



The Herald

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Palm Sunday will be celebrated during the March 29 worship

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated at Unity Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m.

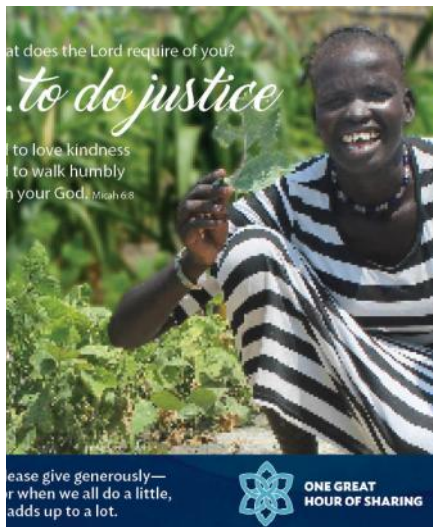
Good Friday service is at Central at noon on April 3

Easter Sunday service is on April 5 beginning at 10:30

In our sanctuary

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One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be received on Sunday, April 5. Envelopes will be available in the church bulletins.

OGHS supports three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

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Session Notes from February and March for the April Herald

During its meetings in February and March, session heard reports and conducted business. Highlights from the meetings appear below.

In February, the session and deacons met together to hear how the deacons serve the church and its members. Outgoing elders and deacons were thanked for their service, and incoming elders and deacons shared their faith journeys. Session approved these new officers for ordination and installation, to occur on March 8.

In March, session worked on the calendar of elder responsibilities and elected church and corporate officers for the coming year:

- President: Steve Mead
- Vice President: Alan Harder
- Clerk and Secretary: Connie McLaren
- Treasurer: Bruce McLaren
- Assistant Treasurer: Beth Christ

Pastor’s/Moderator’s Report: Pastor Mark noted that he is enjoying his time and that the people are wonderful. He will be in the office on Wednesdays and Sundays to stay within his 18 hour limitation, but reiterated that he is available by email or on Zoom as needed. He relayed two questions from tonight’s deacons meeting about the membership roll (session is the body that reviews the roll) and a new church directory (it is under construction).

Treasurer’s report: Assistant treasurer Beth Christ explained the pages of the treasurer’s report for the benefit of the new elders and answered questions about the reports and the various church funds. The deacons’ fund is quite large now, and after discussion session suggested that a small team with members from the mission committee and the deacons study how these funds might be used for the church and/or the community.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of February		Balance Sheet Summary	2/28/2026
Beginning of Month	\$64,054.39		Current Assets	1,073,832
Income	\$31,662.74		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$17,590.87		Short Term Liabilities	\$4570
End of Month	\$78,126.26		Long Term Liabilities	\$99,968
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$6,062,986

Christian Educator’s Report: Joy is working through the scheduled Lenten series programs and would like to know how to best meet the spiritual needs of the congregation. She would appreciate feedback about the experiences the church wants and needs. This weekend’s lock-in was attended by nine youth.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

Christian Nurture: Ethan Kershaw has joined the commission as a youth representative. There will not be an Easter egg hunt this year. Rachael Spencer will be teaching CPR certification for the staff and additional spaces are available. Publicity for the Surrell Scholarships will be posted soon and awards will be announced on graduation Sunday.

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Church Life: The commission encourages coffee hosts to use the cookies and other supplies in the pantry and not feel pressured to bring home-made goodies.

Facilities: The church bus has been sold and will go to auction. The part for the elevator is on order and may be a few weeks away. In the meantime, we will announce that the service will be live-streamed in the Fellowship Hall for those who prefer not to navigate the stairs. A new washer and dryer have been installed and the light in the elevator closet has been repaired.

Mission: The congregational response to funding for the Lotus Center has brought in \$1800 so far. Session approved a donation of \$1000 for the Lotus Center and it has been given. The committee is reaching out to the Loyal Veterans' Battalion to see what is needed and how we could best help. The committee has become aware of an opportunity to provide money for gas to those who transport released detainees from the ICE facility in Brazil.

Personnel: The committee met and is working on updates to job descriptions for all employees. These will be brought to session for approval when complete and posted (with dates) both physically and electronically. A two-year review cycle is anticipated. A candidate for the communications position will be interviewed.

Commissioner to Presbytery: Alan Harder reviewed his report from the meeting, including updates about new staff at PYOCA and their capital campaign. Information is available from the Presbyterian Archives in Philadelphia. They are making a concerted effort to preserve history from Black congregations but welcome contributions from all churches.

Other business: The city is placing a series of 41/40 Arts and Cultural District direction posts in downtown. Session approved a request from the city to have a post on the sidewalk in front of the building. The city would also like to recognize the heroic act of YWCA janitor Carl Ross, who was killed removing a bomb from the building that once stood next to the church, with a memorial designation on 7th Street. This will not change the address of the church.



Game Night for All Ages

The Church Life commission will host a game night for all ages on Sunday, April 26, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a sweet or savory snack to share and join the church family for board and card games as we have some friendly competition! Play your favorite classic—Monopoly, Yahtzee, Scrabble, Dominoes, Sorry, Candy Land—or something new as we get together for fun, games, and fellowship!

Feel free to bring a game you like.

April Birthdays —

- 3—Judy Duffy
- 9—Teddy Perry, Greg Simmons
- 11 — Andrew Simmons
- 13 — Christopher Ennis
- 17—John Ramer
- 18—Elinor Cleveland, Linda Harder, John Moulton
- 20—Stella VanDyke
- 23—Margaret Tamar
- 25 — Miller Bough, Mary Ann Clem, Mike Wadsworth
- 26 — Frank Bailey
- 27— Bill Green
- 28 — William Merrill



14th and Chestnut Center Annual Banquet

Central is a long time supporter of the 14th and Chestnut community center and their programming. The center’s annual event, Gifts from the Heart, a primary fund-raiser for the Center, will happen at 6pm on Thursday, April 14 at the Maryland Community Church 46 campus, 4700 IN-46.

It is free to attend with an offering during the banquet. Stables will provide dinner that night.

Call 812-232-3126 or visit 14ccc.eventbrite.com to reserve your place at the table!

Adult Sunday School



A new Sunday school series, on Celtic Christianity in current practice seeks to blend 5th and 6th century traditions from Wales, Ireland and Scotland with more modern, spiritually driven and often eco-conscious streams of worship. Alan Harder begins a 4-Sunday series on the ancient roots and development of Celtic worship practice. Starting April 12th at 9:30am.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Happy Easter!</i></p> 			1	<p>2 Women's Book Club 2:00</p> <p>Maundy Thursday service @ Unity 6:30</p>	<p>3 Good Friday service 12:00 noon</p>	4
<p>5Choir 8:45</p> <p>Sunday school 9:30</p> <p>Worship 10:30</p>	6	7	<p>8 Deacons 5:00</p> <p>Session 7:00</p>	<p>9 Bible study and brew @ Moggers 7:30</p>	10	11
<p>12Choir 8:45</p> <p>Sunday school 9:30</p> <p>Worship 10:30</p> <p>Youth Group @ Unity</p>	13	<p>14</p> 	15	<p>16Bible study and brew @ Moggers 7:30</p>	17	18
<p>19Choir 8:45</p> <p>Sunday school 9:30</p> <p>Worship 10:30</p> <p>Youth Group @ Unity</p>	20	<p>21 Commis-sion/ Committee meetings and meal</p>	22	<p>23 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00</p> <p>Bible study and brew @ Moggers 7:30</p>	24	25
<p>26Choir 8:45</p> <p>Sunday school 9:30</p> <p>Worship 10:30</p> <p>Youth Group @ Central</p>	27	28	29	<p>30Bible study and brew @ Moggers 7:30</p>		

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

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Mark McDaniel, Stated Supply

Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary

Joy Sutter, Christian Educator

Ellie Templeton, Communication Coordinator

Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet this month on Thursday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m.. All who are interested are welcome.

Seekers & Searchers Bible study will meet on Thursday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend.



Please be sure that the church office has the names of **2026 graduates** in your family. We will honor high school and college graduates in May.

**Next Herald
Deadline —
April 26, 2026**

The church office is in the process of updating the church directory in anticipation of printing in early summer. Please contact Sarah in the church office if you have any updates.