



The Herald

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From the church office

Due to rising costs associated with purchasing offering envelopes, along with online giving and other checks being sent directly to the church from financial institutions, the church office has decided to reduce the number of envelopes being purchased. We have purchased the minimum number of sets of envelopes that we can. If you would like to continue using offering envelopes in 2025, please notify Sarah in the church office. Offering envelopes numbers will be reassigned later in the year. Envelopes will be available for pickup in December. If you would like envelopes and do not have them, please let Sarah know in the office.

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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 or group with the adult class.

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.

2024 Lent Series

Our 2024 Lent series met for five Sundays and wrapped up on March 17. Adults and youth really enjoyed the devotion resource “Lent in plain sight” by Jill Duffield and plans to continue using it for classes this spring. Children completed their Lent lessons on the “Clothe with Love” practice and everyone was treated to breakfast each week during the series as well. Thank you to Christian Nurture for providing breakfast each week and to our other commissions for their assistance with cleanup.

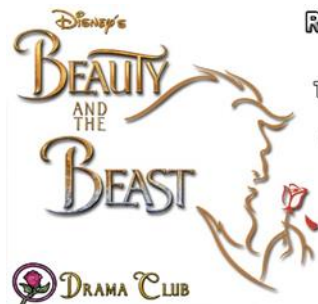
Regular Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, April 7 and continue through May 19.

Beauty and the Beast Tickets

Central is partnering with Hatfield Hall and Rose Hulman for a group outing to see the Rose Drama Club's performance of Beauty and the Beast on Friday, April 26 and 7:30pm. Rose is offering us discounted tickets, \$18 for adults and \$12 for children 17 and under.

An online reservation form is available via the e-news for contact Ellie or the church office to reserve your tickets.

Payment can be made by check or cash in the Sunday offering or given to Ellie or the church office anytime before April 26th.



ROSE DRAMA: BEAUTY & THE BEAST APRIL 26 - 28, 2024

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end, and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

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The 2024-2025 Surrell Scholarship application is available now!

Mary E. Surrell became a member of Central Presbyterian Church in 1866. With a bequest from her, the church has established the **Surrell Scholarship** Fund 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.

The deadline to apply is April 12th.

Application link is available in the e-news or contact Ellie to receive an application.

Favorite Things Party - save the date!

The Christian Nurture commission invites all ladies of Central and their friends to a “Favorite Things” party on Saturday, May 10 at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Please bring two of your favorite things (\$10 or less per item) for a fun gift exchange. Exchange ideas might be lip balm, tea, hand lotion or another small favorite item you think others would enjoy. Light refreshments will be served. Please save the date and make plans to attend this fun and festive time of fellowship celebrating ladies!



April Birthdays —

- 3—Judy Duffy
- 9—Teddy Perry, Greg Simmons
- 11 — Andrew Simmons
- 13 — Christopher Ennis, Bob McLaughlin, Nathan Paul-Bonham
- 17—John Ramer
- 18—Elinor Cleveland, Linda Harder, John Moulton
- 20—Stella VanDyke, Molly Wadsworth
- 23—Margaret Tamar
- 25 — Miller Bough, Mary Ann Clem, Mike Wadsworth
- 26 — Frank Bailey
- 27— Bill Green
- 28 — William Merrill



14th and Chestnut Center Annual Banquet

Central is a long time supporter of the 14th and Chestnut community center and their programming. The center’s annual event, Gifts from the Heart, a primary fund-raiser for the Center, will happen at 6pm on Thursday, April 18 at the Maryland Community Church 46 campus, 4700 IN-46. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be taken. The proceeds from the night will go towards paying for summer staff.

Call 812-232-3126 or email connorscanlon81@gmail.com to reserve your place at the table!



Session Notes from March for the April Herald

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

Election of Church and Corporate Officers: The following officers were elected for 2024-25:

- President: Brad Bough
- Vice President: Tom Bogigian
- Treasurer: Bruce McLaren
- Assistant Treasurer: Beth Christ
- Secretary and Clerk of Session: Connie McLaren

Treasurer’s Report:

Operating Fund Summary	Month of February		Balance Sheet Summary	02/29/2024
Beginning of Month	\$51,150.02		Current Assets	\$918,767
Income	\$33,392.53		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$30,495.89		Short Term Liabilities	\$4182
End of Month	\$54,046.66		Long Term Liabilities	\$144,198
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,864,080

Christian Educator’s Report:

The Lent series is working well in its new format during the Sunday School hour. Along with Andrew Conner, Ellie attended a training session for Haute Unlimited, a program that distributes sensory friendly backpacks for people of any age in public spaces

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: The ladies’ night out dinner was well-received with ten in attendance. Publicity for the Surrell Book Scholarship will be out soon. On April 26 the church is invited to attend the Rose-Hulman production of Beauty and the Beast.

Facilities: The elevator has passed its inspection and a heat sensor in the kitchen is being replaced. We are awaiting further evaluations for the water issue in the crawl space; the goal is to find a solution, not just a fix. Tom presented information about the insurance settlement for rooftop HVAC unit #3. Session authorized Facilities to proceed with the replacement of unit #3 if they decide to and if any increase in costs is no more than 7% above the October 2023 bid.

Session Notes: (continued)

Worship: The commission will be working on Good Friday and Maundy Thursday services. The new video system with Scott Racop and Joe Harder at the controls is working quite well and we may transition from Facebook live to YouTube live. The average viewing time is about 10 minutes.

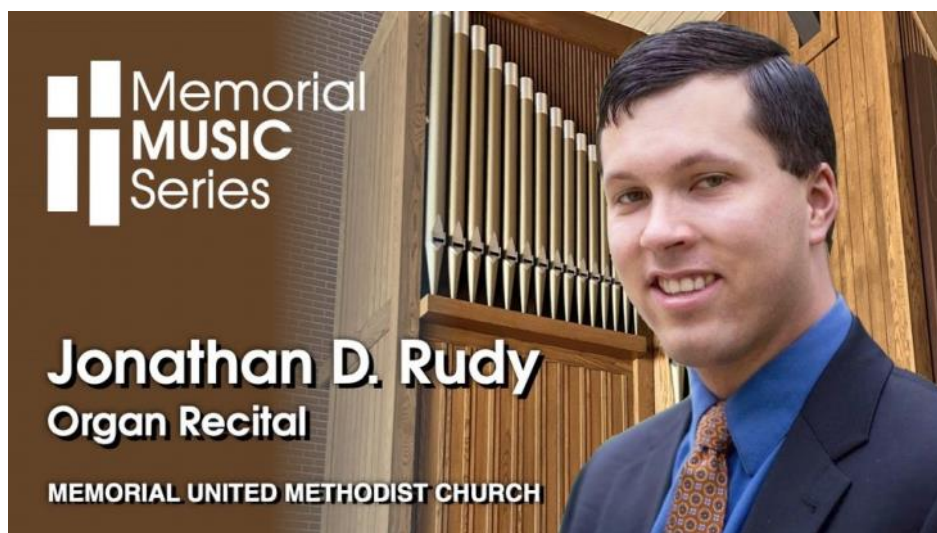
Mission: The committee is thinking about keeping some supplies or gift cards on hand for needy visitors. In addition to providing resources, we need to be trained to be welcoming to everyone. This may include training on the use of the hearing devices and remembering to offer the elevator, large print bulletins, and Bibles in other languages as needed.

Personnel: Data for the pastor review will be collected by interview and survey through the end of the month. The committee will review the compiled results with the pastor.

Highpoint Youth

Our Highpoint youth group will resume meeting this week following a break for Easter and spring break. They will meet at Centenary church for the month of April and will be preparing for youth Sunday service that will also take place at Centenary and is planned for Sunday, May 5. We continue to be thankful for Tim Ghogle and his leadership of this group.

We are also seeking adults to join the Youth Design Team. This team works to help direct the youth group and provide ideas for faith, fellowship and service projects. If you would like to serve please contact Ellie.



Friday, April 12

6:00 p.m.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Breakfast Bible study 9:00	2	3 Bible study & brew 7:00	4	5	6
7 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	8 Breakfast Bible study 9:00	9	10 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	11	12	13
14 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	15 Breakfast Bible study 9:00	16 Commis- sion/ Committee meetings	17 Worship 6:00 Bible study & brew 7:00	18	19	20
21 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	22 Breakfast Bible study 9:00	23	24 Bible study & brew 7:00	25 Seekers & Searchers 10:00	26 Beauty & Beast Play at Rose 6:30	27
28 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	29 Breakfast Bible study 9:00	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 this month on Thursday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.. The book to be discussed is American Heiress by Dorothy Eden. All who are interested are welcome.

Seekers & Searchers Bible study will meet on Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend. The group is starting a new study on *New Life in the Spirit* by Leonard Sweet.



Please be sure that the church office has the names of **2024 graduates** in your family. We will honor high school and college graduates in May.

**Next Herald
Deadline —
April 26, 2024**

The church office is in the process of updating the church directory in anticipation of printing in early May. Please contact Sarah in the church office if you have any updates.