



# The Herald

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## *Outdoor Worship Service*

### **June 18 Deming Park Service**

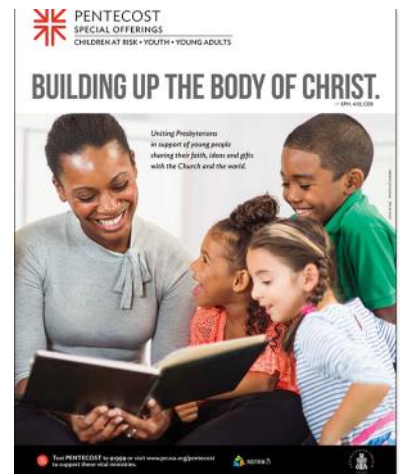
We will hold outdoor worship services at Deming park on Sunday, June 18 at the Ute Shelter at 10:30am. Please mark your calendar for this change and we hope to see you to enjoy a morning outdoors! Church Life plans to have a cold treat for all to enjoy at the end of worship.

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**Pentecost Offering** was received on Sunday, May 28. It's not too late to give. Please mark your contribution Pentecost offering if no envelopes are available.

40% of the monies received will be retained by Central to encourage, develop and support our youth and also helps the needs of at-risk children. Please help make an impact in the lives of our youth!



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## Thank you Sunday School Teachers!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteer teachers who spent time in our classrooms this year!

Corrine Foree - Preschool  
Linda Riggins - Elementary  
Jill Conner - High School  
Rev. Mike Riggins - Adult

Beth Christ - Preschool  
Tisha Glenn - Elementary  
Andrew Conner - Adult

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## Vacation Bible School at Central!

Vacation Bible School is coming up June 12-16 here at Central! This year we will be learning about working together to care for God's creation using "ReNew, the Green VBS" program, and will spend time learning about how we are rooted in our faith and caring for God's creation as we spend the week together.

This program will be open to Central families and our entire community for children ages 4 through 5th grade. It will be held daily from 9:30am to 12pm here at the church.

Registration link is available in the e-news or contact Ellie ([ellie@thcpc.org](mailto:ellie@thcpc.org))

Volunteers are needed to help with activities, snack prep and setup/cleanup. Please contact Ellie ([ellie@thcpc.org](mailto:ellie@thcpc.org)) or the church office to volunteer.



## Highpoint Youth Updates

**Youth Sunday** was held on Sunday, May 14 here at Central and it was a wonderful morning for our church youth and all who attended! We enjoyed

**Rowyn Holder** was a perfect liturgist for our 2023 Youth Sunday.

**Theo Conner, Henry Conner, and Mackenzie Racop** wonderfully read the scriptures from Psalm 23, James 5, and I Corinthians 12.

**Faith Ellison** did a great job with the little kiddos during the children's moment!

**Ethan Kershaw, Colby Ellison, Charlie Conner, and Anna Thompson** played several pieces of music during the service, and they all played the piano beautifully.

As is the tradition, our graduating senior, **Maxine Bough**, read scripture from I Corinthians 13 about LOVE and solemnly delivered the sermon about relationships and finding "my people" in our lives.

**Brady Thompson** was a great usher!

Plans are underway for several summer activities for our youth including "mystery trips" for our middle and high school age youth, a cookout at the Racop home and an overnight at the McLaren's Lake Lemon home.

Thank you to all who continue to support this group and especially to our youth director, Tim Ghogle, for his continued leadership!

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

### **Sunday School Updates**

Sunday School for this school year has wrapped up and we have a wonderful year! Our elementary age children were able to spend time learning about the practices of “Making Peace”, “Practicing Generosity”, and “Loving God, Neighbor and Enemy” in both classroom and group settings. They also spent time on service projects that included making cards for our Deacons to give to their flocks, particularly those who are unable to get out often. They also worked on fleece blankets that were donated to Union Hospital pediatrics. Our middle school age youth assisted with service projects and completed confirmation with three youth being confirmed earlier this spring. Our high school youth continued to be a huge blessing to our church and helped teach our elementary classes from time to time, assisted during service projects and joined in on some of the Matthew 25 film studies classes too. Both middle and high school age youth also helped with usher duties once a month.

Adults at Central enjoyed a full year of continued study on living fully as a Matthew 25 church and did two series of classes. The first in the fall discussed Systemic Poverty and the second in the spring discussed Congregational Vitality, both pillars of being a Matthew 25 church. Pastor Mike finished off the year with a class series on Congregational Vitality in the post modern world. All were well attended and provided a space for meaningful learning and discussion about how we can continue to work toward being a strong Matthew 25 congregation.

### **Summer Children’s Worship**

During the summer we will continue to have nursery care for babies and toddlers during worship. I am also working with our nursery staff to lead a more casual children's worship time in the downstairs playroom with a story and craft each week as well as playtime. This will continue to be open to our kids ages 4 through 1st grade. Children will attend worship as usual then leave after the Children's moment and be escorted downstairs by myself or another assigned adult. Please pickup your children in the preschool playroom following worship. This program will begin June 4 and will run through August.

A reminder that our nursery is also fully open and is staffed on Sundays this summer from 10:15-11:30. 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 preschool classroom. 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.

### **Graduation Sunday**

Graduation Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023 during worship. Please make sure Ellie or the church office have the name of graduates in your family, we want to recognize them!

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## Session Notes from May for the June Herald

Session met on May 10 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

### **Featured Report: Facilities Commission**

Tom Bogigian explained that masonry work will need to be done on all four sides of the church, noting that all work is becoming more costly. Facilities and finance will communicate about projected costs for masonry and window repair. Those who open and close the movable walls need to know the proper way to do so. The replacement decision for the round choir spotlights will be referred to the worship commission for a recommendation.

### **Pastor's Report:**

In addition to his written report, the pastor raised several issues for consideration.

Previous strategic planning groups set their own review policies so the most recent one will be asked to do the same.

Should the Pyoca Retreat be continued? Member attendance this year was lower than in the past, so the CN commission will contemplate the question.

Based on his study leave work, Pastor Mike again asked the session what is next for this great church in today's culture. What do we see as our worries, hopes, and most pressing needs?

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Bruce McLaren presented the report and provided updates.

<b>Operating Fund Summary</b>	<b>Month of April</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Summary</b>	<b>4/30/2023</b>
Beginning of Month	\$61,334.75	Current Assets	\$854,688
Income	\$27,809.00	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$27,936.80	Short Term Liabilities	\$4198
End of Month	\$61,206.95	Long Term Liabilities	\$161,466
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,782,717

**Clerk's Report:** Communion was served on May 7. Daniel Maher, infant son of former member Sarah (Rose) and her husband Alexander Maher was baptized during worship on April 23. New members Henry Conner, Ethan Kershaw, and Mackenzie Racop were received during worship on April 23. Member Mary Jean DeMarr died on April 22.

**Facilities:** The African Student Union left a nice thank you card after their use of the facility. They did a great job setting up and cleaning afterward, and we and they hope they will come back next year.

**Personnel:** Annual performance reviews have begun and will be reviewed when complete. The pastor reviews the staff, and the committee reviews the pastor.

- 2—Doug Payne  
 4—Kathleen Smith  
 5—Patrick Duffy, Allison Harder, Nancy Johnson  
 6—Barbara Lehman  
 7—Sarah Kelsheimer  
 12—Tisha Glenn  
 18—Charis Seo  
 19—David Kintz, Connie McLaren, William Woodruff  
 20—Andrew Conner  
 21—Claire Bailey Henderson  
 23—Alexander Spencer  
 24—Abrianna Norris  
 25—Sharon Danek  
 29—Nancy Rubey  
 30—Ray Modesitt



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** with appreciation for those CPC members that have made the gifts possible.

**McKee Family Scholarship** - The Nancy and Dale McKee Family Scholarship is given through the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. It was established in 2006 by their family in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. It is presented annually to a deserving student who is active in Central Presbyterian Church. This year's recipient is Ridge Holder!

**Surrell Scholarships** – The Surrell Scholarship Fund was established from a bequest from Mary E. Surrell who became a member of Central in 1866. This book scholarship is 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, that fulfill the application requirements. The Christian Nurture Commission oversees this process.

The 2023 Surrell Scholarship recipients are:

Maxine Bough, entering Ball State University

Miller Bough, Savannah College of Art and Design

Caroline Christ, attends St. Louis University

Peter Christ, attends Purdue University

Isabelle Conner, attends Indiana University

Matthew Ford, attends University of Evansville

Samuel Ford, attends Purdue University

Ridge Holder, entering Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

David Nwalado, attends Indiana State University

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 GRADUATES!

**Maxine Bough** - Maxine will be graduating from Terre Haute North High School. Maxine will attend Ball State University and major in secondary mathematics education.

During high school, Maxine has participated in a large number of clubs and activities including 4 years of volleyball, 3 years in Counterpoints serving as Alto Section Leader and President during her senior year, Secretary of the Interact club, Senior Class Treasurer, National Honor Society, 4 years of High School Musicals, Link Crew (a freshmen mentoring group), Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy serving as the Co-director of Assimilation, 10-Year 4-H member, and has worked at Rick's Smokehouse and Grill for the past two years.

Maxine has been awarded the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship from the State of Indiana, as well as the Presidential Scholarship, the John R. and Aline B. Emens Leadership Scholarship, the Edwards Memorial Scholarship, and the David and Leighann Rinker Scholarship from Ball State University.

**Ridge Holder** - Ridge will be graduating from Terre Haute North High School. Ridge will be attending Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

He played goalie at THN for soccer, and ran track (the 4x100, 100m, and 200m) & was part of the chess club.

**Libby Shearer** - Libby will be graduating from Terre Haute North High School. Libby is the granddaughter of Chuck & Jean Shutt. She will be attending Purdue University this fall.

**Zachariah Spencer** - Zachariah graduated from Terre Haute South High School in December. Zachariah is attending Indiana University—Bloomington studying Chemistry.

**Mattie Biggs** - Mattie graduated from Baylor University with a doctorate in clinical psychology (Psy.D.) Mattie is the daughter of Joe & Lynn Biggs.

**William Chase Farmer** - William graduated from University of Tennessee in Chattanooga with a master's degree in Research Psychology. Phil & Kay Farmer are William's proud grandparents.

**Emily Lothamer** - Emily graduated from Purdue University with a degree in biomedical engineering and genetics. She will attend Indiana University Medical School. Bob & Mary McLaughlin are her proud grandparents.

### Summer Walking Group:

We invite all to an informal summer walking group that will meet Monday evenings at 5pm at the ISU stadium parking lot and will walk the one mile path around the perimeter of the stadium. All ages are welcome, the path is very stroller, bike and scooter friendly!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women's Book Club 2:00	2 Staff meeting 11:00	3
4 Worship 10:30	5 Monday Bible study @ Grand Traverse 9:00 Walking Group 5:00	6	7 Bible study & brew 7:30	8 	9	10
11 Worship 10:30	12 Monday Bible study @ Grand Traverse 9:00 Walking Group 5:00 VBS 9-12:00	13 VBS 9- 12:00 Mary Jean De- Marr Memorial Service 2:00	14 VBS 9- 12:00 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00 	15 VBS 9:00- 12:00	16 VBS 9:00- 12:00	17 
18 Worship at Park 10:30 	19 Monday Bible study @ Grand Traverse 9:00 Walking Group 5:00	20 Tuesday night meetings	21 Bible study & brew 7:30	22	23 Staff meet- ing 9:00	24
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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 meet this month on Thursday, June 1 beginning at 2 p.m. The book to be discussed is Adversary in the House by Irving Stone. All who are interested are welcome.



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