CENTRAL Chimes
Central Presbyterian Church
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS

Hello Friends,

Our Bible Study group, which meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., recently went through a really great four-week video study on the relationship of Science and Religion. This video series is taught by one of my former professors from Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, Dr. Richard Knopp. Professor Knopp has several advanced degrees, including a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Illinois. For years he has focused his research and field of study on apologetics (showing the logic/reasonableness of Christianity), worldview studies, and how science and Christianity inter-relate. He particularly has worked with younger people in trying to provide a firm intellectual foundation for their budding/growing faith.

I believe that every Christian should watch these videos, especially those who really feel the struggle between scientific claims and Scriptural assertions. Sometimes we feel that science and faith are at odds, or that one challenges the other. These lectures remind us that many of the early and influential scientists were motivated by their strong faith in God to pursue scientific study, and that one can have a high view of Scripture, firmly believing in the full inspiration of the words therein, while at the same time making room for a very Old Universe, Old Earth, and an evolutionary process. These lectures are free for you to watch, and I encourage you to do so. LET ME KNOW IF YOU WATCHED THEM, AND IF THESE WERE HELPFUL TO YOU! You can find them by bringing up the following website:

www.roomfordoubt.com

Under the "Presentations" tab you should find lots of great resources, including the "Science and Christianity" four-part series.

I hope you will take the time to look at this. I think your faith will be strengthened, especially as you develop a greater appreciation for the beauty of what God has done in Creation. I also think you will grow in your ability to see how Science and Faith can co-exist in a healthy way.

I hope you have a great October! Please pray for your Church, your Country, and the World!

Thanks be to God, Amen!

Ryan Edgecombe, Pastor
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Administration Committee News

Financial

- August financials show YTD income $1,023.46 above budget (not counting the CD monies) and expenses are under budget by $145.89. Regardless of budget, our income is $22,383.89 below our expenses and is in line with our anticipated 2026 shortfall.
- The checkbook balance, including Obligated Funds, is $24,558.37. There is $10,000.00 remaining in the Money Market account. Money will be transferred as needed to ensure that we can cover two months' worth of bills in our checking account.
- The Committee will be meeting with Julie Wankel from Edward Jones at our October meeting to review the progress of our investments and to predict those monies for our 2027 budget.
- Annual Stewardship drive letter to be completed and sent out in October.
- In preparation for 2027 Annual Budget, individual committees with line items in the budget need to review their usage from 2026 and submit requests to the Admin Committee for consideration.

Building and ongoing projects

- Sinclair Construction has inspected the roofs and submitted pictures of the flat roof to the committee. Ed Sinclair indicated that the main roof is nearing the end of its useful life but probably has a couple of years left. Sinclair Construction has done work on our roof in the past. They will be submitting quotes for both areas.
- Sunley Roofing has inspected the roofs. The roof was patched in 2022 by Sunley and it's in disrepair; they will be submitting a bid for a complete replacement. They will also give their opinion of the condition of the main roof, as well as a quote for repair/replacement.
- Once the evaluations and bids for the repair/replacement of the roofs are received, they will be reviewed and submitted to Session for final approval.
- George Alarm has inspected all smoke alarms, rate of rise indicators and pull stations. They replaced two units that had failed inspection. George Alarm will be back to give a spreadsheet of 'Zones' for all units and to install one additional smoke detector.
- The Memorial Committee has reached out to an additional painting contractor on having the southeast entry doors scraped and painted.
- $100 is being allocated for the Jaycees' 'Safe and Drug Free' Halloween event. These monies are coming from the Ebersolt Fund.
- The accompaniment book for the Sing the Faith hymnal is in bad shape and is out of print. The book needs to be copied before it gets any worse.

Submitted by Steven Territo, Chairperson

Quotation Station for October

(Quotes on "Communion/The Lord's Supper")

"When Jesus himself wanted to explain to his disciples what his forthcoming death was all about, he didn't give them a theory, he gave them a meal." --N. T. Wright

"Break one and the same bread, which is the medicine of immortality, the antidote which prevents us from dying, and a cleansing remedy driving away evil so that we should live in God through Jesus Christ." --Ignatius

"As two pieces of wax fused together make one so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him and he is in Christ." --Cyril of Alexandria

"The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified. The community of the cross is a community of celebration, a eucharistic community, ceaselessly offering to God through Christ." --John Stott

"Bread of Life? Jesus lived up to the title. But an unopened loaf does a person no good. Have you received the bread? Have you received God's forgiveness?" --Max Lucado

October Riddles/Jokes

Why is October the best month to play a joke on a leaf?
Answer: Because they fall for anything!

What do you call a pumpkin that works at the beach?
Answer: A life gourd

What did the tree say to the month of October?
Answer: Take it or leaf it!

What do you call two spiders who get married in October?
Answer: "Newly-webs!"

Why are ghosts so bad at telling lies?
Answer: Because you can see right through them!

Worship in the Park

A congregation of 30 members and friends gathered on Sunday, September 13 to worship in the splendor of God's marvelous creation. The service began with a Hymn Sing of requested old favorites; special music was provided by Coleen Janssen and Patrik Claussen; Pastor Ryan delivered his inspirational message. Thanks to Emma Lou for providing music on the keyboard.

Following worship, a potluck lunch was enjoyed. As always, there was an abundance of good food! Thanks to all who contributed in the planning for the event, especially to Dave Long for transporting the keyboard from the church. More pictures can be found later in this newsletter.

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

Our Daily Bread devotionals for October, November, and December are on the table in the Narthex for your spiritual reading experience. Pick one up for yourself and maybe a friend, as well.

Giving from God's Gifts

Part 3: How Will You Respond?

The Administration Committee will soon be distributing Stewardship materials. We are all recipients of God's bountiful blessings; we are all stewards and servants of Jesus. Paul, though imprisoned, said, "I have fruitful work to do for Christ;" he characterized his mission as "helping others grow and helping the church more fully rejoice in their faith." Have you begun to prayerfully consider how you can rejoice in the gifts and blessings you enjoy by supporting Central in our work for Christ in 2027—with your time, talents, and finances?

Time/Talents

- It is easy to continue doing the same things each year—have you considered serving in a different way? Check out the options on the Time/Talent Inventory card; add additional tasks as needed.
- We could use individuals to collaborate on our committees, spreading out the work and providing fresh, new ideas. Could you contribute to the work of the Worship, Administration, Personnel, Mission/Outreach, Christian Education, or Stewardship Committees?
- There are 'behind the scenes' tasks that seem to just magically get done—sharpening pew pencils, putting offering envelopes in pews, counting weekly offering, mowing, care of flower beds, etc. (you can probably think of many more!). Are these tasks that interest you?

Finances

- Your financial pledge is an important part of Stewardship. The General Fund covers costs for salaries, insurance, electricity/gas, supplies, mission work. We all are experiencing increases in these areas; the church is no different. How can you contribute?
- The Major Maintenance Fund exists for taking care of our building maintenance—and we will be replacing the roofs on our building soon. Will you consider a pledge to cover costs for the work to be done?

When you receive your Stewardship materials, please take time to consider how your contributions affect our church family. You will be asked to complete and return your pledge cards as soon as possible—no later than Sunday, November 1. This greatly benefits those planning schedules, nominations, and especially the 2027 budget.

Annual Wiener Roast!

CPC's Annual Wiener Roast is scheduled after Worship on Sunday, October 18, at New Salem State Park. The Deacons are hosting this event, and they will be providing hot dogs, buns, drinks, and s'mores. Please bring a dish to share, if you are able. All are welcome—feel free to invite a friend to join in on the fun and fellowship!

The congregation of the Broadwell Church has been invited to join us for the October 18 worship service as well as the Wiener Roast. Let's make them feel welcome!

Presbytery of Great Rivers Newsletter

Presbytery of Great Rivers sends out, via email, a bi-monthly newsletter to anyone that subscribes to it. This provides a means for members to learn what other churches in our area are doing as well as news from our Presbytery leaders. If interested, go to office@greatriverspby.org, click on "newsletter" option, and fill out the necessary information requested. You will also be given the choice of accessing previous issues.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the **November 2026 Chimes** submitted to the church office **no later than Friday, October 23!** 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 **November 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!

October Food Pantry / Diaper Bank Needs

October is **"Tackle Hunger"** ***(fall favorite pantry items)*** at the Food Pantry**.** Donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex.

Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation to the **Diaper Bank** is always accepted.

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

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is widely recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual global campaign dedicated to increasing awareness, promoting early detection, and supporting those affected by the disease.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month (often called "Pink October" due to its universal pink ribbon symbol) was first launched in October 1985 by the American Cancer Society. It focuses on education, advocacy, and fundraising for medical research.

Why Early Detection Matters

Except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer affecting women in the United States, impacting roughly 1 in 8 women over their lifetime.

The Power of Screenings: When breast cancer is caught early (Stage 1), the survival rate is around 99%. Early detection also frequently means patients can avoid highly invasive treatments like aggressive chemotherapy or radiation.

Mammograms: Medical organizations like the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommend that women aged 40 to 74 get a mammogram every other year.

Recognizing the Signs

It is crucial to know what is normal for your body so you can report changes immediately. According to the FDA, signs can include: A lump or thickening in the breast or underarm area. Changes in the size, shape, or skin texture of the breast (such as dimpling or redness). Nipple inversion, pain, or unusual discharge.

Key Risk Factors

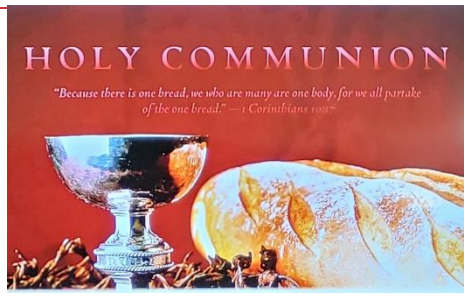
While anyone can develop breast cancer, primary risk factors include advancing age, dense breast tissue, a family history of breast cancer (genetic mutations like BRCA1/BRCA2), and lifestyle choices like high alcohol consumption or limited physical activity.

Critical Observances Within the Month: The conversation around breast cancer has evolved to include specific groups that are often overlooked by general campaigns:

- **Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC) Awareness Day (October 13):** Dedicated to the roughly 155,000 Americans living with Stage IV cancer. This day highlights the urgent need for research funding targeting advanced, incurable disease.
- **Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week (Mid-October):** Promotes awareness for male, trans, and non-binary individuals. Roughly 2,6000+ men are diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. every year, and stigma or lack of awareness can often lead to late-stage diagnosis.

If you would like to explore further, you can look into resources or donate directly to verified advocacy organizations like Breastcancer.org or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

September Scenes from Central



Zucchini Pizza Bites

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 large zucchini (about 11 oz.), cut diagonally into 1/4-inch slices
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/3 cup pizza sauce
3/4 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup miniature pepperoni slices
Minced fresh basil

Directions

1. Preheat broiler. Arrange zucchini in a single layer on a greased baking sheet. Broil 3-4 inches from heat just until crisp-tender. 1-2 minutes per side.
2. Sprinkle zucchini with salt and pepper; top with sauce, cheese and pepperoni. Broil until cheese is melted, about 1 minute. Sprinkle with basil.

Total/Prep Time: 20 minutes Yield: About 2 dozen

Simple Guacamole

Taste of Home

Ingredients

2 medium ripe avocados
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1/4 cup chunky salsa
1/8 to 1/4 tsp. salt

Directions

1. Peel and chop avocados; place in a small bowl. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Add Salsa and salt; mash coarsely with a fork. Refrigerate until serving.

Total Time/Prep: 10 minutes Yield: 1 1/2 cups

Salami Roll-Ups

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 carton (8 oz.) whipped cream cheese
1/4 lb. hard salami, finely chopped
2 tbsps. dill pickle relish
4 flour tortillas (10 inches), room temperature

Directions

1. In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, salami and pickle relish.
2. Spread over tortillas. Roll up tightly; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Unwrap and cut each tortilla into 1-inch slices.

Total Time/Prep: 25 minutes Yield: 3 1/2 dozen

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 4	Willow Kyes	Oct. 15	Melissa Groh
Oct. 5	Peggy Carter	Oct. 17	Brooklyn Groh
Oct. 6	Mary Mies	Oct. 22	Fisher Noel
Oct. 9	Chase Sanert	Oct. 25	Emerson Hutton
Oct. 10	Beth Kiningham	Oct. 29	Camilla Long
Oct. 10	Abby Noel	Oct. 30	Mark Goeringer
Oct. 11	John Godbey		

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 2	John & Cindy Godbey	Oct. 28	Shannon & Lisa Willhite
Oct. 3	Steve & Julia Territo	Oct. 28	Gene & Jackie Horn

worship leader

	Usher/Greeter	***Liturgist***	***Communion Steward***
	Rhonda Plaeger	Rodney Davis	Linda Claussen
Sunday, October 11	Jan Costello	Brianne Satorius	
Sunday, October 18	Dan Stephenson	Dave Long	
Sunday, October 25	Jim/Ethan/Ava Satorius	Linda Claussen	

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

September 6	**30**	September 20	**34**
September 13	**30**	September 27	**25**

Average Worship Attendance: **30**

Members:

Will Carter
Serge Davis
Rich Ford
June Gamage
Steve Hollis
Ben Kiningham
Orene Lynn
Marilyn Montgomery
JoAnn Morris
Charles (Sandy) Sandberg
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)
Clarice Blout (B. Satorius' grandmother)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Sheila Blout (B. Satorius' aunt)
Judy Boutelle (Rev. Boutelle's wife)
Larry & Peggy Brandon (Pastor Ryan's friends)
Danny Coffey (J. Goeringer's brother)
Terry Davis (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Bill Dennis (Pastor Ryan's friend)
Sandy Dierks
Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
Jay & Vicki Edgecombe (Pastor Ryan's parents)
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)
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)
Marshall Pflaum
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)
Sally Schafer
Craig Schattschneider (P. & L. Claussen's friend)
Harry Schirding
Co Shelton (J. Tice's friend)
Kay Siegrist (L. Williams' friend))
Jeff Smith (D. & C. Long's friend)
Nancy Swift (R. Pinkston's cousin)
John Territo (S. Territo's brother)
Family of Randy Throckmorton (former CPC member)
Gene Treseler
Blair Wallace (R. Rowe's daughter)
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.