176th Annual Corporation Meeting

February 1st, 2026

Central Presbyterian Church
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OF
THE CORPORATION
OF
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 1st, 2026

Moderator: Rev, Chris Stewart
President of the Corporation: Dale Smith
Clerk of Session: Nancy McEwen
Treasurer: Marlene Kanipe

Docket

✞Call to Order and Opening Prayer.....	Chris Stewart
✞Establishment and Declaration of Quorum.....	Nancy McEwen
✞Approval of the Minutes of June 29, 2025.....	Dale Smith
✞Report from Nominating Committee/Election of At-Large Members of the Nominating Committee.....	Nancy McEwen
Report from the Pulpit Nominating Committee.....	Rachael Fleischaker
✞Thank You from the Stewardship/Finance Committee	Marlene Kanipe
✞Review of the Financial Report of 2025.....	Marlene Kanipe
✞Review of Operating Budget for 2026.....	Marlene Kanipe
✞Review of Outreach/Door Ministry Funding.....	Nancy McEwen
Other Business.....	Dale Smith
✞Adjournment.....	Dale Smith
✞Closing Prayer.....	Chris Stewart

Central Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Annual (Program) Congregational Meeting
June 29, 2025

The annual congregational (program) meeting of Central Presbyterian Church, Massillon, Ohio was called to order at 11:20 AM by Corporation President Dale Smith and asked Moderator Roger Sibert opened the meeting with Prayer.

This congregational meeting was properly called for the purpose of hearing the report of the Representative Church Nominating Committee and presentation of the annual program reports of the Ministries, Committees and Groups of the church. Printed copies of the 2025 Annual Program Report of Central Presbyterian Church were made available to the assembled congregation.

The Clerk, Nancy McEwen, declared a quorum was present and the docket was approved as presented. **Upon motion, the minutes of January 26, 2025, Annual Corporation/Congregational Meeting and Special Congregational Meeting of May 11, 2025, were approved as written.**

Elder Nancy McEwen chairperson of the Nominating Committee. She placed nominations on behalf of the committee the following members for election as ruling elders and does not require a second.

Class of 2028:

JoAnn Mungo, Chris Evans, Susan McKee, and Leslie Picot.

There were no additional nominations from the floor. **Motions to close nominations and elect the candidates were accepted and approved by the congregation.**

Elder McEwen then placed in nomination on behalf of the committee the following members for election as active deacons and does not require a second:

Class of 2027:

Sue McCloskey, Jane Shem, Pauline Lawrence, and Tracy Wilder.

There were no additional nominations from the floor. **Motions to close nominations and elect the candidates were accepted and approved by the congregation.**

Corporation President Dale Smith presented the written annual program reports and encouraged the congregation to read the annual program report for all the work that the ministries and groups of the church have done over the last year.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Being no other business to properly come before the congregation at this annual meeting, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 11:30 AM. Pastor Roger Sibert closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McEwen, Clerk

Transitional Pastor Roger Sibert

Nomination Committee Report for Congregational Meeting

February 1st, 2026

1. Nomination of Elder Candidate to the class of 2028.
    a. Sue Kelewae: candidate for Elder class of 2028 for nomination.

2. Nomination of Members at Large: 2 candidates.
    a. Jack Elliot
    b. Danny Rankl

Submitted by Elder Nancy McEwen Elder, Chairperson.

Pulpit Nominating Committee Report from 2025

In early June, the members of session and the PNC met with Matt Scolnik, the General Presbyter of Muskingum Valley Presbytery, to discuss the various approaches to searching for a pastoral candidate. Based on the information provided by Matt, it was decided to utilize the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) services. The CLC is a website that matches churches with potential pastoral candidates. On June 29, 2025, Rachael Fleischaker, Allison Glick, Kenn Kanipe, Sue Kelewae, Mike Mast, Nathan Sidharta, and Scott Vignos were commissioned by the congregation to begin this work.

The process of calling a pastor to a Presbyterian Church is often referred to as "discernment." The word discern and its derivatives are translations of the Greek word Anakrino in the New Testament. It means "to distinguish, to separate out by diligent search, to examine." After being commissioned, the PNC worked diligently and in cooperation with the session to create an accurate Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). This MDP was a collection of information that described our church, its ministries, the skills we are seeking in a pastor, as well as a description of our community. The MDP was completed, approved by session and uploaded into the CLC by the beginning of November. We immediately began receiving matches.

In addition to CLC, the PNC has decided to utilize an additional service, Great Lakes Call Finder. This is another web-based service designed to match pastoral candidates and churches. It is approved for use by the Presbytery and focuses on the Great Lakes geographical region. We have not had a match through this service to date.

To date we have reviewed 71 applicants through the CLC service. Of the applicants, we determined 49 were not a good fit for our situation. We will be meeting soon to discuss what action to take with 5 of the most recent applications. We have invited 17 to apply for the position. Of those, 15 declined the invitation, two accepted the invitation to apply. The first candidate who accepted the invitation was interviewed. After the interview, this candidate wrote to inform the committee that the Central Presbyterian was not the direction God was calling her. The committee has scheduled an interview for the second candidate.

This type of discernment requires much thought, reflection, and prayer. As a committee, we are being very deliberate about reading candidate information, prayerfully considering each applicant, and having earnest conversations about the merits of each. This is a slow process, and we are a diligent group who will do our absolute best to discern who God is calling to be our next minister. We ask that each of you support us through prayers.

Door Ministry Summary 2025

782 Client Visits
334 Non-Duplicated
Maximum of 3 Visits per year
10 people served each T and TH

539
$15 gas cards

80
10 & 31-Day Bus Passes

181
$15 Save-A-Lot

649
314 Door Ministry
335 Need A Lunch
Bag of Groceries

449
Bag of Household

89
Bag of Personal Care

1047
Sack Lunches

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Door Ministry Summary 2024

$23,349

Includes $898 of Administrative Expenses

Expenses

Gas Cards
$7718

Bus Passes
$1372

Save-A-Lot Cards
$2595

ACFB - Groceries
$4332

Personal Care
$5067*

Household
Includes both personal care and household

Sack Lunches
$1370

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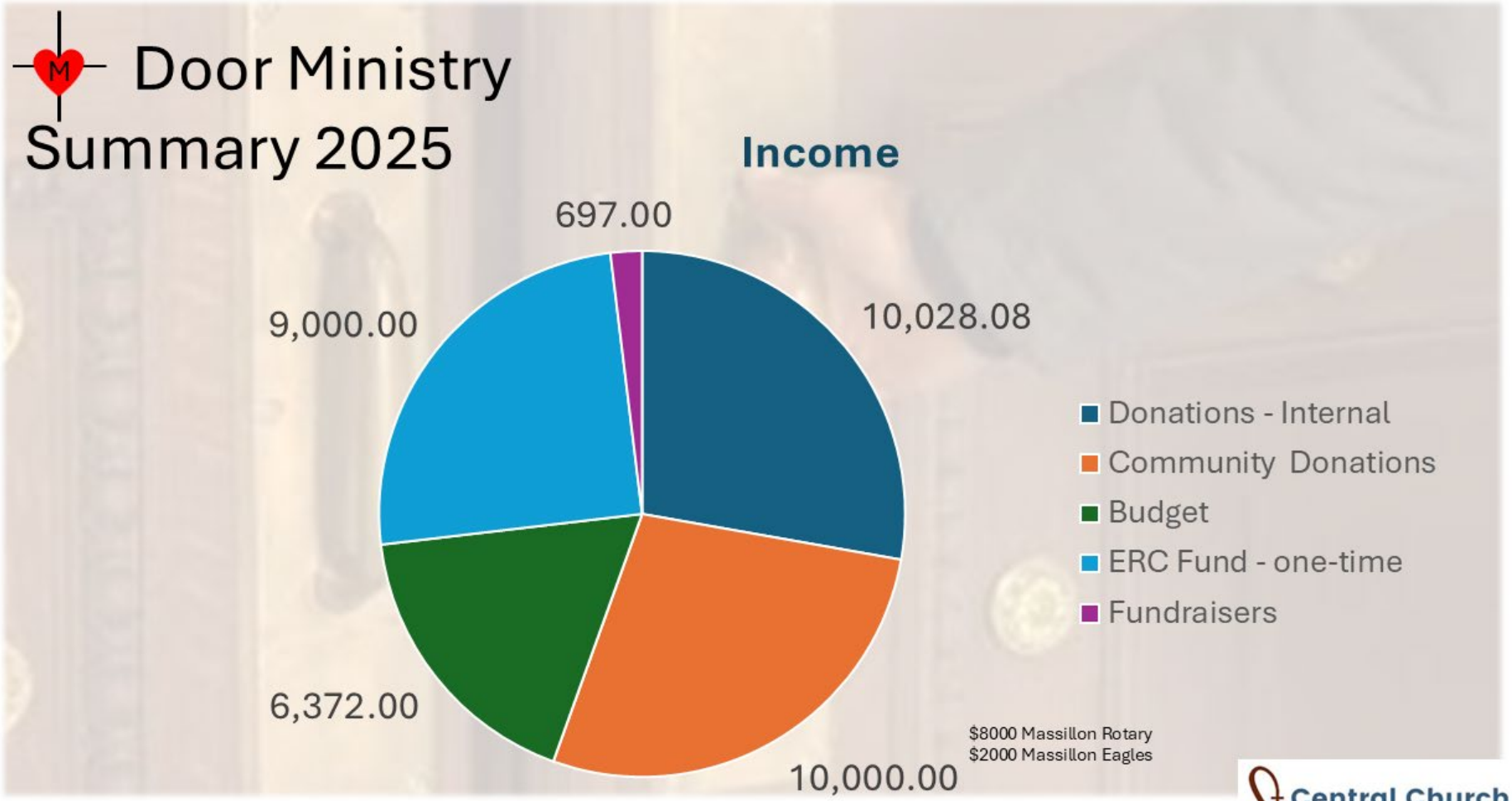
Door Ministry Summary 2025



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