

*Sharing the Heart
of Christ from the
Heart of the City*



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From The Pastor

For years, Central has struggled to come to a place of mutual understanding and harmony concerning our worship life, specifically, the fact that we worship in two very different ways - contemporary and traditional - as well as differing opinions over the Sunday morning schedule and the Contemporary Service's use of Friendship Hall.

For the sake of the church and our mission to the world, we need to come to that place of mutual understanding and harmony. To that end, the Session invites you to one of two identical worship conversation gatherings to be held Saturday, March 9th and Saturday, April 27th, from 9am-Noon.

These gatherings will be led by Bruce Humphrey, an excellent facilitator who has preached at Central several times. By participating you will gain a deeper appreciation for both our worship services, and provide guidance to the Session about our Sunday morning schedule.

I hope you will make a point of attending one of these gatherings. Please RSVP to Alex at alexishelman2@gmail.com or 717.264.4113.

Ministry Job Opportunities at Central

Director of Children's Ministry - Central is seeking its next Director of Children's ministry to replace Sandy Wilson who retires in April. Interested candidates should submit their materials to Erica Dunklebarger by March 6th at edunklebarger@gmail.com.

Director of Youth and Adult Discipleship - Our youth director Andrea Hadik will be leaving us at the end of May to move to Micronesia where she and Josh will be in ministry together. To fill this vacancy, and in order to provide staff support for adult discipleship, the Session has created a new, full-time position - Director of Youth and Adult Discipleship. The Director will carry out a ministry of teaching, leadership, and administration for the purpose of developing new and deeper disciples of Jesus Christ, specifically middle and high school youth, and adults. In addition, the Director will also assist the congregation in reaching outside the walls of the church and bringing new people into the community of the church. If you are interested in the position or know of someone who might be, contact elder Ross Winegardner at winegardner@i1seventeen.com

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Worship Updates

Lent is such a beautiful, profound time in the life of the Church.

Similar to the season of Advent, we find ourselves waiting for something MAJOR from God; and in the waiting, we worship, we seek, we grow, we grieve...

I (Erin) love this year's theme of *Friendship With God* because it helps us to shine a positive, inviting light on this season! God created us to be in relationship with Him and with each other. Let's lean into that through Easter and beyond!

Some upcoming special dates:

- March 10th will be 'Refresh Sunday' where we will focus on finding healing/wholeness in the Trinity.
- March 24th will be 'Palm Sunday', complete with a palm parade!
- March 28th, we will have a Seder Meal (led by Gene Wilson) to celebrate Jesus' Last Supper.
- March 29th, we will join the United Churches of Chambersburg for one 12-1pm Good Friday Community Service in our sanctuary.
- March 31st will be Easter Sunday (9am traditional worship & 11am contemporary worship)

*Note: Several of you have asked about the musical, *And So...* We will be doing three performances the first weekend in May! We will not be performing the musical on Good Friday like we normally would.

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Growing In Prayer

Lenten Prayer Walk

During this season of Lent, as a congregation we are reading and learning from the book **Practicing the Way** by John Mark Comer. It is an excellent tool in helping us not only have a head knowledge of our faith; but more importantly in helping us live out -- practice-- following Jesus. Practicing the Way changes the way we think, act and speak to be more and more like Jesus. In doing so, we witness about him with our lives and help draw others to salvation in Jesus!

There is a prayer walk set up along the windows on the pulpit side of the sanctuary during the season of Lent. It is based on Scripture and the book **Practicing the Way**. Please take some quiet moments to walk through it, meditate and pray. Enjoy moments alone with God.

Fill Up The Heart ❤️

As we journey through the season of Lent and focus on **'Practicing the Way'**; we look for 'God-Sightings' (times we see God in nature, at work in our lives, in answers to prayer, etc.)

There is a large white heart on the bulletin board outside Friendship hall. Please take a heart sticker from one of the baggies, and place it on the heart each time you remember a blessing from God. Let's use this season to focus on HIM, be thankful, and fill up the heart!



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A Note From Erin

I have a favor to ask! Many of you have heard (or know) of our friends, Dani & Jeff Kardisco and their sons, Ivyn & Judah. Still many of you know that Judah had kidney disease, currently has no kidneys, and will be getting a kidney transplant soon. THEY HAVE A DONOR & A DATE! March 14th is the projected date for Judah's transplant.

Would you join me in praying for Judah, his donor, Dani, Jeff, Ivyn, the surgeons, the doctors, the nurses, and all involved? This family is so special and they've already been through so much. Thank you in advance!

Waymake, Miracle-Worker, Promise-Keeper, Light in the Darkness - my God, that is Who You are.



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From The Organ Bench

As I write this article we are already into the Lenten season with many activities and opportunities for worship and study at Central.

I would like to highlight two organ programs that I will be playing. These are Lenten Noontime Musical Meditations on Wednesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 20, 2024, each from 12-12:30 P.M.

This year both programs will be mostly hymn based with references to the hymns listed. This way if you choose, you may read the words to each hymn while I am playing an arrangement on that particular hymn. However, if you just prefer to listen and meditate, that also is fine. In any case, please feel free to invite and bring neighbors and friends. All are welcome.

Just a quick update on my eye situation. I still have not been able to have cataract surgery. I have had several things happen with my eyes that have pushed the surgery farther ahead. I am still hopeful that I will be able to schedule it soon. Meanwhile I would ask for and appreciate your continuing prayers for guidance on this. I firmly believe that GOD will direct and make the path plain to me. THANK YOU. I am extremely grateful that so far with the good light at the organ I am able to see well enough to read the music.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

Helen Wingert, Organist

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CPC Kid's!

We've been learning the depth of Jesus' love through His sacrifice on the cross, the joy of His resurrection, and the gift of salvation when we believe in Him! Jesus is
"LOVE COME DOWN!"



Of all the lessons we learn in Sunday School, this is the most important. We can try to live good lives, but we will always mess up and sin. The only way we can be right with God is through the forgiveness that Jesus offers. Take time to ask His forgiveness and praise and thank Him for the depth of His love! Love, Hugs & Prayers, Sandy

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CPC KIDS' -- IMPORTANT NEWS FOR PARENTS!

Hi Families!

As we journey through Lent and get closer to Easter our Bible lessons are all about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. I hope you can take some time as a family to talk about what happened, and even do some of the activities on the calendar that was mailed out from the church in February.

At CPC Kids' we have some special events and activities planned:

MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY

- **9AM – Traditional Worship - children and whole congregation will process with palms**
- **10am – Sunday School – Children will paint 'Blessing Rocks' with words of encouragement and then place them in the green spaces around the church for people in the neighborhood to see and take home**
- **11am – Contemporary Worship – children and whole congregation process with palms**

MARCH 31 – EASTER SUNDAY

- **Children will be singing 'LOVE COME DOWN' at both the 9am and 11am worship services --**
 - **We will sing toward the end of the 9am service and the beginning of the 11am service.**
 - **Please have the children arrive at 9:30am. We will gather and sing in 1st service; then go to Sunday School for a special Resurrection Celebration. At 11am we will sing toward the beginning of the service.**

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Diaper Depot

God gave Central a mission to help the vulnerable in the local area. Diaper Depot is that mission and continues each month. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness.

The February Diaper Depot at Central welcomed 204 families. Families were treated to a pancake and sausage breakfast along with receiving a dozen jumbo, free-range eggs.

Next DD@C is March 16. If you want to help, diapers will be sorted and packed on March 13 at 3 PM and distribution starts with setup on March 16 at 9 AM.

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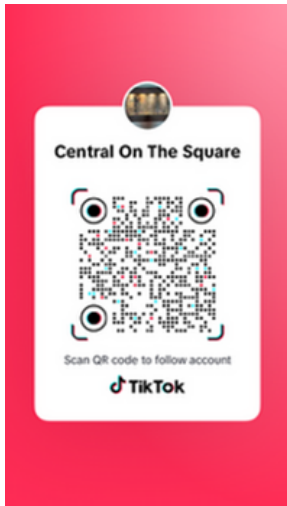
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IF NOT, & YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE,
NOTIFY ERINMREGAN@GMAIL.COM

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

Facebook: facebook.com/centralonthesquare

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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.

Keep your eyes open for a revived CPC website! The welcoming team is working with AW Designs to create something very user-friendly and eye-catching.

To God be all the glory!



Diaper Depot 2024 Volunteer Info & Dates

Diapers are packed the Wednesday before the event at 3pm in Friendship Hall, and it usually takes 1 - 1.5 hours.

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

<u>Packing dates:</u>	<u>Event dates:</u>
March 13	March 16
April 17	April 20
May 15	May 18
June 12	June 15
July 10	July 13
August 14	August 17
September 18	September 21
October 9	October 12
November 13	November 16
December 11	December 14

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Youth Ministry



Faith -

Starting on Feb 18th, the Youth @ Central started studying the Sermon on the Mount during our Sunday night events.

We will study God's Heart for Justice during Sunday school for the next 3 weeks. Both of these studies are powerful. When studying different scriptures, we always share how this can relate to our lives. On Feb. 25th we talked about what it means to be a peacemaker.

How do we live out being a peacemaker? Do we avoid conflict? A popular perception of peacemakers is that of weakness and avoidance. We see peacemakers as those who forego the challenging and expensive task of establishing true reconciliation in favor of the appearance of peace by repressing any visible dispute. But these are not people who promote peace. They are peace-fakers. God is not a conflict-avoider, and being so does not make us His children. Jesus created peace by fearlessly confronting evil head-on rather than denying its existence or trying to subdue its influence.

Food -

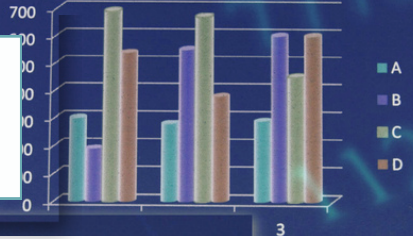
We have been blessed with all kinds of fun foods this month. Thank you to those who volunteer their time to make this happen for the Youth @ Central. If you would like to donate food or money towards food, please contact Julia Blaker @ 615-587-8423

Fun -

It's so much fun to be with the young people at Central. We play all kinds of games. Sometimes I lead the games and sometimes the youth do. During this time of fun, we are forming deep relationships with one another. This is such an important part of the Body of Christ. It doesn't all need to be serious, deep conversations, although they have a place. One of our latest games was called Throw, throw, Avocado. This was a new game that one of the youth brought, and yes, we did throw avocados:)



Finance Report



THANK YOU! We are especially grateful for your generous giving throughout the year. Your contributions allow Central to continue to grow in discipleship and mission.

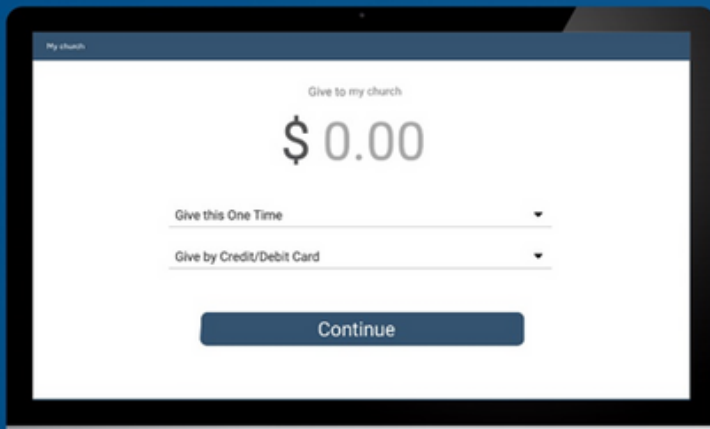
Financial Report:

	February 2024	<u>YTD Jan-Feb 2024</u>
Donations Received (as of 2/26/24)	39,103.69	78,283.05
Income Received from Trusts	1,380.83	59,851.83
Total Income	40,484.52	138,134.88
Expenditures	46,498.13	92,084.38
Net Income/ (Loss)	-6,013.61	46,050.50

Giving is easier than ever!

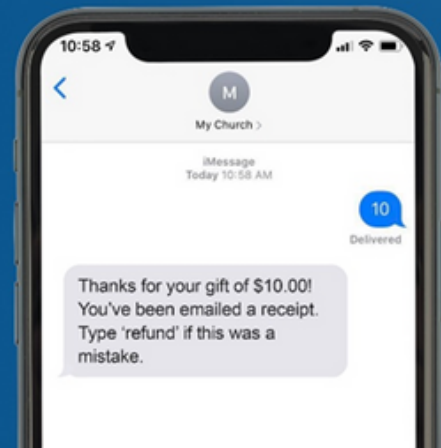
Give Online

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Give by Text

Text the amount you wish to give to **(717) 347-0371**



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Checks are always accepted – Mail to the church:
40 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg, PA 17201

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Jaczun
at accounting@centralonthesquare.org

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

CPC News

Mission Trip to Wilmington, DE, the week of July 15–19, 2024.

The Mission Committee is happy to announce the first mission trip in five years to Wilmington, DE the week of July 15-19. We will be working with Friendship House whose mission is to unite people facing homelessness with caring communities who are able to assist them. This is the same organization that the i117 Youth Council worked with last year on their mission trip. We encourage all members of the congregation to consider participating this summer. It is our prayer that this trip will be a time of intergenerational fellowship as well as doing the work Christ calls us to do. The i117 Youth Council will once again be participating and we hope to see Central's youth as well as adults all participating.



thank you!

Hello from NETwork!

On behalf of our staff, board, and the many youth and families we serve each week, we want to say **THANK YOU** for your generosity to us in 2023. What a gift!

Your giving helped our team to care for so many youth in crucial ways, to share in the good news of Jesus, and to equip children and teens with skills for life. Thanks for your investment in kids and for making this significant work possible. We're incredibly grateful for you, and consider it a privilege to partner as we make a difference together!

With much appreciation,

Ben

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