

Sharing the Heart

of Christ from the

Heart of the City

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE WINDOW
APRIL 2026

LOVING GOD
LOVING EACH OTHER
LOVING THE WORLD

WORDS FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Oh, The Possibilities!

From the struggles of temptation and conflicts during his ministry, Jesus endured it all to give us the gift of life and opportunity. At the end of his earthly life, Jesus survived the beatings, the jeers and taunts, the pain, and the suffering and came through it all offering us possibilities. Our future outlook may have looked grim before the life and ministry of Jesus, but he brought to humanity a new way to interact and live among people. His death and resurrection brought us new and invigorated life.

The sacrifice may have seemed great, but the reward has impacted so many people over time. We can be grateful knowing what God and God's son did for us. We have a chance to have a personal and special relationship with God. Through Christ we are forgiven our shortcomings, be they past, present or future. We can be faithful disciples in our lives, impacting those people around us through love and compassion.

There is a purpose behind the work that God calls people to do. The work and efforts of Jesus Christ were done for the people of the world, in the present and the future. The work being done during this interim time is for the future of this community of faith, and those people who are to follow. There have been struggles during this time of transition. There have been times of sorrow and sadness, there have been times of anxiety. These experiences are not done just so that people can feel these emotions and be put through struggles. The steps and actions of the church during this relatively brief interim time are so that the church can look toward the future with hope and embrace the possibilities that lie in front of the community of faith. As there is hope in the world due to the life and ministry of Christ, so too is there hope in the life and future of this church.

This hope and the possibilities which are before individuals and communities do not appear without effort. It will take work on behalf of the congregation. Members have been called upon to use their time, their talents and their lives to be an active part in the life of the church during this time. Some of the tasks may appear easy, and some of them may challenge people. But these struggles will pave the way for opportunities in the future of the life of this church.

We are called by God, not only to live today, but also for tomorrow. So, in the Easter season, let us continue to remember the struggles Jesus went through, and recognize the hope and possibilities that were put before us because of his service and sacrifice. And may we willingly encounter the struggles, the anxieties, and the challenges in this interim time for the church, so that the church may live into the future. May everyone have a blessed Easter season.

Pastor Chris

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Prayer Action Team



April Verse of the Month:

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

~ John 15:12

April Prayer Focus:

Thank God for His Love to You -- Then Shower that Love on Others!

In March our verse of the month was *“For I am convinced that there is nothing nothing in all creation, that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 8:38-39 We spent the month soaking in the reality of the deep love of Jesus for us. We are about to celebrate Easter where we remember what Jesus did to show that love and to provide a way for our salvation.

Now its April – the month we think of ‘April Showers’. This month our focus is on showering others with the love that Jesus has given to us. Read this month’s verse - John 15:12. It’s not just a suggestion – it’s Jesus’ command. We’ve been given this great love not to keep it to ourselves but to shower it on others. **“My command is this... Love each other, as I have loved you.”**

So this month:

- Read the verse many times. Maybe even commit it to memory.
- Take some time to read the longer passage – John 15:9-19; and reflect on all Jesus is saying to you.
- Thank Jesus for His deep, abounding, sacrificial love.
- Ask Him for ways you can shower that love on the people who cross your path each day.

Let’s use April to shower others with the love of Jesus. Be a shower of blessing today.

A Note From Erin

In such a time as this, I am thankful to know Jesus.

I hope you are too.

Our Lent theme: 'Unexpected Savior' was so appropriate.

The people of Jesus' time had so many expectations of Him & He met very few of them. They wanted a mighty warrior, riding in on a horse, with a sword & a shield, determined to drive out the Romans; instead, they got a healing, teaching, peacemaking, loving Friend who welcomed all people to be in relationship with Him.

As we continue to live in this world, embracing both the beautiful & the devastating, may we continue to center ourselves on the Unexpected qualities of Jesus & to love like Him. For our sake & for His glory.

Amen.

Worship Updates

We praise God for the gift of Holy Week & invite you to participate in what we have to offer this year.

Thursday April 2nd, **Maundy Thursday**, 6pm

Experiential worship in the Garden Worship Center.

This service will include communion, hand-washing, hymns, scripture, prayer, and you'll be able to take home something to remind you of Jesus' last moments before His crucifixion.

Friday April 3rd, **Good Friday**, 12pm

Community worship in the Sanctuary.

This service will involve clergy and musicians from all over the Chambersburg area & will include the "7 last words" of Jesus, hymns, special music, prayers, & a sermon.

Sunday April 5th, **Easter Sunday**, 9am traditional & 11am contemporary

Celebratory worship in the Sanctuary (9am) & Garden Worship Center (11am).

These services will focus on the Resurrection of Jesus & will include favorite Easter hymns, songs, scripture, prayers, and an Easter sermon.

Praise be to God for the beautiful Lenten season we had together! As always, we are thankful for all who contributed to our worship services in ANY way. Thank you especially to all those who covered for Erin while she was sick and/or away.

Welcome Spring! The children of PlaySchool Central have been anxiously waiting for the change of weather and the ability to take walks and plant in our flower beds! It is hard to believe our last day of school will be May 22nd.

Thank you to the Super Seniors for inviting me to speak at their March Luncheon! As always, I talked too long and too much, but it is such an honor to share the wonderful things that happen on the third floor every day! Without all of you and the congregational support, we couldn't minister to 62 children and families on a daily basis!

Please keep us in your prayers as we have 4 of our staff leaving at the end of this year due to retirement. We will be searching for energetic, kid-focused staff during the last few months to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year! If you or someone you know is looking to work with kids, please send them our way! We have openings for only 2 days a week or 5!

Here are the important dates left for our school year!

April 2-6 No School - Easter Break

April 15 & 16- Hosting a Garden Luncheon for our Families in Friendship Hall

April & May - Hopefully interviewing applicants for the new school year!

May 22nd - Last Day of School

**Blessings,
Shelley Marangoni
Director PlaySchool Central**



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From The Organ Bench

As I look outside the window from where I am writing this, and as I drove around doing errands today, signs of spring are all around us (except for the temperatures!!) To me it is both amazing and gratifying that each morning we have a new day, a new beginning, and each spring we have new everything in nature. The trees and plants bloom again, the grass gets green again. Birds and other animals have new families, etc. Sometimes I feel like we take all this for granted. I thank GOD that He has put us where we are and that we can enjoy His creation.

Musically I have tried to choose music, especially for the Noontime programs that fit the Lenten season. Now as you read this article, just a few days of Holy Week are left. Then we have a wonderful NEW BEGINNING again — EASTER!!! Because Christ died for us and rose again, HE gives us a new beginning each year as we celebrate HIS RESURRECTION!!! I have tried to choose music that will celebrate Easter.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter!! Thank you to all who either helped in any way with the Lenten Noontime Musical Meditation programs and/or attended them.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

Helen Wingert,
Organist



CPC BOOK GROUP

Do you enjoy reading and then discussing books? Did you know that Central has a book group that meets the second Thursday of each month from September until May? The book group is casual, friendly, and open to members and non members alike. We meet at 2 p.m. in either the Parlor or Semper Fi Classroom located across from the Pastor's Office. Below are the meeting dates and the books we will be discussing, join us for one or all of the discussions, we love to talk about books.

- April 9 - Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure by Matthew Algea
- May 14 - The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald



CPC Kids' MINISTRY



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Spring is here, and I am so excited. I have already prepped my flower beds and have begun dreaming of what to plant this year. What colors should I pick? What arrangement should I use? I just love filling the little piece of earth on which I live with color and life.

Speaking of filling the earth with good things, the kids of our church have done an amazing job, purposely doing kind acts. We have filled up the Kindness Board. The kids have opened doors for people, helped with chores, assisted friends and family members in various ways, and shown the love of God. Basically, filling the little piece of earth on which they live with love.

Further to this point, this past month we have focused on when life is sad, God is good. We talked about how sad it is that Jesus died on the cross. But God had a plan, because God is good. Jesus rose again and conquered death. He did this for us to live with God forever. Even in sad times, God still fills this world with love and goodness.

To help remember this story, the kids created their own sets of resurrection eggs. These are easter eggs that contain symbols to help remember the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. For example, there is a piece of white cloth for the linen that was wrapped around Jesus' body. The kids can use these eggs to tell the gospel story to anyone and everyone. In this way, the children can share God's love and fill the world with color and life.





On March 21, the Diaper Depot was honored to serve **185 families!** Thanks to the generosity of **SCAAP** each family received a bag of apples. **Bibles**, printed in English and Spanish, were available to our clients. **Keystone Health** provided a variety of educational resources and community information to help serve our clients. Representatives from the Chambersburg Boys and Girls Club attended and provided enrollment and general information to our families about their organization.

A hearty delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage was served throughout the morning.

None of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers. Their time, energy, and compassion are the heart of this ministry. We thank God for each of them and the love they pour into serving others.

Save the Date!

Our next Diaper Depot will take place on **Saturday, April 18:**

Due to the Franklin County 250PA Parade at 1pm on April 18 - which will close Main Street and Lincoln Way West at noon, we have made some changes to our schedule.

Please note the following time changes!

- **Set-up begins at 8:30 a.m.**
- **Doors open at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Doors close at 11:30am and clean up begins.**

Diaper packing will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

Whether you're coming to receive support or to lend a helping hand, we invite you to be part of something truly special. Together, we are sharing Christ's love and blessing our community in many ways.

Thank you for being part of the Diaper Depot family!

Communications

Have you visited our website?

Go to www.centralonthesquare.org and explore what Central has to offer!

Are you following us on Facebook? Instagram? TikTok? If not, we'd love for you to start!

Facebook: facebook.com/centralonthesquare

Instagram: instagram.com/centralonthe2



TikTok:



Are you signed up for our church-wide emails? [Use this link to sign up!](#) By the way, **if you need something publicized in the next Friday blast, please send your information to Erin no later than Tuesday afternoon.**



Fitness Ministry:

We have moved to a 3-day schedule for free fitness classes!

Mondays - lower body

Tuesdays - upper body
(no Wednesday)

Thursdays - lower body

All classes will take place from 9:20-10am.

To be kept in the loop with any changes, email erinmregan@gmail.com.

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 TWITTER:
[@centralonthesquare2](https://www.twitter.com/centralonthesquare2)

Church Website:

www.centralonthesquare.org

Are you on our email list?
If not, would you like to be?

Notify: erinmregan@gmail.com

Diaper Depot Volunteer Info & Dates:

Set up starts on Saturdays at 9am and the doors open at 10am. Everything will conclude when the leftover diapers are stored at around 12:30pm.

2026 Event dates:

April 18 th	September 19 th
May 16 th	October 10 th
June 13 th	November 21 st
July 11 th	December 12 th
August 15 th	

April 2026

Central Presbyterian Youth Update



Multigenerational Sunday School

Starting Sunday April 12, we're going to kick off a new Sunday School class for people of all generations. This class will meet over the course of 7 consecutive weeks to delve into the ways we can build a way of life that strengthens our relationships with God and one another. This is a great opportunity for young and old to come together, share their perspectives and experiences, and work to deepen our bonds as a church family.

Central Softball Is Back!

Central will once again have a softball team this summer. We've already got a solid group of youth and young adults signed up, but there are still a few spaces available. Starting in mid-May, we will have one game a week (usually a Tuesday or Thursday) out at Norlo Park. If you're interested in playing, send me an email at winegardner.ross@gmail.com.

Cookies for a Cause

For Easter, we are baking our gourmet cookies again. This year, all proceeds from our cookie bake sale will go toward supporting the CASD Engagement Center. If you didn't get a chance to pre-order, don't worry. We will be selling extras between the services on Easter Sunday.

The Workshop

We are continuing our twice monthly meetings of The Workshop! This month, we're looking to have a published author stop in to discuss her writing process and how we can strengthen our own creativity!

Community Garden Clean-Up

The youth engaged in a few volunteer projects over the last month. We spent one Saturday over at the Engagement Center organizing their donations closet and cleaning. We also went to Solomon's UCC to set up the community gardens. Great stuff!

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

PEER TUTORING: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

SKYZONE: 4/19

SOFTBALL SIGN-UP DEADLINE: 4/27

EASTER COOKIE SALE: 4/5

THE WORKSHOP (CREATIVE ARTS): 4/9, 4/23

SUPER SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us on April 8th at 11:45am in Friendship Hall to continue our "Know Thy Neighbor" series. To continue this series, we are honored to welcome our guest speaker, Cassie, who will be sharing her deeply personal and impactful story with us.

As a young teenager, Cassie was sexually trafficked to strangers for money by her parents. Come hear her journey of survival that ignited a profound empathy and unwavering determination in support of others who may have experienced sexual abuse at some level.

As Cassie broke out of her orbit of abuse, she recognized the urgent need for resources and support for survivors of human trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation, and she embarked on a mission to provide comprehensive assistance, empowering survivors to reclaim their lives with hope, dignity, and strength.

Through her dedication to community education, Cassie emphasizes the critical importance of prevention and intervention. She equips individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to recognize potential trafficking situations, take meaningful action, and guide survivors toward essential support systems that facilitate healing and restoration.

Her personal journey of overcoming childhood sexual abuse and exploitation, coupled with years of service in local non-profits such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); her leadership as Program Director at a Human Trafficking Recovery Safe Home; and her work as a Credentialed National Victim Advocate and Community Educator through her LLC, Brave the Darkness, exemplify her deep-rooted commitment to trauma recovery, not only for herself but for countless survivors.

Her personal journey of overcoming childhood sexual abuse and exploitation, coupled with years of service in local non-profits such as work with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), leadership as Program Director at a Human Trafficking Recovery Safe Home, service as a Credentialed National Victim Advocate and Community Educator through her LLC, Brave the Darkness and her new role as Director of Training and Education on the Board of Unstoppable You Ministries.

Recently, Cassie stepped into a new role as Director of Training and Education on the Board of Unstoppable You Ministries, bringing her wealth of knowledge and unwavering dedication to this vital work. Her unique journey allows her to foster deep connections with both survivors and advocates, ensuring that every voice is heard, every need is met, and every path toward healing is strengthened.

(www.bravethedarkness.net)



All friends and guests are welcome to join us. RSVP is required so we can have adequate food prepared. While the lunch is provided at no cost, please note that these events are made possible through your kind donations. Your gifts are deeply appreciated and directly fund the continuation of these important luncheons. Please **RSVP by April 6th** to Brooklyn in the church office.

FINANCE REPORT

March 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

Main Sources of Income	Jan - Mar 2026	March 2026
DONATIONS (As of 3/24/26)	\$107,925.91	\$30,423.00
TRUST INCOME	\$66,475.41	\$1,520.97
TOTAL INCOME	\$174,401.32	\$31,943.97
Church Expenses		
EXPENDITURES (As of 3/24/26)	\$134,944.94	\$29,740.17
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$39,456.38	\$2,203.80

THANK YOU!

Giving is an investment in the future we are building together. By sharing what you can, you help create a stronger, more compassionate environment for everyone. We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to making a lasting difference in the lives of those around us.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY!

Giving Options

A quick and easy way to give a gift of support. Visit our website to give by credit/debit card or through a bank ACH transaction.



TEXT

Text the amount you would like to give to: (717) 347-0371



ONLINE

Give once or set-up recurring giving at <https://centralpc.breezechms.com/give/online>



IN PERSON

Donate in person at the church office.



BY MAIL

Mail to the church at 40 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

If you have any questions: Please contact Alexis Helman at accounting@centralonthesquare.org.

TRUSTEE NEWS 2026

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2025 Highlights

Facility Use Process and Applications

With the shared vision of Central Presbyterian for Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City, opening our doors to the community is essential and gives additional purpose to maintaining the physical plant. The Facility Use Process and Applications reviewed ongoing via 2-person Trustee subcommittee supported by CPC Church Secretary. Any events that require additional review and discussion are shared with general Trustee membership and/or Session.

Property

Ongoing maintenance, cleaning and upgrades needed to support our historical downtown property and associated parking areas is a constant endeavor. The Trustee property subcommittee, with facilities and custodial staff involved in all aspects of facility use and maintenance. Some of the major projects that were reviewed and / or completed in 2025 include:

- **HVAC: Replace Final Report** HVAC units in LWW lobby, parlor and kitchen have been installed. Portable units are in the offices of Worship and Communications director and Church Administrator. Security cage around the unit in the parking lot was installed by a Trustee.
- **Water Filling Station** - Water fountains have been updated to include water bottle filling stations located in the basement and 1st and 2nd floor.
- **Back Door Fix/Replace** – The back door had not been shutting consistently for a period of time. Several attempts were made to fix the problem without success. Estimates were obtained and a new back door was installed.

Safety Committee

The focus on church safety continues to be a priority.

- **Discussing and formalizing an Emergency Action Plan.** That plan will hopefully be finalized in 2026.
- **New camera and security system install** - New key fob system was installed, replacing card access system, and key fobs were issued to membership and preschool staff, parents. Ongoing distribution of key fobs to members is available via contacting church secretary.
- **Purchase of additional AEDs and First Aid kits** - All 3 AEDs are in place next to the elevators on each floor, with the exception of the basement. Each includes a first aid kit. Signage indicating the locations also purchased and in place. With the AEDs are blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, and first aid kits.
- **Building Access Policy** – Following the replacement of the back parking lot door, Trustees recommended that this door be locked at all times for increased security. The recommendation was approved by Session and communicated to members.
- **LWW door converted to push button** – A push button release was added and the motion sensor was disabled (as a safety precaution).

Technology

IT Assessments ongoing.

- **CPC computer inventory** created to establish computer upgrade needs.
- **Facilities Management Software** – Trustees created a Google-based document for tracking routine maintenance items as well as short and long term special projects. Additionally, a Google-based directory for all Trustees documents was created. This will facilitate searches for information as well as provide incoming members easy access to historical Trustees information.
- **New router installed** – LWW lobby/hall area to help with WIFI concerns in rooms and offices in that location.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP WITH TRUSTEE PROJECTS IN 2026

So many projects to keep facilities safe, well maintained for members and the community. We could use the gifts and talents of the CPC membership.

Please review the list of ways to help the Trustee Team! Contact Carolyn Best, carolynjbest@gmail.com, if you have any questions/interest in pursuing any of the project work noted below:

Safety Committee

- Join the safety committee and help with the ongoing discussion of the Emergency Action Plan and be available to review other issues brought to the committee via membership/community concerns.
- Attend CPR/AED training through Chambersburg YMCA/fees covered by CPC:
Sign Up: https://chambersburg.recliquecore.com/programs/26/american-red-cross-classes/#division_103

Grant Writing

- Search and review possible grant funding for larger church projects.

Facility Inventory Data Entry

- Data input and/or scanning of documents for establishing Master Inventory of church facilities available digitally.

Snow Removal Team

- Help CPC facilities/custodial staff with snow removal needs.

Spring Work Day Support (April 16 from 2:30-6)

- The focus of Spring 2026 Work Day is to recycle, reuse, donate or purge materials no longer needed that are being stored all over the facility. This coincides with the Bulk Trash Day that the Borough of Chambersburg is planning for April. Some cleaning and outdoor work may coincide with the day as well!

CPC News



Dear members of Central Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of CASD, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to your congregation and especially to Cindy Shoemaker &

Ross Winegardner. You have blessed us in so many ways and the care you have shown our students and families truly makes a difference in our community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Gabriela Juarez

Dear Youth Ministry,

This letter is to acknowledge, with our sincere appreciation and gratitude, your contribution to Meals on Wheels of \$1,320.00 from your Souper Bowl Fundraiser.

We are a nonprofit corporation and receive no government assistance in any form.

Your donation, with those of other friends of Meals on Wheels, make it possible for us to continue to provide delicious, nutritious, hot noon-time meals at very reasonable cost to the elderly and homebound in the greater Chambersburg and surrounding areas.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Drew McCarriar, President

DEACONS-IN-TRAINING

Never too “young” to help Dad with his Deacon Duties. Love and thanks to these two sweet “Young” ladies!

“Train up a child in the way s/he should go, and when s/he is old s/he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (RSV)



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