



Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE WINDOW
NOVEMBER 2025

LOVING GOD
LOVING EACH OTHER
LOVING THE WORLD



FROM THE PASTOR

Faith in the Midst of Busyness

We are finding that the fall season is quickly moving, and things are becoming busy. The Sunday school year is well underway, church worship is occurring twice on Sundays, youth events are taking place, life is moving along. We are soon to embark on the stewardship drive for the church for next year. And there is also the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons, which will be upon us before we know it. Yes, it is true, life is getting busy for us, as individuals and as a community of faith.

I have only spoken of the busyness within the community of faith. With summer vacations a fading memory, the school year is back in full swing, and people are returning to their weekly routines. With Thanksgiving and the Holiday season approaching, meals and gatherings will need to be planned and organized, and presents will need to be obtained. Life is busy now, and it will get busier.

Yet, in the midst of all our rushing around, both today and tomorrow, let us remember to remain grounded. We still need to be able to take time for our family, friends, and loved ones. We have to be able to set time aside to have time in which to nurture ourselves and have time for respite. There have to be periods in our hectic schedules to strengthen and further develop our relationships. And there must be opportunities to cultivate our faith.

How can we do all of these things? Well, we must recognize their respective importance and be willing to incorporate these activities into our lives. And if we are not sure how to improve in these areas, we can learn. For instance, to deepen one's faith might seem daunting, however it can be done through easy steps. Attending church can be one way, but there are other approaches which can be pursued. Such activities as daily prayer, quiet times, and reading the Bible are individual ways in which to enrich our faith. Participating in church events (groups and activities) is another way to be connected with God and with one another are ways in which our faith can be strengthened and built up.

We may be busy now, and busier later this year. Yet, we still need to make time for God and for those people around us. So let us remember in this time of busyness to work on all of our relationships, with God, with those whom we care about and love. May we continue to develop our faith, in busy and slow times of our lives.

Peace be with you.

Pastor Chris



We thank God for the opportunities we get to worship Him, draw near to Him, and to do so as a church family. My gratitude extends to all who continue to give their hearts, time, resources, and talents for the glory of God at Central!

Do you like to sing? Or do you know someone who does?

We are looking for new members for our adult choir! No auditions! Come join us Wednesday nights at 6:15pm.

We will have all two-service Sundays in November.

9am traditional

10am Sunday school

11am contemporary

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us!



It's NOVEMBER!!! In a lot of places the stores have already jumped way ahead of the calendar and are promoting Christmas. However, I am asking each of us to take a moment and think about what we have for which to be thankful on this Thanksgiving Day.

Personally, my list could be endless. God has been good to me!! Since space is limited here, I will just highlight a few things for which I am indeed grateful. At church I am thankful for the opportunity and privilege of worshipping God together. I love playing the organ and am thankful that I am still able to do that on a regular basis. I am grateful for the staff that I work with – a group that shares more than just the Sunday morning music and service in which we all participate. I am also thankful for the endless hours that the Session, Deacons, and Trustees give to help the church run smoothly. Also right now the PNC and Nominating Committee have a huge task and I am grateful for their diligence and patience.

The above sounds a lot like my prayer list – and indeed it IS part of that list, too. I am glad to know that there are many people praying for the church and its needs.

Wishing each of you a blessed and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Remember to put DECEMBER 3 on your calendars for the organ Advent Noontime Musical Meditation. I am working on that and looking forward to sharing it.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

Helen Wingert, Organist

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Prayer Action Team

November Prayer Focus

Each month we are striving to live like Jesus by praying for people with specific needs. This month we are praying for those with disabilities, and those who are lonely. The “Golden Rule” found in Matthew 7:12 teaches “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

In other words – put some hands and feet with your prayers! In addition to praying for those with special needs and those who are lonely, **LET’S DO SOMETHING!**

Ideas =

- Send a card of encouragement
- Offer to treat them to coffee or lunch
- Bake them some goodies
- Take time out of your month to go visit, spending time listening to them
- Help with yard work or errands
- Hold the door and help those with mobility issues



These are just a few suggestions. Take some time to think about what would bring you joy if you were in the same situation, and then DO IT. Be a blessing to someone(s) this month!

Verse of the Month

Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

If you would like to learn more about the Prayer Champion Ministry, please contact Cheryl Whalley or Sandy Wilson at (309/714-1557).

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A Note From Erin



I had the priceless gift of visiting Maine with my boys, parents, oldest brother, sister-in-love, sister, brother-in-law, nephew, and niece in October & it was WONDERFUL.

The leaves were halfway changed, the air was crisp and clear, the Portland beach and islands were full of adventure and beauty, the food was (expensive but) delicious, the history was rich, & Highland Lake was captivating. As always, the quality time with my family was the best part for me. Julian played football and ping-pong endlessly with my brother and dad. My niece is the smiliest baby and fills my heart with such joy. Calvin and my nephew, Arthur, pretended to fish in the lake with pool noodles. My BIL and SIL added humor, kindness, and creativity. My mom, sister, and I cooked and chatted to our hearts' delight. The only missing pieces were Nickolas and my other brother, Patrick.

I found myself mesmerized several times while we were there: the sun peering through the red and orange leaves, the steam coming off of the water, the formation of the clouds, the laughter of children... I could go on. And I caught myself thinking, 'we have many things in this life that humans have created for which I am very grateful, but NONE compare to the picturesque landscape of the oceanfront, the mountain range, or the intricacy of the human body.' God's workmanship is the best. Hands down. No questions asked. There is nothing that comes close. And because of this, the remedy to feeling uncared for or alone is free & very nearby. All we need to do is look at another person or just look outside. May we do so often.

November 2025

Central Presbyterian Youth Update



Trick or Treat on Main

We participated once again in the downtown Trick or Treat on Main event. Once again, we hosted about 1,000 people with candy, crafts, decorations, and a photo booth! It was a great time for our youth to connect with the broader community. It was a lot of work, but we all had a great time!

Youth Creative Arts Ministry

Finally, after months of planning and organizing, we had our first meeting of the Youth Creative Arts program! I'm excited to get this program moving and seeing where the Lord takes it.

For our first meeting, we examined the way in which God has made us all creators in His image and we established some basic guidelines for the program. We then examined who we are through a series of poems and art called "I Am From." Next meeting (November 20), we are all bringing a piece of art to share with the group as we continue to build community.

Sunday School

We've just wrapped up a unit on navigating change with the help of God and our loved ones. We looked at the ways that God can use change to make us better followers in living out his call for people.

Next, we will be looking at authenticity and the way in which God created each of us as unique and worthy of love.

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BINS OF PUMPKINS PICKED
WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

1,000

PEOPLE WHO STOPPED IN FOR
TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN

40+

YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATED IN
OCTOBER EVENTS @ CENTRAL



•where play educates•

ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP

HAYRIDE PICTURE-
TAKING US OUT TO
THE FIELDS TO PICK
PUMPKINS!



COUNTRY CREEK PRODUCE FARM

On October 15, 2025 we had 42 students and 52 guardians at the Pumpkin Patch for the Day. Kids are taught a lesson on how pumpkins grow, play on bouncy slides, visit the petting zoo and take a hayride to pick their very own pumpkin. It is a great time of fun and fellowship for all involved.

People always ask if our PSC teachers are having fun and engaged with the kids! Here is Ms. Angie racing them down the slide!



CPC Kids' Ministry

October has been full of seasonal fun! It began with an amazing mission opportunity for our kids. We met at a farm in Shippensburg to pick pumpkins which were handed out at Diaper Depot. The kids had so much fun. It was inspiring to see them happily picking up pumpkins and handing them off to be loaded on the truck.

We also had fun making slime, decorating pumpkins, and learning the pumpkin prayer during the Fellowship night on October 15th. It was a great night for the kids and adults alike.

In Sunday School, we started our second Bible point - When life is scary, God is good. The kids pointed out that this is the perfect time for that message since Halloween is in October. I agreed with them completely. I have never been a big fan of Halloween, since I am scared easily. Fear can steal your joy and keep your eyes off Jesus. Think of Peter walking on water until fear made him sink. During Sunday School, the kids learned the story of the 10 plagues in Egypt. Think of how scary it must have been to see all those frogs, insects, boils, dead animals, etc. But the Israelites were safe because they knew that God is good no matter what.

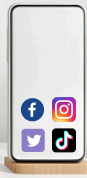
Let us all remember that each day. I leave you with the Bible verse the kids are learning right now. Even when I walk in the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Psalm 23:4



COMMUNICATIONS



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We've been having some issues with our weekly emails going to people's Spam or Junk folders. If you miss a week or two of our weekly emails, check your spam/junk folders! If the emails are in there, make sure to move them to your inbox so that your email account doesn't send them to spam/junk anymore. Thanks!

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:

While I (Erin) am recovering from an ankle sprain, the Monday and Wednesday fitness classes are no impact! All workouts are being done from a chair or from the floor. Mondays and Wednesdays 9:20-10am!

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

Notify:

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Diaper Depot 2025 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.

2025 Event dates:





FAITH, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP

Super Senior Luncheon

From Pain to Purpose: Juliet Harrows' Journey to Help Others THRIVE!

Juliet Harrows' passion for helping women flows directly from her own painful past. A survivor of domestic violence, homelessness, and attempted suicide, her story is one of incredible resilience and hope.

But her story didn't end in darkness. Today, through her organization, THRIVE, Juliet works directly with victims, guiding them on their journey to survival and beyond. She meets their ongoing needs, offers hope, and shares the love and grace that she has been so richly blessed with. By sharing her own pain, she empowers others to find their voice. Juliet knows that together, they can help victims not just survive, but truly THRIVE!

An Advocate with Deep Experience

Juliet's dedication is backed by deep experience. For the past seven years, she has worked tirelessly with victims, often in partnership with local agencies. Her commitment to advocacy is evident in her many roles:

- ✿ She is an active member of both the Adams County and York County Domestic Violence Task Force.

- ✿ She serves as a board member for the Adams Rescue Mission.

Furthermore, Juliet is a sought-after speaker, sharing her message at organizations and churches across Pennsylvania. Her work includes speaking as part of mandatory police training for both state and local police forces. She also speaks as part of Resilient Voices, a speakers bureau through the PA Office of Victim Advocate, hoping to impact legislation and better help victims of abuse.

November 12th at 11:45am in Friendship Hall

Please join us in Friendship Hall for a free lunch and great fellowship.

Donations are greatly appreciated and will go towards future luncheons.

We do ask that you RSVP to this event so we can ensure we have enough food for everyone.

Please call the church office at 717-264-4113 or email Brooklyn at brooklynatcpc@gmail.com to reserve your spot well in advance of the meeting. We can't wait to see you there!



On October 11, the Diaper Depot was honored to serve **175 families!** Thanks to the generosity of **Pete & Gerry's**, each family received fresh eggs, and **SCAPP** provided apples. Central's Children's Ministry and Mission Team organized a pumpkin gleaning event at the **Oberholzer Farm** in Shippensburg earlier in the month and delighted each DD family with a pumpkin to take home. Our local doula, Andrea, had multiple baby items which were available for parents to select as well. And of course, our famous breakfast of pancakes and sausage was served throughout the morning.

We continue to be grateful for the support of **AmeriHealth and WellSpan Health**, who faithfully provide educational and informational resources each month.

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.

Did you know that Diaper Depot also provides adult diapers and briefs? We have been blessed by some very generous donations of these supplies to assist families and older adults.

Save the Date!

Our next Diaper Depot will take place on **Saturday, November 15:**

- **Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Doors open at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Doors close at 12 noon and clean up begins.**

Diaper packing will be held on Wednesday, November 12 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!**



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.

- November 13 - Skipping Christmas by John Grisham
- December - Traditionally we do not meet
- January 8 - The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
- February 12 - The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis (this book MAY change, under discussion)
- March 12 - All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- April 9 - Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure by Matthew Algea



FINANCE REPORT

OCTOBER 2025

We're making a real difference, and it's all thanks to you. Your generosity empowers us to provide essential resources and achieve measurable progress for our neighbors who need it most. Thank you for being a vital part of our efforts—we truly couldn't do this without your help.

Financial Report:

	<u>October 2025</u>	<u>YTD Jan-Oct 2025</u>
Donations Received (as of 10/25/25)	\$19,151.20	\$329,758.18
Income Received from Trusts	\$1,907.45	\$75,359.39
Allocation from Investment Fund		\$40,000.00
Total Income	\$21,058.65	\$445,117.57
Expenditures (as of 10/24/25)	\$17,724.67	\$515,013.90
Net Income/(Loss)	\$3,333.98	(\$69,896.33)

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CPC News



Thanksgiving Food Basket Ministry

The deacons are collecting donations for Central's annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Ministry. Your generous donations will support families in need throughout our community! The congregations' ongoing support for this ministry is greatly appreciated!

As of 2026, the Presbytery is in need of a Recording Clerk. The Recording Clerk is responsible for preparing minutes of the Presbytery meetings with assistance from the Stated Clerk. The compensation is \$250 per meeting and requires attendance at the Presbytery meeting (either virtual or in-person).



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you

A big thank you to Tayla Worthy from Shalom Christian Academy for cleaning our hand bells!

Advent Noontime Musical Meditation



Take a break from the hustle and bustle of early December to find peace and musical reflection.

We invite you to our Advent Noontime Musical Meditation on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM.

For 30 minutes, let the majestic sounds of the organ, played by our own Helen Wingert, transport you into the spirit of Advent. It's a perfect opportunity to recenter yourself during the lunch hour.

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