



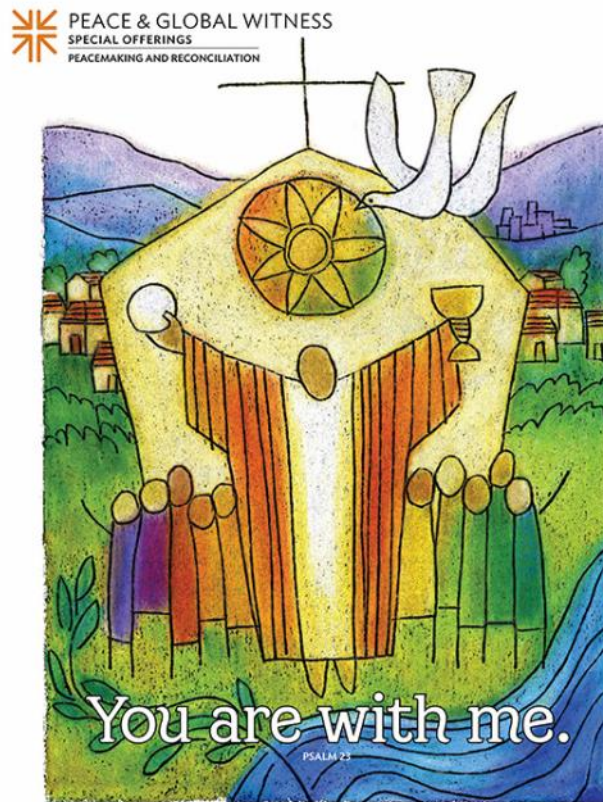
The Herald

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Sunday, October 1

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Did you know that even if you don't or can't physically attend worship each week, you can still worship with your church family? Each Sunday the service is streamed live on Facebook (Central Presbyterian Church page) and is recorded and later posted under the church's YouTube page (Central Presbyterian Church). We thank the volunteers that have and continue to provide these services so that others may participate.



New Strategic Planning Task Force forming

Central has had the practice of convening strategic planning task forces every five years. These groups examine the entire ministry of our church. They then try to identify long-term challenges and opportunities and recommend potential actions to the elders on the session.

This fall we have begun forming our next strategic planning task force one year early. The reason? We all see the changes happening at Central. As active members retire from their careers, and youth graduate from high school, many of them leave Terre Haute. And the pandemic has caused many to fall away from participation beyond perhaps viewing our worship videos. As a result, our worship attendance and participation in various other activities has dropped. Plus, our congregation is aging. Thankfully, our offerings have remained strong. But we must address the bigger picture of decline. Doing so is a perfect object of strategic planning.

In the coming months you will see reports on the task force's work. In the meanwhile, please pray for it, our leadership on the staff and the boards of the church, and our entire congregation. Thank you!

Parent's Night Out

Our next parent's night out is planned for Friday, October 201 from 5:30-9pm.

We plan to enjoy dinner, some fall activities and a movie.

Also, Parent's Night Out is a great opportunity for families to invite friends to church! If you have someone in mind please invite them and include them in your RSVP to Ellie (ellie@thcpc.org).

Fifth Sunday Lunch

Church Life will host our Fifth Sunday Lunch on Sunday, October 29 following worship in Fellowship Hall. A main dish of meatloaf will be served and all are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Dessert will be provided for this lunch as the youth will be auctioning off sweet treats to help fund their planned retreat to PYOCA in November.



Christian Education — Ellie Templeton

Sunday School Updates

Thank you to all who provided, prepped, cooked and cleaned up for our annual Sunday School breakfast! I was a fun and delicious morning and we once again enjoyed this fun tradition to begin our Sunday School year.

Sunday School for all ages meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30am. Elementary and younger age children will meet in their assigned classrooms most weeks, Middle and High school youth will meet in the youth room upstairs and adults are invite to attend class in the lounge with a new class led by Pastor Mike about congregational vitality and the “Canoeing the Mountains” text he has recently been sharing. More info about the adult class is available in the enews or through Pastor Mike.

We will occasionally pause Sunday School if it is a school break or holiday weekend. Updates for schedule changes will be shared in the enews and bulletin.

Nursery care will be available during Sunday School and worship time for our younger children ages birth to 2 years.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 1st. As has been tradition at Central, the Worship Commission invites all to bring a favorite bread, particularly those with an international tie or flavor. They will be used during communion and also during the Fellowship hour. Look for more information in the bulletin and enews in the coming weeks.

Scout Sunday

The Worship Commission will host Scout Sunday on Sunday, October 8 here at Central. We are excited to recognize all of the youth in our church who are involved in local scouting programs. We invite all children and youth at Central who are scouts to wear their uniforms that Sunday and we are planning some special recognition during worship. We also welcome other members and families from the scout units our youth attend. Please contact Andrew Conner (andrewconnerth@gmail.com) with questions.

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HighPoint Youth — Tim Ghogle, Youth Director

HIGHPOINT YOUTH began this year with the annual Youth & Family Night on Sunday, September 10, and launched the new series “**STEWARDSHIP**”. Our youth and their families came together to celebrate our youth and their accomplishments last academic year and encourage them in all their activities this upcoming school year, plus learn about what the bible says about being good and faithful stewards.

6 years ago, the youth design team created a 6-year theme for each year for our youth group. The Themes were Spiritual, Theological, Biblical Knowledge, Mission, Relationships, and Stewardship. I’m pleased to say that we are in our 6th year of learning and discovering Stewardship. Based on 1 Peter 4:10, our youth will learn to use their God-given gifts, skills, and talents as faithful stewards. This theme and series touch on Financial, Personal, Pastoral and Theological, Economic and Community, Youth and Leader, Judicial, and Academic Stewardship, to mention a few - all emanating from biblical passages. Several guest speakers are invited to teach these stewardships and encourage our youth to discover and faithfully use their talents and gifts.

Several activities have been planned, including the annual Fall Youth Retreat at Pyoca. A “Pies for Pyoca” fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 29, to support our youth and help participate in this retreat.

I may be biased, but we have an incredible youth group, and our group continues to welcome new youth. This year, we welcomed Cora Glenn and Curtis Ellison, and needless to say, they are enjoying the youth nights. YAY! As the youth director, I’m incredibly blessed to be teaching these youth and walking alongside them in their faith journey.



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Session Notes from September for the October Herald

Session met on September 13 to hear reports and conduct routine business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Finance Commission

Bruce McLaren reviewed the duties of the commission, reminding session that their work is to monitor, review, and plan. They oversee investment strategy, the use of credit, the results of and need for capital campaigns, collection counting, and financial review. They work with the facilities commission to understand the need for funds for major projects. We are currently retiring principle at a faster rate than required and are not soliciting extra funds for interest, although contributions are always welcome.

Pastor's Report:

In addition to the items in his written report, session discussed the constitution of the strategic planning task force. Committees, commissions, and deacons will be asked to supply a member and member(s) at large will be encouraged.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bruce McLaren presented the report and provided updates. Summer revenue is variable, as expected, but expenses are under control and there is a year-to-date surplus. We continue to pay ahead on the principle for the mortgage. A new CD was purchased in August at the rate of 5.25%.

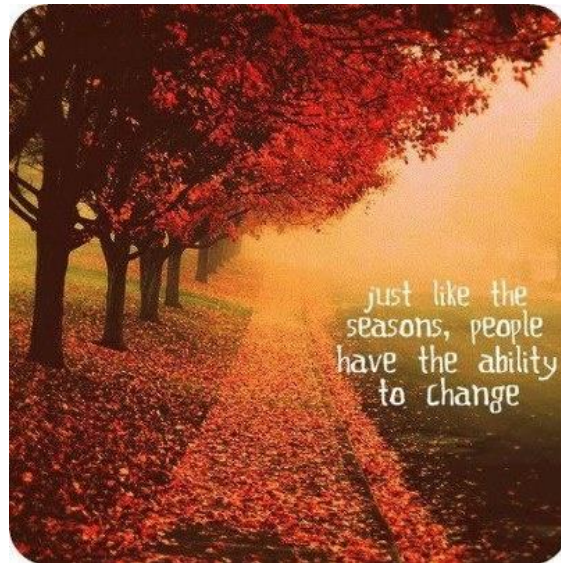
Operating Fund Summary	Month of August		Balance Sheet Summary	8/31/2023
Beginning of Month	\$53,446.95		Current Assets	\$831,221
Income	\$18,506.62		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$27,996.05		Short Term Liabilities	\$4186
End of Month	\$43,957.52		Long Term Liabilities	\$154,642
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,766,087

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: Additional volunteers to lead children's moment and children's worship would be greatly appreciated. Session considered the interest from the McKee Endowment Fund and approved the following motion: All of the interest from the McKee Endowment shall be allocated for use by the Christian Nurture Commission.

Mission: The committee reported that United Campus Ministries is seeing a shift in its student profile from a wide group of international students from many faiths to a more typical domestic group this year. The board is working with Dr. Nathan Schaumleffel to develop a process for serving this group; he may be a good resource for our strategic planning. Members of the Terre Haute Interfaith Council are visiting churches and we are welcome to join them and to host the group.

Old Business: Bruce McLaren and Alan Harder suggested session formally address the future of the video ministry, noting that it is time to replace the two obtrusive cameras and operators (iPhone for Facebook and video for You Tube) from the front of the congregation. The major question is whether Central continues to provide a digital ministry. After discussion, session approved the motion to make a digital ministry an ongoing part of our ministry. Those involved will gather information and put together a proposal with costs, equipment, and human resources needed to make a shift to a permanent installation. In the meantime, we will continue as we have been.



October Birthdays

- 2—Fred Rubey
- 3—Sophia Spencer
- 9—Lance Weatherwax
- 10—Katherine Whitaker
- 12—Aidan Taken
- 13—Maxine Bough
- 14—Paul Foree
- 16—Susan Guell, Ezrina Seo
- 17—Sinwon Racop, Ricka Woodruff
- 18—Matthew Clinkenbeard, Theo Conner, Charlie Conner, Nancy Edgerton, Stephen Payne, Rachael Spencer
- 20—Zachariah Spencer
- 22—Andrea Paul-Bonham
- 23—Violet Taken
- 24—Andrea Clinkenbeard, Christopher Johnson
- 25—Mason Giltner, Brenda Green
- 31 — Alan Harder



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	2 Monday Bible study 9:00	3 	4 Bible study & brew 7:30	5	6 Staff meeting 10:00	7
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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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Church Happenings

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Deadline —

October 25, 2023

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on Nov. 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

The 2023 Bible study will continue from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, October 26. The discussion will be on In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land by Max Lucado. All women are welcome.

