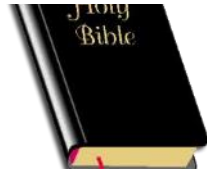




# The Herald

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## BIBLE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 17

Bible Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 17 during worship. This is a special time for the 1st and 6th graders in our congregation to receive Bibles. It is also a special tradition in our church for them to be signed with notes and well wishes prior to being given. Bibles will be available in Fellowship Hall and anyone is welcome to sign them.

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It's time to get ready to decorate for the Advent season. Poinsettia orders are now due in the church office. The deadline to place your order is Sunday, November 17. We have to call the order into the greenhouse on Monday, Nov. 18. The cost of the poinsettias will be \$11.00. We will be offering red and white poinsettias again this year. Order forms are in the bulletins and on page 4 of this newsletter. Payment is due at time of order.





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator**

### **Sunday School updates**

Sunday School at Central continues to go well. Elementary children are meeting in the upstairs classroom studying a new curriculum called “Growing in God’s Love” and using a story bible resource by the same name, middle school in the downstairs

classroom (room 103) working with Jill Conner studying Disney movie themes and their tie in to scripture and Bible lessons.

Adults are meeting in the upstairs lounge and will be starting a new class using “The Gospel according to the Simpsons” book by Mark Pinsky and will be led by Kyle Kershaw. This class will use this “entertaining and enlightening book, that shows how

The Simpsons engages issues of religion and morality in a thoughtful, provocative, and genuinely respectful way.” High school age youth are also invited to join in for this class.

We will pause in class lessons for kids for a time in November and December as we rehearse for the Christmas program and have a break during the school winter break. If you have questions about Sunday School schedules please reach out to Ellie anytime.

We also continue to hold our Children’s Worship lessons following the Children’s moment in worship, children ages 4 through first grade may leave the sanctuary to join in on children’s worship time led by Ellie Templeton or another designated adult leader. This group usually meets in the upstairs lounge room for bible lessons and activities.

They may occasionally meet in the preschool room to be supervised by nursery workers if our adult leaders are not available.

A reminder that once Sunday School begins on September 22, our nursery is fully open and is staffed on Sundays from 9:15- 11:30.

### **Gratitude Cafe**

Sunday morning November 3 during the Sunday School hour we are going to try a new group activity called "Gratitude Cafe". Central kids and youth will meet in Fellowship Hall classroom area and will spend time discussing what we are grateful for as we move into this season of being extra thankful. We will create a Gratitude tree that will be displayed for the coming months to be added to as we continue to meet. I will have some snacks and treats on hand to help create our "cafe" atmosphere :)

Prayer partners for all children at Central are also receiving an invitation to join us for this activity. This program is so special and I am committed to helping continue it and reconnect partners who have lost touch. We do have several kids in need of a prayer partner. If you are interested in becoming a partner for a child at Central please reach out to Ellie for more info.

We will hold Gratitude cafe again on Dec 1 and Feb 2 and hope to continue into the spring as we build on this practice.

### **Christmas Program**

The annual Children’s Christmas Program will be held here at Central on Sunday, December 8 during worship. The program is called “O come all ye faithful” and will tell the story of the nativity and Jesus’ birth. Ellie will hold rehearsals most Sundays in November and also on December 7.

Families, Please keep an eye out for more info from Ellie via email.

Church Life will also host a carry in lunch following the program on December 8.

We hope you can attend for this beloved and always special day in our church.

### **United Campus Ministries board vacancy**

The church is seeking someone to serve on the United Campus Ministries board.

For more information please contact Andrew Conner or Mike Riggins.

**November birthdays**

- 5—Renee Newton
- 6—Murray Pate
- 9—Charles Rubey
- 12— Susan Moulton
- 13 — Ellie Templeton
- 15— Aspen Kershaw
- 16 — Matt Guell
- 17— Alvin Stinnett
- 18—Jean Wilkinson
- 19—Eliza Payne
- 21— Xander Green
- 23—Henry Salmeron
- 24—Tess Templeton
- 28 — Eileen Whalen



Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be used in decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to order one of these plants, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office.



The cost is \$11.00 each. Payment for the plants is to be made when the order is placed.

The poinsettias may be picked up after the candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

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**POINSETTIAS**

I/WE would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias to be used to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas.

\_\_\_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

This plant is to be in memory of or in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 17, 2024**

## Session Notes from October for the September Herald

Session met on October 9 to hear reports and conduct business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

### Featured Report: Mission Committee

Andrew Conner explained that the work of the committee is focused on local benevolence as guided by our Matthew 25 focus. We support Manna from Seven (food distribution), Reach Services (counseling, shelter, laundry, showers, and a mailing address for the homeless), United Campus Ministries, and other neighborhood entities through financial and volunteer donations. Last year we changed the giving tree so that collected items would go to the Loyal Veterans’ Battalion, which distributes them equitably. The goal is to narrow our focus to really help those we support.

**Pastor’s Report:** The pastor emphasized how useful the PC(USA) retirement seminar was.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The PowerChurch management system, headquartered in Asheville, was offline for five days due to Hurricane Helene but is back up and running. Elders will continue to see the five reports (summary, Operating Fund Income and Expense Statement, Fund Balances, Check Register, and Balance Sheet) in the monthly packet.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of September		Balance Sheet Summary	09/30/2024
Beginning of Month	\$47,055.51		Current Assets	\$1,024,233
Income	\$26,896.47		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$32,033.05		Short Term Liabilities	\$4168
End of Month	\$41,918.93		Long Term Liabilities	\$131,520
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,982,238

**Christian Educator’s Report:** Tim Ghogle has made some permanent upgrades to the youth room as we are becoming the host location. A motion to pay for these upgrades from the McKee fund proceeds at an amount up to \$1000 was approved.

**Clerk’s report:** In an email vote after the meeting, session approved the baptism of Cora Glenn, daughter of members Matt and Tisha Glenn, on October 20, 2024.

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

**Christian Nurture:** The Pies for Pyoca auction went well with over \$900 raised. Hanging of the Greens will be November 24 at 5:00, with dinner at 5:30. The Children’s Christmas program will be December 8. CN will watch for upcoming sales to replace the 12’ Christmas tree in the sanctuary with a pre-lit one.

**Church Life:** We will have a carry-in luncheon after the program on December 8 rather than a Fifth Sunday lunch on December 29.

**Facilities:** Both the HVAC and the mold remediation projects have been completed and paid for. The insurance check for depreciation recovery has been received, making our net cost for the HVAC around \$13,000.

**Finance:** The commission is discussing investment strategy based on falling interest rates and will propose options for our largest funds. They are also looking at our 45 funds to see if changes need to be made.

**Mission:** The committee continues to discuss the care team proposal. They have established a connection with the Vigo County Public Library and sent the library a supply of care bags to distribute. A motion to donate \$500 from local benevolence to supply additional care bags for the library was approved. Session discussed the care team proposal, considering several options for funding and agreed in principle that having a process with control and consistency was wise.

**Personnel:** After reviewing POV compensation information, they recommended a roughly 3% salary increase.

**Other business:** Do we as a church want to donate to hurricane relief? Session approved a motion to send \$5000 from the session restricted fund to the Presbyterian Disaster Agency earmarked for hurricane relief. We will challenge the congregation to join in.

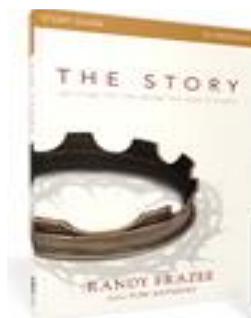
## Highpoint Youth

Highpoint youth will meet at St. Stephen's for the first few weeks of November as they prepare for their retreats later this month. The group had a fun pumpkin painting party at Unity in October and will continue to explore the Bible using "The Story" book and video resources.

We are seeking volunteers to provide a meal for the youth when they meet at Central in December and January. If you are willing please reach out to Ellie Templeton or Tim Ghogle. Meals can be simple and a vegetarian option is

appreciated.

The group continues to be led by Tim Ghogle and is a collaboration of local churches including Central, St. Stephen's Episcopal and Unity Presbyterian. They are excited for a fun year and will be exploring the Bible through a resource called "The Story".



## Memories of Central Presbyterian Church

Remembering the gold cross in front and above  
The holy emblem of God's great love  
And there, the majestic pipe organ played  
Delivering music from its embrace,

And baritone and tenor filing in,  
In similar attire  
The Central Presbyterian Church's  
Faithful and gifted choir

The beloved pastors from Chironna to Riggins,  
So inspired to speak  
The words that will nourish us  
All through the week.

Oh yes, Presbyterian order  
It is so sweet;  
The music, the sermons,  
The Apostle's Creed, to repeat

Remember the deacons  
Filling the baskets to feed  
The precious families  
Who are in need.

The volunteers always on the spot  
From greeters to people  
Are faithfully manning  
the Fellowship's coffee pot.

Yes, and the held high lit candles  
I so remember,  
As we sang "Silent Night"  
On the 24th of December.

So may the light and love  
Of the Lord, whom we adore  
Stream out of every heart  
And stream out of every door

And may the light and love of our Father, God  
Bless and embrace  
Central Presbyterian Church  
With his amazing grace!

Margaret V. Clem     August 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 5:30	<b>4</b> Monday Bible study @ Grand Traverse 9:00	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bible study and brew 7:00  	<b>7</b> Women's Book Club 2:00	<b>8</b> Staff meeting 9:00	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> Monday Bible study @ Grand Traverse 9:00	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b> Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Hanging of the Greens 5:00	<b>25</b> Monday Bible study @ Grand Traverse 9:00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bible study and brew 7:00	<b>28</b> Office closed.  	<b>29</b> Office closed	<b>30</b>



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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 November 7 at 2:00 at the church.

### Women's Bible Study

Bible study will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, November 21. The discussion will be on *New Life in the Spirit* by Leonard Sweet. All women of the church are invited.

*Next Herald  
Deadline —*

*November 27, 2024*

Don't forget...

...to turn **BACK** your clocks, watches and devices that do not automatically change before going to bed this Saturday evening. Standard time is upon us!

