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Growing Wiser, *Growing Together*

Age deepens your wisdom, your spirit, and your connection to what truly matters in life.

Rooted in Faith. United in Spirit. Inspired Together.

Together, as a community of diverse souls walks this journey of life, supporting and uplifting one another at every stage.

We will meet at 10am on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss on topics of life, death, finances, grief, and everything in between. For anyone age 60+. Our first meeting is July 15th, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall.

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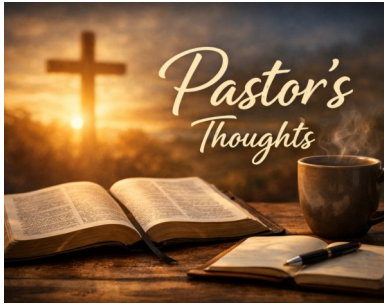
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Attention High School seniors and college students

McKee Scholarship Application Available

Applications for the 2026/27 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 26, 2026 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.



Reflections Along the Way

An Unfinished Promise

This summer marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Across the country, communities will celebrate, reflect, debate, and remember. Here at Central, we will mark the occasion in worship on Sunday, July 5th

Ordinarily, I would not be inclined to devote a worship service to a civic anniversary. The church gathers to worship God, not a nation. Yet the more I have reflected on this milestone, the more I have become convinced that it offers an opportunity for an important conversation.

Part of that interest is personal. As a child, I remember the celebration of the Bicentennial in 1976. Later, as a political science student and then as a seminary student, I became interested in the relationship between Christian faith and public life. My senior thesis in seminary explored a Christian ethic for participation in the public arena through the work of John Calvin and Karl Barth. One of the conclusions I reached was that Christians are called to love their neighbors and seek the common good, but faithful people often disagree about the best public policies for accomplishing those goals. That is where partisanship enters the conversation. Christian discipleship calls us to dig deeper than partisan loyalties and ask what faithfulness requires of us.

The Declaration of Independence announced a promise. Its claims about liberty, equality, human dignity, and self-government have shaped American life for two and a half centuries. At the same time, the history of the United States can be understood as a continuing argument about what those promises mean and who is included within them.

What fascinates me is that many of the most important voices in American history returned repeatedly to the Declaration itself. Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Martin Luther King Jr., and others challenged the nation not because they rejected its founding ideals, but because they believed those ideals had not yet been fully realized. They called on the nation to take its own promises seriously.

As Presbyterians, we understand something about living with unfinished promises. Scripture is filled with people who received promises they never fully saw fulfilled. Abraham and Sarah lived by faith in a future they could scarcely imagine. Moses led people toward a promised land he would never enter. The prophets called Israel back to its covenant. The church itself lives between Christ's resurrection and the fullness of God's coming reign.

The Reformed tradition has also long encouraged thoughtful engagement with public life. Presbyterians have historically understood faith as something that extends beyond the walls of the church. Questions of responsibility, liberty, justice, conscience, and the common good are not merely political questions. They are theological ones as well.

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Our service will not be a patriotic celebration, nor will it be a critique of the nation. Rather, it will be an opportunity to reflect on the promises we inherit, the responsibilities that accompany them, and the ways faith shapes our life together as citizens and disciples.

The Declaration announced a promise. American history is the story of generations arguing about what that promise means. Christian faith asks what responsibility we bear for the promises we inherit.

I hope you will join us as we explore that question together.

Peace and Grace,

Mark

Dear Church Family,

I cannot express enough my gratitude for the Surrell Scholarship for this upcoming school year. This year, I will have incredible opportunities to work with kids and engage in their communities as I prepare myself as an educator. While this is an exciting opportunity, it does come with costs such as professional wear, less time to work, and other materials for classes and lessons. This scholarship will help to elevate some of that financial burden and allow me to focus more time and energy on the young minds of our future. I am so grateful for the church's continued love and support, and thank you again for this gift.

With gratitude,
Maxine Bough



July Birthdays

3— Travis Rubey, Katie Salmeron

4—Jack Darke

5—Cheryl Moles

8—Megan Rader

13—Susan Hoffman

14—Andrew Green

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

CHAIR YOGA

We're Excited to Launch a New Chair Yoga Class!

Join us for a new Chair Yoga class beginning **on Wednesdays at 9:00 -10:00 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall.**

This class is open to **all abilities** and is a wonderful opportunity to improve flexibility, enjoy gentle movement, and share fellowship together in a welcoming environment.

We look forward to stretching, connecting, and growing together. Everyone is welcome!

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Session Notes from June for the July Herald

At its meeting on June 10, session heard reports and conducted business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

A motion to affirm that Christian Educator Joy Sutter and clerk Connie McLaren have a voice but not a vote at session meetings. Session considered the story of Matthias from Acts 1 and the work to be done. Does our structure serve the mission and ministry, or do we serve the structure?

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark called attention to his written report, detailing his activities during his first 10 days at Central and anticipated vacation/study leave dates. Session approved the following dates:

Vacation—August 31-September 3, September 29-October 5, October 20-21

Continuing Education—Virtual sessions during the day on October 8, 15, 22, and 29 and November 5, 12, and 19.

Treasurer's report: There were no questions concerning the report and it was received for audit.

Operating Fund Summary	Month of May		Balance Sheet Summary	5/31/2026
Beginning of Month	\$91,525.92		Current Assets	\$1,069,186
Income	\$15,929.18		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$23,778.31		Short Term Liabilities	\$3814
End of Month	\$83,676.79		Long Term Liabilities	\$94,353
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$6,064,712

Facilities: The HVAC service has been done and nothing was major. Kyle Kershaw explained the proposed service agreement for the elevator and the updates needed. The contract is being finalized, but the estimated cost for needed electronic updates and associated code requirements is around \$75,000. The maintenance contract and the repair agreement will be shared with the Finance commission to determine payment options. There is the possibility of a grant from the Smock Foundation that might offset part of the repair cost. In July, session will consider the final bid and the recommendation from Finance.

Mission: Susan Hoffman shared the news that the grant application to Faith in Place for tree planting was successful and thanked Andrew Conner for his work. This will make a difference in our community.

Commissioner to Presbytery: Alan Harder noted that Pyoca is now independent and conducting a capital campaign. CPC members and camp counselors Ridge and Rowan Holder attended the assembly and received a blessing. Dr. Sung Soo Hong was examined, approved, and ordained during the meeting.

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Some Pyoca fun this summer! Ridge and Rowyn Holder are counselors this summer.



July 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUN
5**

7:30 PM
9:00 PM

Ritter's Ice Cream Run

Bring the family & friends for this drop in event where the custard is cold & delicious. Highpoint will keep a running tab open for the youth group.

**FRI
10**

7:30 AM
11:30 AM

Manna From Seven Volunteer Opportunity

Need volunteer hours? Want to help a great organization? Plan to meet in the grass area behind St. Stephens church and help pass out food to our community members. May we be a blessing to others as a youth group.

**SUN
12**

2:00 PM
4:30 PM

Skate Night

Come roll in the A/C & chill with your friends at Hotwheels. Cost \$5 gets you in & basic skates included. More the merrier so grab a friend. Drop off and pick up at Hotwheels 481 Honey Creek Dr, Terre Haute, IN 47802

**SUN
19**

6:00 PM
7:30 PM

Ice Blocking

Nothing says Summer like sliding down a large block of ice on a towel down the big hill at Deming. Meet at the Deming park hill bring a towel and a friend.

**SUN
26**

2:00 PM
5:00 PM

Lazy L Lake

Bring a buddy and meet at the church to go cool off this summer at the inflatable water park on the lake. I could use a few adults to come along as chaperones. Let me know if you are available. Cost \$10



HIGHPOINT
YOUTH

Joy Sutter Interim Highpoint Youth Director
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chair Yoga 9:00	2 High Ground Men's rehearsal 7:00	3 Church office closed.	4 
5 Worship 10:30 Highpoint Youth 7:30	6	7	8 Chair Yoga 9:00 Deacons 5:00 Session 7:00	9 Women's Book club 2:00 High Ground Men's rehearsal 7:00	10	11
12 Worship 10:30 Highpoint Youth 2:00	13	14 	15 Chair Yoga 9:00 Growing Wiser group 10:00 Bible study & brew 7:30	16	17	18 Sunday school teachers luncheon 11:30
19 Worship 10:30 Highpoint Youth 6:00	20	21 Commission Committee meet- ings	22 Chair Yoga 9:00 Bible study & brew 7:30	23 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	24 	25
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Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Mark Miller, Transitional Pastor

Sarah Kelsheimer, Church Secretary

Joy Sutter, Christian Educator

Ellie Templeton, Communications Coordinator

Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on July 9 at 2:00 in the church fellowship hall. All women are welcome to join them. The book to be discussed is *The River is Waiting* by Wally Lamb.

Seekers & Searchers Bible study will continue their study of *From Widows to Warriors* by Lynn Japinga, pages 139-147.



Have you moved? Did you drop your landline? Have you changed your phone number? The church office is in the process of updating the 2026 church directory. If you have an address or phone number change, please let Sarah know if the church office (812-232-5049) so we have the most current information when the directory is printed.

*Next Herald
Deadline —
July 19, 2026*