



The Herald

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation — January 25, 2026



The next annual meeting of the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church and of the members of our church corporation (Central Presbyterian Church, Inc., of Terre Haute, Indiana) (the “corporation”), will be held in the church sanctuary immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship (that is, approximately 11:30 a.m.) on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Annual report booklets will be available for pickup beginning Sunday, January 18 in the fellowship hall.

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Per Capita payments

Every Presbyterian congregation has the opportunity to pay an annual per capita assessment to the denomination. Central Presbyterian, maintaining its traditional support for the PC(USA) to which we belong, makes this payment in full. We ask every member prayerfully to consider making an additional contribution--over and above your offering pledges--to cover this expense for our church. In 2026 the amount is \$61.00 per active member. You will find a special envelope on the back tables in the sanctuary for this assessment.

Also, there are a few sets of offering envelopes available for anyone wishing to receive envelopes.

A **sign-up for flowers** has been posted in the fellowship hall. The cost for the flowers is \$33 per Sunday. Sign up for the day you would like to donate flowers. You may also call the church office to see if your special Sunday is available. On days when flowers have not been purchased, the silk bouquets will be used.



Holiday Mission

Our congregation once again supported local foster children through our Angel tree. The mission committee worked with our local Department of Children's Services to identify 12 children in need. Each child had a wish list and our church was very generous in their donations and support.

Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for these local children.

Highpoint Youth

Highpoint youth had a fun Christmas fiesta party on December 14 with food provided by Scott and Sin-won Racop, treats and games. We had 15 attend and are so grateful for this wonderful group and Tim Ghogle's leadership.

If you would like to provide a meal during one of their upcoming Sunday evening meeting nights or volunteer to support the youth please contact Tim Ghogle.



Souper Bowl of Caring '25

Sunday, February 8

Watch for more information to come.

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Session Notes from December for the January Herald

Session met on December 10 to hear reports and conduct business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Featured Report: Interpretation and Support Committee

Brad Bough thanked Murray Pate, Bruce McLaren, and financial secretary Sarah Kelsheimer for their work on this year's stewardship campaign. The theme Measuring What Matters was used in conjunction with well-received personal reflections during Minutes for Mission. Brad explained the process of the campaign and presented the proposed budget. In response to a question, he noted that the operating fund is used for day-to-day expenses and that non-recurring expenses can be met from other designated funds. A motion to accept the budget as proposed and present it to the congregation at the annual meeting in January was approved by session.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Christ noted that we have both a monthly and year-to-date surplus, in part due to not having an installed pastor. The payments to former pastor Mike Riggins are now complete.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of November	Balance Sheet Summary	11/30/2025
Beginning of Month	\$59,086.43	Current Assets	\$1,042,887
Income	\$27,409.73	Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$18,929.76	Short Term Liabilities	\$3711
End of Month	\$67,566.40	Long Term Liabilities	\$105,774
		Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$6,027,095

Christian Educator's Report: Joy Sutter reported that the Advent painting party was well attended. She thanked the church life commission for snacks and the Kershaw family for the extra food from the soccer banquet. Hanging of the Greens went well and we are trying to find a good home for the surplus sanctuary tree. The children's art show raised \$96 for the Humane Society. Consideration is being given to finding a second adult presence for the youth group as well as an additional nursery worker. The Pyoca youth retreat went well and may lead to joint activities or a mission trip with other youth who were there.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Church Life: Susan Moulton reviewed completed activities and noted the carry-in lunch this coming Sunday and a puzzle party/soup supper on January 11.

Facilities: Tom Bogigian reported that the washer is broken and replacement is more economical than repair. He anticipated needing new gutters over the north- and southwest corners next year. The pastor's office has been painted and carpets will be cleaned on December 19.

Worship: Pastoral coverage is set through January 5. Jonathan Sutter will serve for the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service and we will have our normal wassail and cookies. Readers are needed.

Mission: Susan Hoffman reported that we did receive the \$2500 POV grant and it has been given to Manna from Seven, who used it for Thanksgiving food distribution. The committee prepared eight pans of lasagna for the Lotus Center. The congregation supported 21 children through this year's angel tree.

Nominating: Steve Mead shared the names of those nominated for service:

For session, class of 2029: Lynn Biggs, Susan Bough, Phil Farmer, Kyle Kershaw, Grant Racop, Eileen Whalen, and Henry Conner, youth member, 1 year term

For deacons, class of 2029: Brad Bough, John Moulton, and Wini McCammon

For congregational representatives to the 2026 nominating committee

Dan Bradley and Jeanne Rozel

Commissioner to Presbytery: The per capita amount for 2026 is \$61.

January Birthdays

- 4—David Rader, Nicholas Spencer
- 5 — Phillip Smith
- 7 — Amanda Mang
- 8 — Corrine Foree
- 9 — Mark Carlisle
- 12 — Mont Foree, Derek VanDyke
- 18 — Joe Harder
- 21 — Cetta DePaolo
- 22 — Kay Farmer
- 24 — Charlie Foree, Brenda Weatherwax
- 25 — Amanda Gilsinger, Rebecca Stinnett
- 26 — Warren Clem
- 28 — Alice Harder





To the church family:

Thank you so much for the cards, other expressions of good will and the most generous Christmas gift each of us received. We are so grateful for your love and support. Blessings to each of you for the new year.

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

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the generous Christmas bonus money I received recently. I am thankful to continue to be able to serve our church even as I have moved into new professional adventures. It is a privilege to be a part of this congregation and work on behalf of it. This money is always a blessing and very appreciated. Thank you!

Faithfully,
Ellie Templeton

Make plans to join Church Life as they host a **Puzzles and Soup night** on Sunday, January 11 beginning at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. If you would like to bring a crockpot of soup, please talk to Eileen or Connie. There will be a number of tables set up with puzzles and games.



Unhanging of the Greens on Sunday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				I Office closed.	2	3
4 Worship 10:30	5	6	7 Bible study and brew 7:30	8 Women's Book Club 2:00	9	10 
11 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Puzzles & soup 5:00 Youth 5:30	12	13 	14 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	15	16	17
18 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 5:00	19 Office closed 	20 Commission/ Committee meetings	21 Bible study and brew 7:30	22 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	23	24 Donna Wilson Celebration of Life 1:00
25 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Annual meeting of congregation Youth 5:00	26	27	28 Bible study and brew 7:30	29	30 	31



Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary
Joy Sutter, Christian Educator
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Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m.

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Deadline

Jan. 27, 2026

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to the study. The discussion will be on *From Widows to Warriors* by Lynn Japinga will be discussed. Pam McKinney will lead the discussion and Mary Horneker will provide refreshments.