



# The Herald

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## Annual Meeting of the Congregation — January



The next annual meeting of the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church and of the members of our church corporation (Central Presbyterian Church, Inc., of Terre Haute, Indiana) (the “corporation”), will be held in the church sanctuary immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship (that is, approximately 11:30 a.m.) on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Annual report booklets will be available for pickup beginning Sunday, January 21 in the fellowship hall.

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### Per Capita payments

Every Presbyterian congregation has the opportunity to pay an annual per capita assessment to the denomination. Central Presbyterian, maintaining its traditional support for the PC(USA) to which we belong, makes this payment in full. We ask every member prayerfully to consider making an additional contribution--over and above your offering pledges--to cover this expense for our church. In 2024 the amount is \$55.00 per active member. You will find a special envelope in your offering boxes for this purpose.

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## **Christian Education Report – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator**

### **Sunday School Updates**

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.

Elementary classes will begin a new practice of “See Joy” on January 14 with a group class in Fellowship Hall.

Our adult and youth classes will continue to combine and will be exploring the daily devotional resource “d365” meeting on January 14, 21 and 28. Beginning in February, Cheryl Moles and Ellie Templeton will co-lead a six week class on the Enneagram.

More info coming soon on this class. Adult and youth classes meet in the upstairs lounge.

We will occasionally pause Sunday School if it is a school break or holiday weekend.

Updates for schedule changes will be shared in the e-news and bulletin.

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

### **“UnHanging” of the Greens**

The Christian Nurture commission will gather at 9am on Sunday, January 7th to “unhang” the greens and take down the decorations in the church. This will be held in lieu of Sunday School and we invite all to help as we store our decorations and make ready for the new year.

### **Christmas Program a success!**

Our annual children’s Christmas program was held on Sunday, December 17 during worship. “Love Came Down” told the traditional story of Jesus’ birth and we loved having our children and youth share their voices and talent with us through narration and song. It was a fun and special morning and everyone did an amazing job!

Special thanks to Brianna Stasel and Sinwon Racop for their help with music and Jill Conner, Valeri Kershaw, Tisha Glenn, Corrine Foree and Rachael Spencer for their help with costumes and during the program.

### **Church Email Sign Up**

If you are not receiving church emails or your contact info has changed please subscribe to receive our weekly e-newsletter, prayer list and occasional other announcements.

You can subscribe via our website, [thcpc.org](http://thcpc.org), scroll to the bottom of the home page where it says “stay informed with events at our church”, enter your email and click “Subscribe” or scan the QR code below to be directed to our sign up page.

Questions? Contact Ellie Templeton [ellie@thcpc.org](mailto:ellie@thcpc.org)



## Holiday mission efforts

Our congregation supported local foster children through our Angel tree again this year. The mission committee worked with our local Department of Children's Services to identify 10 children in need. Each child had a wish list and our church was very generous in their donations and support. Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for these local children.

We also collected items for our Giving Tree efforts this year. Several baskets full of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, socks and hygiene items were donated to the Loyal Veterans Battalion which is located near REACH services "Pathways" shelter that serves our local homeless population and amenities such as showers and a place to stay during extreme weather. The items donated by our church will be given directly to our local homeless in need. This was done in lieu of the tree being setup out in front of the church as a way to get items more directly to those who need them. We thank all for their donations and



## Highpoint Youth

Our Highpoint youth group enjoyed a fun Christmas party at Central on December 17 and will begin meet on Sunday, January 14, 21 and 28 at Central from 6:-7:30. We are also in need of meals for youth group meetings. If you would like to provide a meal for the group please contact Ellie. They will continue to study Stewardship in 2024.



Souper Bowl of Caring '24

Sunday, February 11

Watch for more information to come.

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## Session Notes from December for the January Herald

Session approved a request to baptize Oliver Gilsinger, child of member Amanda (Green) Gilsinger and her husband, Jordan, on January 28, 2024.

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

Treasurer Bruce McLaren presented the report and provided updates

Operating Fund Summary	Month of November		Balance Sheet Summary	11/30/2023
Beginning of Month	\$45,133.14		Current Assets	\$826,971
Income	\$24,064.22		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$29,813.52		Short Term Liabilities	\$4205
End of Month	\$39,383.84		Long Term Liabilities	\$149,452
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,767,452

***Christian Educator's Report:*** New adult opportunities are being considered.

***Clerk's Report:*** Member Carol Ennis died on December 6. Eight boxes of historic church records have been delivered to the library at Hanover College for archiving. The membership roll was reviewed and session voted to remove 22 names from the active roll. Of these, 16 have indicated they wish to be removed. The remaining six have either been contacted with no response, or we do not have contact information for them. The pastor will make a final attempt to contact these six with a written letter where possible.

### ***Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:***

***Facilities:*** Tom Bogigian noted that we will have service help on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day from ISU students and he will have them clean tables in advance of the United Campus Ministries chili supper in February.

***Interpretation and Support:*** Brad Bough described the work of the committee, noting that they plan the stewardship campaign and prepare the operating budget. Sarah Kelsheimer, the financial secretary, has the institutional memory and is the only one to see submitted pledge cards. Brad then presented the preliminary budget, noting that although some cuts had been made from original requests, the 3.5% salary increases recommended by the personnel committee, based on presbytery guidelines, remain. A final version will be sent to session for an electronic vote prior to publication of the budget in the annual report.

***Mission:*** The angel tree gifts have been delivered to the agency for distribution to foster children. Donations are coming in for the giving tree. Session approved the committee's motion for the distribution of the remaining \$2700 of local benevolence as follows: \$1000 to Manna from Seven, \$600 to CODA, \$500 to the Unity Food Pantry, and \$600 to 14<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut.

***Nominating:*** Steve Mead reported that session nominees are complete with two new elders, two returning elders, and a youth elder. The committee continues to work on deacon vacancies.

Suggestions: When there is an outside event, the church member who is hosting should make sure that all equipment and materials have been returned to their proper placement. Be sure to turn on all five sanctuary light switches when opening on Sunday mornings.

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at the close of worship. The joint meeting of the session and deacons will occur on February 14 at 5:30 (later changed to February 21 as the 14th is Ash Wednesday).



A **sign-up for flowers** has been posted in the fellowship hall. The cost for the flowers is \$33 per Sunday. Sign up for the day you would like to donate flowers. You may also call the church office to see if your special Sunday is available. On days when flowers have not been purchased, the silk bouquets will be used.

### January Birthdays

- 4—David Rader, Nicholas Spencer
- 5 — Phillip Smith
- 7 — Amanda Mang
- 8 — Corrine Foree
- 9 — Mark Carlisle
- 12 — Mont Foree, Derek VanDyke
- 18 — Joe Harder
- 19 — Don Lowder
- 21 — Cetta DePaolo
- 22 — Kay Farmer
- 24 — Charlie Foree, Brenda Weatherwax
- 25 — Amanda Gilsinger, Rebecca Stinnett
- 26 — Warren Clem
- 28 — Alice Harder



*Thank you!*

To the church family:

Thank you so much for the cards, other expressions of good will and the generous Christmas gift each of us received. We are so grateful for your love and support. Blessings to each of you for the new year.


Mike, Ellie, Sarah, Mark, Steve, Alvin, and Tim

Dear Church Family,

Linda and I want to thank you for your incredibly generous contributions to the staff Christmas gift. The amount each staff member received was the same, and it was a surprisingly large number. About two months ago I lost my wedding ring when it slipped off on one of the first cold days. It was already loose, my hands had shrunk in the weather, and I was walking our dog. I did notice it was gone until after I had returned home. I conducted a methodical search, including using a metal detector borrowed from a neighbor. But it was gone. I had worn it for over forty-two years. So. We have decided we will use your gift as at least the down payment on a new ring. THANK YOU!

Pastor

Mike Riggins



**NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
 The brand new year ahead.  
 Help me live the way I should  
 As each new day I tread.  
 Give me gentle wisdom  
 That I might help a friend,  
 Give me strength and courage  
 So a shoulder I might lend.  
 The year ahead is empty,  
 Help me fill it with good things  
 Each new day filled with joy  
 And happiness it brings.  
 Amen.

**The Daily Bible Verses**  
<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - [www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses](http://www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses)

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Office closed! 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bible study & brew 7:30	<b>4</b> Women's Book Club 2:00	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Choir 8:45 Worship 10:30 Ennis memorial service 1:00	<b>8</b> Monday Breakfast Bible study 9:00	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 6:00	<b>15</b> Office closed Monday Breakfast Bible study 9:00	<b>16</b> Commission/Committee meetings	<b>17</b> Bible study & brew 7:30 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Staff meeting 10:00	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 6:00	<b>22</b> Monday Breakfast Bible study 9:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bible study & brew 7:30	<b>25</b> Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ISU Service day 9:00—12:00
<b>28</b> Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Congregational meeting	<b>29</b> Monday Breakfast Bible study 9:00	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bible study & brew 7:30			



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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 on Thursday,  
February 1 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study  
will meet on Thursday,  
January 25 at 10:00 a.m.  
All women are invited to  
the study of *In the Foot-  
steps of the Savior* by Max  
Lucado.

***Next Herald***

***Deadline***

***Jan. 29, 2024***