



The Herald

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Back to School at



★ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS -
AUGUST 6 10:30AM Bring your backpack to worship to receive a blessing for
the new school year

★ CHURCH PICNIC AT DEMING PARK, LIONS
SHELTER - AUGUST 27, 5PM

★ SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF & PANCAKE
BREAKFAST- SEPT 17TH, 9:30AM

★ PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - SEPT 22, 5:30-9PM

★ SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS
- SEPT 24 9:30AM Childcare available for babies and toddlers

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Church Picnic is Sunday, August 27!

Our Church Life commission will host our annual Church Picnic on Sunday,

August 27 at 5pm at the Lions Shelter 3 in Deming Park. A main course of fried and baked chicken as well as drinks will be provided by Church Life. We invite all to attend and bring a side and/or dessert to share.

Bring your lawn chairs. We hope to see everyone there for an evening of food and fellowship!



Attention High School seniors and college students

Applications for the 2023/24 **Nancy and Dale McKee Family Scholarship** for the benefit of a member of the Central Presbyterian Church will be available at <https://wvcf.org> until August 30, 2023 at 2 PM. It is open to any member or regular attendee of Central who is a graduating senior or currently attending college. Application for this scholarship is done online through the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. The link to apply is available on the church website (thcpc.org). Contact Ellie with questions.

Summer Walking Group, Mondays at 5pm

The summer walking group will continue to meet Monday evenings at 5pm at the ISU stadium parking lot and will walk the one mile path around the perimeter of the stadium. We plan to meet through the end of August. Come when you can, all ages are welcome, the path is very stroller, bike, pet and scooter friendly!

August Birthdays

1—Evelyn Gladden
 3—Robert Guell
 4—Pat Collins
 7—Nathaniel Spencer
 9—Scot Mardis
 10—Donna Garrison
 12—Beth Christ, Evie Templeton
 13—Max Payne, Leah Ramer
 134—Luke Bailey, Jack Judge
 15—Jill Conner
 22—Cathy VanNahmen
 25—Lucas Rubey, Justin Woodruff
 27—Tim Johnson, Karringten Winn
 29—Isabelle Conner, Grant VanNahmen



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held Sunday, August 6th during worship. All of our students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks (or briefcase!) to receive a special blessing for the new school year.

Sunday School Updates

We are excited to be gearing up for a fun and faithful year of Sunday School at Central! We will be offering Sunday School for all ages beginning in September.

Save the date for our Kickoff Breakfast and more info to come.

Hiring Childcare workers

Central is seeking high quality childcare providers for our nursery on Sunday mornings and during weekday evening church events. Applicants should be 18 years of age or older. Pay is \$15 per hour. Please contact Ellie (ellie@thcpc.org) for more info or an application.

Volunteers welcomed at Ben Franklin

Though we no longer participate in Kids Hope, Ben Franklin principal Tina Horrell has recently repeated to me that she welcomes all community adults who wish to enter into a mentoring relationship with a student. The commitment is one hour a week. The only qualities needed are love and patience!

Anybody who enters the school under these auspices must first successfully pass a background check administered by the Vigo County Schools. The short application for that is available in Mike's office. The need is so great and Ben Franklin is a well-run, orderly school, but it is obvious when you enter that a very high percentage of the students could really use an additional caring adult in their lives. If you want to know more, speak with Mike or Linda Riggins. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this important ministry in our community!

United Campus Ministries BBQ Fundraiser

Central will once again partner with UCM in support of their annual BBQ Fundraiser.

The Annual UCM BBQ will begin at 11:30 and run through 2:00 on September 10, 2023 following Holyopalooza! Tickets are for sale online, at the UCM center, or through a UCM board member. Visit <https://ucm.betterworld.org/> for tickets and more information.

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Youth News

HIGH SCHOOL

The **HIGH SCHOOL TRIP** is an overnight trip to the **McLarens' Lakehouse** on **Lake Lemon, IN**. This overnight lakehouse getaway is from **Friday, August 4 - Saturday, August 5**. Please let me know if your kid(s) is/are interested in going.

SERVICE TRIP to Owensboro, KY

HIGHPOINT collaborated with the Owensboro youth for a mission weekend in February 2023. Now we will visit them for a local service weekend in their hometown! Our youth will go on a weekend trip to **Owensboro, KY, from August 18 - 20**. Mark your calendars and send your kids! Please let me know if your kid(s) will participate.

NEW UPDATE: **YOUTH NIGHTS** will resume on **Sunday, ~~August 27~~ September 10**. We are **postponing** our **Youth & Parent Kickoff Dinner** to **September 10** since other church activities have been planned for late August. I invite all of you to join us for the **Youth & Parent Kickoff Dinner** on **Sunday, September 10, at 6:00 PM at Central Presbyterian Church.**



MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY TRIP was at Bogey's playing mini-golf! It was nice to hang out after a long time, plus we welcomed Curtis to the youth group!

The deacon for August is Eileen Whalen. In her flock is Frank, Carla, and Luke Bailey, Claire Bailey Henderson, Andrew Green, Kyle & Valeri Kershaw, Wini McCammon, Ashley & Abriana Norris and Karrington Winn.



Session Notes from July for the August Herald

Session met on July 12 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Personnel Committee

Dan Bradley noted that the committee has finished with the annual evaluation of the staff. All staff are pleased with their work and are moving forward.

Pastor’s Report:

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

Session moved and seconded the moderator’s suggested motion *to convene the Strategic Planning Task Force this fall, with representation from various committees and commissions to insure that many, many voices will have the opportunity to give input. The task force members will be asked to read two specific books and discuss what they learn. They are charged to make a thorough and honest assessment of the current state of our church and to craft a document stating not only where they think we ought to be in five years, but also in twenty-five. The task force will report to the session which in turn can accept, reject, or amend the report.* Under discussion, several additional points were raised.

The logistics of creating the task force and follow-thru of its recommendations will be critical

The twenty-five year horizon seems quite long. An amendment to the motion to replace the twenty-five year horizon phrase with the more general “a longer vision” was proposed and passed.

The main motion, as amended, was approved by session.

For the August session meeting, elders are asked to consider the logistics of the task force, including its size and representation.

Treasurer’s Report:

Summer revenue is low, as is expected. Year-to-Date expenses are close to budget and Year-to-Date revenue is above budget. The revenue stream is lumpier than it was five to ten years ago as people’s giving patterns have changed.

Operating Fund Sum-	Month of June	Balance Sheet Summary	6/30/2023
Beginning of Month	\$54,690.76	Current Assets	\$827,341
Income	\$16,052.04	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$30,744.05	Short Term Liabilities	\$4191
End of Month	\$39,998.75	Long Term Liabilities	\$158,070
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,758,772

Facilities: The commission will take into account the recommendations from the worship commission for lighting updates but will probably not be able to alleviate shadows. There was no significant damage from the severe storm on June 29. Donaghy Day will be August 21 so let Tom know if there are tasks for the student volunteers to do.

Other comments:


Theo Conner has completed the photos for the bulletin board and they are at the printer.

The church was a wonderful resource for power, ice, and refrigerator/freezer space for those without power from the June 29 storm.

Newsletter Title

AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible study & brew 7:30	3 Women's Book Club 2:00 High Ground Rehearsal 7:00	4 Staff 9:00	5 
6 Worship 10:30 McKee reception to follow	7 Morning Bible study 9:00 Walking group at ISU stadium 5:00	8	9 Deacons Session 5:00 7:00	10 High Ground Rehearsal 7:00 	11	12
13 Worship 10:30	14 Morning Bible study 9:00 Walking group at ISU stadium 5:00	15 Commission/Committee meetings & meal	16 Bible study & brew 7:30 	17 High Ground Rehearsal 7:00	18 Youth trip to	19 Presbytery meeting at Mitchell Owensboro, KY
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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 be meeting on August 3 at 2:00 p.m. *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams is the book to be discussed.

All women of the church are invited to attend.

Choir Director Mark Carlisle has been arranging for our soloists to participate in our worship services. If you are willing to perform this service for us, would you reach out to him? His email address is mark.carlisle@indstate.edu
Thank you!

*Next Herald
Deadline —
Aug. 23, 2023*

