman
- 15—Lilly Guell, Pam Quiroz
- 17— Cora Glenn, Robert Symon, Charlie Weber
- 19—Hannah Marlow-Spidel
- 22—Anna Tilstra-Smith
- 24—Koby Powers
- 25—Susan Bough, Margaret Clem, Marcella Guthrie
- 27—Liv Judge, Linda Riggins, Fred Simmons, Benjamin Spencer



4 WAYS TO REMEMBER GOD'S LOVE IN FEBRUARY



01. Write a love letter from God.

02. Pray for your enemies.

03. Read 1 Corinthians 13

04. Notice God's love in nature.



Welcome newest members:
Kristi McCune Nelson
Jeanne Rozel



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible study & beer 7:30	2 Women's Book Club 2:00 	3 Staff meeting 11:00	4
5 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	6	7	8 Joint meeting of Session and Deacons 5:00	9	10	
12 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Souper Bowl	13	14 	15 Bible study & beer 7:30	16	17	18
19 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	20 Office closed. 	21 Commission/Committee meetings	22 Ash Wednesday service 7:00 	23 Seekers & Searchers 10:00	24 Staff meeting 11:00 Youth Mission	25 Weekend
26 Choi 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 ChiliFest here Lenten series	27	28				

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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 March 2 at 2:00 in the fellowship hall. The book to be discussed is Whistling Season by Ivan Doag.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to the study of *The New Testament You Never Knew* by N. T. Wright.



Our own Margaret Clem will be turning 100 at the end of the month. Let's shower her with cards to let her know she is in our thoughts. Her address is 222 S. 25th, Apt. 101 (03)



We have several young ladies in our congregation selling Girl Scout cookies this season. We are working on setting up a table one Sunday soon to take orders. In the meantime, orders can be placed with Aspen Kershaw, Cora Glenn or Ella Glenn anytime.

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Deadline —
Feb. 24, 2023**