



# The Herald

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## Back to School at



## Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Blessing of the backpacks: August 11 at 10:30am

Bring your backpacks to receive a special blessing during worship

Pool Party at Jeanie Rozel's: August 17, 2-4pm 3930 HO Lane, All Welcome!

Church Picnic at Deming Park: August 15, Ute Shelter, 5pm

Sunday School Kickoff Pancake Breakfast:

September 8 at 9:30am

Sunday School for all ages begins:

September 15 at 9:30am

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### Church Picnic is Sunday, August 25!

Our Church Life commission will host our annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 25 at 5pm at the Ute Shelter in Deming Park. A main course of fried and baked chicken as well as drinks will be provided by Church Life. We invite all to attend and bring a side and/or dessert to share. Bring your lawn chairs. We hope to see everyone there for an evening of food and fellowship!



## 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> until August 30, 2024 at 2 PM. It is open to any member or regular attendee of Central who is a graduating senior or currently attending college. Application for this scholarship is done online through the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. The link to apply is available on the church website ([thcpc.org](http://thcpc.org)). Contact Ellie with questions.

## United Campus Ministries BBQ Fundraiser

Central will once again partner with UCM in support of their annual BBQ Fundraiser. The Annual UCM BBQ will begin at 11:30 and run through 1:30 on September 8, 2024. Tickets are for sale online, at the UCM center, or through a UCM board member. Visit <https://ucm.betterworld.org/> for tickets and more information.

## August Birthdays

1—Evelyn Gladden  
 3—Robert Guell  
 4—Pat Collins  
 7—Nathaniel Spencer  
 9—Scot Mardis  
 10—Donna Garrison  
 12—Beth Christ,  
 13—Max Payne, Leah Ramer  
 14—Luke Bailey, Jack Judge  
 15—Jill Conner  
 22—Cathy VanNahmen  
 25—Lucas Rubey, Justin Woodruff  
 27—Tim Johnson, Karrington Winn  
 29—Isabelle Conner, Grant VanNahmen



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator



### Blessing of the Backpacks - August 11!

We will celebrate the upcoming new school year during worship on Sunday, August 11. We invite all to bring their backpacks to receive a special blessing.

### Summer Children's Worship

Summer children's worship time will continue to be held in the nursery through the end of August. 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.

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.

Thank you to Jeannie Rozel for offering to host our church families for a pool party at her home on Saturday, August 17! We will gather from 2-4pm for swimming and fun. All are welcome. Jeannie's address is 3930 H.O. Lane, Terre Haute 47802. Contact Ellie with questions.



### Youth News —

Highpoint youth will kickoff the new school year with an ice cream social from 6:30-7:30pm at Central on August 18. All middle school and high school age youth and their families are invited to attend to enjoy some fellowship and discuss plans for the group for this new school year.

Youth will meet at Central on August 25 for pizza and a game night and will continue meeting in September. Look for more info in the e-news and bulletin for September meetings and beyond.

If you have or know a middle or high school age child who would like to check out our youth group they can attend a youth group meeting or event anytime or you can reach out to Director of Christian Ed. Ellie Templeton ([ellie@thcpc.org](mailto:ellie@thcpc.org)) or our Youth Director, Tim Ghogle ([tim@thcpc.org](mailto:tim@thcpc.org)).

## Session Notes from July for the August Herald

Session met on July 10 to hear reports and conduct business. Highlights from the meeting appear below. The pastor referred session to his written report. He was asked to provide more substance in his monthly reports so that elders can be more informed about his work and to notify session when he will be out of the pulpit.

**Treasurer’s Report:** There was a surplus in the operating fund in May. Contributions have lagged in June, as expected. Payment for the crawl space work comes from cumulative maintenance, not the operating fund.

Operating Fund Sum-	Month of June	Balance Sheet Summary	06/30/2024
Beginning of Month	\$52,279.84	Current Assets	\$900,122
Income	\$23,225.67	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$31,470.81	Short Term Liabilities	\$4203
End of Month	\$44,034.70	Long Term Liabilities	\$136,931
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,852,681

Much of the session meeting was taken up with discussion following reports from the Deacons and the Mission committee on how the church might best work with street people. As a church we hope to spread our help around. This is a complex problem and we need to coordinate our response. We are not a social service organization but can direct those in need to resources and support those resources as a church body. Education and internal work will be done on how we can be a Matthew 25 congregation within our boundaries, knowledge, and abilities. The Mission committee finds it effective to work with a few organizations that are really good at the Matthew 25 types of things that they do. These include Manna from Seven, Reach Services, and the Loyal Veterans’ Battalion. We don’t need, nor are we able, to reinvent processes, but we do need to define our scope, coordinate our work, and connect to these services.

**Christian Nurture:** Surrell scholarships were awarded to seven of our students.

**Church Life:** The June Fifth Sunday salad luncheon was well received, with 56 served. People enjoyed having the food table in the center of the room.

**Facilities:** Work is progressing on the crawl space mold remediation with a vapor barrier, sump pump, and mold retardant. A strategic HVAC assessment from our architectural firm indicated that we should plan for replacement of the entire system within the next ten years and continue our preventative maintenance. The replacement cost will need to be part of the next capital campaign, as will redoing that part of the roof.

**Other business:** The estate of Mary Jean DeMarr should be closed by the August session meeting. A motion from Christian Nurture to use \$500 from the McKee endowment for VBS expenses was approved.

# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women's Book Club 2:00 High Ground rehearsal 7:00	2 Staff meeting 9:00	3
4 Worship 10:30	5 Morning Bible study 9:00	6	7 Bible study & brew 7:30	8 High Ground rehearsal 7:00 	9	10
11 Worship 10:30	12 Morning Bible study 9:00	13 	14 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	15 High Ground rehearsal 7:00	16	17 Pool party @ Rozel home 2:00 
18 Worship 10:30	19 Morning Bible study 9:00	20 Commission/Committee meetings	21 Bible study & brew 7:30	22 Seekers & Searchers 10:00 High Ground rehearsal 7:00	23 Staff meeting 9:00	24
25 Worship 10:30 Church Picnic @ Deming Park Ute Shelter 5:00 	26 Morning Bible study 9:00	27	28 Bible study & brew 7:30	29 High Ground rehearsal 7:00	30	31

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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**

*Next Herald*

*Deadline —*

*Aug. 25, 2024*

## Church Happenings

### **Women's Book Club**

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on August 2 at 2:00 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to attend.

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

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, August 22 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Discussion on chapter 5 of *New Life in the Spirit* by Leonard Sweet.

Choir Director Mark Carlisle has been arranging for our soloists to participate in our worship services. If you are willing to perform this service for us, would you reach out to him? His email address is [mark.carlisle@indstate.edu](mailto:mark.carlisle@indstate.edu)  
Thank you!

