



The Herald

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**SOUPE
BOWL
OF CARING**

Drop off at
your church by
Feb 9!

Rice Ramen Noodles Soups

Benefits
United Campus Ministries

Joint meeting of session and deacons to happen Wednesday, February 12

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 lessons for all ages at Central continues to go well. Children through middle school age usually meet in classrooms.

High school age youth will meet in the youth room and may occasionally join in with the adult class.

Adults are meeting in the upstairs lounge through the end of February and are starting a new topic exploring Contemplative prayer. The class will be led by Kyle Kershaw.

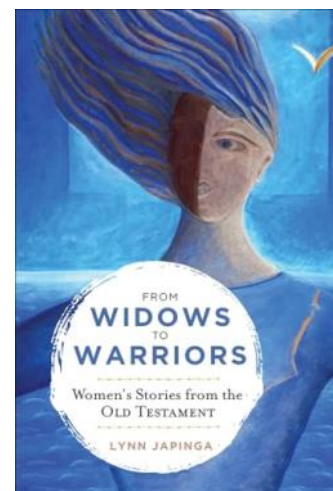
You can see Sunday School class updates on our website at anytime. Visit thcpc.org and click on Children/Youth then Sunday School.

Nursery care will also be available during the Sunday School hour. 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.

New Seekers and Searchers Study Seekers and Searchers has just begun a new study "From Widows to Warriors, women's stories from the old Testament" and it is a great time to join in! This group meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am. If you are interested in participating in this study please contact Ellie to purchase a study guide. Cost is \$13.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Our youth will also host their annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” fundraiser on Sunday, February 9. 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 9 the youth also invite all to bring a crockpot of their favorite soup to contribute to the meal.



Highpoint Youth

Highpoint youth continues to meet regularly at Central. They continue to explore the study resource “The Story” that takes a journey through the bible. We are seeking volunteers to provide a meal for the youth group when they meet at Central in March. Please contact Ellie or Tim if you are able to provide.

Lotus Center Donations

Mental Health America has developed a new service for local people without shelter. The mission committee is working to support this new venture.

The Lotus Center at 2720 Elm is almost ready to open. They will have 52 beds available.

The Lotus Center currently needs:

- Hygiene items. Shampoo, conditioner, razors, feminine products and hotel samples. They have bar soap at this time.
- Nonperishable food items.
- New or gently used towels, twin sheets, pillows, pillow cases and blankets.

The Center has these items for beginning services, but expects people leaving will take bedding with them. The Mission Committee would like to collect these items in the next few weeks. There are signs in the Fellowship Hall as to where to leave your supplies. Thank you.

Session Notes from January for the February Herald

Session met on January 8 to hear reports and conduct business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Worship Commission

Beth Christ thanked the other members of the commission (Brad Bough, Alan Harder, Jeanne Rozell, and Luanne Tilstra) and noted that with a small group they handle the work of the sanctuary—prepare communion, change paraments and banners, secure liturgists, and manage the worship experience.

Pastor's Report: The pastor provided personal updates and noted that home communion was served to Margaret Tamar and Margaret Clem.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce McLaren presented the report and provided the year-end update. End of year transactions—sweeping continuing education funds, accounting for capital gains, and marking to market—have been completed. There was not a surplus this year so there will be no addition to the cumulative maintenance fund.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of December	Balance Sheet Summary	12/31/2024
Beginning of Month	\$32,650.57	Current Assets	\$1,022,701
Income	\$26,141.20	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$33,944.89	Short Term Liabilities	\$4625
End of Month	\$24,846.88	Long Term Liabilities	\$126,041
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$5,985,728

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:





Mission: The committee wrapped up its end of the year local benevolence and Andrew Conner delivered welcome checks to the recipients. The committee may plan field trips to visit those we support. At the January meeting they will discuss how best to communicate the mission team concept to the congregation. Bruce McLaren thanked Andrew and Henry for assistance to a visitor in distress on Christmas Eve.

New Business:

Session had a short discussion about the suggestion, given in Sunday's sermon, to be bold. Comments about personal and church stands, from both the pastor and members, were expressed. We will consider having some sort of advisory committee or meaty Sunday School class to provide a safe space to discuss, learn, and be educated on topical issues. Central has had such discussions in the past and there are PC(USA) resources available.

A motion to formally thank Alan Harder for leading worship on December 29 was approved and the pastor or worship commission will follow up about compensation.

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 High Point 5:30	3	4	5 Bible study and brew 7:30	6 Women's Book Club 2:00	7	8 Presbytery meeting
9Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Souper Bowl of Caring 11:30	10	11	12 Joint Deacons/ Elders meeting 5:30	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15
16Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	17 Office closed 	18 Commission/ Committee meetings & meal	19 Bible study and brew 7:30	20	21	22
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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

**Next Herald
Deadline —**

Feb. 26, 2025

Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on February 6 at 2:00 in the fellowship hall.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to the study of *From Widows to Warriors, women's stories from the Old Testament*.



February birthdays

1—Susanne Hawk, Bruce McLaren

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