



# The Herald

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### Called congregational meeting

There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, July 6, at the beginning of worship to elect Phil Farmer as Elder to fill an unexpired term.

### Pulpit Supply Update

The Worship commission has scheduled the following people for pulpit supply in the coming weeks. Sign ups for other support roles including liturgist and children’s moment are available in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up if you are able, your time and talent is greatly appreciated during this time of change in our church.



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July 6th -- Rev Shane O’Neill  
July 13<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Jonathan Sutter  
July 20<sup>th</sup> – Elder Allen Holder  
July 27<sup>th</sup> – Elder Jeff Moles

The Director of Christian Education position is open. This part time position is a vital link to our church. If you are interested or need more information, please speak to Lance Weatherwax or Joe Harder.

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Dear church family,

As you may have heard by now, I have been offered a job as the Executive Director of Art Spaces, a local non profit. I have accepted and will be moving on from my role as Christian Educator at the end of June. While the timing is tough with all of the changes happening at our church, I am excited for this new challenge and professional opportunity. Please know that even if we had not had the other staffing changes that have transpired as of late, I would still be making this change as it aligns so well with my experience and professional goals. My family and I will also of course continue to attend Central and be involved in the church. We love it here and have no plans to go anywhere else. It has truly been a blessing to serve our church work with all of you in my role as CE.



Many blessings and thank you.

-Ellie Templeton



## 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

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Ellie Templeton, Christian Educator

### Sunday School updates

Sunday School is paused for the summer. We will resume classes for all ages in September. We will continue to have our Children's Worship lessons following the Children's moment in worship. This will shift for the summer to being held in the preschool playroom downstairs. Children ages 4 through first grade may leave the sanctuary with Ellie or another designated adult to be led downstairs to the space. Children should be picked up in the playroom (room 108) promptly following worship.

### Highpoint Youth

Youth plan to meet for social activities periodically this summer as schedules allow. Tim will announce plans to youth and parents via email and the GroupMe chat.

### Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday was held June 1, 2025 at Central. It was wonderful to honor our four high school graduates and several others and also our scholarship recipients.

### VBS at Central

VBS was a wonderful week at Central! Our program, "Downtown Dive" was held June 3-6 and we had about 20 kids attend throughout the week. We had fun diving into a scripture each day and also enjoy crafts, snacks and games. We had a wonderful visit from Moonglade Animal Adventures that was perfectly time to our one rainy day and also visited the public library, Children's Museum and The Larry Bird museum (first time for most of us, it was worth it!)

Thank you to all of our volunteers including Rachael Spencer, Tisha Glenn, Tom Bogigian for delicious ice cream snack, and Teddy Perry.

### Attention High School seniors and college students

### McKee Scholarship Application Available

Attention High School seniors and college students Applications for the 2025/26 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 1, 2025 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.



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## Session Notes from June for the July Herald

Session met on June 11 to hear reports and conduct business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

**Treasurer's Report:** Revenue for May was lower than budgeted and expenses were as budgeted. Following the advice of the Finance Commission's Investment Subcommittee, we redeemed the shares of Amana#1 and Amana#2 and transferred the funds to the money market account at First Financial where they will be held until an investment strategy is determined.

Operating Fund Sum-	Month of May		Balance Sheet Summary	5/31/2025
Beginning of Month	\$54,111.46		Current Assets	\$1,055,159
Income	\$18,098.67		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$30,779.50		Short Term Liabilities	\$4725
End of Month	\$41,430.63		Long Term Liabilities	\$117,171
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$6,026,955

**Christian Educator's Report:** VBS went well last week with almost 20 kids participating in the Downtown Dive and service projects.

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

**Christian Nurture:** The commission will survey youth and their families to review and plan youth group activities. Nursery workers will work with the children during children's church.

**Facilities:** Session approved a motion to pay an invoice for \$2600 from cumulative maintenance for masonry work for the southwest corner. The handrails in the front of the sanctuary are being used, with gratitude.

**Finance:** A motion to authorize the commission to invest the funds in a prudent manner was tabled. The clerk volunteered to review past session minutes to see what policies had been established to guide investment decisions.

**Worship:** Alan Harder provided the schedule for upcoming pulpit supply. Thanks were expressed to elder Kevin Christ for filling the pulpit on June 8.

**Mission:** The two seats Central had filled on the United Campus Ministries board are vacant so we are looking for volunteers. We are also invited to send one name to the Lotus Center for their board. Donations are being accepted for Grace Spencer's Eagle Scout project with the center.

**Commissioner to Presbytery:** Each of the 14 amendments to the Book of Order was approved. There is a new committee for mission work and we should expect to receive a survey.

**Old Business:** Alan Finnan led a discussion of where we go from here in the search for pastoral leadership. He noted the option for either a gap or transitional pastor and indicated that such a decision will be a detail to be decided later. Presbytery Executive Rev. Susan McGhee has reached out to colleagues and is looking for a person with a very specific skill set. Additional sources include the Church Leadership Connection and the Midwest Call Finder. The search for a called pastor uses a congregational committee, but for interim staffing the committee is of the session. In answer to questions, Alan noted that the session will set compensation parameters and the interim will guide the timing until a pastor nominating committee (slated by the nominating committee and approved by the congregation) is established as interim work is being completed. Each elder present was asked to list the names of three active elders to serve on the interim search. Beth Christ, Andrew Conner, Corrine Foree, Alan Harder, and Steve Mead were nominated, approved, and have agreed to serve. Susan McGhee will provide training and guidance.

**New Business:** Session discussed the issues of home communion, pastoral care, and office administration during this time without an installed pastor.

An elder who has been trained in serving the sacraments can offer home communion along with a deacon. Alan Harder fits this and will offer this option with the deacons.

Several ideas for pastoral care are under consideration and could be finalized soon.

We need additional help to cover the office. Sarah and Ellie have done a superb job keeping things moving, but more help is needed. At this point of the meeting, Ellie Templeton announced that she will be leaving the Christian Educator position as of June 30 to take a new position that will be a professional advancement. She reiterated that she and her family will remain at Central, that she is willing to stay on as the communications director, and that this decision was solely for professional reasons. Session voted to accept this verbal resignation with regret, congratulations, and thanks. Coverage of the office, particularly when Sarah is on vacation, will be referred to the personnel committee. Session authorized Rachael Spencer and Phillip Smith to sign vouchers (in addition to corporation president Brad Bough) as needed.

The congregation can be assured that office operations will be covered, that resources for pastoral care are available, that a schedule for Sunday worship is set, and that the search committee for interim leadership has been established.



Dear Church Family,

I wanted to reach out and extend my sincerest thanks for being awarded the Surrell scholarship this year. The added funds will help to acquire equipment, books, and other school materials as I work through my final year of undergraduate studies. Having the love and support of my church family is something I value a great deal, so, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sincerely,

Miller Bough



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## Welcome Home Basket Donations

Grace Spencer is working on her Eagle Scout project and will be doing several things to support The Lotus Center and Mullen Flats in Terre Haute. One of her projects is assembling “Welcome Home” baskets for new residents of the Mullen Flats apartments. Let’ support her project with donations of the following that will go into the baskets:

- dish soap
- laundry soap
- toilet bowl cleaner
- multipurpose cleaner
- trash bags



Please place items on the marked table in Fellowship Hall.

## Small Group Lunch

Church Life is organizing a group lunch at MCL at noon on Tuesday, July 22.

This will be a casual gathering for all to enjoy fellowship time together. The group also plans to bring some old church photos to peruse. It will undoubtedly be fun to look back at photos and memories of our church family. Contact Eileen Whalen with questions.

Some Pyoca fun this summer!



# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible study & brew 7:30	3	4 Office closed.	5
6 Worship 10:30	7	8	9 Deacons Session 5:00 7:00	10 Women's Book club in fellowship 2:00	11	12 
13 Worship 10:30	14 	15 Commission /Committee meetings	16 Bible study & brew 7:30	17	18	19
20 Worship 10:30	21	22 Small group luncheon at MCL 12:00	23 Bible study & brew 7:30 	24	25	26
27 Worship 10:30	28	29	30 Bible study & brew 7:30	31		

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**Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**

**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 July 10 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 take the month of July off. The group will resume on August 28 and will discuss Miriam in chapter 2 *From Widows to Warriors* by Lynn Japinga.

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*July 28, 2025*