

Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE WINDOW

AUGUST 2025

LOVING GOD
LOVING EACH OTHER
LOVING THE WORLD

From The Pastor

Life is not always laid out perfectly. Sometimes there are change in circumstances and situations that can cause us to pause and begin to figure out what our next steps will be. And sometimes in our plans we have to be ready to face changes and even change our perspective and pivot in life.

I went through a process of pivoting recently. I had a week of vacation planned out in July, go to a concert with Noah on Tuesday and then drive on to Michigan to camp for several days with an intentional community where I had connections to a number of people there. The week before the vacation I had been dealing with some back issues. I took what I thought was the proper steps to address the pain and I thought I was on the road to recovery. My back was a little sore on the trip out to Pittsburgh where the concert was, but I wrote that off to being in a car for three and a half hours. Noah and I stayed in a hotel for the night. We had originally planned to meet Rachel the next day, have Noah travel back home with Rachel, and I would carry on my journey. The morning after the concert I found myself waking up early and in a considerable amount of pain. I had to weigh my options about making that trip to Michigan which I had been looking forward to.

I have to be honest, I can be a little stubborn sometimes. This could be something passed on through my family of origin. Over the years, I have planned all sorts of roads trips of varying lengths. I can remember one time a plan to travel with Rachel up and down the East Coast a number of years ago, and even though I happened to break my leg before the trip, we still went on that driving adventure. There have been other times when weather and other obstacles have stood in the way of plans, and I have still carried out travel plans. So, I have the past practice of completing journeys regardless of circumstances.

I took into consideration the potential challenges of the trip (7 hours in the car each way, sleeping in a tent for four days, etc.). And this time I did something different. After some serious thought I completely pivoted in my plans. Announced to Noah and Rachel that I would be returning home due to health concerns. I was very thankful that both Rachel and Noah rolled with the change of plans without a word of complaint or concern. Noah drove his car home and Rachel and I took a leisurely drive back home. And we made an impromptu visit to the Flight 93 memorial site which a moving and powerful experience. And the rest of week was filled with rest and recovery.

I believe that I have almost fully recovered from the setback with my back. I am sad that I could not make it out to the intentional community this year, but I am quite sure I know what will happen next July and where I will likely be. Sometimes we do have to pivot. It may not always be easy or comfortable to do, but I believe it is something that we have to be open to God's leading. I think this is true in our individual lives, and in our families. We may not know what life has in store for us, but we have to realize that sometimes life cannot happen the way we expect it to. Sometimes we have to pivot and alter our path. There are things in life that are out of our control. And as we live faithful lives, we plan that we can, but sometimes we have to understand what we can and cannot control. And we look to God for guidance and support as we attempt to maneuver our ways through this world. Thanks be to God, and may we understand that even in our best intentions sometimes we need to pivot.

Peace to you, Pastor Chris

Proverbs 16:9 ("In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps")

Jeremiah 29:11 ("For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope")

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Worship Updates

Thanks to all the special musicians who gave of their time and talents to enhance our worship services in July! Shout out to Matt Kaufman, Samantha Leggett-Bradley, Marcus Rauhut, and Tom Diehl! And as always, thank you to ALL volunteers who keep us running and give of themselves for the glory of God.

Summer Worship at Central continues in August with one 10am service each Sunday.

Coming up:

- August 2nd, 10:30am Jenine Grove's memorial service
- August 17th, Backpack Blessing

May we build God's kingdom here on earth with every thought, word, and action!



The month of August begins with a celebration-of-life-service on Saturday, August 2, 2025 in memory of JENINE GROVE. Jenine has served our church in so many different ways. She was a faithful member of our adult choir for many years. I know she helped Sandy Wilson in the Children's Ministry for quite awhile. I am sure there are a lot of other ways that she served over the years of which I am just not as aware nor as involved. I am sure her working as part of the body of Christ at Central Presbyterian Church has had a lasting impact for good on many lives. She always had a smile.

I knew Jenine outside the church as well, as we were both third grade teachers in the Greencastle-Antrim School District – she at Greencastle Elementary and I at Shady Grove Elementary. While we did not actually teach together, we often had grade level meetings that were district-wide.

Jenine, you will be greatly missed! Your impact on the lives of others reaches far and wide.

To Mike, Cyndy and Dale, and Harriett and the rest of her family our deepest sympathy is with you. May God comfort all of you and give you HIS peace!!

In Christ's love,

To God Be the Glory!

Helen Wingert, Organist

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A Note From Erin

My kids don't love watching movies. Often, they get scared in the "intense" parts of the story & want us to turn off whatever we are watching. Sometimes, we agree and comply; however, if we know the story is going somewhere really wonderful, we encourage them to hang in there and stick it out. Usually, they will protest and yell, "Turn it off! Turn it off! It's too scary! I don't like it!" Again, if we think the lesson is too good, we will persist, pause the movie, and have them repeat this sentence before pressing play:

"The good guys always win. The good guys always win."

May we be encouraged today too, friends: The Good Guys Always Win.

Even in the days when it feels like evil is winning the race, eventually, the good guys will always win. Jesus is victorious.



On July 12, the Diaper Depot was truly blessed to serve **177 families**, including **11 first-time visitors!** Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, each family received fresh apples and peaches **provided by SCAPP**. We were also able to offer baby formula and gently used baby clothing to help meet the needs of our families.

We continue to be grateful for the support of **Keystone Health and WellSpan Health**, who faithfully provide educational and informational resources each month. In addition, children had the joy of choosing a book to take home—encouraging a love of reading and learning!

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.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." ~ Hebrews 13:16

Save the Date!

Our next Diaper Depot will take place on **Saturday, August 16:**

- **Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Doors open at 10:00 a.m.**

Diaper packing will be held on Wednesday, August 14 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!



Prayer Action Team

Hi Church Family!

What a delight it is to grow in faith together!! One of the ways we do that is to dig into God's Word. Each month we are highlighting a passage of Scripture to read and learn together.

Our Verse(s) of the Month for August is found in Matthew 11:28 – 30. It is:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Jesus is calling us not to take a nap; but to take a break from trying to do it all on our own. We can lay down our fear, our doubt, our burden of self-reliance; and trust Him for help. He is giving us an invitation to let Him carry the load. When we are ‘yoked’ to Jesus, we can lean on Him and become filled with His Spirit. He provides the strength we need to love and serve others.



Take time this month to read these verses often. Notice them on the church bulletin cover and around the church building. Look the passage up in your Bible and put a bookmark there so you can easily come back to it. Take time to think about what these verses mean. Talk about this passage with your family.

(Fun fact- verse 28 is one of the verses the children learned at this year's “TRUE NORTH” Vacation Bible School.

Ask your children what the verse means to them.)



May we as a church family find true rest in Jesus as we lean on Him, trust in Him and rejoice at this amazing promise.

Just a reminder ---our Sanctuary is available as a place to pray and find rest! Come during the daytime any time the sanctuary is not otherwise in use. There are prayer prompts on the window sills near each doorway entrance.



The Prayer Action Team is open to all those who have a heart for prayer and would like to help provide opportunities for us to deepen our individual and church family prayer life. Talk to Sandy Wilson for more details (sandyshadlewilson@outlook.com; 309/714-1557)

August 2025

Central Presbyterian Youth Update

Central's Locked-In Weekend

On July 25-26, we got a team of Central youth and adults out and into the community to make a difference and follow the teachings of Christ. We helped out the United Way, New Hope Homeless Shelter, and Women in Need. Some of the conversations we had and the times spent together were fantastic. I'm looking forward to blowing this up into a larger initiative next year.

Central Locked-In Weekend

2

Days

21

Different Volunteers

83.5

Hours Working in Our Community



Softball Team

We're nearing the home stretch for the slow-pitch softball season. On July 22, many members of the Central family came out to support our team as we played a double-header. This season has been a blessing as another outreach opportunity for young people. Our team is primarily composed of high school and college-aged folks. I've been very appreciative of the Central community who have embraced the team and welcomed many of the new faces into the Central family. We will be wrapping up the season on August 23 with an all day tournament. We'd love to see you out at Norlo Park!

Basketball Practice

Central's Boys Basketball team is starting practices again on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00. Playing on the team is open to any high school aged boy who is not playing on a school team. Middle school aged boys, however, are welcome to come out to practices during the offseason.

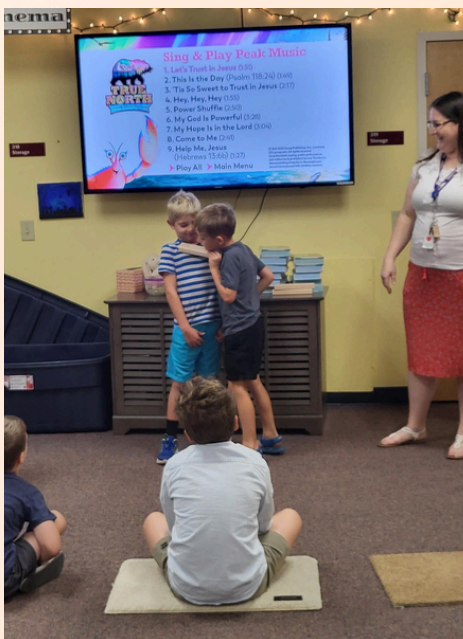
cpc Kid's Ministry

The weather has been interesting this summer to say the very least. From crazy hot days to many thunderstorms and lots of rain, we had to cancel two of our Kids' Club activities. We have one last activity, a picnic at Cowan's Cap. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate.

Despite these cancellations, we have been enjoying Kids' Club on the third floor every Sunday. The kids have continued to learn about the fruit of the Spirit. We have heard Daniel talk about following God's rules and not eating certain foods thus showing goodness. We also examined the level of patience in the parable of the unforgiving servant. Last, but not least, we reenacted the chariots of fire coming to the aid of Elisha and his servant in a time of need against the Syrians. This story showed the peace that God gives us. Combine all of this with singing, snacks, and crafts and you have a super fun Kids' Club!

So, the weather may be cancelling our outdoor activities, but we are still learning, living, and loving the Word of God on the third floor. I hope you are, too!

Blessings, Bree Rauhut



COMMUNICATIONS

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.**

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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:

August 16

September 20

October 11

November 15

December 13

FINANCE REPORT

We're incredibly grateful for your generosity! Your contributions directly fuel our mission, allowing us to provide essential services and create meaningful change right here in our community. Thank you for being a vital part of our efforts.

Financial Report:

	<u>July 2025</u>	<u>YTD Jan-July 2025</u>
Donations Received (as of 7/22/25)	\$24,908.00	\$223,077.87
Income Received from Trusts	\$1,820.12	\$70,617.90
Allocation from Investment Fund		\$40,000.00
Total Income	\$26,728.12	\$333,695.77
Expenditures (as of 7/22/25)	\$22,456.39	\$378,016.00
Net Income/(Loss)	\$4,271.73	(\$44,320.23)

Join us in generosity

A quick and easy way to give gifts of support.

Visit our website to give by credit/debit card or through a bank ACH transaction.

Give once or set up recurring giving.



Donate in person to the church office.



Text the amount you would like to give to.



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

(717) 347-0371

Checks are always accepted

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

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

Or scan the QR code:



Online giving - no stamp required!

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

TRUSTEE NEWS

Trustee News August 2025

As noted in June's newsletter, AED and First Aid Kits have been purchased and are now mounted by the elevator on 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors. We are always thankful for the doctors and nurses that help with medical emergencies that may happen at CPC! Additional members that would be interested in CPR and AED training can do so at the Chambersburg YMCA. Every month they have an opportunity available to learn these important life saving skills or update current certifications and refresh skill knowledge. This information can be found at https://chambersburg.recliquecore.com/programs/26/american-red-cross-classes/#division_103

Franklin Learning Center Students

Last year we partnered with Lincoln Intermediate Unit and hosted Franklin Learning Center Students once a week. It was a partnership that supported helping the church with cleaning projects and helping the students practice social and work skills. It was a positive experience and we hope to have them join us again next school year. I would like to have members available to work alongside the students and teachers to guide and support their efforts when they are on the church campus. A team of volunteers would allow for rotation so that the one hour once a week involvement could spread across multiple people. Timing last year was Tuesday mornings at 10, possibly similar timing this year as well. Please contact Carolyn Best at carolynjbest@gmail.com if you have any interest or further questions.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Mark your calendars! Our Fellowship Committee has been busy planning some wonderful fall events designed to bring us all closer together for fun and connection.

Annual Church Picnic



AUGUST
SATURDAY 16 6 PM @ Norlo Park
2025



CPC Breakfast in Friendship Hall



SEPTEMBER
SUNDAY 14 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
2025



Baked Potato Bar & Pumpkin Decorating in Friendship Hall



OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 13 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
2025





Super Senior Luncheon

FAITH, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP

Super Seniors are continuing with their series called *Know Thy Neighbor.* We meet for a lunch by donation every second Wednesday of the month at 11:45am in Friendship Hall. This luncheon is open to the public.

Each month we will be inviting someone in our community to join us for our Super Seniors lunch to talk about the work, and how their faith plays a part in all that they do. Come and hear our neighbors speak, enjoy lunch (donation) and fellowship at this special community event.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. We ask that you RSVP with the church office each month well in advance of our meetings so we have an adequate count for meal preparation. Call the church office 717-264-4113 to reserve your place.

Our next speaker for the KNOW THY NEIGHBOR series is a dynamic and well respected member of our community working towards the betterment of the people through multiple agencies. Her story is must for all!

Megan Shreve serves as the CEO of South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) leading both individual and community transformation efforts since 2005. Under her leadership and inspiration, SCCAP has grown into a 12 Million dollar organization with 100+ staff and 500+ volunteers, serving 13,000 families annually across Adams and Franklin counties.

Megan oversees a broad range of programs, from emergency food and housing to WIC, and community initiatives like the Gleaning Project, At Home in Adams County, and Franklin county combined. Megan has over 40 years in human services and a background in private-sector process and policy work, as she combines mission-driven passion with systems-level strategy.

She currently serves as Board President of the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania and has held leadership roles on health and community boards in the past. A much sought after speaker on economic mobility and community change, Megan is committed to advancing individual and community vitality through grassroots collaboration, resources that lead to successful outcomes, and system and policy innovation.

Her deep faith help motivate the success of her dedicated staff, volunteers, and the families whose lived experiences help shape her vision.



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CENTRAL'S 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.

- 🍂 September - we are not meeting this month
- 🍂 October 9 - The Women by Kristin Hannah
- 🍂 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
- 🍂 May 14 - The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald



Thank you

Dear Central Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous love, prayers, and support in my internship with DiscipleMakers! I look forward to sharing with you how the Lord works in the lives of college students in Berks County! I will be sure to visit, once I move to Reading.

Thanks again,
Ashley Davenport



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