



# the Herald

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Lenten Series – March 5, 12, 19, April 2  
5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

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Palm Sunday will be celebrated during the April 2 worship

Good Friday service is at Central at noon on April 7

Easter Sunday service is on April 9 beginning at 10:30  
In our sanctuary

**New Breakfast Bible Study**

Pastor Mike Riggins is considering starting a breakfast Bible study. It would cover the passages on which he will preach each following Sunday. It would happen on whatever weekday morning the most folks can attend. A comparable study enjoyed a twenty year run in his previous church.

In order to gauge interest, he would like replies from those who might be interested in participating. Please either speak with him, or send a message to [mike@thcpc.org](mailto:mike@thcpc.org). The most useful way to reply would include days of the week (not Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday) on which you could attend.



There will be a **called congregational meeting** on Sunday, March 5, following morning worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a deacon and an at large member to the nominating committee.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator**

### **Sunday School Updates**

Sunday school has resumed for our children, youth and adults. We have begun 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 continues studying Matthew 25 through film with a new series on Congregational Vitality. Class meet in the lounge at 9:30am on Sundays and plan to continue through mid March. 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.

### **2023 Lent Series**

Our Lent series for 2023 is underway! This year’s series is taking place on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7pm and will meet on March 5, 12 and 19. We will not meet in person on March 26. 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.

### **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)

## 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. Look for more info and registration in the e-news and bulletin this month. Contact Ellie with questions.

PYOCA Summer Camp registration is also open! Camp is open to children in grades 2-12. Central does cover the cost of half of camp tuition for your child. Visit [pyoca.org](http://pyoca.org) for more info on camp programs and contact Ellie for help registering your child(ren).



## 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 efforts. Thank you for your donations!

## Giving Tree Donations

A reminder that we can continue to accept donations of warm items (socks, hats, gloves etc.) and small toiletries throughout the year to be put on our Giving Tree next advent season. Donations can be given to Ellie or brought to the church office. Keep an eye out for hats, mittens etc. that may be on sale this time of year!



## Seekers and Searchers Bible Study

Our Seekers and Searchers Bible Study group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 10-11:30am. We enjoy refreshments and fellowship time together and 46-60 minutes of bible study. The group will be starting a new series at our meeting this month (March 23) title "Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name" by Max Lucado. We will use the DVD of this text as our guide and also follow along in individual study guides. Pastor Mike will be our primary leader.

We invite all to join this study anytime, even if you cannot attend every month. Study guides are available for \$7 each through Ellie. Contact Ellie to order your copy or with questions.



### Flowers for Easter

It has been our custom to place plants in the chancel area in memory or in honor of our loved ones to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Through a local florist, we can obtain any of the following:

Lilies	\$12.00 per plant
Tulips	\$9.00 per plant
Daffodils	\$9.00 per plant

#### **ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, March 19**

Let’s make our worship space a blaze of color as we celebrate Easter.

**Donors:** \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers must be paid for when ordered. Please leave orders in the church office or place in offering plate.

- 1—Megan Harder
- 6—Sally Rubey
- 12— Jack Ragle
- 16 — Diane Giltner, Min Seo
- 17 — Peter Christ, Caroline Christ
- 19 — Henry Darke
- 20 — Shirley Slutz
- 21 — Christopher Moulton, Annabeth Spencer
- 23 — Ridge Holder
- 25 — Brad Bough, Allen Holder
- 29 — Steve McCullough



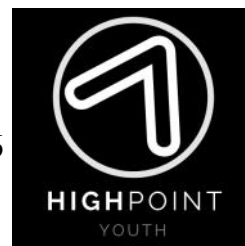


### Souper Bowl of Caring

Our youth also hosted their annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” fundraiser earlier in February on Sunday, February 12. It was a wonderful day of food and fellowship and we all enjoyed a delicious meal following worship. We had over 15 different types of soup brought in and also collected a huge amount of donations (two shopping carts full!) for the United Campus Ministries food pantry. Thank you to all who donated items and brought soups in for our meal.

### Highpoint Youth Updates

The youth at Central and our partner churches have been busy! We hosted the youth group from First Presbyterian Church in Owensboro, KY February 24-26 for a very special mission weekend. Our groups gathered for a lock in on Friday night and were up early on Saturday to head next door to lend a helping hand with the Manna from Seven food deliveries. We enjoyed lots of meals together and also made some time for fun at Ivy Fit and a movie on Saturday. Sunday we gathered at Central for Worship and assisted with some preparations for the UCM Chili Fest also happening that weekend. The group focused on seeing each other and those in our community through the lens of Matthew 25 and discussed how we can work to see and serve those around us better, particularly those who are most vulnerable and invisible in our society.



### 2023 Surrell Scholarship

The Surrell Scholarship is a book scholarship for anyone attending college in the 2023-2024 school year who is an active member or participant in the life of Central Presbyterian. Traditional and non-traditional students are all welcome to apply. The deadline to apply is April 15th. Application link is available in the e-news or contact Ellie to receive an application via email or printed.








The church office is in the process of preparing a new membership directory. If any of your information has changes, please call the church office to update our files so we have the latest address and phone number for you. Thanks!!



Below are pictures of the HighPoint Youth Group's recent youth mission weekend. Jeff Moles and his youth from Owensboro joined in on the activities of the weekend. The HighPoint Youth will be traveling to Owensboro this summer for a mission weekend with their youth.



# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible study and beer 7:30	2 Women's Book Club 2:00	3	4
						
5Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Lenten series 5:30	6	7 	8 Deacons Session 5:00 7:00	9	10 Parents Night Out 5:30–9:00	11
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**Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**

**Rev. Mike Riggins, Pastor**

**Elie Templeton, Christian Educator/Communication Coordinator**

**Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## Church Happenings

### Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on April 6 in the fellowship hall. The book to be discussed is American Heiress by Dorothy Eden.

Seekers & Searchers Bible study will meet on Thursday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend.

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" on Saturday, March 11 before you go to bed. Daylight savings time begins on March 12

**Next Herald  
Deadline —  
March 28, 2023**

