

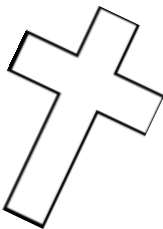


The Herald

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Back to School at



Blessing of the backpacks — August 9 at 10:30 am

(Bring your backpack to receive a special blessing during worship.)

Sunday school Kickoff Pancake Breakfast:

August 2 at 9:30 am

Sunday school for all ages begins:

August 9 at 9:30 am

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Carry in Luncheon

Our Church Life commission will host a 5th Sunday luncheon on Sunday, August 30 after worship in the fellowship hall. A main course of fried and baked chicken as well as drinks will be provided by Church Life. We invite



Church Dinner & Conversation

In this season of transition, one of our first priorities is simply to listen to the stories, experiences, hopes, and wisdom in the congregation. During our carry-in luncheon we will share a meal and Pastor Mark will lead a guided conversation designed to help us reflect on who we are as a church, what we value most, and what we hope God is calling us to become. The themes that emerge from our conversations will help guide the Session and shape our work together throughout this transitional season. Please plan to join us as we listen, learn, and begin discerning God's future for Central together.

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Reflections Along the Way

Over our first few months together, I have been reminded that a congregation is never simply a collection of members or a list of ministries. It is a living story. Stories of faithfulness. Stories of joy and disappointment. Stories of loss and hope. Stories of people who have loved this church long before I arrived and who continue to believe that God has already seen the incredible future for Central.

In our short time together, we have journeyed through worship, meetings, around tables at shared meals, beside the baptismal font and at the Lord's Table, in hospital rooms, and at funerals. In each place I have experienced your welcome, your kindness, and your deep care for one another. Thank you for inviting me into your lives and allowing me to learn what has shaped this congregation.

There is still much to learn. Every conversation helps me understand not only where Central has been, but also the gifts God has already placed within the congregation. Before we can faithfully discern where God is leading us, we must first know one another well enough to honor and share the journey that has brought us here. That is why your stories matter.

As we continue to work together, I hope you will keep sharing your stories with me. Tell me what has given you life here. Tell me what has challenged you. Tell me about the people who shaped your faith, the moment you knew God was present, and the dreams you still hold for the church. Every story becomes another way to prepare us for the future.

As we continue to tell stories and to listen to one another and the Holy Spirit, I trust that God will make that next faithful step clear to us all.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Mark

I would like to say "Thank You" for all the love and support you all showed during the very difficult time of Fred's passing away. Your cards, kind words, prayers and hugs meant so much to all of us. The funeral service, music, flowers and reception were a beautiful, living tribute to him. We could not have asked for anything more. He will be missed by many.

With Love and Thanks,
Nancy and Family



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Attention High School seniors and college students

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> until August 26, 2026 at 2 PM. It is open to any member or regular attendee of Central who is a graduating senior or currently attending college. Application for this scholarship is done online through the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. The link to apply is available on the church website (thcpc.org). Contact Ellie with questions.

August Birthdays

1—Evelyn Gladden
 3—Robert Guell
 4—Pat Collins
 7—Nathaniel Spencer
 9—Scot Mardis
 10—Donna Garrison
 12—Beth Christ

13—Leah Ramer
 14—Luke Bailey, Jack Judge
 15—Jill Conner
 22—Cathy VanNahmen
 25—Lucas Rubey, Justin Woodruff
 27—Tim Johnson, Karrington Winn
 29—Isabelle Conner, Grant VanNahmen



How do I find the words to say thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards that have been received at the death of my brother? It is never easy to loose one of our family. Your prayers and love are helping in the healing process and I truly appreciate the love and support I have received during this time. I am blessed to work for such a loving and caring church family.

Blessings,

Sarah Kelsheimer

Session Notes from July for the August Herald

At its meeting on July 8, session heard reports and conducted business. Highlights from the meeting appear below.

Elders participated in three exercises to associate words with the Values, Mission, and Personal Meaning of Central Presbyterian Church.

Treasurer's report:

Operating Fund Summary	Month of June		Balance Sheet Summary	6/30/2026
Beginning of Month	\$83,676.79		Current Assets	\$1,050,491
Income	\$22,375.29		Fixed Assets	\$5,093,693
Expenses	\$39,158.09		Short Term Liabilities	\$4861
End of Month	\$66,893.99		Long Term Liabilities	\$92,397
			Net Worth (Fund Balance)	\$6,046,926

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark opened a discussion on the status of the High Point Youth Group and shared the draft of a letter to the partner churches and our congregation. He has met with representatives from St. Stephen's Episcopal and Unity Presbyterian and had good discussions with both. Even if churches currently have few youth, being able to offer a youth group is positive. Session approved the letter and will contribute editorial changes to the draft.

Christian Educator's Report: Joy described the youth mission trip planned for October 9-12 to Amen House in St. Louis. Youth will have the chance to jump right in to work and will learn about food insecurity, domestic violence, and urban farming. Pyoca is doing a capital campaign. Elders provided ideas on how we might assist, and a plan will be developed over the next few months.

Old Business: The Facilities commission, after consultation with the Finance commission, has determined how to proceed with the annual maintenance of and upgrades for the church elevator. The annual maintenance agreement has been signed. The revised proposal for required upgrades is for \$75,503, with an additional approximately \$2000 for a new fire door and light to meet code. The recommendation from the Finance commission is to begin work as soon as possible, using \$42,000 from the Ragle general fund, apply for a \$25,000 grant from the Smock Foundation, and take the remaining amount from the cumulative maintenance fund. Session approved the commissions' recommendations. Session also discussed the importance of providing access to worship while the elevator is down, and the staff will work with the Worship commission to do so, and will communicate the need for this work to the congregation.

At the conclusion of the meeting, those present reviewed the words associated with the Values, Mission, and Personal Meaning of Central Presbyterian Church and shared their reactions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Swim party @ country club 1:00
2 Sunday school kickoff 9:30 Worship 10:30	3	4	5 Chair Yoga 9:00 Bible study & brew 7:30	6 Personnel 11:00 Women's Book Club 2:00 High Ground 7:00	7	8
9 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30	10	11	12 Chair Yoga 9:00 Growing Wiser 10:00 Deacons Session 5:00 7:00	13 High Ground 7:00	14	15
16 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 5:30	17	18 Committee/Commission meetings	19 Chair Yoga 9:00 Bible study & brew 7:30	20	21	22 Presbytery meeting 11:00
23 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 5:30	24	25	26 Chair Yoga 9:00 Bible study & brew 7:30	27 Seekers & Searchers Bible study 10:00	28	29
30 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth 5:30	31					



HIGHPOINT
YOUTH

AUGUST 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT
1

1:00 PM
3:00 PM
@ TH
Country
Club

Family Swim at Terre Haute Country Club
Join All church family for swimming, floating, or relaxing poolside! Please sign in at the Snack Shack upon arrival. Admission to the pool is free, food will be available for purchase at the Snack Shack.

FRI
7

9:00 AM
10:30 AM
@ St.
Stephen's

Manna From Seven Volunteer Opportunity
Need volunteer hours? Want to help a great organization? Plan to meet in the grass area behind St. Stephen's church and help pass out food to our community members. May we be a blessing to others as a youth group.

SUN
16

5:30 PM
7:00 PM
@ Central
Church

WELCOME BACK PARTY!!!
Bring your favorite box of cereal to share. Bring a friend and we will play games, and talk about this semester at Highpoint.

SUN
23

5:30 PM
7:00 PM
@ Central
Church

Youth Group
Notice the new time and that we are all combined this semester. Trying new things
Dinner will be served first then off to youth group activities jr and sr high together.

SUN
30

5:30 PM
7:00 PM
@ Central
Church

Youth Group
Schedule For Regular Nights
Meal - Weekly opportunity to break bread
Connection- Games, ice breakers, prayers
Lesson- Study and growth

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Mission Trip
ST. LOUIS
OCT 9-12

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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, Communication Coordinator

Church Happenings

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on August 6 at 2:00 p.m. The book to be discussed is *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult.

All women of the church are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, August 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Discussion on pages 148 through 157 From Widows to Warriors will take place. Pam McKinney will lead the discussion with Kay Farmer providing refreshments.

*Next Herald
Deadline —
Aug. 25, 2026*