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Ash Wednesday Worship Experience

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Ash Wednesday worship planned for St. Valentine's Day!
At 7:00pm on February 14 we will gather at the Unity Presbyterian Church for our annual collaborative service. This quiet, contemplative experience will include the imposition of ashes for those who choose to receive them.

Souper Bowl of Caring '24

Drop off at your church by **Feb 11!**

Rice  Ramen Noodles  Soups

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There will be a **called meeting** of the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 18th, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to make a correction to last year’s congregational minutes and also to elect Mary Horneker to a new 3 year term as a Deacon.



Joint meeting of session and deacons to happen Wednesday, February 21

All currently-serving elders and deacons and newly elected officers should plan to attend our annual joint meeting. We'll start at 5:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall. An agenda for the meeting will be emailed to all.

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 continue their “Practice Joy” series through February 4. They will begin a new series called “Clothe with Love” that will continue through the Lent season on February 11 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” through February 11.

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.



Highpoint Youth Updates

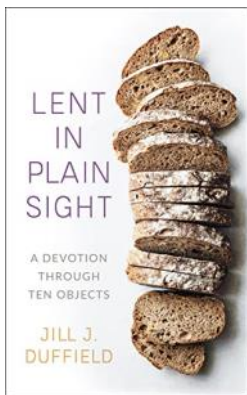
Our Highpoint youth group is off to a great start in 2024! They have enjoyed meeting several times recently at Central and also working on a mission project with 14th and Chestnut and painting several of their spaces. In February Tim will be taking an extended trip to visit his family in India and we are grateful for our parents and volunteers who have stepped up to plan and chaperone in his absence.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our youth will also host their annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” fundraiser on Sunday, February 11. The youth will host a soup meal following worship and appreciate your donations of soup, rice and noodles to be donated to United Campus Ministries. On February 11 the youth also invite all to bring a crockpot of their favorite soup to contribute to the meal.



2024 Lenten Series



Central’s Lent series for 2024 will begin on February 18. This year the series will take place in the morning during the regular 9:30am Sunday School time each week with breakfast being served before starting at 9 am. Sessions are planned for February 18, 25 and March 3,10,17.

Breakfast will be provided by the Christian Nurture commission each Sunday.

Adults and youth will meet in Fellowship Hall and be studying “Lent in Plain Sight, a

devotion through 10 objects” by Jill J Duffield. This devotion focuses on the common objects in our life and Jesus’ life and how we can reflect on love, redemption and God’s promise in the simpler things that surround us. Pastor Mike will lead the discussion sessions. Copies of the text are available from Ellie now or at the first class on February 18.

Elementary age and younger children will have their regular Sunday School classes as well during the Lent Series meeting in their classrooms.

After dwindling attendance for our evening series in recent years we are looking forward to trying this new timeframe and this devotion resource.

Session Notes from December for the January Herald

Session met on January 10 to hear reports and conduct business. Rev. Andrew Black of Unity Presbyterian Church moderated the meeting. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Worship Commission

The duties of the worship commission are to take care of the sanctuary and all that happens there. They find pulpit supply and liturgists, adjust the paraments, prepare the elements for communion, and care for the items in the sanctuary. They cover additional duties during the Advent, Christmas, and Easter seasons.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bruce McLaren presented the report and provided the month and year-end summaries.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of December (before year-end adjustments)	Balance Sheet Summary	12/31/2023
Beginning of Month	\$39,383.84	Current Assets	\$857,688
Income	\$30,037.69	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$28,395.87	Short Term Liabilities	\$4162
End of Month	\$41,025.66	Long Term Liabilities	\$147,708
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,799,511

To close the year, \$1432.41 of the unused continuing education budget was carried over, \$14,471.88 of the surplus operating budget was allocated to cumulative maintenance, and semi-annual dividends and capital gains were posted to the appropriate numbered funds. In addition, the market value of our Amana funds was updated.

Christian Educator's Report: In January a class on the D365 devotional resource will be held and in February Ellie and Cheryl Moles will lead an Enneagram class. A new initiative from Mount Pleasant United Methodist will provide sensory materials to churches and other public places. Plans are being made to cover for youth director Tim Ghogle while he is on an extended trip to India to visit family. The office will be posting and publicizing information about current elders and deacons.

Clerk's Report: Member Kyung Kim died on December 25. Session voted electronically to approve the 2024 budget.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Facilities: The ISU student volunteers will work on January 27 so let Tom know of any needs. We are on track for installation of the video equipment later this month.

Mission: The angel tree provided generous gifts for ten children. The indoor giving tree collection was donated to the veteran's battalion, which was very appreciative. Items will be distributed in an organized fashion to those who need them

The next stated session meeting will be the joint session/deacons meeting at 5:30 p.m. on February 21.

United Campus Ministries Chili Fest

United Campus Ministries will host their annual chili fest here at Central on Sunday, February 25. This will be a dine in event and tickets are \$12 each. Tickets can be purchased through UCM board members. A meal of chili (beef or vegetarian) and choice of hot dog or PBJ sandwich as well as fresh veggies, chips and drink will be served. Tickets will also be available that day the door.



at

February birthdays

- 1—Susanne Hawk, Bruce McLaren
- 3—Peter Ekstrom
- 4—P. J. Ekstrom
- 6—Kevin Christ,
- 7—Rowyn Holder
- 8—Ryan Giltner
- 10—Danny Rader, Grace Ann Spencer
- 15—Lilly Guell, Pam Quiroz
- 17— Cora Glenn, Robert Symon,
- 19—Hannah Marlow-Spidel
- 22—Anna Tilstra-Smith
- 25—Susan Bough, Margaret Clem, Marcella Guthrie
- 27—Liv Judge, Linda Riggins, Fred Simmons,
Benjamin Spencer



February

Style	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women's Book Club 2:00	2 	3
4 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	5 Break-fast Bible study 9:00	6	7 Bible study & brew 7:30	8	9 Staff meeting 10:00	10
11 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	12 Break-fast Bible study 9:00	13	14 Ash Wednesday service at Unity 	15	16	17
18 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	19 Office closed. 	20 Commission/Committee meetings	21 Joint Deacons & Elders meet 5:30	22 Seekers & Searchers 10:00	23	24
25 Choir Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 UCM Chilifest	26 Break-fast Bible study 9:00	27	28 Bible study & brew 7:30	29 		

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**Next Herald
Deadline —**

Feb. 26, 2024

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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 be meeting on March 2 at 2:00 in the fellowship hall. The book to be discussed is Whistling Season by Ivan Doag.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to the study of *In the Footsteps of the Savior* by Max Lucado.

4 WAYS TO REMEMBER GOD'S LOVE IN FEBRUARY



01. Write a love letter from God.

02. Pray for your enemies.

03. Read 1 Corinthians 13

04. Notice God's love in nature.