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Interim Pastor Search Update

We are excited to soon welcome The Rev. Dr. Mark Miller as our new interim pastor. Rev. Miller will be joining us at the 5th Sunday Lunch on May 31st and will begin his work at Central on June 1.

Rev. Dr. Mark R. Miller is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) with more than twenty years of pastoral experience. He served for twenty-one years as Head of Staff at Westminster Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, where his ministry focused on preaching, building strong relationships, and guiding congregations through seasons of change with honesty, care, and hope.

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Central also wants to extend our deepest thanks to Rev. Mark McDaniel (Pastor Mark) for his service to our congregation. Pastor Mark will remain at Central through May and we will also look forward to thanking him for his work at the lunch on May 31st.

For now, Pastor Mark can be contacted via phone ((812) 583-3508) or email (pastormark98@gmail.com) by any church member needing pastoral support.

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Mark was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, and graduated from Hanover College. He holds a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary.

This spring, Mark is serving as Interim Chaplain and Visiting Faculty of Religion at Lindenwood University, where he teaches and provides pastoral leadership in a diverse academic community. At the heart of Mark's ministry is a commitment to walking alongside people in real life—through moments of transition, uncertainty, growth, and hope. He cares deeply about creating spaces where people can be honest about what they are carrying, listen for God together, and grow in faith in ways that are both meaningful and sustainable.

Mark is married to his wife, Kathleen, a professional organizer, and together they share a large and active family with six children and two grandchildren. Much of his life outside the church is grounded in family, staying active, and being outdoors. He enjoys gardening, lifting weights, and paying close attention to current events and sports—especially basketball.

In addition to parish ministry, Mark is the founder of Roots of Renewal Consulting, where he works with congregations in transition to clarify their identity, strengthen leadership, and build toward renewed vitality. His approach is grounded in deep listening, theological reflection, and practical leadership.

He is especially drawn to interim ministry as an opportunity to walk with congregations like Central Presbyterian Church in important seasons—honoring their story, strengthening their shared life, and helping prepare the way for what comes next.

Session Notes from April for the May Herald

During its meeting on April 8, session heard reports and conducted business. Highlights from the meeting appears below.

Featured Report: Church Life Commission

Susan Moulton thanked the members of the commission and shared some of its recent work to support the church community. The commission secures coffee hosts and provides snacks for them to use, sponsors Fifth Sunday lunches, and plans church family activities such as the recent soup and puzzles night and the upcoming game and appetizers night.

Pastor’s/Moderator’s Report: Pastor Mark shared that he has not had requests for pastoral care but is very pleased with the work the deacons do in that area. He is happy to provide care as needed.

Treasurer’s report: Assistant treasurer Beth Christ reviewed the report, noting that expenses were in line with budget and revenue was above budget. The report was approved.

Operating Fund Sum-	Month of March		Balance Sheet Summary	3/31/2026
Beginning of Month	\$78,120.26		Current Assets	1,075,018
Income	\$37,128.42		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$31,489.84		Short Term Liabilities	\$3857
End of Month	\$83,758.84		Long Term Liabilities	\$98,036
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$6,066,818

Christian Educator’s Report: Joy has concluded that the Lenten Series classes were good for those who attended, and she will review timing and communication in hopes of reaching more people.

Clerk’s report: Communion was served on April 5. Elders volunteered to serve on May 3. Member Carla Bailey has requested a transfer to Orchard Park Presbyterian Church in Carmel.

Deacons’ report: The deacons asked if they need session approval to spend the money in their fund, and session concluded that they are free to make spending decisions without additional approval.

Reports and Action Items from Committees and Commissions:

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Mission: Andrew Conner brought two items for consideration.

Indiana AID (Assistance to Individuals in Detention) is a program from the Mennonite and other churches that provides transportation and commissary funds to those being detained for immigration questions. There are currently 300-350 ICE detainees in the Clay County jail, and they are completely cut off from their families as they await decisions on their status. Individuals and organizations are limited to contacting 8 detainees. Here, Central Christian is the conduit to supply \$20 commissary cards and other support. In conjunction with our Matthew 25 focus and upon recommendation of the committee, session voted to approve a \$500 donation from local benevolence to Indiana AID through Central Christian.

The Vigo County Schools' backpack program is now done on a building, rather than corporation, level with support from the Union Hospital Foundation and Maryland Community church. Susan Bough explained how the program works at Sugar Grove and the great need in the community. Session voted to approve a \$500 donation from local benevolence to the backpack program and to encourage individual monetary donations from the congregation.

Interim/Transitional Pastor Search Committee: Corrine Foree reviewed the draft contract that was in the session packet and she and the others on the committee spoke glowingly of their interaction with the candidate and his excellent fit for our position. He has met with and been approved by the Committee on Ministry. Session approved the draft with the allowance of some flexibility as all of the financial details are finalized. Session thanked the committee for its work.

Nominating: The committee will convene and work on finding additional deacons.

Old Business: The city council has approved naming the section of 7th Street Carl Ross Memorial Way, and we may host a reception to honor the event.

Susan Moulton shared a stole from Cheryl Moles that had originally been given to Judy Lowder. We will keep it at the church and hope to display or use it in the future.

Highpoint Youth

For Sunday, May 3, the group will be rehearsing for the Youth Sunday worship service. We will meet at Central at 5:30 PM for dinner. After dinner, we will head over to St. Stephen's from 6:00 to 6:30 PM for rehearsal.

Youth Sunday will be on Sunday, May 10th at Unity Presbyterian Church beginning at 10:30 a.m. with Colby Ellison speaking.

There will also be a second Youth Sunday on Sunday, May 17th at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. Anna Thompson will be speaking at this service.

All youth families and members of Central are invited to join in either or both services.

Farrington Grove Chorale Concerts

The FGC has several concerts coming up!

This semi-professional chamber choir has several Central members including Nate Chenette, Bruce McLaren, Jonathan Sutter and Luanne Tilstra. The group is led by Mark Carlisle, Central's music director.



Concerts are scheduled for:

Tuesday, May 12, 7pm at Unity Presbyterian Church

Friday, May 15 7pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

May birthdays



- 1—Mary McLaughlin, Melinda Modesitt
- 2—MacKenzie Racop
- 5—Scott Racop
- 7 — William Seo, Luanne Tilstra, Victor Tilstra-Smith
- 8—Paul Ekstrom
- 9—Jon Harder
- 10—Ella Glenn, Maddison Judge
- 13—Danielle Payne, Christopher Spencer
- 18—Becky Payne
- 19— Matt Glenn, Jennifer Skelton

5th Sunday Lunch



Church Life will host our 5th Sunday Lunch on Sunday, May 31. We will be thanking Pastor Mark and welcoming the new interim pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Miller during lunch.

Chicken will be served and drinks provided. Please bring a side or dessert to contribute to the meal if you are able.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 5:30	4	5	6 Bible study and brew 7:30	7 Women's Book Club 2:00	8	9
10 Mother's Day Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship	11	12	13 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	14	15	16 
17 Choir 8:45 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	18	19 Commis- sion/ Committee meetings & meal	20 Bible study and brew 7:30	21	22	23
24 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	25 	26	27 Bible study and brew 7:30	28 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	29	30 Margaret Tamar's Celebration of Life 2:00
31 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Vigo County Graduations						

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

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary

Joy Sutter, Christian Educator

Ellie Templeton, Communication Coordinator



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Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet again on Thursday, May 7 beginning at 2 p.m.

All who are interested are welcome. The book to be discussed is *The Snow Child* by Ewoyn Ivey.



The church will celebrate Graduation Sunday on May 24th.. Please make sure the church office has your graduate's information if they will be graduating from high school or college this year. Thank you!



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Deadline —

May 26, 2026