

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



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LOVING EACH OTHER
LOVING THE WORLD

From The Pastor

Hello friends - one of the best things about being part of a church community is growing in friendship with one another, so we can encourage one another in faith, support one another in tough times, and simply to have fun and enjoy one another. I have two opportunities to share with you.

First, our new Super Seniors group will have its first meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 11:30 in the New Life Center (2nd floor). Who qualifies as a Super Senior? There's no exact definition - if you're 65 or over you definitely qualify - but those a bit younger are welcome too! Lunch will be served, followed by music and a program, and we'll share ideas for future meeting and activities. Please RSVP to Alex at the church office at alexishelman2@gmail.com.

Second, we're planning our second round of Sabbath dinners. We piloted these in April as way to begin the Sabbath practice recommended in the book *Practicing the Way* that some of us are reading. These gatherings are a way to connect and grow in friendship, welcome the Sabbath with a short liturgy and enjoy a simple meal together. The next dinners will be held Saturday, May 18th (evening) and Sunday, May 19th (12:30pm at Inka Kitchen). If you'd like to participate, please RSVP to Alex as above; if you'd like more information please contact me.

Now on to worship. At April's meeting Session voted to move to our usual summer schedule of one 10am blended service, to be held in the Sanctuary, from June 2nd -September 1st. Erin, Helen and I work hard to incorporate both traditional and contemporary music into these services in a balanced way that engages everyone, but it's a worthwhile challenge as many of us have come to appreciate these services and enjoy gathering as one worshipping congregation. The services will also be livestreamed.



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Worship Updates

We praise God for the freedom, ability, and calling to worship Him through the month of April! What holy times we shared together on Sundays and throughout the week. Our continual thanks to the AV teams, praise band, choir, & all who make our services what they are!

We continue to pray for Helen as she recovers from her eye surgeries; and, we are VERY grateful for her substitutes (Adam and Valerie). We will be welcoming Trevor Timmons for the first two Sundays of May, then will *hopefully* welcome Helen back to the organ bench.

We have a big month ahead! Here's what's coming:

- May 3rd & 4th: "And So..." , a musical about Jesus & those who chose to follow
- May 5th: Two services at their normal times (9am traditional, 11am contemporary)
- May 12th: Two services at their normal times with substitute worship leaders (Erin will be away)
- May 19th: Two services at their normal times, honoring this year's graduates & WEAR RED for Pentecost!
- May 19th, 3pm: Towne Singers concert in our sanctuary! Come and enjoy!
- May 26th: Two services at their normal times, with a Memorial Day insert. This will be Beth & Andrea's last Sunday on staff & the choirs last Sunday until the fall.



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Diaper Depot

The April Diaper Depot at Central brought 221 families through the door for diapers, eggs and breakfast. The Borough held the Fountain Fest on the same day, but adjustments were made and families found their way. God is good!



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A Note From Erin

I am overwhelmed.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude.

I am overwhelmed with joy.

I am overwhelmed with awe.

I am overwhelmed with beauty.

I am overwhelmed with the grace I have received.

I am overwhelmed with a sense of purpose.

I am overwhelmed with vision.

I am overwhelmed with love.

And yes, I am overwhelmed with my to-do list too. But that is secondary.

Thank you to everyone and anyone who helped make “And So…” happen at Central again this year. My spirit is bursting with thanks.



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From The Organ Bench

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE, for your good wishes, your cards, phone calls, etc., but most of all for your prayers. They meant more than you know and helped me through two cataract surgeries. Both basically went well, except somehow probably during the surgeries I ended up with a scratch on EACH of my corneas. The doctors assured me that was common and not permanent. It just meant I had a few more appointments to have the healing process checked. I am very thankful all the surgery is behind me.

I am feeling fine but still cannot see as sharply as I'd like for reading music. I have one more scheduled appointment on May 6 during which they will refract both eyes for a prescription for reading/organ glasses.

A big thank you goes to my substitutes Adam Boyer, Valerie Merriman, Erin Adams, and Trevor Timmons. I am anxious to get “back on the organ bench” for services. This whole experience has been quite a journey, but I thank God for everyone who has been a part of it in any way. God does provide.

“To God Be the Glory”

Helen Wingert,
Organist

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CPC Kid's News!

On Palm Sunday, CPC Kids studied Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Luke 19:28-40. In this passage, the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke his disciples for praising Him. Jesus declares that if they kept silent, even the rocks would cry out. We painted rocks with praise phrases in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Then placed them in the 'green spaces' outside the church encouraging people passing by to take one home as a reminder of what Jesus has done for them out of His great love.



On Easter Sunday, we learned about what happened on that first Holy Week; made 'Resurrection Rolls' and enjoyed the sweet treat reminding us of the CELEBRATION of the empty tomb; and sang 'Love Come Down' in both worship services.





Where are they Now?

**September
1978-2024**

PlaySchool Central, formerly Mother's Day Out began in September of 1978 and will celebrate 46 years in September 2024. We would like to run social media posts and add a new section to our website entitled: Where are they now? We need your help to celebrate!

To participate, if you or your child went to MDO/PlaySchool Central in the past we need two pictures. One child photo and then one as an adult. Then we need a short bio of what you do now.

For example: My name is Alydia and I went to MDO in 2005 and now I work as a Music Teacher in Roanoke VA. I will always fondly remember MDO because...

We would like to celebrate the success of our former students and show how people that went to MDO/PlaySchool Central have become successful adults in their own right! We like to think that having a great early childhood program here at Central contributed to their success!

Send an email to: director@centralonthesquare.org with your two pictures and bio! We can't wait to celebrate you! Submissions needed by the end of May 2024!

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.

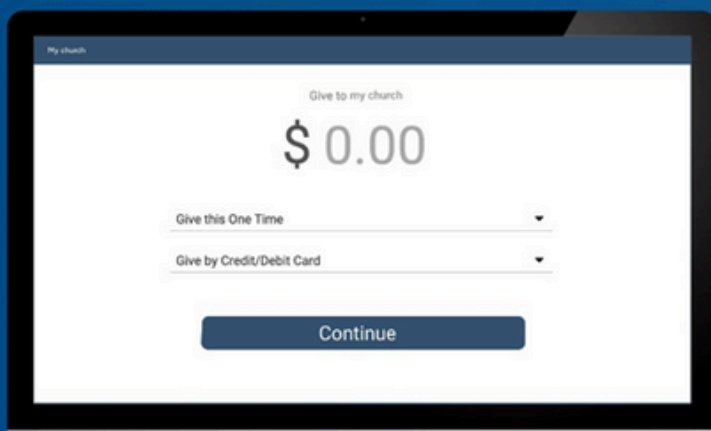
Financial Report:

	<u>April 2024</u>	<u>YTD Jan-Apr 2024</u>
Donations Received (as of 4/25/24)	29,037.00	141,420.00
Income Received from Trusts	1,873.28	63,105.94
Total Income	30,910.28	204,525.94
Expenditures	42,191.26	187,977.88
Net Income/ (Loss)	-11,280.98	16,548.06

Giving is easier than ever!

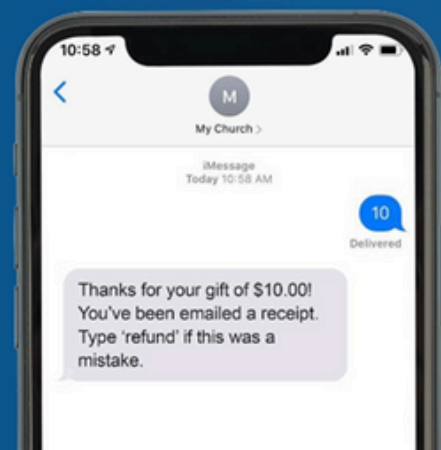
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<https://centralpc.breezechms.com/give/online>



Give by Text

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



Or scan the QR code:



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!

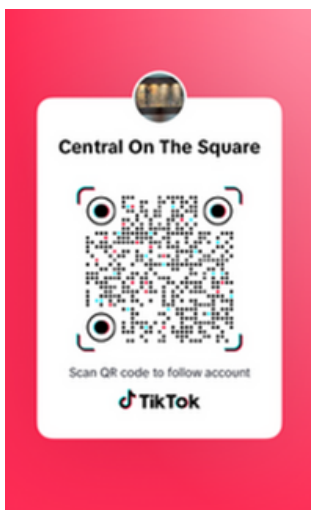
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Are you following us on Facebook? Instagram? TikTok?
If not, we'd love for you to start!

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.

Have you seen the revised website? Check it out!

centralonthesquare.org

To God be all the glory!

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IF NOT, & YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE,
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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>
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 at Central

In April we had three Youth @ Central events where we came together as young people and volunteers. We played games, spent time intentionally focusing on Jesus and each other, eating, and laughing together. The youth also raise \$416 by making and selling chocolate eggs on Easter. This money was sent to Doctors without Borders, in support of those suffering overseas.

The Sunday evening prayer meeting and youth volunteers came together on April 7th to pray specifically for the youth at Central and all the different parts of the youth ministry. Thank you to Ann Culbertson, a member of the youth team, for leading this special time. Our next special youth prayer gathering will be on May 5th at 5pm. Anyone is welcome to come and spend this time of intentional prayer with us!



Our Graduates



Jocelyn Merriman is graduating from CMS.



Madeline Kinton is graduating from Robert Morris University with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering. She will be pursuing her PhD at the University of South Carolina.

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Norah Kinton is graduating from CASHS and will be attending the University of Vermont, majoring in Plant Biology.

University and majoring in Business management/entrepreneurship with the goal of one day opening her own salon.



Gail Shearer is graduating from CASHS.



Ellie is the daughter of Matt and Laurie Kaufman. Ellie will be a 2024 graduate of CASHS. In the fall she will be attending American University in Washington D.C., majoring in Communications.



Imyree Teal is graduating from CMS and will be attending Shippensburg.

The youth team would like to wish a big *Congratulations* to our graduates!

CPC News

Dear Central Church Family,

I am still overwhelmed by the outpouring of love at my retirement brunch on April 14th. It has been such a joy to serve Jesus with you for these past 16+ years. I have been blessed beyond measure.

The retirement brunch was so much more than I could ever have imagined! The delicious food, the hymn sing music, the slide show pictures and video messages, the speakers, the kids' singing my favorite verses, the decorations with hydrangeas and sparkle lights, the head table placed on the 'Kids' in the Word' rug, the balloons, the blessing prayer with the children, the bubble shower, the treasure chest with the children's thumbprints, the cards with such wonderful messages, the blue hydrangea plant, the hand drawn picture, the cake, and all those delicious pies! Wow! So much attention to detail! THANK YOU to my Children's Ministry Team and EVERYONE who planned and worked so hard to make the day completely amazing.

Thanks to everyone who wrote a note. I can't tell you how much those kind words mean to me.

Thanks for recognizing Gene in the celebration. He truly is my right-hand man and we make a pretty great team.

Thank you, also, for the monetary gift! We were blown away by your extreme generosity!

Wishing you each God's blessings as you continue to grow share the heart of Christ from the heart of the city.

With love and a grateful heart,

Sandy & Gene Wilson



Dear Church family,

Words cannot express how much all of you mean to Ben and I. We have been blessed by your flowers, calls, food, cards and wonderful prayers for my recovery. It has been difficult as I am used to being the caregiver to others. Never underestimate how helpful cards and prayers are to others! You all are the very best of God's love!

Much love,

Sharon & Ben Brosious

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