CENTRAL Chimes
Central Presbyterian Church
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS

Hello Friends,

It's good to be back from vacation, but we certainly had a fun time together as a family! As you may have known already, we went up the east coast of Lake Michigan (on the Michigan side) and even spent a little time on Mackinac Island and in the Upper Peninsula. One of the main focuses of our trip was a desire to see and tour some of the lighthouses along the Great Lakes. We were able to see and/or tour lighthouses in South Haven, Holland, Silver Lake, Ludington, Frankfort, Northport, Old Mission, Mackinaw City, and Whitefish Point by Lake Superior (where we saw the Bell from the Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald).

I am amazed by the commitment and dedication given by those old lighthouse keepers in the days of no electricity and no GPS and no modern technology. There was real danger within those great inland seas we call the Great Lakes, and equally great lights were needed to guide and warn those carrying passengers and/or cargo. There are over 1,500 documented shipwrecks in Lake Michigan alone, with the highest concentration taking place between 1850 and 1920.

The oil lamps that the lightkeepers used in those days were not that impressive, and would not be effective in reaching those on the lake on a dark night. The glass lens that they surrounded the flame with, however, was what gave the light its intensity, focus, and power. These were called Fresnel lenses, and they could be seen by sailors for several miles. I have included some pictures below.

These lenses, which for the time were great scientific achievements, and at the same time examples of beautiful craftmanship, reminded me of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer. By ourselves, we may think that our little light that we are shining for Jesus is fairly small and unimpressive, and not that powerful. We may think or feel that we have little to offer the Kingdom of God because we are either not too excited or not sure about any skills, gifts, or abilities that God may have given us. "The world needs to know about God's love, but what can I do about it, I'm just one person?" The good news is that The Holy Spirit surrounds us, envelopes us, and inspires us to shine our light for Christ. The Holy Spirit focuses and intensifies our little light until it shines bright and clear in all directions for those who are looking for a signal, bringing them home into the harbor of God's love. The Holy Spirit also brings Christians together into Community so that our lights together, shining as one, can cover more territory and be more effective than we ever could by ourselves. **So, think of the work of the Holy Spirit kind of like those old Fresnel Lenses, focusing, intensifying, and projecting, our little light into something powerful, by God's Amazing Grace!**

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills." --1 Corinthians 12

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Seth, Zane, and Lonnie at Port Betsie Lighthouse which is located on the eastern shoreline of Lake Michigan, just south of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

The 4th Order Fresnel Lens at Old Mackinac Point is on display inside the lighthouse museum in Mackinaw City. Its light could be seen nearly 16 miles.

Administration Committee News

Financial

- May financials show YTD income $5,645.01 above budget and expenses were above budget by $2,376.83. Regardless of budget, our income is $17,964.97 below our expenses and is in line with our anticipated 2026 shortfall.
- The checkbook balance, including Obligated Funds, is $30,227.29. 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). We are monitoring this and will transfer monies as needed in $5K increments.
- Monies from the Scouts Obligated Funds have been offered to our Boy Scouts for summer camp. We are waiting for a response on whether they will attend this year.
- The CD from the old Youth Checking Account fund ($6,600+) is maturing on 7/2/26 and being transferred to the Endowment Fund, Tozer Fund Z which was established for Christian Education purposes.

Building and Ongoing Projects

- The Committee has calls out to three vendors to have the roofs inspected to prevent damage to the interior of the building. With recent storms, vendors will come to inspect the church once their current repair work is completed. We will keep the Session informed of the outcome of those inspections.
- Central will host the Methodist youth during the week of July 13.
- The Memorial Committee is looking into having the southeast entry doors scraped and painted.
- The Committee is investigating recovering the stained-glass windows on the east side of the church building facing 8th Street.
- The thermostats in the sanctuary have been remounted as well as the towel dispenser in the women's restroom. The opening for the sanctuary furnace filter has been reoriented.
- A new computer monitor has been ordered for the office.
- New dual wireless over-the-ear MICs have been ordered. These will be used during Communion for the officiant instead of the MICs on a stand.
- All church window A/C units have been inspected and are functioning well.

Submitted by Steven Territo, Chairperson

Quotation Station for July

(Quotes on "Christian Liberty")

"The only freedom that man ever has is when he becomes a slave to Jesus Christ." --R. C. Sproul

"Happy is the man who can use Christian liberty without abusing it." --J. C. Ryle

"Liberty without virtue would be no blessing to us." --Benjamin Rush

"Free will is not the liberty to do whatever one likes, but the power of doing whatever one sees ought to be done, even in the very face of otherwise overwhelming impulse. There lies freedom, indeed. --George Macdonald

"The chief aim of Christianity was to give room for good things to run wild." --G.K. Chesterton

"To secure one's freedom, the Christian must experience God's light which is God's truth." --Watchman Nee

Monthly Riddles/Jokes (4th of July)

What would you say if everyone in the country sneezed at the same time?

Answer: God bless America!

What do you serve with cheese on the 4th of July?

Answer: Fire-crackers!

Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Answer: At the very bottom!

What cat said, "The British are coming?"

Answer: Paw Revere!

Generous Donation!

Thank you to all those that donated much needed items for the church during Pentecost Sunday.

What Could YOU Share?

There is still time to sign up for "Worship Enhancement" by being a part of the summer service (this runs through the month of August). Coleen Janssen is coordinating the program; a sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex.

A special "Thank You!" to Ethan Satorius, Ava Satorius, and Julia Territo for their Worship Enhancement contributions during the month of June.

Kemmerer Village: One Man's Dream Continues to be Alive

1884 In 1884, a dream was born! It was in that year an Assumption area farmer, Philip Kemmerer, sat down and wrote out his own will – his gift to the children of the future! He wrote that his 400-acre farm and assets were to be given to the Presbyterian Churches of Central Illinois to create a home "for the orphans and friendless poor of all denominations." And thus, one man's dream and vision was born.

1914 Nine years after the death of Philip Kemmerer, the doors of Kemmerer Orphan's Home opened wide to welcome homeless children, thus putting a plan of action together to fulfill one man's dream and vision to help the homeless.

In the early years of this century, Kemmerer Orphan's Home served as a safe haven for many orphaned children of Illinois and also as a large adoption agency. Clearly, it was the Church's responsibility, in those days, to care for the needy, poor and orphaned. Most of the children were preschool and grade school age and all lived on the second floor of the old main building. There were caring couples who served as superintendents in those days. They also served as nurses, cooks, launderers, teachers, gardeners, fixer-uppers and "finders" of cash and in-kind gifts for the home as well as caretakers for the 30 children entrusted to their care.

1930 As modern medicine began to help childbearing couples live longer, the role and responsibility of the Church's children's homes began to shift away from caring primarily for orphans to that of children of divorce, children born out of wedlock, or those of financially stressed families. During this time, the cost of caring for children continued to rise and soon the Church could no longer afford the sole responsibility of financing the cost of care for the needy, the poor, the hurting – it became a shared task. As was typical of many Church homes throughout the country, Kemmerer changed its name from Kemmerer Orphan's Home to Kemmerer Children's Home. The type of care at this point was long-term. Children usually stayed at the home through their entire school years, often five to ten years. The emphasis of the home at that time was to provide food, shelter and nurture. Up until the early 1950's, all the children lived in a centralized institutional environment in the three-story main building located at the center of campus.

1954 The Board of Directors for Kemmerer began a new and radical program of decentralization to offer the 40 children the opportunity to live in small family-like, ranch-style cottages with 10-12 fellow children, rather than being all housed in two large dormitories on the second floor of the main building. During the next 20 years, a gymnasium and ranch-style cottages were constructed on the 20 acre campus. Caring, live-in houseparents served in each cottage. During this time,

County Courts, who shared the welfare responsibilities of the needy, referred to the majority of children to Kemmerer.

1968 At the suggestion of the children to relieve some stigma of living in a children's home, the home was renamed Kemmerer Village, symbolic of the new campus and family-like environment at Kemmerer.

1980 The decade of the 80's was a period of much change. Kemmerer Village once again experienced a change in the type of children needing its care. No longer were the children orphans or children who were simply products of family breakdowns and needing long-term custodial care. These children came with many and varied hurts – victims of physical abuse, desertion, sexual abuse, neglect, and family and community violence. These children now brought with them challenging behavior problems, school problems, low self esteem, anger, suicidal tendencies, and a lack of respect or trust in adults. No longer could these children successfully learn in a regular community educational setting. Thus, in 1983, a new on-grounds special education program was designed by Kemmerer Village and the Assumption School District. In 1989, the Fergusson Educational Center opened, expanding the number of classrooms for on-campus students and providing the school with a building for its sole use. A fifth cottage opened on campus that same year, allowing the Village to now serve 52 children in the residential program. Additional on-campus support services to these "special needs children" included extensive therapy, counseling, psychiatric services, medical care, recreational therapy services, as well as Christian education. The children remained actively involved in the church life of various Presbyterian churches in the area. Additional community-based programs of life skills; supervised independent living, aftercare counseling, aftercare advocacy, and therapeutic foster care were added, bringing the number of children served within the communities to 45. The Village now had nearly 100 children entrusted to its care.

2002 In February, the Margaret J. Dick Campus Center, at the south end of the campus, opened for use. The centerpiece of the building is the Village's first on-campus Chapel. Along with the addition of a chapel, Kemmerer Village hired our first Chaplain. Christian education is now available to all of our children without leaving the campus, and the children now have their "own church." The west end of the Campus Center houses a new cafeteria which serves as both a dining and training facility, which can seat 150 people. The east end of the building now is the home of the administrative offices for both the residential and community services programs and the business department.

2003 In September, Tate Cottage was opened to become the sixth residential cottage on-campus, to house our expanding residential client population which had grown to 56 clients.

2005 Two newly constructed resident cottages, Allemang and Carnahan, were completed and opened on the west side of campus. There were now eight cottages housing our residential clients. Rather than using the additional cottages to increase Kemmerer Village's overall residential population, the new cottages allowed us to lower the average number of clients in a cottage from ten to seven. We were also able to increase the number of direct care-staff at this time in order to provide our residential clients with even more individual attention and care.

2010 An indoor riding arena and new stable area was developed for our horses and our Equine Therapy program. The 11,000 square foot facility was adjoined to our existing barn and stables and an additional seven and a half acres of pasture. Our Equestrian Therapy Program will allow us to pursue more non-traditional avenues with our clientele. Today, Kemmerer Village serves approximately 120 children through our Residential Treatment and Foster Care Programs daily.

2016 Kemmerer Village assumed management of the Illinois Inter-Agency Athletic Association. This group had functioned as an independent body since 1976 through a grant from the state of Illinois. In 2016, Kemmerer Village assumed management of this program and grant through our Recreation program. The IIAA provides an opportunity of children who are involved with Residential Treatment, Foster Care, Shelters, Boys and Girls programs across the state to participate in sports teams and other competition. The IIAA places a strong emphasis on sportsmanship and frustration tolerance as well as specific skill building for our youth.

2018 Significant growth occurred in the Community Services Department as the number of children served rose from a consistent 60, doubling and then tripling. To adapt, staff offices were added in the former North Cottage with space for family visiting.

Kemmerer Village also began providing the "Horses and Heroes" program as part of our Equine programming. In the "Horses and Heroes" program, residents who have advanced in their clinical program are selected to continue their growth by serving as volunteers to riders who come from the community. This is a unique and wonderful opportunity for residents to work alongside qualified community volunteers to help others and learn more about becoming leaders

2021 Kemmerer Village merged with Camp Carew in beautiful southern Illinois. Through extensive negotiations with the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, Kemmerer Village assumed management of Camp Carew, joining with the existing Camp Director and Camp Advisory Council to ensure the long-term success of this wonderful camping program.

FYI: There is a box for "loose change" on the table in the Narthex if you wish to donate to Kemmerer Village and its worthwhile cause.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the **August 2026** ***Chimes*** submitted to the church office **no later than Monday, July 20!** 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

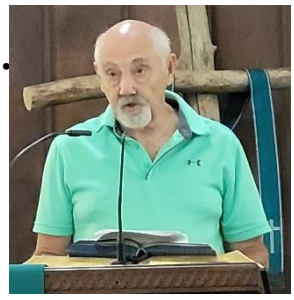
Another option for keeping connected is through the use of the **Central Presbyterian Prayer Chain** on Facebook. Group prayer is so powerful. The congregation is encouraged to reach out with any prayer request—nothing is too trivial! The posts are seen only by group members. If you are a Facebook user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

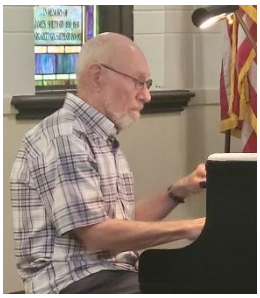
Menard Caring Food Pantry/Diaper Bank Needs

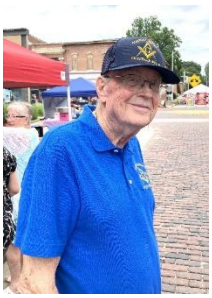
July is **"Summertime Sharing"** ***(soap and shampoo)*** at the Food Pantry**.** Donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex.

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.

June Scenes from Central







Dill Potato Salad

Taste of Home

Ingredients

6 large red potatoes, cooked and cubed
3 green onions with tops, sliced
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
1/2 cup mayonnaise
3 tbsp. half & half cream
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. each dill weed, white pepper & garlic powder

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine potatoes, onions and parsley. Combine remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour over potato mixture and mix gently. Cover and refrigerate for an hour.
   Prep/Total Time: 15 minutes + chilling Yield: 8 servings)

Barbecued Chicken Salad Sandwiches

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 1/2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breasts
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
8 kaiser rolls, split
8 tomato slices
8 lettuce leaves

Directions

1. Place the chicken in a shallow baking dish; add barbecue sauce. Turn to coat; cover. Refrigerate overnight.
2. Grill chicken, covered, over medium high heat until a thermometer reads 165^0, 6 to 8 minutes on each side. Cool, cover and refrigerate chicken until chilled.
3. Chop chicken; place in a large bowl. Stir in mayonnaise, onion, celery, salt and pepper flakes. Serve on rolls with tomato slices and lettuce leaves.

Total Time/Prep: 15 minutes + marinating Grill: 15 minutes + cooling Yield: 8 Servings

Happy Birthday!

July 2	Kyle Winkelmann	July 20	Ethan Stephenson
July 3	Brianne Satorius	July 22	John Buehner
July 8	Gail Horn	July 23	Ruth Stark
July 8	Barbara Sampson	July 24	Gene Horn
July 9	Laurelyn Roberts	July 24	Ethan Satorius
July 12	Bethany Edgecombe	July 28	Stephanie Wankel
July 13	Kyle Stark	July 30	Carrie Winkelmann

Happy Anniversary!

July 8	Rich & Chris Ford	July 23	Steve & Rhonda Plaeger
July 10	Tim & Melissa Groh	July 24	Kyle & Stephanie Wankel
July 21	Mark & Pam Albrecht	July 25	David & Cheryl Drake
July 22	Ron & Susie Sanert	July 30	Brent & Peggy Carter

worship leader

	Usher/Greeter	*Liturgist*	*Communion Steward*
Sunday, July 5	Rodney Davis	Dan Stephenson	David Drake
Sunday, July 12	Marilyn Montgomery	Jan Costello	
Sunday, July 19	Will Carter	Coleen Janssen	
Sunday, July 26	Debbie Davis	Rodney Davis	

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

June 7	**20**	June 21	**38**
June 14	**19**	June 28	**26**

Average Worship Attendance: **26**

Members:

Will Carter
Rich Ford
June Gamage
Steve Hollis
Ben Kiningham
Orene Lynn
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)
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)
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)
Family of Barbara Fricke
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)
Baby Hayes Johnson
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)
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 Janey Spangler (C. Long's family)
Nancy Swift (R. Pinkston's cousin)
John Territo (S. Territo's brother)
Randy Throckmorton (former CPC member)
Family of Rhonda Tippett
Gene Treseler
Blair Wallace (R. Rowe's daughter)
Family of Joan Weston (Pastor Ryan's friend)
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)
Family of Robert Wilson (R. Plaeger's uncle)
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.