Two recent experiences at Central that have brought me joy:

**Vacation Bible School** - the energy and enthusiasm of the children was infectious. The whole event - the singing, games, crafts, Bible stories - was exceedingly well-done and drew the children in, helping them know about the love of the Lord Jesus. I played a minor part in VBS - two dramatic presentations in Bree Rauhut’s Bible sessions, and a substitute group leader the last day - which left me mostly free to greet parents and children, a good number of which were not part of the Central family and who came to the VBS worship service on July 23rd. Sandy and her team are due our thanks and gratitude.

**Diaper Depot** - I participated in June and July, roaming about and asking the friends whom we serve for prayer requests and if I may pray with them. I was moved by the vulnerability, pain and needs of some of these families as they shared their struggles with me, and privileged to pray with them. In June and July, we served over 200 families each month, providing practical help and coming alongside our neighbors to share the love of Christ.

I write of these experiences not to boast of my participation, but to point out that both VBS and Diaper Depot thrive because of the many people in the congregation and in the case of Diaper Depot, the community, who serve to make these ministries happen. I’m grateful for each one of you who served, and wish to extend an invitation to serve in two other vital ministries of the church:

**Youth Ministry** - as I said during yesterday’s sermon, our youth need adults in the congregation to be part of their lives in order for them to feel part of the church and to be rooted in faith (take a look at the July 30th sermon for more on this). We need to build a cadre of adults who will work with Andrea and the other volunteers, serving on a rotating schedule. The spiritual lives of our young people, and the future of our youth group, depend on you. If you are willing to explore this, please contact Andrea at 717.446.7322 or vball2495@gmail.com.

**Refugee Resettlement** - we took on a big challenge in resettling the Al-Ali family - eight people who need help navigating state and federal bureaucracy, finding work, learning to drive, getting their immunizations, registering for school, teaching budgeting, being shuttled to doctor and dentist appointments...it’s been a monumental amount of work that the Missions Team has carried off splendidly. But they’re growing weary and need help with driving the family to work and appointments (they now have vehicles and some of the family are learning to drive) and practical assistance like learning to pay bills and manage a checkbook. If you are willing to explore this, please contact Andrew Pozzuto at 724.413.4135 or a.r.pozzuto@gmail.com.

Serving in ministry can be hard work but it is also a great joy - joy that comes from the love and compassion of Christ flowing through you to others, and from being part of a team serving together. That’s what I witnessed at VBS and Diaper Depot and you can be part of it. Please prayerfully consider what I’ve written and respond accordingly.
Another month is almost history. That seems impossible!! The AGO organ recital went well. As is often the case we would have hoped for a larger audience but pray those who did come found it enjoyable and felt God’s presence through the friendliness of those greeting and welcoming them to cool off in our air-conditioning. Thanks to all who helped in any way for the Old Market Day– the greeters, and especially Alex in the office.

Now as summer comes to an end I am still dealing with the tendonitis wrist issue. I have an upcoming appointment with a different orthopedic doctor in the same group. I have put this in God’s hands and truly feel HE has been and will continue to guide me. I am thankful that it is not worse, although I pray it does totally heal. Meanwhile, I am trying to still play the organ or piano, using caution, but trying my best to glorify God with music. Thank you for your prayers.

May you have an enjoyable rest of your summer. Stay cool!!

To God be the glory!!!

Helen Wingert, Organist

Thank you to Josh Hadik, Amanda Bietsch, Ben Brosious, Marcus Rauhut, the Sweet Adelines, and Jill Work for providing special music the first four weeks of July! What a gift you are to us!

We have one more month of Summer Worship at Central & will begin our two-service-schedule again on Sunday September 10th.

Thanks to those who have gathered for simple worship on Wednesday nights! We will continue to do so through the end of August.

Blessed be the tie that binds us, Church!
When I see that August is upon us, I feel my chest tighten. Why is that?, I ask myself. Quickly, I go through a multitude of explanations:

- Only one month left of summer
- It’s the beginning of Nick’s soccer season
- Our normal rehearsal times are going to start up again
- I need to buy presents for my friends’ upcoming weddings
- Cal is going to start PlaySchool for the first time soon
- We haven’t gone to the pool enough!

The list could go on and on!

But I think the real reason my chest tightens is because I have a hard time living in what’s happening now. I am a planner. I tend to look past today and strive for what’s going to happen tomorrow; so, when the nagging voice inside my head says to me, “You didn’t spend enough time playing with your kids” or “You should have checked that off your to-do list by now”, it can make me feel like I have failed... Like what I’ve done isn’t enough. That I’m not enough.

Here’s what I have to remind myself of:
If we are just relying on what WE can do or be, we will fail. In our own strength & in our own time, we are not enough.

But God is.

And if we trust God with the details of our lives, even on our least productive days, what we do & who we are is enough because we are covered in His grace.

The July event for Diaper Depot at Central was wonderful! What happened?

- 205 families attended.
- Eggs and watermelon were distributed.
- Wipes, formula, diaper cream were in limited supply, but the inventory was given out.
- The Council for the Arts provided art kits for the children.
- Pathstone attended talking to families about the offerings of their service.
- A little boy was disappointed at not seeing Sue, but was happy that he was able to draw her a picture. Sue has been interacting with this little one as he was on his journey to being potty trained.
- A mother who has been with us for years handed in her key tag. No more diapers will be needed! She hopes to be able to volunteer in the future.

Praise God for this mission that reaches our neighbors.
This important new ministry begins this month. Please contact Sandy Wilson to say:
- You would like to be a Prayer Champion
- You would like your child(ren) to have a Prayer Champion

Prayer Champions Ministry is a ministry dedicated to praying for the children in our church. Children today face MANY challenging situations each day. To be a Prayer Champion you commit to praying for one child/student each day. Pray for their well-being – heart, soul, mind and strength; pray a hedge of protection around them; pray for joy in their life; and pray for their relationship with Jesus to be strong and grow. It is an opportunity to be part of their faith journey in a meaningful, yet safe, way.

Prayer Champion Ministry is NOT the same as a mentoring ministry where students meet individually with their mentors on a regular basis. Instead, a Prayer Champion sends periodic notes of encouragement to their child/student and commits to praying for them each day. Prayer Champions DO NOT meet alone with their students at any time.

How do I become a Prayer Champion? What would my responsibilities be?.....

First, pray about your involvement in this ministry. Then, contact Sandy Wilson at kidsmin@centralonthesquare.org and let her know about your interest in becoming a Prayer Champion.

You would then receive a short bio on the child/student you will pray for. Place this somewhere as a reminder to pray for them each day. Periodically send them a note of encouragement letting them know you are praying for them. You can include a Bible verse, bookmark, stickers, etc. if you wish. Remembering them on their birthdays with a card is also encouraged.

Important info for Parents.....

How does my child receive a Prayer Champion?
- Let Sandy Wilson know you are interested in having a Prayer Champion for your children/students.
- Fill out a short bio card and submit a picture (picture is optional) Bio information would include Name of Child/Student; Parent names; Address; birthdate; grade in school; favorites (such as food, hobbies, activities etc.)
- We would like to have children/students matched with a Prayer Champion by Backpack Blessing Sunday – August 20th.

Can I Opt out?
- Absolutely! This ministry is completely optional and is meant to be a blessing for both families and Prayer Champions

What kind of contact would there be?
- Prayer Champions will NEVER meet alone with their child/student. They will pray and send notes of encouragement.

We hope to have children/students paired with a Prayer Champion by Backpack Blessing Sunday – August 20th. Please be in prayer about this ministry and watch for more information; or contact Sandy Wilson at 309/714-1557 or kidsmin@centralonthesquare.org with any questions.

Let’s have an impact on our children/students by showing them our love and care for them through this ministry of prayer!
Growing closer to Jesus on these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!

**CPC KIDS’ CLUB** is held EVERY SUNDAY IN THE SUMMER! Details 😊:

- Children are with their parents at the one 10am Worship Service for the first part of the service.
- Then in place of ‘Kids in the Word’ they are welcome to come to the 3rd floor for a time of Bible discovery, prayer, music, art & science-y fun.

(NOTE: Nursery care is available from 10am –11am for infants thru age 3)

**Splash Pad Party Family Event!**

Tuesday, AUGUST 8  from 2pm – 4pm at Shippensburg Splash Pad

- Wear your swimsuits, pack your sunscreen and come cool off in the Splash Pad Pool!
- Bottles of water and ice-pops provided

**Back-pack Blessing!**

AUGUST 20 during the 10am Worship Service

- Prayer of blessing for students from preschool thru grad school, teachers, administrators, support staff & bus drivers
- Bring your backpacks as a symbol of the new school year
- NOTE: there will be CPC Kid’s Club that day

**Sunday School is BACK on September 10th!**

It’s gonna be STELLAR!!
Keep Watching for details

**Prayer Champion Ministry for children/students!**

We hope to kick-off this ministry at the start of the school year. Please check this newsletter for a page of details, or contact me! Let me know if you would like your child(ren) to have a Prayer Champion 😊

**All Summer...**

Keep watching for snail mail...and send me your “Flat Sandy” God Sighting pics 😊 Even if you don’t have your “Flat Sandy” with you, take the pics and send them along. Let’s share our God-Sightings with each other all summer!

Praying for each of you to have a summer filled with fun, joy, adventures, God-sightings, and quiet moments with Jesus each day! Love and prayers, Sandy
Vacation Bible School!

This year’s theme was:

“Shipwrecked….rescued by Jesus”

It’s a theme we can all relate to. Who among us has not felt lonely, or struggled, or done something wrong?

At Shipwrecked VBS kids discovered how Jesus rescues us through life’s storms through incredible Bible-learning experiences, science-y fun, team building games, great Bible songs and creative art -- activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, watching to see evidence of God in everyday life = God-Sightings.

$95.00 was donated to go to support the children at Four Corners Home for Children in New Mexico.
HUGE THANK YOU TO THE 2023 VBS TEAM!

Vacation Bible School is my favorite thing! It is a wild, wonderful time of digging into God's word and forming personal relationships with Jesus. There is Bible truth, creativity, music, games, art, science-y fun, new friendships, old friendships -- and all of it focused on JESUS!!!!

I am forever thankful for all the people who contribute time, energy, snacks, supplies, and PRAYER into making VBS an unforgettable time for the children! Thank you all!

Love in Jesus, Sandy

Music leader - ALL AGES
Tech
Registration Crew & Snack Prep

Bus Crew
Nursery Care for VBS Team leaders’ children
Floater – support wherever needed:
Behind the scenes:

PRESCHOOL:
Bible Adventures & Craft leader
Games & Exploration Station/Snacks Leader
Preschool Crew Leaders
STARFISH Purple Crew = Andrea Hadik, Gail Shearer & Toby Smith
STARFISH Pink Crew = Amanda Bietsch & Sami Ruzicka
SEAHORSE Orange Crew = Jen Good & Amanda Lozious
SEAHORSE Neon Green Crew = Jocelyn Merriman & Melissa Winegardner

ELEMENTARY:
Bible Adventures & Prayer Partner
Bible Adventure skits
Imagination Station/Kid Vid & Snacks
Games
Elementary Crew Leaders
DOLPHINS Yellow Crew = Sandy Myers & Cindy Etter (Tu/Wed), Pastor Scott (Th)
DOLPHINS Green Crew = Greta Sick & Sherry Forsythe
WHALES Red Crew = Ann Culbertson & Alicia Kinton
WHALES Blue Crew = Carolyn Best & Josh Hadik

Snack Providers: Marcia Whitmore, Joan Norcross, Sandy Myers, Cheryl Whalley, Deb Miller, Cyndy Dinsmore, Karen Wilson, Cindy Happel, Helen Wingert, Susan Snyder, Jen Good, Jessica Pozzuto, Kelly Dietrich & Judy Young.

Set-up Help: Gene Wilson, Beth Jaczun, Jenine Grove, Amber, Adin, Owen & Everett Keller, Erica, Noah, Caleb, Benjamin & Ethan Dunklebarger, Cindy Etter, Sandy Myers, Karen Wilson, Cindy Happel, Greta Sick, Susan Snyder, Leslie Hanks, Carolyn Best

(My apologies if I have accidentally forgotten anyone)
Youth Group

Upcoming events –

- August 8th – fast food and park time at memorial park (More details to come) – 6pm
- August 20th - Ice cream meet up at the igloo – 6:30pm

Last week was VBS at Central and I am so proud to say that most of our youth volunteered to help out in many different avenues. What a blessing it is to see our youth using their talents and abilities to serve Jesus. Pictured is Toby and Gail who were my Co-leaders to a preschool group. It was so cool to serve along side them, they are incredible and extremely gifted in working with kids.

On July 11th I was able to meet up for ice cream at The Ice Cream station with a few youth and volunteers. We had some great conversations and caught up on what our youth are doing this summer.

Sunday the 23rd Pastor Scott and I took the youth out to lunch and got their insight on what their thoughts are on how to keep church interesting and relevant to youth. I am proud to have a pastor who takes time to stop and listen to the youth in the church.

Blessings,
Andrea Hadik, Youth Director
Communications

Please send all the recent CPC pictures you have for our website “glow up” to erinmregan@gmail.com!

Our podcast is coming back this month - check us out on Apple Podcasts!

Our Website visits & Social Media engagement continues to grow bit by bit!

- Website: Up 1% since last month (355 site sessions)
- Facebook: Up 29.7% since last month
- Instagram: Up 5.3% since last month
- YouTube: Up 640 views since last month
- TikTok: Averaging 620 accounts each week

Give us a follow & share!
We post daily on our social media pages & weekly on TikTok!
   Facebook: facebook.com/centralonthesquare
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   TikTok: https://www.tiktok.com/@centralonthe2
   Podcast: fromthesquare.podbean.com

To receive our weekly email blasts, please fill out this form: http://eepurl.com/dE36Rr
These are the main source of communication for regular CPC worshippers.

Reminder: If you have things you’d like to add to the Friday email blasts, Erin needs a blurb submitted to her personal email address no later than Wednesday of that week.

Communications

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.

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The book is available now at church and is free. The study guide will be available when we meet on August 23. There is also a video that goes along with the study. If you would like a book, please let me know and I will get it to you.
lauriemckelvie@comcast.net or 717-477-2132
I’m looking forward to getting back to our journey together as followers of Christ!!
Laurie

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Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study will start up again in the parlor on Wednesday, August 23, 10:00!
Our new study is Gentle and Lowly, The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers, by Dane Ortlund.

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