

January 2016

Report from the December Session Meeting

The regular meeting of Session was held on Thursday, December 17, 2015 with Rev. Larry Lalama moderating. Elders in attendance were Liz Sibert, Herb Shreiner, Cheryl Anderson, Byron Lash, Don McDonald, Bob Porter, Rich Wilder, Carl Wise, Nancy McEwen, Charla Paulus, Gary Werner, Dana Vargo, Roger Sibert, Treasurer David Rankl, and Deacon Representative Brenda Wise. Elder Paulus offered a devotion followed by review of the church family prayer list and opening prayer by Rev. Lalama.

General Business

- Approved minutes of the November 19, 2015 regular meeting of Session.
- Approved motion to remove Otto Maier and Barbara Gaul from church rolls.
- Approved request from Spring Hill Historic Home to hold a lecture in our sanctuary on the evening of Thursday, March 31, 2016.
- Received and approved upon motion the report of the Financial Review Committee for fiscal 2014.
- Approved motion to appoint Bob Porter, Ron Fogle, and Bill Indorf as the Financial Review Committee for fiscal 2015.
- Approved Sunday, January 31, 2016 for Congregational/Corporate meeting.

Report of the Pastor

Pastor Lalama submitted a written report to Session detailing his activities since the November meeting. He reported 9 hospital visitations, 6 nursing home visitations, and 3 home visitations. He attended 3 church committee meetings, 1 meeting of Presbytery, and led 4 Sunday worship services. Several other activities were noted.

From the Ministries

- Approved the Report of the Treasurer which showed an Operating Fund Balance of \$16,590.62 as of November 30, 2015.
- Approved the proposed Operating Budget for fiscal 2016 showing total budgeted income/expenses of \$347,279.00.
- General discussions regarding "Vineyard" small group launch, fellowship hour assignments, results of Share-A-Gift program, work of Nominating Committee, and activities of Deacons.

Report of the Clerk

- Holy Communion served on December 6, 2015 to 177 communicants.
- Death of Otto Maier (10/23/15) and Barbara Gaul (12/16/15)

Respectfully Submitted by Roger Sibert, Clerk of Session

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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The regular meeting of Session was held on Thursday, November 19 with Rev. Larry Lalama moderating. In attendance were Elders Charla Paulus, Gary Werner, Cheryl Anderson, Rich Wilder, Dana Vargo, Bill Patt, John Beltz, Herb Shreiner, Byron Lash, Nancy McEwen, Liz Sibert, Bob Porter, and Deacon Representative Kelly Fogle. Elder Anderson offered a devotion followed by review of the church family prayer list by Rev. Lalama.

General Business

- Approved motion to appoint Byron Lash as Clerk pro tem.
- Approved minutes of the October 15, 2015 regular meeting of Session.
- Approved request from Dan Fleischaker to use the kitchen and social hall for a Cub Scout dinner on Monday, December 21, 2015.
- Approved request from Vicki Hinebaugh and Ethel Weeks to have their membership transferred to St. John United Church of Christ in Strasburg, Ohio.
- Approved motion to appoint Bob Porter as Ruling Elder Commissioner for the meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery on December 5, 2015

Report of the Pastor

Pastor Lalama submitted a written report to Session detailing his activities since the October meeting. He reported 17 hospital visitations, 3 nursing home visitations, and 2 home visitations. He officiated 1 funeral, attended 4 church committee meetings, and led 5 Sunday worship services. Other activities were noted.

From the Ministries

- Approved the Report of the Treasurer which showed an Operating Fund Balance of
- \$ 15,673.45 as of October 31, 2015.
- General discussions regarding Feast of the Faithful, Share-a-Gift Tree, preliminary draft of budget for fiscal 2016, and activities of Deacons.

Report of the Clerk

- Holy Communion served on November 1, 2015 to 168 communicants.

Respectfully Submitted by Byron Lash, Clerk pro tem

Outreach Ministry Highlights

Report of Christmas Past:


Our mitten tree gathered 109 items of hats, gloves, scarves, and headbands for youth and adults that were donated to Salvation Army for distribution to families of our community in need of warm clothing.



The church adopted 6 families for a total of 35 persons. The church family provided a gift of clothing and 2 toys for each child 14 years and younger. We provided a gift of their choice to each adult or young adult age 15 or older. The church provided each family with food certificate, from money given with gold stars, from Giant Eagle for the family to purchase their Christmas meal and possible 2-3 additional meals. The families picked up their gifts on Saturday December 19. The Outreach Ministry would like to thank to the entire congregation for their support of this huge project.

January Birthdays

Meredith Rankl-----2
 Jeffrey Fogle -----3
 Happy Snively -----4
 Beverly Denholm -----5
 Robert Phillips-----5
 Louis Lalama -----5
 Keith Paulus -----6
 Vanessa Lash -----7
 Gloria Armitage -----8
 Jeff Busby -----9
 Marilyn Fogle----- 10
 Phil Kennen -----13
 Jean Rice -----13
 Mary Sloan -----14
 Grace Erichsen -----16
 Rich Long -----16
 Madeia Mendenhall-----16
 Melissa Price-----17
 Samantha Smith-----18
 JoAnn Mungo-----18
 Dot Homman -----21
 Larry Lalama ----- 26
 Carl Wise ----- 29
 David Dowd Jr. ----- 31
 Lorna Patt -----31
 Bob Thatcher -----31


**Fellowship
Hour**
 Westminster
Class

**Card
Ministry**
 Brenda Wise

Please Pray for:

Marie Buckey ----- Caldwell
 Chuck Cochran ----- Rose Lane
 Earl Coen -----Regency
 Mickey Coen ----- Hanover House
 Lil Crimond -----Inn at University Village
 Margaret Fetzer ----- Meadow Wind
 Lois Freytag-----Inn at University Village
 Dick Frieg ----- Home
 Sally Frieg----- Amherst Meadows
 Barbara Mertes-----Inn at Belden Village
 Orson Rice -----Brewster Park
 Hank and Genie Ross----- Home
 Annitta Schrickel----- Tuttle Crossing
 Hermine Schwendiman - Amherst Meadows
 De Sibert ----- Amherst Meadows
 Gloria Sloan----- Amherst Meadows
 Happy Snively ----- Home
 Helen Swann----- Amherst Meadows

Hospitalized In December

Herm McClurg	Ralph Lynn
Becky Anderson (OP)	Bob Arther
Gene Pfeiffer	Piper Werner (OP)
Char Bickel (OP)	Don Reader
Dan Fleischaker (OP)	

January Anniversaries

Gunther & Judith Lill-----5
 William & Lorna Patt ----- 26
 Bill & Marcia Indorf----- 29
 Don & Claire Reader ----- 30



Stewardship of Attendance

November 22 --- 186
 November 29 --- 170
 December 6 ---- 212
 December 13 ---- 193
 December 20---- 219
 Christmas Eve --285
Average ----- 211

January Greeters

Rich Long & Kelly Fogle-----3
 Linda Rankl & Nonie Sibert----- 10
 Dale & Debbie Smith-----17
 Pat Tuberty & Dana Vargo ----- 24
 Carol Hauenstein & Judy Miday -----31

January Liturgists

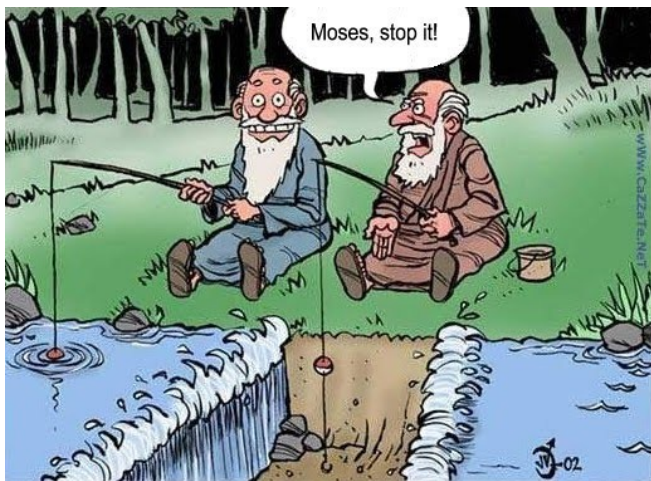
Elisa Castile ----- 3
 Don McDonald -----10
 Stew Fryer-----17
 Pat Tuberty----- 24
 Shannon Baker -----31

Financial Snapshot

	<u>As of November 30, 2015</u>	<u>As of November 30, 2014</u>
YTD Receipts -----	\$307,742.23	----- - \$297,127.19
YTD Disbursements -----	\$300,608.61	----- - \$287,773.89
YTD Surfeit -----	\$7,133.62	----- --- \$9,353.30
Operating Fund Balance ----	\$16,590.62	----- ---\$18,620.84

People of Central Presbyterian, you are an absolute blessing! Somehow in the last quarter of fiscal 2015, we have resolved a significant deficit and are now looking at ending the year with a balanced budget, and perhaps even some excess to help support our Major Repair Fund which will be used in the not-too-distant future to finance several capital repairs and improvements through our upcoming Vision 21.1. Thanks seems hardly enough for your generosity, your vision, your faith in the leadership of Central, and most importantly, your awesome response to God's call! Bless you all!

[A Little Funny](#)



[Congregational Meeting](#)

Session at its December meeting approved Sunday, January 31, 2016 for our first congregational/corporation meeting of the year. It will be conducted immediately after worship. There will be three items of business on the agenda: review of the financial report for fiscal 2015, presentation of operating budget for fiscal 2016, review and action on Pastor's Terms of Call for 2016. Please plan to remain after worship that day and share how God continues to bless Central!

[Cash Crew Reminder](#)

Don McDonald begins on January 3, 2016 and completes it on January 24. Bud Shaffer begins his schedule on January 31 and completes it on February 21. Please report to the office after worship on your scheduled Sundays. If you have any conflicts please contact Bob Dawson.

[We Share Your Loss](#)

Our church family sends our sympathy to Leslie, Nathan and Christopher Picot on the passing of **Louis Picot** who was received into the arms of Christ's mercy on December 15 after a prolonged illness. Louis was 63 years of age. Services were conducted at Paquelet Funeral Home on December 19 with Rev. Dr. Erwin Smuda officiating.

We also offer our prayers for the family and friends of **Barbara Gaul** who entered eternal rest on December 16 at the age of 96. A memorial service was offered for Barb in our sanctuary on December 30 with Pastor Larry officiating and Bruce Schutrum offering a ministry of music. Interment will follow at a later date at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, New York.

“Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

[Thank You](#)

Dear Church Family:

We're so thankful for all the love and support you've shown our family over the years and especially in the twilight years of our parents, Otto and Charlotte Maier. We wish to thank Leigh Conti for the always beautiful organ music, Sandy Marting for her thoughtful eulogy, the Deacons for their wonderful array of delicious food and Pastor Larry...how can we ever thank you enough? You have supported, loved, visited, and encouraged our family through many a storm. The final service for our father touched everyone. It was extraordinary! You captured the essence of our father, who was himself extraordinary! We are all blessed to have you in our lives!

Once again, thank you to everyone.

From the family of Otto and Charlotte Maier,
Bill and Nancy (Maier) Haines
Luke and Ashley Williams
Bob and Virginia (Maier) Whitford
Suzanne, Joe and Andrew Morgan



Vineyards

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

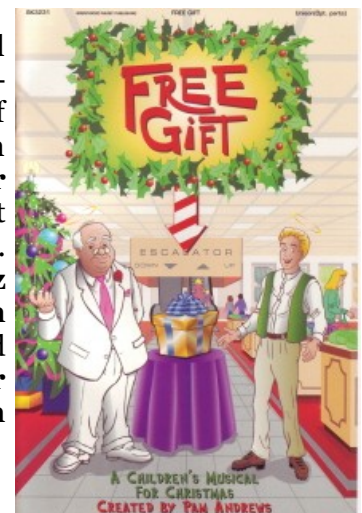
Many in our congregation have expressed a desire for more small group encounters available to members and friends of Central Presbyterian. Under the guidance of our Faith and Nurture Ministry, we would like to introduce a new small group model called “**Vineyards.**” The **Vineyard** concept is a group of eight to fifteen adults who gather around a particular area of study and discussion. This could be a book of the Bible, a particular Biblical theme, a seasonal study, a non-Biblical but faith-oriented book, faith-inspired media such as cinema, music, etc., or a particular subject of interest. **Vineyards** come together for a given timeframe agreed upon by the group, and disband after the course of study. A time of rest and reflection follows before joining another **Vineyard.** **Vineyards** meet at just about any appropriate location: church, leaders’/members’ homes, local restaurant, etc. **Vineyard** participants experience spiritual growth, closer fellowship and an opportunity for service. Throughout the year, it is our hope that a number of **Vineyard** groups will form and as they do, church members will be invited to join. In order for the **Vineyard** model to work, we need not only committed participants, but inspired leaders. Please prayerfully consider an idea for a **Vineyard,** talk to Pastor Larry about it, and you will find guidance and support as you assume a **Vineyard** leadership role.

The first **Vineyard** study will be given by member Susan Eitelman who has discovered a wonderful book titled *Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life: 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth.* This collection of essays by Jane Marie Thibault, a Clinical Gerontologist and Richard Morgan, a long term teacher about aging, deals with the issues we face in the later years of life. This book is for those willing to look at aging and to mine its spiritual depths. It is also for those unwilling to look at aging in the face but who would dare to search for buried treasure. This **Vineyard** is open to couples as well as singles. Susan has graciously offered her home as a site for our first **Vineyard** and has agreed to serve as our first **Vineyard** leader. If you would be interested in participating in what is sure to be a transformative study experience, please contact Susan at (919) 619-1612 or Pastor Larry at the church. Let us bear much fruit to the glory of God and strengthen our church family through small group participation.




Our Inspiring Youth!

The young people of our church presented an outstanding dramatic and musical presentation of **Free Gift** during worship on Sunday, December 13. Our congregation was inspired by their message, through word and song, of God’s free gift of grace to all who would simply reach out and receive it. Under the devoted direction of **Pauline Lawrence** and her team, cast members were **Olivia Fleischaker** (Johnny Angel), **Brooke Hamilton** (angel Gabriel), **Grace Erichsen** (Harriet Van Smythe), **Alyssa Georgiou** (Ester Van Smythe), **Ian Fleischaker** (Mr. Brighton), **Anna Rankl** (Ima Rush), **Liberty Erichsen** (Rapper), **Hollie Beltz** (woman), and **Sydney Price** (Pastor). Scripture readers/singers were **Lincoln Shaw**, **Riley Price**, **Will Beltz**, **Samantha Boggio**, **Kaylee Rankl**, and **Logan Rankl**. Production team members were **Rachael Fleischaker**, **Char Bickel**, **Jen Shaw**, **Julie Roseman**, **Jacque Ferrel**, **Josh Erichsen**, **Ellen Baker**, **Aunt Sharon** (cookies), and **David Rankl** (sound room).



JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Communion 10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Fellowship	4 6:00 Quilters & Shawl Ministry 7:00 Men's Study	5 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 Girl Scouts	6 9:30 MOPS 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	7 9:30 Hope Rebekah	8 Pastor's Day off	9 Need A Lunch Choir Party 6:00 p.m.
10 10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Fellowship	11 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 6:00 Quilters 7:00 Men's Study	12 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 Trustees & Outreach	13 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	14 9:30 Hope Rebekah 7:00 Deacons	15 Pastor's Day off	16 Pfeiffer Shower
17 10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Fellowship	18 MLK Day OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 Quilters 7:00 Men's Study	19 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 Girl Scouts	20 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 9:30 MOPS 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	21 6:30 Session	22 Pastor's Day off	23 2nd Helping Lunch
24 10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Fellowship Acolyte Bowling	25 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 6:00 Quilters 7:00 Men's Study	26 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 Faith & Nurture	27 ABLE 9:00-12 and 5:30-8:30 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	28	29 Pastor's Day off	30
31 10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Congregational Meeting						

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The Little Scroll

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