CENTRAL Chimes
Central Presbyterian Church
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS

Hello Friends,

I have our new graduates on my mind this afternoon. As I am typing out this newsletter article at 3:10 p.m. on May 17, our Church is getting very close to hosting the 2026 Baccalaureate Dinner and Service for the PORTA graduates! This is a great undertaking, and I am so thankful for our Deacons, for Dave Long, for the area Ministers, for Emma Lou, and for many others who are making this ministry opportunity possible!

You may know that it has only been recently that area churches have been hosting the Baccalaureate AND combining the service with a meal beforehand. To date the Baptist Church, Christian Church, and Methodist Church have all had a turn hosting, and we are so glad that we have an opportunity this year. I hope that those who attend tonight will be encouraged, knowing that they have a community of faith in Petersburg that cares deeply for them! Of course, by the time you read this all the festivities at Central for the graduates will be over and done—let's hope all goes well! 😳

Did you attend a Baccalaureate service for your own graduation? What was it like? You might not remember. If you do, I would love to hear about it. Graduating High School is such an incredible rite of passage. It is the beginning of new adventures and new opportunities. I remember graduating High School and being very excited, but also nervous about the next chapter in my life.

Let us make a real effort throughout the summer and beyond to pray for these young people, that they may have a humble confidence in the guiding hand of God, wherever their path leads them.

Let us pray that these new graduates of PORTA will feel at ease or comfortable in casting their cares upon their Creator and Redeemer, because He cares so deeply for them (1 Peter 5:7)!

Let us pray for opening doors for our graduates, whether that be opportunities for further education/training, job opportunities, or opportunities to serve in the Name of Christ and His Love.

Above all, let us pray that this season of change, and newness, and adventure will draw them all closer to The King of the Universe. As they get more and more experience in "the real world," they are going to need Him more and more!

Amen!

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
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Administration Committee News

Financial

- April financials show YTD income $8,190.58 above budget and expenses were above budget by $3,034.19. Regardless of budget, our income is $12,502.73 below our expenses and in line with our anticipated 2026 shortfall.
- Part of the reason for the expenses being higher in April was there were three full payrolls in the month.
- The checkbook balance, including Obligated Funds, is $35,791.53. This balance does not include an additional $20K amount that is held in a Money Market account at Edward Jones. The Committee will access part of those MM monies once our checkbook balance drops below an amount that would cover two months of expenses (approximately $20,000).
- Partial monies for Ryan's three boys to go to Bible camp this summer will come from Endowment Funds, Russel Watkins funds.
- Central held the PORTA Baccalaureate service and dinner this year and served over a combined 100 students and family members. Monies for the dinner came from the Endowment Fund, General Fund A account.

Building and Ongoing Projects

- Following an onsite inspection, our insurance carrier, Goodville Mutual Casualty Company, made the following recommendation:
  - The Committee has calls out to three vendors to have the roofs inspected to prevent damage to the interior of the building. We will keep the Session informed of the outcome of those inspections.
- Brianne Satorius planted beautiful flowers in the front planters.
- The Memorial Committee is looking into having the southeast entry doors scraped and painted.
- The new TV in the conference room has been utilized for meetings and was well received.

Submitted by Steven Territo, Chairperson

Newsletter Feature: Interview with Marilyn Montgomery

1. What church did you grow up in? "Baptized and confirmed in Williamsville Methodist Church, Williamsville, Illinois."
2. Paul and Marilyn were married on January 9, 1982, at Central Presbyterian Church and have been members ever since. It was cold on their wedding day (23 below zero)! The cold cracked the unity candle! Reverend Ken Churchill performed the service.
3. How many generations of the Montgomery Family have there been at CPC? "There have been at least 4 generations at this church."
4. What do you love about your church? "It feeds my soul. The fellowship we experience is great. It feels like home."
5. Do you have anything exciting coming up in your family? "Matt and Ellie (daughter) are getting married on May 30, 2026!" Matt and Ellie Price. Paul and Marilyn are thrilled to welcome Matt into the family and are very proud of this young couple!
6. Favorite scripture? Jeremiah 29:11. "*I know the plans I have for you, sayeth the Lord*." "We had this put on Ellie's confirmation cake."
7. Favorite hymn? "How Great Thou Art."
8. Other thoughts? "I remember always going to Sunday School and Church, but I have also learned a lot through Bible Study Fellowship offered here in town. God has provided and

blessed our family over and over again, especially through the gift of our daughter who we waited 14 years for. God has given me peace and assurance from fear gradually over time. I know He is with me!"

Quotation Station for June

(Quotes on "Youth")

"The flower of youth never appears more beautiful than when it bends toward the sun of righteousness." --Matthew Henry

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." --George Washington Carver

"If you young fellows were wise, the devil couldn't do anything to you, but since you aren't wise, you need us who are old." --Martin Luther

"Oh, the joy of young ideas painted on the mind, in the warm, glowing colors fancy spreads on objects not yet known, when all is new and all is lovely. --Hannah Moore

"It is not possible for civilization to flow backwards while there is youth in the world. Youth may be headstrong, but it will advance it allotted length." --Helen Keller

Monthly Riddles/Jokes (Father's Day)

Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?

Answer: In case they get a hole in one!

Why do dads feel the need to tell such bad jokes?

Answer: We just want to help you become a groan up!

How many dads does it take to clean a child's room?

Answer: One, but it takes 18 years!

Are my kids perfect?

Answer: No, but we can blame mom for that one!

Meals on Wheels!

Many thanks to all who volunteered and delivered **Meals on Wheels** during the month of May. This has been an annual mission project of Central for many years. Your time and energy are very much appreciated! This year 18 members of our congregation plus many friends pitched in to fill two routes on 20 days to get the meals delivered each weekday! Many thanks going out to Jan Costello for coordinating and to those that were able to donate their time for this worthwhile project!!

Generous Donation!

May 10, 2026, Mother's Day, was also **Blanket Sunday**. This year's donations came to $250. Thanks to everyone who donated. Your simple act of kindness will provide a little extra warmth or a little extra cushion for someone sleeping on a floor or maybe on the street.

PORTA Baccalaureate

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, Central Presbyterian Church hosted PORTA's Baccalaureate with a meal being served at 6:15 p.m. and service following at 7:00 p.m. This was for the 2026 Senior Class members and their parents with 125 in attendance. Thank you to all those that assisted in donating and preparing food as well as serving and cleaning up.

What Could YOU Share?

The "Summer Season" is upon us, and the Choir is taking its well-deserved break. It has been a tradition at Central for members and friends to provide Worship Enhancement as part of the worship service during the summer months. YOU are encouraged to consider what you might be able and willing to contribute. Many tend to think of musical offerings, but Worship Enhancement can take on many different forms. Do you have a special or meaningful poem … or story … or teaching … or inspirational devotion … or a song … that you would be willing to share? Coleen Janssen is coordinating the program; a sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex.

Pentecost: The Birthday of the Church

Pentecost Sunday this year was celebrated on May 24. As Pastor Ryan commented, he was "seeing RED, but not because he was angry!"

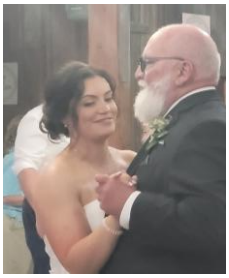
A huge thank you to all that were able to donate to Central Presbyterian Church. The plastic tub is still in the Narthex for you to drop off gift donations. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Those clearly marked donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the

church; but please, NO GIFT CARDS! A list of items frequently used by the church can be found in last month's Chimes.

Montgomery Celebrations!

Brant and Randi Bess welcomed Myers Kip Bess on Wednesday, May 20, weighing in at 6 lbs., 4 oz. Brant is the grandson of Raymond and Alia Montgomery and nephew to Paul and Marilyn Montgomery. Raeleigh Bess is Myers' big sister, who can't wait to have him home!

Proud parents, Paul and Marilyn Montgomery, celebrated with family and friends the marriage of Ellie Montgomery and Matt Price. The wedding and reception was held Saturday, May 30, at the Homestead.



Coop Vacation Bible School is Planned!

Experience Rainfall Falls during VBS hosted by the United Methodist Church. All Petersburg area children Pre-K (age 4 years) through 5th graders are encouraged to come explore the Nature of God Monday, July 6 through Thursday July 9, 2026, 9-11 a.m. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

Father's Day in the United States

From Wikipedia

Father's Day is an annual holiday honoring people's fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. It was first proposed by Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, in 1909. It is currently celebrated in the United States annually on the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fathers, fathering, and fatherhood. It was founded in Spokane, Washington, at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis' Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

It did not have much success initially. In the 1920's, Dodd stopped promoting the celebration because she was studying at the Art Institute of Chicago, and it faded into relative obscurity, even in Spokane. In the 1930's, Dodd returned to Spokane and started promoting the celebration again, raising its awareness at a national level. She had the help of those trade groups that would benefit most from the holiday, for example the manufacturers of ties, tobacco pipes, and any traditional presents to fathers. Americans resisted the holiday at first, perceiving it as just an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day, and newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic attacks and jokes. But the trade groups did not give up and kept promoting it and even incorporated the jokes into their advertisements and eventually

succeeded. By the mid-1980s, the Father's Council wrote that "Father's Day has become a Second Christmas for all the men's gift-oriented industries."

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak at a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator, Margaret Chase Smith, wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus" singling out just one of our two parents." In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law on April 24, 1972.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the July **2026 *Chimes*** submitted to the church office **no later than Friday, June 19!** A ***Microsoft Word file*** attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. **Please reference "Chimes article" in the subject line.** Please email the church with any suggestions as to what you may want to see in the ***Chimes***. Our email address is office@central-pres.org

Keep Connected!

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe is in the church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you wish to make an appointment to visit with him, please call the church office at 217-632-2651. You may also call or text his cell phone: 217-972-4859.

Members are encouraged to continue to stay connected with the church family. If you have an emergency or are in need of assistance from Central, please contact:

Church Office, 217-632-2651, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; or leave a message anytime
Pastor Ryan Edgecombe, 217-972-4859
Marilyn Montgomery, Deacon Chair, 217-341-5361
Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session, 217-341-7599

Another option for keeping connected is through the use of the **Central Presbyterian Prayer Chain** on Facebook. Group prayer is so powerful. The congregation is encouraged to reach out with any prayer request—nothing is too trivial! The posts are seen only by group members. If you are a Facebook user but not yet a group member, look us up and join today!

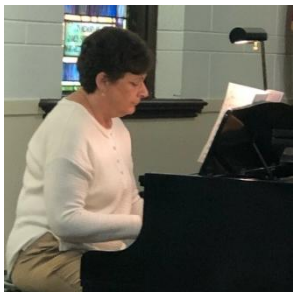
Menard Caring Food Pantry/Diaper Bank Needs

June is **"Snack Attack"** ***(Jelly, peanut butter, Jello, pudding)*** at the Food Pantry**.** Donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex.

For questions or information regarding the **Menard Caring Food Pantry**, please contact Lindsay Wilken, Food Pantry Coordinator at 217-717-2551, or Anne Smith, Menard Caring Treasurer at 217-303-8968.

Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation to the **Diaper Bank** is always accepted. Contact Lindsay Wilken for more information.

May Scenes from Central



Marshmallow Fruit Dip

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup cherry yogurt
1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 jar (7 oz.) marshmallow crème
Assorted fresh fruit

Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and yogurt until well blended. Fold in whipped topping and marshmallow crème. Serve with fruit.
   Prep/Total Time: 10 minutes Yield: 5 cups (40 servings)

Taco Skillet

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 lb. ground beef
1 small red onion, chopped
1 can (15-1/4 oz.) whole kernel corn, drained
10 corn tortillas (6 inches), cut into 1-inch pieces
1 bottle (8 oz.) taco sauce
1 1/4 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
Sour cream, chopped green onion, chopped tomatoes, salsa for topping

Directions

1. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain.
2. Add the corn, tortillas, taco sauce and 1 cup cheese; heat through.
3. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Serve with desired toppings.

Total Time/Prep: 20 minutes—Yield: 6 Servings

Strawberry Shakes

Taste of Home

Ingredients

2/3 cup 2% milk
3 cups strawberry ice cream
1 cup fresh strawberries
2 Tbsps. Strawberry syrup

Directions

1. In a blender, combine all ingredients; cover and process until smooth
2. Pour into chilled glasses.
3. Serve immediately

Total Time/Prep: 5 minutes—Yield 4 Servings

Happy Birthday!

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June 7	June Gamage	Lutheran Hillside Village SP1106 6901 N. Galena Rd. Peoria, IL 61614

June 6	Shane Marquardt
June 7	Christopher Willhite
June 8	Brent Carter
June 8	Julia Territo
June 8	Jared Long
June 12	Garrett G. Gerdes
June 12	Grace Gerdes Clardy
June 13	Susan Carlson
June 14	Lonnie Edgecombe
June 19	Blake Sampson
June 19	Lesley Reynolds Coderko
June 21	Seth Sanert
June 27	Steve Plaeger

Happy Anniversary!

June 2	Greg & Pam Brown
June 4	James & Abby Noel
June 7	Charles & Jean Sandberg
June 8	Zane & Hannah Kyes
June 12	Jerry & Janene Tice
June 17	Pastor Ryan & Bethany
June 17	Bill & Alice Studzinski
June 23	Rodney & Debbie Davis
June 29	Gary & Marisa Gerdes

worship leader

	Usher/Greeter	***Liturgist***	***Communion Steward***
Sunday, June 7	Coleen Janssen	Rodney Davis	Jan Costello
Sunday, June 14	Cindy Godbey	John Godbey	
Sunday, June 21	Brianne Satorius	Linda Williams	
Sunday, June 28	TBD	Ron Sanert	

If you cannot fulfill your duty as usher/greeter or liturgist, please find someone to take your place.

Also, let the church office know of the changes as soon as possible.

Worship Attendance

May 3	**34**	May 24	**17**
May 10	**37**	May 31	**33**
May 17	**26**		

Average Worship Attendance: **29**

Members:

Will Carter
Rich Ford
June Gamage
Steve Hollis
Ben Kiningham
JoAnn Morris
Charles (Sandy) Sandberg
Susie Sanert
Jim Satorius
Judy Stahl
Lisa Willhite
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jim Allen (P. & M. Montgomery's cousin)
Family of Nick Bell
Tim Bellinger (R. Plaeger's nephew)
Meyers Kip Bess (P. & M. Montgomery's great nephew)
Raleigh Bess (P. & M. Montgomery's great niece)
Clarice Blout (B. Satorius' grandmother)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Judy Boutelle (Rev. Boutelle's wife)
Larry & Peggy Brandon (Pastor Ryan's friends)
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)
Lois Corrigan (J. Higginbotham's sister)
Serge Davis
Terry Davis (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Barb Deihl (L. Williams' cousin)
Bill Dennis (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Sandy Dierks
Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
Vicki Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's mother)
Cheryl Esela (L. Claussen's sister)
Linda Ewing (D. & C. Long's friend)
Susan Gaither (L. Williams' friend)
Greg Grogan (C. Long's brother)
Liam Grogan (D. & C. Long's nephew)
Tyler Gurski (B. & A. Studzinski's grandson)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Lucien Hill (grandson to friend of M. Montgomery)
Angie Hodgson (C. Drake's sister)
Kristina Hutton & boys (D. & C. Long's daughter)
Karen Kelso (C. Godbey's sister-in-law)
David "Anthony" Long (D. & C. Long's son)
Kathy Long (D. & C. Long's sister-in-law)
Katie Niccolls (J. Koch's granddaughter)
Veronica Nunez (J. Higginbotham's great granddaughter)
Family of Theresa Olsen
Janice Perry (daughter of a friend of Pastor Ryan)
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Steve & Kim Rebbe (C. Ford's friend)
Abbey Reynolds (P. Reynolds' daughter)
Kathy Ruppel (M. Montgomery's friend)
Dawn Schafer (S. Schafer's daughter-in-law)
Harry Schirding
Co Shelton (J. Tice's friend)
Kay Siegrist (L. Williams' friend))
Jeff Smith (D. & C. Long's friend)
Family of Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife—St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church)
Janey Spangler (C. Long's family)
Family of Robert Stayton
Nancy Swift (R. Pinkston's cousin)
John Territo (S. Territo's brother)
Randy Throckmorton (former CPC member)
Gene Treseler
Blair Wallace (R. Rowe's daughter)
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Eric Wiant (D. & C. Long's friend)
Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Caity Willox (R. & C. Ford's daughter)
Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's granddaughter)

Please pray for all we know who are homebound, residing in care facilities, undergoing surgery or medical treatment, serving in the military or who are away from their family and friends.

In Our Communities and In Our World:

Our Country and our World
Peace between nation neighbors
Victims of gun violence/mass shootings
Our youth so that they may find Christ!
Displaced people in the world
Victims of sexual assault
Racial equality
Homeless Veterans

Please keep the church office informed of members or friends that need to be placed on or removed from our prayer list. Send an email to: office@central-pres.org or call the church office at: 217-632-2651 with updates.