



The Herald

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Palm Sunday will be celebrated during the April 2 worship

Easter Egg Hunt will be held following worship

Maundy Thursday service will be held at Unity Presbyterian Church

beginning at 6:00 p.m. on April 6

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

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One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Sunday, April 9. The monies received from this offering helps support three programs—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Thank you for your gifts. With this offering, we have supported those who are hungry, thirsty, disaster recover, refugee assistance, education and community development. (Matthew 25)

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We are gearing up for our annual church retreat to PYOCA camp and conference center. This year’s retreat will be held April 28-30. We invite ALL from Central and their friends to attend and enjoy the beauty and peace this wonderful facility provides.

This year’s theme will be “Connection” as we seek to connect with each other, God and nature. We will enjoy a weekend of fun, fellowship and service together. Ellie is available to answer questions about what to expect and happy to help anyone figure out travel or other logistics for the weekend.



Registration is required and the link is available in the e-news or contact Ellie.

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 for more info on camp programs and contact Ellie for help registering your child(ren).



The 2023-2024 Surrrell Scholarship application is available now!

Mary E. Surrrell became a member of Central Presbyterian Church in 1866. With a bequest from her, the church has established the **Surrrell Scholarship** Fund for the benefit of graduating high-school seniors and current college students (including non-traditional) who are a part of the CPC family, whether by membership or participation in church life.

The deadline to apply is April 15th.

Application link is available in the e-news or contact Ellie to receive an application.

2023 Lent Series

Our Lent series wrapped up on March 19 and met for four Sundays. All who attended enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship and a time for reflection and discussion of the Matthew 25 Lenten study “Lord, When did we see you?” and our initiative as a Matthew 25 congregation. Children enjoyed group activities and study each week as well. Thank you to the Christian Nurture, Finance, Church Life and Mission committees for arranging and serving food throughout the series. Your time and efforts are appreciated!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

Sunday School Updates

Sunday school continues for children, youth and adults and will run through May 21. Children continue studying the practice of “Love God, Neighbor, Enemy” from the PCUSA curriculum “Follow Me”. High school age youth have been participating in the Matthew 25 film series which ended March 26. They will meet separately beginning after Easter.

Our adult Sunday School wrapped up their film series Matthew 25 and Congregational Vitality on March 26.

Pastor Mike will be leading an adult class that is planned to begin on April 16. Look in your bulletin and the e-news soon for more info about what this class will cover.

Confirmation class also continues for our middle school age children and our confirmands are preparing for their faith projects and statements that will be shared with the Session on April 12. Confirmation Sunday is planned for April 23, 2023.

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.

Seekers and Searchers Bible Study

Our Seekers and Searchers Bible Study group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 10-11:30am and will meet next on April 27. They enjoy refreshments and fellowship time together and 45-60 minutes of bible study. The group has begun a new study titled “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.

Parent’s Night Out

Our next Parent’s Night Out is coming up on Friday, April 14, 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)

April Birthdays —

- 3—Judy Duffy
- 9—Teddy Perry, Greg Simmons
- 11 — Andrew Simmons
- 13 — Christopher Ennis, Bob McLaughlin, Nathan Paul-Bonham
- 17—John Ramer
- 18—Elinor Cleveland, Linda Harder, John Moulton
- 20—Stella VanDyke, Molly Wadsworth
- 23—Margaret Tamar
- 25 — Miller Bough, Mary Ann Clem, Mike Wadsworth
- 26 — Frank Bailey
- 27—Bill Green
- 28 — William Merrill



14th and Chestnut Center Annual Banquet

Central is a long time supporter of the 14th and Chestnut community center and their programming. The center’s annual event, Gifts from the Heart, a primary fund-raiser for the Center, will happen at 6pm on Thursday, April 13 at the ISU Student Union. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be taken. The Center needs a new roof, which they project will cost \$85,000.

Call 812-232-3126 to reserve your place at the table!

New Breakfast Bible Study

Pastor Mike Riggins is starting a breakfast Bible study. It is planned to begin on Monday, April 10 and will cover the passages on which he will preach each following Sunday. The location is TBD by Mike, Please contact him with questions and look for updates in the bulletin and e-news.

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!



Session Notes from March for the April Herald

Session met on March 8 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Pastor’s Report:

In addition to his written report, the pastor informed the session that member Victor Tilstra-Ferrell and his wife Emily had requested that their infant son, Samuel Tilstra-Ferrell be baptized at Central. A motion to approve the baptism was made and approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Bruce McLaren presented the report and provided an update on changes to the church’s investment accounts.

Operating Fund Sum-	Month of February		Balance Sheet Summary	2/28/2023
Beginning of Month	\$56,216.97		Current Assets	\$754,134
Income	\$29,440.26		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$29,172.78		Short Term Liabilities	\$4498
End of Month	\$56,484.45		Long Term Liabilities	\$169,700
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,678,127

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: The church retreat will be at Pyoca April 28-30, and Vacation Bible School is planned for the first week in June at the church. Volunteers are needed to help with future Parents’ Nights Out.

Church Life: There will be a Fifth Sunday carry-in lunch on April 30.

Facilities: The commission is gathering bids to replace the choir lights with LED fixtures that are mounted in a ceiling housing. They will investigate exactly which lights need to be replaced; the cost will be covered from cumulative maintenance. We will also check on sidewalk maintenance. Tom reminded everyone to keep the paths to the fire doors clear.

Mission: The committee considered how to prioritize and allocate local benevolence, having received some feedback during Lenten series discussions.

Commissioner to Presbytery: Alan Harder summarized the proposed amendments from last year’s General Assembly that presbyteries are considering. POV voted aye on all but one of them.

Session Notes: (continued)

Immediately after the adjournment, the session reconvened as trustees of Central Presbyterian Church, Inc. to elect officers. With no additional nominations, the following officers were elected to serve a one year term and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

President: Brad Bough

Vice President: Tom Bogigian

Secretary and Clerk of Session: Connie McLaren





Treasurer: Bruce McLaren

Assistant Treasurer: Beth Christ

Highpoint Youth Updates

Our youth group continues to meet regularly at Central or one of our partner churches and is considering several possible options for mission work and possibly a trip this summer. Thank you to our youth director, Tim Ghogle, for his continued leadership of this group!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Easter egg hunt	3	4	5 Bible study & brew 7:30	6 Women's Book Club 2:00 Maundy Thursday service at Unity 6:00	7 Good Friday service 12:00	8 
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16 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	17 Bible study 9:00	18 Tuesday night meal & meetings	19 Bible study & brew 7:30	20	21	22 
23 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	24 Bible study 9:00	25	26 Bible study & brew 7:30	27 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	28 Pyoca Retreat 	29 →
30 Choir 8:45 Sunday school → 9:30 Worship 10:30 Carry in dinner to follow						

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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 this month on Thursday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m.. The book to be discussed is American Heiress by Dorothy Eden. All who are interested are welcome.

Seekers & Searchers Bible study will meet on Thursday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend. The group is studying *Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name* by Max Lucado.



Please be sure that the church office has the names of **2023 graduates** in your family. We will honor high school and college graduates in May.

**Next Herald
Deadline —
April 26, 2023**

The church office is in the process of updating the church directory in anticipation of printing in early April. Please contact Sarah in the church office if you have any updates.