



the Herald

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Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m.



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Carols, Lessons & Candles

Pre-service music begins at 7:00 p.m.

Childcare provided.



Come gather round together and
celebrate family Christmas traditions
during our annual Christmas program
on Sunday, December 14th during
the worship service.



Christmas Program

The annual Children's Christmas Program will be held here at Central on Sunday, December 14 during worship. The program will include the Christmas story and carols sung by the children. Church Life will also host a carry in lunch following the program on December 14. A main course of ham will be served and drinks provided. Bring a dessert or side dish to share.

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

2025 Advent Devotional

Central Presbyterian's annual Advent Devotional is now available! Booklets are printed and available in the fellowship hall at the church and a digital version is available each week in in the weekly e-news email and on the church social media pages. Thank you to all who worked to contribute and compile this year's devotional.

Highpoint Youth

Highpoint youth enjoyed a fantastic retreat weekend at PYOCA in late November! Seven of our middle and high school youth participated and were chaperoned by Tim Ghogle and Isabelle Conner. The group will meet at Central on December 7 & 14.

We are seeking volunteers to provide a meal for the youth when they meet at Central in January. If you are willing please reach out to 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.

Best wishes for the Holiday season

from the staff of Central Presbyterian Church

*Sarah, Ellie, Joy,
Mark, Steve, Tim, and Alvin*



Hanging of the Greens

Thank you to all who joined for a wonderful evening to “Hang the Greens”. Our church is dressed for the holiday season and we had a great group of kids, youth and adults working together. Thank you to church life for providing the delicious pizza dinner.

Puzzles and Soups

Church Life will be sponsoring a puzzles and soup night on Sunday, January 11, beginning at 5:00. There will be a variety of puzzles available to work and a time of fun and fellowship. Look for more details in the next Herald.

Session Notes from November for the December Herald

Session met on November 12 to hear reports and conduct business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Special Report: Finance Commission Investment Subcommittee

Murray Pate reviewed the work of the commission and subcommittee as they considered how to invest the church funds now held in a money market account. Through the years, session and the commission have weighed the objectives of investing in a socially responsible manner and being fiscally responsible. Murray explained the model offered by First Financial Bank, noting the commission feels they have crafted a very good solution that is aligned with return and a consideration of social responsibility and has a semi-annual review. Session approved the investment model.

Featured Report: Mission Committee

Andrew Conner explained the committee's role in directing the distribution of our \$6000 in local benevolence donations. In addition, we provide financial assistance, clothing, food, and other needs to those who come to our door or visit community resources. We also participate in shared mission through Presbyterian agencies and United Campus Ministries. We have determined that supporting UCM is the best way for us to reach college students. The commission is anticipating revisiting the way we do mission.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Christ noted that October was a good month, with expected revenue and lower than budgeted expenses. Overall revenue is down, but so are expenses.

Operating Fund Summary	Months of September and October		Balance Sheet Summary	10/31/2025
Beginning of Month	\$57,462.52		Current Assets	\$1,041,043
Income	\$46,391.78		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$44,767.87		Short Term Liabilities	\$3728
End of Month	\$59,086.43		Long Term Liabilities	\$107,693
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$6,023,315

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: Children are practicing for the Christmas program, which will be a different format this year. There are new resources available for children's moments to make it easier for more presenters to participate.

Facilities: Much progress was made during the clean-up event on October 25 with four ISU students and church members. The commission will check to see what needs to be done to spruce up the pastor's office. The masonry at the southwest and northwest corners has been repaired.

Finance: The commission presented and session approved a motion that payment for the replacement Wi-Fi access points and router/firewall will be taken from the Ragle Youth Fund. Expected cost is about \$2500. Our equipment is dated and at end of life, and this proposal adds a third Wi-Fi access point in the upstairs education wing used by the youth.

Interpretation and Support: The stewardship campaign ended with commitment Sunday on November 2. Calls will be made to those who have pledged before but have not yet submitted their pledges.

Mission: The committee will again provide an angel tree and will also collect items for the Loyal Veteran's Battalion. They plan a cooking session to provide lasagna for the Lotus Center.. A motion to approve the application for a grant from the Presbytery to support food assistance was approved.

Personnel: The committee met on October 7 to review salary proposals, revise policy manuals, and update job descriptions. Rachael Spencer has joined the committee. The committee has planned biweekly staff meetings with Sarah Kelsheimer, Joy Sutter, Alvin Stinnett, and Tim Ghogle.

Interim/Transitional Pastor Search Committee: Session approved a motion to fund travel, lodging, and per diem expenses associated with bringing a candidate to town.

Save the date(s) for Farrington Grove Chorale holiday performances!

Get into the Christmas Spirit with the Farrington Grove Chorale! Several Central members participate in this wonderful group that always has the best holiday performances.

Their schedule is:

Sunday, December 14 7pm at St. Stephen's Church (Lessons and Carols)

Wednesday, December 16 7pm at Westminster Village (Christmas Concert)



2025 Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is up in the Fellowship Hall. Each tag represents a child in foster care that our congregation has been asked to help.

We still have several to sponsor - with a short window to return the unwrapped gifts (Monday, December 8).

If you would like to help - call/text Andrew Conner at 812-239-3825, and we'll share the child's age, gender, a wish list, and applicable sizes.



Christmas Eve Cookies!

Our Worship Commission will host a reception of cookies and wassail following the Christmas Eve evening service on December 24. We invite all to bring their favorite cookies to add to this festive occasion. Cookies may be brought in early and placed in the freezer, please label the type and "Christmas Eve" or anytime closer to the service and placed in the kitchen.

1—Luna Moulton

4 — Donna Wilson

6 — Chuck Shutt

7 — Alisa Ennis

11—Barbara Goltry

12—Phil Farmer

14—Jim Moles






17—Monica Hawkins

22 — Matthew Ford, Samuel Ford, Merri Kelley

25 — David Giltner, Annie Templeton



December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible study & brew 7:00	4 Women's Book Club meet at Country Club 12:00	5 	6 Bring the Light Art Gallery 4:30—6:00
7 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 5:30	8 	9	10 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	11	12	13 Children's program prac- tice 10:00 CL carry in meal set up 10:00
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Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Church Happenings

Women's Bible Study

Bible study will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, December 18. The discussion will be on *pages 81-92 in Front Widows to Warriors*. Connie McLaren is the hostess. All women are welcome.

***Next Herald
Deadline —
Dec. 27, 2025***

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JANUARY 5**