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How to attract visitors to church

For years, books and websites insisted that the single most effective way to attract church visitors was for trusted friends to invite them. Newer literature suggests that method still works, but does not emphasize it. Instead, and perhaps unsurprisingly, social media have taken the lead.

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In his book, Soul Tsunami, author Leonard Sweet asks, "How does it strike you when you begin to suspect somebody--even a friend--is trying to sell you something? Whether it's a time-share, an insurance policy or a church, we have become acutely aware of the seemingly endless strategies used to get past our defenses. Many of us have had to caution our aging parents, "*Do NOT open that email. Do not answer that call from a number you don't recognize!*" Our default position has become not to let others reach us. More's the pity. Because the church has what people desperately long for: community. Belonging. Hope."

How, then, ought we encourage people to give us a try at Central Presbyterian? If the conversation goes in the right direction, a personal invitation is still an appropriate and sometimes fruitful approach. But an emerging consensus suggests that liking and sharing about our website, our events, and especially our videos on whatever social media platform you frequent is a really good idea.

So please do that!

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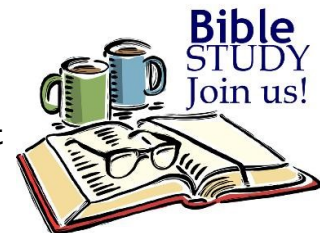
Attention High School seniors and college students

McKee Scholarship Application Available

Attention High School seniors and college students Applications for the 2024/25 Nancy and Dale McKee Family Scholarship for the benefit of a member of the Central Presbyterian Church will be available at <https://wvcf.org> from July 1 - August 30, 2024 at 2 PM. This scholarship requires that you are a member (or regular attendee) of Central Presbyterian Church. The scholarship is available to all traditional and non-traditional students.

Bible Study and Brew continues!

With the new month we resume meeting at Moggers. Join us at 7:30 pm! This is a smart, congenial group. Try us once and you just might keep coming! (We don't meet the week session meets.) Also note, change of location.



July Birthdays

3— Travis Rubey, Katie Salmeron
 4—Jack Darke
 5—Cheryl Moles
 8—Megan Rader
 13—Susan Hoffman
 14—Andrew Green
 15—Carla Bailey
 17—Enzo Woodruff, Mia Woodruff
 20—Mary Horneker
 24—Kirsten Ford, Steve Mead
 25—Leanne Holder
 27—Mimi Templeton, Harrison Whitaker
 29—Niles Newton
 31—Ethan Kershaw



Summer Children's Worship

During the summer we will continue to have nursery care for babies and toddlers during worship. Our nursery staff lead a more casual children's worship time in the downstairs playroom with a story and craft each week as well as playtime. This will continue to be open to our kids ages 4 through 1st grade. Children will attend worship as usual then leave after the Children's moment and be escorted downstairs by myself or another assigned adult. Please pickup your children in the preschool playroom following worship.

This program will begin June 4 and will run through August. A reminder that our nursery is also fully open and is staffed on Sundays this summer from 10:15-11:30. During worship children ages 3 and younger may go to the nursery while our older children ages 4 to 1st grade are invited to come to worship and then join our adult leaders for children's worship in preschool classroom. Children in 2nd grade and older are encouraged to remain in worship with their adults following the children's moment. Activity bags for all ages are located in the back of the sanctuary.

Highpoint Youth

Our Highpoint youth group will meet periodically in the summer months and Tim has plans for high school and middle school youth events as well as some group events. We are also looking forward to kicking off the school year programming in August.

We continue to be thankful for Tim Ghogle and his leadership of this group.

How to be a welcoming church

As our church strives to be the best it can be, live fully as a Matthew 25 congregation and, of course, be welcoming of all, we want to share reminders and ideas about how to best welcome visitors to Central.

These ideas come from a Presbyterian Outlook article. Full article can be found at <https://pres-outlook.org/2008/06/church-wellness-basics-on-welcoming/>.

“Be a friendly congregation in the Jesus way, namely, open circles, treasuring the new and different. Tight huddles of longtime friends communicate the wrong message. “

Questions to ponder:

How does our church do this well now?

How could we improve?

Share your thoughts and ideas with Mike or Ellie.

Camp Pyoca Fun this summer



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Monday Bible study 9:00	2	3 Bible study & brew 7:30	4 Office closed.	5	6
						
7 Worship 10:30	8 Monday Bible study 9:00	9	10	11 High Ground 7:00	12	13
						
14 Worship 10:30	15 Monday Bible study 9:00	16 Commis- sion/ Committee meetings	17 Bible study & brew 7:30	18 High Ground 7:00	19	20
						
21 Worship 10:30	22 Monday Bible study 9:00	23	24 Bible study & brew 7:30	25 Seekers & Searchers Bible 10:00 High Ground 7:00	26	27
						
28 Worship 10:30	29 Monday Bible study 9:00	30	31 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 be meeting on August 1 at 2:00 in the church fellowship hall. All women are welcome to join them. Please talk to Nancy Edgerton regarding the month's selection.

Seekers & Searchers Bible study will meet on Thursday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend. The group is discussing chapter 4 of *New Life in the Spirit* by Leonard Sweet.

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Deadline —

July 28, 2024