

Central Presbyterian Church Handbook

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Meaning of the Central Presbyterian Logo



The principal element in Central's logo is a design taken from the stained-glass windows in the church's sanctuary. This design, while intentionally abstract, reminds our members of a flower with a center section and four petals ("Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above"). In this element can be seen also the familiar "X" of the "St. Andrew's Cross," so often associated with Scotland, the birthplace of the Presbyterian branch of the Reformed tradition. The "X" motif also recalls the Greek letter "chi," the first letter of Greek word *Christos* or Christ. This element is contained in a larger frame that is shaped like the front doorway to the church, which faces downtown Terre Haute and Indiana State University.

The top of the doorway is an arch, an architectural feature that is prominent in the structure of our church building. From the top, bottom, and sides of the door, four pointed darts extend toward the central circle. These darts represent the nails and spear of the Crucifixion; and they themselves suggest an upright, or Roman Cross. The darts at the top and bottom define the doors to the church, as they also suggest the doors are opening to the world. The darts on the sides remind us of the strap hinges on our front doors, especially when paired with the "flame" elements that flank each dart. These flames come directly from the seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and are intended to represent the flame of the Holy Spirit at work in the church. The forward-slanted *C* announces that our members are forward-looking and progressive. The "entral" is in a distinct font to indicate our individuality as a church, while the "Presbyterian Church" is solid and grounded, showing our connectional relationship with our larger denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.).

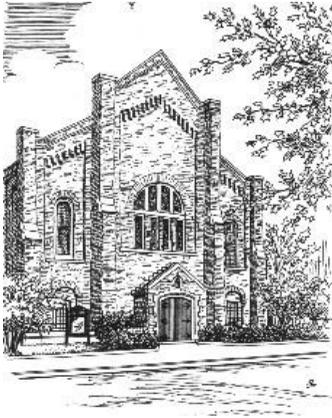
The colors pair a traditional blue with a more vibrant and energetic yellow. The blue is conservative and heavy - very similar to our theological views and solid grounding as a church. The yellow shows our eye to optimism and energy in spreading and doing the work of God.

As an abstract design, the logo is intended to have different significance for different persons. Feel free to interpret it according to your own inspiration!

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Overview

This *Handbook* describes how Central Presbyterian Church of Terre Haute and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – our denomination – are organized. It describes our mission and values, and communicates what we believe. The *Handbook* includes elements of our programs, our staff, our history, and our organizational structure. There are references for additional resources including our church web site (www.thcpc.org) and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) web site (www.pcusa.org). *It is an introduction to Central Presbyterian Church.*

Central Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Central Presbyterian Church is a congregation of Christians of all ages. We are part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) denomination and part of the worldwide body of Reformed Churches.

We are a community of believers called by God

- To grow in the knowledge and teaching of Christ
- To share the love of Christ with all, and
- To respond with compassion to the needs of our changing world.

As a congregation we strive to be inclusive. Our presence in Terre Haute began in the 1820's. We continue to serve the community nearly two centuries later.

What Presbyterians Believe

We have long and deep roots of religious tradition. These begin in New Testament times, and became distinctive in the Protestant Reformation of the 1600's. The leaders of that period, most notably John Calvin and John Knox, laid down the pattern of religious thought called Reformed Theology. They also adopted a form of church government that relies on active, representational leadership of laity, coupled with ministers of Word and Sacrament.

We find that through history, those thoughts provided guidance and challenge to every generation in every time. Our *Book of Confessions* documents the issues and faithful responses of the church through the ages. Our members continue to find day-to-day relevance, even in the 21st century.

Although it's challenging to capture Presbyterian beliefs in only a few lines, we attempt to do so here. Along with the broader Christian church, we believe in the mystery of a triune God; that Jesus Christ is the eternal incarnation of God's Holy Word; and in one Holy and apostolic church. We believe that we can understand God's will only through prayerful reading of Scripture. We believe that we are called through faith to God's service, and that our salvation is assured not by our works, but solely by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

The following PCUSA web site has more detailed information.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/> . We have excellent resources in the church library. We invite you to read further there, or to talk with our pastor.

The Sacraments

The Lord's Supper – Communion

Communion is one of the two sacraments we observe. In our denomination, the Lord's Supper is open to all who have been baptized, including baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed on the significance of the Lord's Supper. We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of each month and at other special services. The worship commission prepares the bread and grape juice – ceremonial elements. Ordinarily a group of elders and deacons receive the elements from the minister and pass them to the congregation. Communion plates are passed along the rows by the

elder. The Communion bread is gluten-free. We occasionally use different forms of this service, but each is explained in the bulletin. On a Communion Sunday, the sacrament follows the Sermon near the end of the worship service.

Baptism

Our second sacrament is Baptism. Baptisms are included within a regular service of worship rather than in private ceremonies outside of congregational life. We recognize the Trinitarian (“... in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit”) baptisms of other denominations, so new members are not re-baptized. Although most baptisms at Central have been for infants and children, people of any age may request baptism and they need not already be members of the church. Frequently baptisms for adults and older children occur at the time they join the church. During infant baptisms, the entire congregation promises to nurture the child in faith. Adults seeking baptism make a public profession of faith.

The Sunday Morning Worship Service

Our traditional worship service is held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30, immediately following Sunday School. The Sanctuary is on the 2nd floor of the building. There are ground level, accessible entrances on both the north and south sides of the building; an elevator to the sanctuary level is near the north entry. There are staircases on each side of the front door (on the 7th Street side).

Child care is available for infants and young children (through age 3) during the Sunday School hour and worship. After the Children’s moment, children from 4 years through 1st grade are invited to participate in a child-friendly worship service in room 202. The children return to the sanctuary for baptisms and communion.

Bulletins (an outline of the service) are available at the doors to the sanctuary; also available are binders containing a large print version of the bulletin and the hymns. Following the service, everyone is invited to the *Fellowship Hour* in the Fellowship Hall on the 1st level.

A one-hour Sunday worship service described below reflects fundamental principles of what we believe.

GATHERING

- *Words of Welcome, Concerns, and Mission*
- *Choral Introit*
- *Call to Worship*: verbal responses are printed in the bulletin.
- *Hymn*¹ Hymnals available in the pews
- *Call to Confession, Confession of Sin* and the *Declaration of Forgiveness* are followed by the *Gloria Patri* and sharing God's peace.

THE WORD

- *Children's Moment*: the children are invited to the front for a special time.
- *Prayer for Illumination, First Reading*. Scripture is printed in the bulletin; pew Bibles are also available²
- *Anthem*
- *Second Reading*²
- *Sermon*: Sermon texts are posted on our web site www.thcpc.org.
- *Hymn*
- *Affirmation of Faith*, printed in the bulletin.³
- *Prayers of the People* concluded with *The Lord's Prayer*.
- *Offering*
- *Doxology*: alternate words appear in the bulletin.

SENDING

- *Hymn*
- *Call to Discipleship*
- *Blessing & Benediction*
- *Choral response*
- *Postlude*

Additional comments:

1. During the opening hymn, symbolic gifts—a Bible, water for the baptismal font, and communion plate and cup—are brought to the front by the ushers.
2. Weekly scripture readings are suggested by the denomination's *Lectionary*; congregations around the world often read the same lesson on a given Sunday. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/>
3. These readings rotate, but often come from the *Book of Confessions* mentioned elsewhere in this *Handbook*.

Christian Education Programs

Christian Education is vital to the life of Central. The Christian Nurture commission (CN) and the Christian Educator work together to develop and oversee programs appropriate for all ages.

- Weekly Sunday School classes for preschool, elementary, youth, and adults are offered before worship (9:30 a.m.). Our children and youth classes use a reformed curriculum across all grades.
- Youth fellowship takes place every Sunday at various times, depending on the activity and program. Central Presbyterian participates in cooperative youth ministry with our neighboring downtown church, Centenary United Methodist Church and with Unity Presbyterian Church (on Springhill).
- Week night educational series are offered twice a year, during Lent and in the fall. Both events include light supper and learning activities for children, youth, and adults.
- Each summer, Vacation Bible School is held in cooperation with Centenary Methodist, St. Stephen's Episcopal and Trinity Lutheran churches. We prefer a format that becomes intergenerational as adult and youth leadership interact with the children in making the Bible stories and God's love come alive.
- Children who are 0-2 years old are welcomed in the nursery while children 2-3 years old participate in activities in the pre-school room. Children age 4 through 1st grade are invited to join their parents in the sanctuary for the first part of worship through the children's moment; they are then invited to a special children's worship offered in room 202.

Music Programs

The Motet adult choir sings during the worship service from Labor Day to Memorial Day. The Motet choir rehearses from 8:45 – 10:00 on Sundays before worship. Special music is offered at Christmas and Easter; this requires additional evening rehearsals. The choir director coordinates the adult choir and the organist provides accompaniment.

The High Ground men's *a capella* chorus sings occasionally throughout the year at worship services and other events. Rehearsals are weekly.

The children sing for the congregation several times during the year. The Christmas pageant provides an opportunity for the children to perform the Christmas story.

Our church is fortunate to have the Alfred Schmidt Memorial Organ, a generous gift from our late former organist. The Johannus Custom Rembrandt 497 organ was custom built for our church in the Netherlands, and was dedicated in July, 2006. The organ has four manuals and 350 voices with 5,000 watts of power. The pipes visible at the front of the church are from the 1923 Moeller pipe organ – the music today comes from 30 speakers found in the front and rear (or antiphonal) sections of the church. There is a Cymbelstern (Zimbelstern) which utilizes six handbells struck with an electric motor.

Opportunities for Fellowship and Mission

Our church coordinates several fellowship groups and mission programs.

- *Women's Book Club* meets monthly for book discussions.
- The Seventh Cents Youth Group meets each Sunday.
- *Seekers and Searchers* women's bible study meets monthly.
- *Salt Shakers* is a program for small groups to share dinner and fellowship.
- Our church occasionally participates in building a *Habitat for Humanity* house.
- *Ramp Build* work crews—members who construct ramps for homeowners confined to a wheelchair—are assembled as needed.

How Do I Get Involved?

Our congregation is a community of believers called by God to grow, to share, and respond with compassion to the needs of our changing world. There are the many opportunities to be involved at Central church. Attend worship and visit an adult or youth Sunday School class. Visit with others during the Fellowship Hour following Sunday morning worship. Coffee and snacks are free, and so are the conversations. Make sure the church office has your email address to put you on the mailing list for *The Herald* monthly church newsletter and the weekly email. These include articles about church happenings and a calendar of events for the next month. Here are opportunities to express your interests.

- A *Time and Talent Survey* is occasionally distributed to everyone in the church. In it you can indicate your interests and even volunteer to get involved.
- If you are a singer, consider joining our Motet choir. Rehearsals are on Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Feel free to sit in the pews and observe what goes on. Participation is not based on auditions, and you'll find the choir is very welcoming to newcomers! If you have questions, speak to the choir director following service.
- The men's *High Ground* chorus rehearses weekly, and is led by a member of the group. If you are interested in participating, speak to one of the singers after service.
- Weekly opportunities exist for all sorts of roles – greeters, ushers, coffee hosts, pulpit assistants (the liturgist), children's moment presenters, Sunday School teachers, or anyone who likes to hold babies. Being a greeter is a good way to meet a lot of people in the congregation! The same is true for coffee host – you set out coffee, juice, snacks, plates, and napkins for the Fellowship Hour on Sundays; don't worry, we provide all the pieces so you don't have to cook! You might chat with someone who you know has done that job, or see the pastor and ask for a referral. We have procedure descriptions for most of these jobs, and you'll find lots of help if you ask.
- Committees and Commissions are a great way to make a contribution to the church. Brief descriptions of each are found in this *Handbook*, with more details in the appendix. People generally serve multiple year terms, beginning in the spring. The nominating committee fills openings in the fall, and if you are called to serve, don't hesitate to ask questions. If you feel the call, you can indicate a willingness to serve in the *Time and Talent Survey* or by leaving a note in the church office.
- There are occasional volunteer jobs in the church office during the week. Call the office if you have some time you would like to share at church. We need people to serve when the church secretary is away or on vacation.
- If you don't quite fit any of the previous categories, just ask the church secretary, the Christian Educator, the pastor, or someone you know how you can be involved.

Church Staff and Office Hours

Our church is blessed by a highly competent staff, paid and volunteer. This section provides basic descriptions of the duties of each position, and Appendix A contains a biography of current staff members.

The head of staff is the *pastor*, an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament who is considered a teaching elder. The pastor has studied theology in a seminary, and has additional instruction in preaching and counseling. The pastor conducts worship services including weddings and funerals, performs counseling, makes hospital calls, and helps plan strategy for the congregation. The pastor is moderator of session for the church, and is a member of the presbytery. When the installed pastor leaves the church, the congregation may call an *interim pastor* to serve as pastor until a new pastor is called to the pulpit. Our current pastor is Reverend Kevin Buchanan; the pastor's email address is kevin@thcpc.org.

The *church secretary* manages the church office, providing secretarial support to the church operations, distributing the *Herald* newsletter, and performing other duties for church committees and commissions. The church secretary at this time is also the *financial secretary* – she handles receipt of contributions to the church and creates contribution reports for the congregation. The secretary's email address is CPCOffice@thcpc.org. Our current church secretary is Sarah Kelsheimer.

The *Christian educator* is the person who is most responsible for directing the education programs of our church. This person plans the curriculum for the Sunday School program, Vacation Bible School in the summer, and many other programs. Our current Christian educator is Cheryl Moles. Her email address is Cheryl@thcpc.org.

The *choir director* participates in selection of hymns for the worship services and selects the music that is the choir's contribution to the worship experience. The choir director conducts rehearsals and leads the choir during services. The choir director also commissions soloists when the choir is not in session and occasionally sings a solo. The current music director is Dr. Mark Carlisle, Assistant Professor of Music, Indiana State University.

The *organist* plays the organ and piano for worship services, weddings, and funerals. The current organists are Flint Dollar and Steve McCullough.

The church *treasurer* is a volunteer position. The treasurer pays bills and prepares financial statements for the congregation. While the financial secretary receives contributions, the treasurer writes the checks; they are a check and balance and cannot have access to the other person's access to church funds. The current co-treasurers are Beth Christ, CPA and Bruce McLaren.

The *clerk of session* is an elder who performs secretarial duties for session, maintaining the official roll and performing communications for our congregation. The clerk of session files our annual report with the presbytery. The current clerk of session is Connie McLaren.

The *parish associate* is an occasional clergy role performed by Rev. Scott Paul-Bonham, a Presbyterian pastor who serves as chaplain at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute. The parish associate is able to conduct services, provide pastoral care, preach, baptize, and serve Communion.

Other important volunteer staff roles at CPC include additional officers of the Church Corporation (*president, vice president*) and *campus minister* (currently Rev. Sharon Samsell). In addition, many people serve on boards, commissions, committees, and task forces, as described later in this handbook.

The church office is normally open from 8 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday – ring the doorbell to have someone unlock the door. The church telephone number is 812-232-5049; an answering machine will take messages after hours. Our church web site is found at www.thcpc.org. Our email address is CPCOffice@thcpc.org.

PCUSA – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Central Presbyterian Church is part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination, abbreviated PCUSA, headquartered in Louisville, KY. Other PCUSA churches in the area include Unity Presbyterian in Terre Haute, First Presbyterian in Brazil, First Presbyterian in Sullivan, and First Presbyterian in Farmersburg.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has more than 10,000 congregations and 1.8 million members worldwide. There are over 14,000 ordained and active ministers. From the PCUSA web site: “Presbyterians trace their roots to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our heritage, and much of what we believe, began with the French lawyer John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that came before him.” John Knox brought these teachings to Scotland. The term “Presbyterian” can describe both a denomination and a system of governance. The word itself comes from the Greek word for “elder” and is used to describe a representative form of governance. Although the PCUSA is the largest Presbyterian denomination, there are many other denominations that include the word in their name. Theology and religious practices can vary considerably among Presbyterian denominations.

The *Constitution* of the PCUSA comes in two volumes. Part I is *The Book of Confessions*, containing historical statements about what we as a church believe. Part II is *The Book of Order*, a statement about our form of government, the directory for worship, and rules of discipline. The books are available in bound form from Presbyterian Distribution Services, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, by calling 1-800-524-2612. Alternatively, they may both be downloaded from <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/constitutional-services/constitution/>

Christ is head of the church and is the church’s authority. We are governed by ministers of the Word and Sacrament and laypersons serving together. The local church governing body is called the *session*, and is comprised of pastors, associate pastors, and elders elected from the congregation. The pastor of the church is considered the moderator of the session. The session provides for the care and worship

for a congregation. An elder serves as clerk of session and is responsible for records of the church. Elders are elected for three year terms.

A local congregation, called a “particular church” in our Book of Order, can only be organized by the authority of a *presbytery*, a regional governing body consisting of congregations from a geographic area. CPC is a member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley (POV). The presbytery office is located in Bloomington, Indiana, and is staffed by an Executive Presbyter¹ and several administrative support personnel. The POV meets four times each year to conduct worship and business. The POV, like local sessions, is also led by a ‘moderator’ elected to serve a 1-year term. In keeping with our belief in shared governance, both the Presbyter and the moderator of the presbytery may be either ministers or lay persons. The POV web site is www.presbyteryov.org. The POV currently has 79 congregations with 8,500 members in southwest Indiana, ranging from Cayuga to Evansville to Madison. The presbytery provides care and oversight for congregations in its region.

The next level of government is known as the *synod*. The synod provides care and oversight of several presbyteries. Our synod is the Synod of Lincoln Trails; the office is located in Indianapolis. Its web site is www.lincolntrails.org. It supports the leadership development of members of the eight presbyteries in Indiana and Illinois.

The highest level of our government is known as the *General Assembly*. The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by the presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be ministers of Word and Sacrament; half will be elders. It reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, and is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church. It meets every other year in various locations.

Funding for these governing bodies comes in part from the Per Capita levied on each church. In 2017, the per capita was \$31.50 per member - \$20.19 for the presbytery, \$3.81 for the synod, and \$7.50 for the general assembly. The annual levy is determined each year and based on the church constitution.

¹ The current Presbyter is Rev. Susan McGhee.

Seasons of the Church Year

Central Presbyterian Church observes the traditional Christian calendar, which is organized into seasons². The following description is adapted from the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):

- The season of *Advent* is a four-week period (beginning with the Sunday nearest November 30) in which the church, rejoicing in Christ's first coming, eagerly looks forward to Christ's coming again.
- *Christmas* is the festival of the birth of Christ, the celebration of the incarnation (God taking human form in Jesus Christ.) Christmas begins on Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany (January 6).
- *Ordinary Time* is divided into two periods, the first of which begins after Epiphany and continues until Ash Wednesday.
- *Lent*, a season of forty weekdays and six Sundays, begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates in Holy Week. During this season, the church, in joy and sorrow, proclaims, remembers, and responds to the atoning death of Christ. Holy Week includes Passion/Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. *Easter* is a fifty-day season of seven Sundays, beginning with the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Day), the festival of Christ's resurrection. The Day of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season.
- The second period comprising *Ordinary Time* begins following Pentecost and continues until Advent.

Church school is year round. Vacation Bible School is held in the summer months. The adult choir rehearsals are weekly from mid-August through Memorial Day. *High Ground* rehearses year round. Many special programs follow church seasons such as Advent, Lent, and so forth. For instance, the church offers an education series (light dinner, special program) in the fall and the *Lenten Series* in the spring.

² The colors of the pulpit and lectern paraments and the stoles on choir robes designate the church season.

CPC History – from 1828 to the 21st Century

Central Presbyterian Church was established nearly 190 years ago to fill the spiritual needs of a community of devout believers who were pioneer settlers in Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1828 the *First Presbyterian Church* was organized. The *Second Presbyterian Church* was organized in 1846 but dissolved in 1850. Meanwhile, the *Baldwin Presbyterian Church* was organized on December 31, 1848, and had its name changed to *Second Presbyterian Church* on January 8, 1868. The First and Second Presbyterian Churches were united under the name of *Central Presbyterian Church* on December 3, 1879.

A Visioning Task Force (VTF) report compiled a demographic profile of our congregation in 2008. A similar report was compiled by a Mission Study Task Force in 2017. While the church is downtown, members live all over the region. We come from a variety of backgrounds – former Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, and so forth. Our congregation is well-educated, and is one of the larger congregations in our presbytery. We are a diverse group of Christians, as is indicated in our mission statement at the beginning of the *Handbook*.

Our present building was erected in 1863. It was enlarged and remodeled in 1883 following the merger of the prior churches. The original church building was much narrower, and the original choir loft was over the sanctuary at the west end. The north and south transept towers were added, as well as the stained glass windows (described below). The church had a bell mounted on stilts at the rear of the building, but it was removed following complaints from neighbors. This bell was later placed in the Fire Department Headquarters on 9th Street and now resides at the historical fire station on South 8th Street.

The original 7th Street (west) façade was seriously damaged by a tornado and it was rebuilt to appear much as it does today. The etching on the first page of this *Handbook* shows how the building was rebuilt. The peak of the present façade is shorter than the original design. Some of the windows were filled in – you can see the outline of a rose window near the top of the bricks above the front door. Look for a picture of the old façade and other historical views of our building in the church gallery on the ramp leading to the sanctuary (“Chancel Access” on the floor plan).

Our **stained glass windows** were installed during the church building expansion in 1883. They are Kokomo art glass, with a German style seen in the stenciled edges. In 2001 the Ed and Ada Hodge family underwrote a restoration project for the windows. The Botti Studio repaired the leading, cleaned all of the stained glass, and installed an interior venting system to reduce heat build-up. The frames were restored and the ledges were redesigned for better rain runoff. The restoration project relocated two windows from a hidden corner to a location on the first floor where they could be seen by all. In 2017 a major renovation of the sanctuary space necessitated removal and refurbishment of the windows on the north and south walls. New frames assured continued safe housing for these works of art.

In 1954 the old two-story manse behind the church was razed and replaced with the education wing. This two-story addition added the Schmidt Memorial Parlor, preschool room, three Sunday School classrooms, restrooms, an elevator, and the choir room. Between 1965 and 1971 our building again underwent extensive remodeling, including the repair of exterior brick and the addition of new pews in the sanctuary and in the choir loft. A new study for the minister, air-conditioning, carpeting, a new organ console, and redecorating completed that project. In 1983 redecorating resulted in a new color scheme for the sanctuary and new carpeting was installed on both levels. In 1987 a new Allen digital computer organ was installed and was replaced by a Johannus digital organ in 2006.

Planning for renovating our facility began around 2005 following an affirming vote to remain in the central Terre Haute area. An Indianapolis architectural firm performed a feasibility study which led to the conclusion that while our building was suitable, most of our mechanical and electrical systems needed upgrading. Following a capital campaign (mounted in 2008-9), construction on a \$1.3M renovation project was begun in late 2009 and completed in mid-2010.

The church offices were moved to the east side of the building where the lounge was, entrances were upgraded, a new modern elevator was installed, and the fellowship hall in the lower level was completely rebuilt with portable walls but allowing much more room when needed. All mechanical systems were replaced, and the construction touched nearly all parts of the building. Rest rooms were replaced with ADA-

compliant facilities, and a shower with washer/dryer were located in a storage area. With this project all parts of the church were air conditioned. The kitchen was completely remodeled in 2012 with the addition of commercial grade ovens, cook-top, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, stainless steel preparation area, and an icemaker. Commercial grade low maintenance flooring was installed and the pass-through serving area that connects the kitchen to Fellowship Hall was equipped with a retractable, lockable door.

In 2016, the church became aware of structural issues that threatened the stability of the roof. After significant study and consultation with two construction firms, the session approved a new capital campaign that resulted in pledges of over \$650,000. The current project, slated for completion in August of 2017, involves insertion of support plates for roof trusses and cables to stabilize exterior walls. The work has required the congregation to hold worship in the fellowship hall, but members look forward to refurbished pews, fresh paint, and new carpet.

In February, 1969, the Day Nursery School Program began as a mission to serve less fortunate four- and-five-year-old boys and girls in need of special nurture. Church members volunteered as the teacher's helpers, as cooks, and as drivers to pick up and return the children. The original class numbered 16 children, operating from 9:30 – 11:30 Tuesday through Friday. In 1994, the school was renamed the John Chironna Pre School to honor Reverend Chironna's long standing ministry at Central Presbyterian. Due to community changes, the preschool was closed in May of 2013.

During the church's ministry, more than 30 pastors have served our congregation. The bronze tablet in the narthex (just inside the 7th Street doors) lists names and dates of service. Minister names and dates of service are also shown in Appendix C.

Church Budget, Pledges, and Corporate Status

Like many other not-for-profit organizations, Central Presbyterian Church is recognized as a 501(c)(3) corporation within the state of Indiana. Our by-laws are on file with the secretary of state, and were revised in the reorganization of 2005. A copy is available in the church office if you are interested. Your financial donations to the

church are considered tax deductible and you will receive an itemized statement of your contributions at the end of the year.

Our operating budget is prepared in the fall for the following year. While the session is responsible for adopting the budget, it is customary in our church to report to the congregation. The annual fund drive (called our stewardship campaign) also takes place in the fall. The budget is scaled to match the pledges and expected miscellaneous income. Each member and non-member has the opportunity to make a pledge to the church by filling out a pledge card. We encourage all to make a pledge, even if it is a modest amount, so that we can plan accordingly. It is easier to plan our budget based on pledges received. Pledges can be adjusted up or down during the year, if necessary. Pledge amounts are known only to the church secretary (and for pastoral purposes) to the pastor.

An operating budget is published in the *Annual Report* distributed in early January, along with the financial reports for the past year and committee reports. At the Annual Meeting in January each board, commission, and committee has a chance to answer questions. Members can discuss the budget and other matters, as well as elect representatives to the nominating committee for the following year.

The church conducted a capital campaign (separate from the operating budget) in 2008-2009. The campaign was intended to help finance the church renovation of 2009-2010. Pledges were intended over three years. The church is currently in the midst of another capital campaign for the purpose of financing significant structural work as well as updating the sanctuary.

Pledges for the operating budget and the capital campaign may be paid annually, monthly, weekly, and everything in between. The financial secretary records your gifts each week. Your pledge envelope identifies your pledging unit and provides anonymity for your gift. Those with financial securities that have appreciated in value may take advantage of tax laws and donate the appreciated shares – the contributor receives credit for the full amount of the shares and does not have to pay capital gain tax on the increased value. The church is not liable for capital gain taxes.

The church pledge year begins in January and goes through December. The stewardship campaign is in the fall. Your contributions are reported on a calendar year basis with quarterly and annual statements.

Organizational Structure of our Church

Many in our congregation serve the church by participating in various groups. The nominating committee finds people to fill positions in the fall and most serve on a calendar year basis. Officers and committee members receive training beginning in January and begin serving in March. Most committees meet year round but some meet less regularly in the summer months. Our church has five types of groups with varying levels of authority and responsibility.

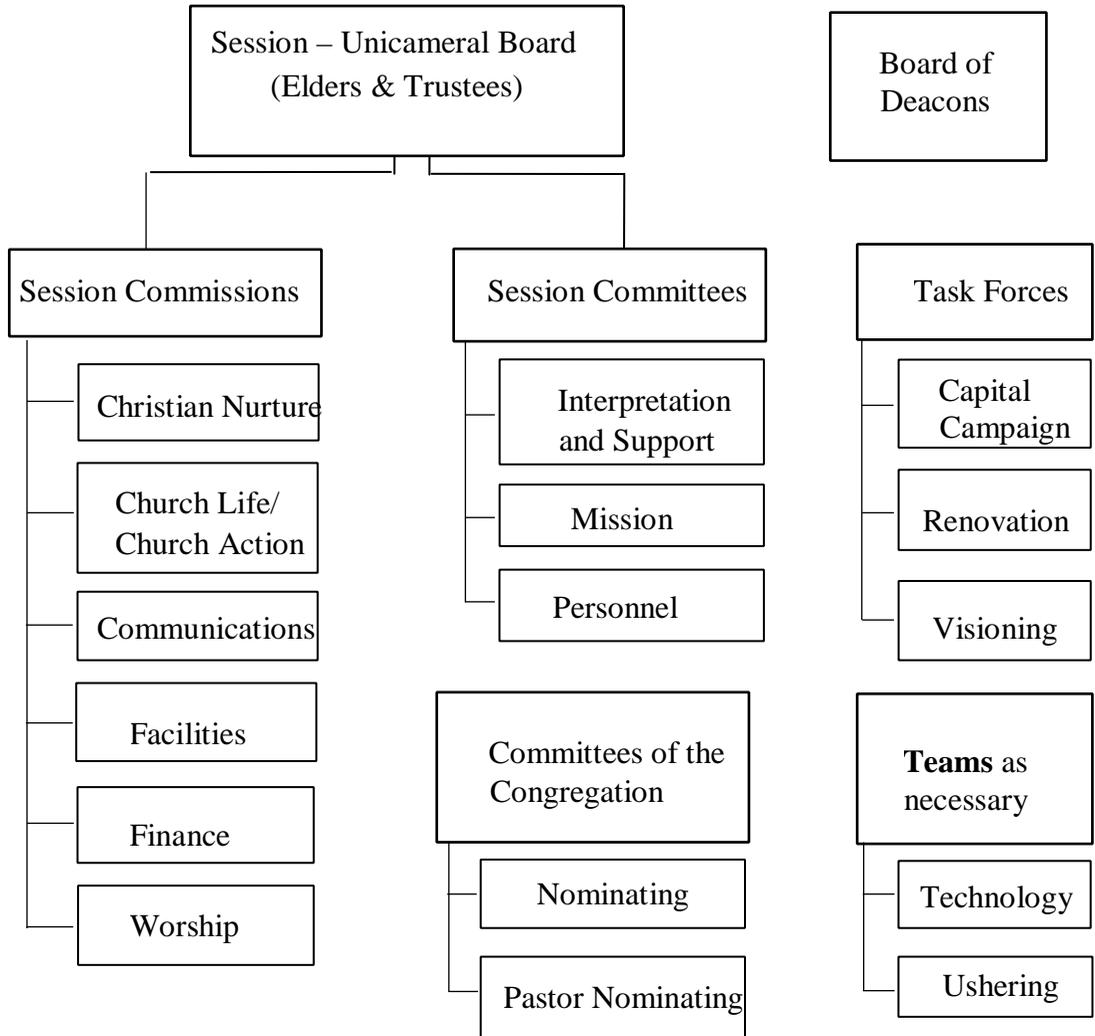
1. *Board* – a body that is empowered to make decisions for the congregation. Boards are identified in *The Book of Order* and specific duties are found there. We have two boards in our church: the *Session* and the *Deacons*. The session is considered a governing body and has overall responsibility for church matters. Deacons provide care for members of the congregation.
2. *Commission* – a group empowered by session to *act for session* for specific purposes. In other words, a commission acts with the power of session and does not have to wait for session to approve its actions. At least one elder serves as liaison to session for each commission. We have six commissions in our church: Christian Nurture, Church Life/Church Action (CLCA), Communications, Facilities, Finance, and Worship,
3. *Committee* – a group formed by session to consider issues referred to it by session. While a committee can fully explore and debate matters within its jurisdiction, only session has the power to make the ultimate decision. Committees are also empowered to carry out decisions made by session. We have three committees of the session in our church: *Interpretation and Support*, *Mission*, and *Personnel*. Two committees, *Nominating* and *Pastor Nominating*, report to the congregation.
4. *Task Force* – a temporary group formed for the purpose of studying a specific matter. Task forces are not permanent; once the matter has been addressed, task forces are disbanded.

5. *Team* – an informal group formed to address a specific issue. Our church currently has a *technology team* to oversee issues related to information technology and several *ushering teams* that work on a given Sunday cycle. Boards, commissions, and committees may form teams in the normal course of their business.

Duties of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

An organizational chart appears below and is followed by summaries of each board, commission, and committee. Detailed explanations of each board, commission, and committee are found in Appendix B to this *Handbook*.

Central Presbyterian Church Organizational Chart



Session – Unicameral Board of Elders and Trustees

The session consists of 15 ordained elders and oversees the work and worship of the church. In 2006 we moved to a unicameral governing board that combined boards of elders and trustees in order to improve communications and focus fiscal responsibilities. Elders serving on the session are also elected to serve as trustees of the church corporation. Our session delegates some of its specific responsibilities to its commissions and committees. For example, there is a facilities commission to take care of the building and its equipment.

Board of Deacons

In addition to its traditional role in assisting with pastoral care for older members and shut-ins, the deacons play an expanded role, particularly in member development. Deacons are responsible for *all* members, with individual deacons being assigned a group (flock) of members to care for. Deacons play a central role in new member orientation and helping our church to be a more welcoming church for visitors. Deacons offer care to members in times of bereavement.

Commissions of the Session

Christian Nurture Commission

The role of the Christian Nurture Commission is to plan, advertise, and oversee the education of church members and guests through the established venues and special programs of the church. In addition, the commission oversees the functioning of the church library and the nursery. The commission has the responsibility of developing curricula for these programs that are consistent with CPC's mission and beliefs. The commission is charged with recruiting and training teachers/leaders for these programs and assuring the availability of nursery care providers. This commission oversees a variety of family ministries such as 'Parent's Night Out' (PNO), planning meals for the Tuesday night Committee/Commission meetings and coordinating meetings of the Family Prayer Group. Finally, the commission is responsible for selecting recipients of church scholarships.

Church Life/Church Action Commission

The CL/CA Commission coordinates many gatherings of our church. CL/CA might arrange special events such as spiritual retreats, picnics, pot luck dinners, adult social events, baby showers, and more. CL/CA sponsors a book club, and small group dinners. CL/CA is responsible for the Fellowship Hour after church.

Communications Commission

This commission is responsible for public relations and promotion of church events, both internal and external. It is responsible for the church web site, newsletter, and other church publications such as this handbook. This commission assists committees and boards in developing procedures manuals.

Facilities Commission

This commission performs many traditional facilities management duties, managing the building, office equipment, sound system, fire warning system, and outdoor areas including signs and snow removal. The commission performs minor repairs and facilitates major repairs as necessary. The facilities commission is responsible for establishing custodial services. It coordinates with the Worship Commission about wedding policies that affect the facility.

Finance Commission

The finance commission manages counting the collections, reviews the financial statements, receives property, arranges for an annual financial review, and examines insurance policies. This committee is staffed by elders and other members, including current and previous treasurers. The commission examines appropriate investment strategy in light of our needs.

Worship Commission

The worship commission continues to serve its traditional role in preparing for the worship services. This includes planning for worship, overseeing the music program, and planning special services. The worship commission prepares the sanctuary, securing pulpit assistants, acolytes, ushers, children's moment presenters, and the occasional guest pastor. This commission secures Communion servers and prepares the sacraments.

Committees of the Session

Interpretation and Support Committee

This committee follows its traditional role in establishing the stewardship campaign, carrying out special offerings, and preparation of the church budget. This committee reports to session.

Mission Committee

The purpose of this committee is to vision, support and coordinate the philanthropic and community service related activities of the church; this includes awareness of and attention to international needs. The committee reflects and acts on ways the church can optimally deploy its time, talent and treasure in projects consistent with the mission of our church. Recommendations are made to session about mission projects.

Personnel Committee

This committee follows its traditional role of establishing policies for all personnel of the church. It is charged with recruiting and hiring all staff members except the pastor. The personnel committee performs reviews of the staff and makes recommendations for compensation increases to session.

Committees of the Congregation

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is a committee of the congregation. It presents nominees for vacancies in boards and committees as needed. Its primary duty involves preparing a slate for each new year, but it is occasionally necessary to fill a vacancy in the middle of the year when someone leaves a board/committee/task force or as a new committee or task force is formed.

Pastor Nominating Committee

A PNC is elected by the congregation when an installed pastor leaves the church. They are responsible for searching for and recruiting a called pastor whenever there is a vacancy in the pulpit. The PNC is chosen and charged by the session, but is responsible to both the congregation and the presbytery.

Occasional Task Forces

- **Renovation Task Force** – to work with the congregation to develop alternatives for structural improvements and renovations.
- **Capital Campaign Task Force** – associated with fund raising associated with the planned church renovation and structural improvements.
- **Vision Task Force** – studies the congregation, the church, and the community to develop a mission statement and vision for where we want to be as a church.

Teams

- The **Technology Team** is responsible for procuring, installing, maintaining, and upgrading the technology found in our church. This includes computer equipment, the copiers, software, and other equipment. The team has requested that no used computer equipment and software be given to the church for use.
- **Usher Teams** perform their duties on a given Sunday, say the second Sunday of each month.

Church Communications and Print Publications

The church produces these publications on a regular basis.

1. The *Bulletin* is prepared for each Sunday worship service. Large print editions are found at both rear doors to the sanctuary.
2. The *Central Presbyterian Church E-news and Prayer List* is an email distributed weekly to those who wish to receive it in their email.
3. The *Herald* is a monthly electronic newsletter distributed to members and friends. Printed copies are available to those who explicitly request them.
4. The church web site presents reports and pictures of ongoing activities. It also publishes the pastor's sermons after each service. www.thcpc.org.

Other key CPC publications include the *Annual Report* distributed in January before the Annual Meeting and the annual *Directory* with names, address, email, and telephone information for members and friends of the congregation. Look for these in the Fellowship Hall.

For More Information

- Central Presbyterian Church web site, www.thcpc.org ○ 125 N. Seventh Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807 ○ CPCOffice@thcpc.org
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), www.pcusa.org
- An overview of the denomination: *The Presbyterian Handbook*, February 2016, Westminster John Knox Press. ISBN 9780664262365
<http://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664262368/the-presbyterian-handbook-revised-edition.aspx>
- The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 - What we believe: Part I: *Book of Confessions* <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/constitutional-services/constitution>
 - How we worship: Part II: *Book of Order* <http://store.pcusa.org/OGA15010>
- Presbytery of Ohio Valley www.presbyteryov.org/
- Synod of Lincoln Trails www.lincolntrails.org

Appendices of the Central Presbyterian Church Handbook

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Appendix A – Staff Biographies

Rev. Kevin Buchanan

Transitional Pastor

Kevin graduated from Westminster College with majors in religion and philosophy in 1977. He received his Master of Divinity in 1980 and his Doctor of Ministry in 1996, both from Louisville Seminary. For the past six years he has served as installed pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Kevin and his wife, Astrid arrived in Terre Haute in September of 2016.

Cheryl Moles,

Christian Educator

Cheryl has been the Christian Educator at Central since 2000. Previously she taught preschool at Memorial United Methodist Church for 13 years. Cheryl is a native of Indiana and got her bachelor's degree in elementary education and early childhood from Ball State University. She and her husband Jim and have been members of Central since 1980. They have three adult children, Jeff, Brian, and Sarah and have added son-in-law Adam to their family. Through the years, she has served on many committees and is active in a variety of ways at Central. Cheryl and Jim were the youth group leaders for 12 years. Cheryl reports that her greatest joy is having the staff and members of Central as church family. They support her in her work and are dear friends.

Cheryl serves on the Board of Great Lakes Association of Presbyterian Church Educators and is a member of the 14th and Chestnut Community Center board. Her office door is always open for you to stop by and say hi!

Sarah Kelsheimer

Church Secretary, Financial Secretary

Sarah serves as the church and financial secretary. She began working at Central Presbyterian Church in 1989. Upon graduation from Paris High School, Paris, IL, she attended Olivet Nazarene University and received an Associate of Arts in Secretarial

Science. She previously worked for St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in the Women's External Degree (WED) program. Sarah and her husband, Larry, live in St. Bernice, IN. They have two sons – Larry, Jr. and Lucas. Sarah says it is a joy to serve the members and friends of Central Presbyterian Church.

Flint Dollar

Organist

Stephen McCullough

Organist

Dr. Mark Carlisle

Choir Director

Dr. Carlisle teaches studio voice, serves as Music Director for Opera Workshop, and directs the Sycamore Singers and Women's Chorale at Indiana State University. He received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Wittenberg University, a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan, and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Carlisle has sung extensively as tenor soloist in recital, oratorio, and major choral works with such ensembles as the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers, Austin Choral Union, Austin Pro Arte, and the Terre Haute Choral Society. He has conducted numerous performances with both the Sycamore Singers and Women's Chorale, and conducted such Opera Workshop performances as Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro," Copland's "The Tender Land," and Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel." Dr. Carlisle is active throughout Indiana as a vocal and choral adjudicator at both the high school and collegiate levels, and has served as guest conductor/clinician for such events as the Wabash Valley Christmas Choral Festival, the Turkey Run Choral Festival, and the Wabash County Honors Choir Concert. He is a member of several music organizations, including the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), and has served in the past as both President and Vice-President for the Indiana Chapter of NATS. Mark became choir director at Central in 1993.

Scott Paul-Bonham

Parish Associate

Scott Paul-Bonham was born in Grand Rapids and reared in Holland, Michigan. He attended and graduated from Alma College in Michigan. He attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and graduated in 1987. Scott served two congregations in Arkansas—Central Presbyterian of Fort Smith as an Associate Pastor, and Wynne Presbyterian Church as pastor. In 1997 Scott began his validated ministry as a Chaplain in the Federal Bureau of Prisons at FCI Forrest City in Arkansas. Scott transferred to the United States Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1999. He has done extensive ministry on death row, served as the Supervisory Chaplain, and now manages a residential, faith-based program in the penitentiary called Life Connections.

At Central Presbyterian Church Scott has led and taught the Coffee and Conversation Adult Church School Class, filled the pulpit and lectern as needed, co- led the youth group for a year, been active in the Presbyterian Men's group, and provided pastoral care and hospital visitation when the pastor has been gone. Scott considers it an honor to be a Parish Associate at Central Presbyterian Church in Terre Haute. Scott rejoices in his family, which includes his wife, Donna, and two grown children, Andrea and Nathan.

Appendix B – Detailed Committee Responsibilities

The descriptions in this appendix are based in the conclusions of the 2005 Reorganization Task Force. These duties have been refined and continue to evolve as congregational needs change.

Session – Unicameral Governing Board

The Session is responsible for the mission and government of Central Presbyterian Church

- Provide opportunities for evangelism to be learned and practiced in and by the church
- To receive members into the church
- To lead the congregation in participation in the mission of the whole Church in the world
- To provide for the worship of the people of God (Worship Commission)
- To provide for the growth of its members and for their equipment for ministry (CN)
- To develop and supervise the church school and educational program of the church (CN)
- To lead the congregation in ministries of personal and social healing and reconciliation in the communities in which CPC lies and bears its witness
- To challenge the people of God with the privilege of responsible Christian stewardship of money and time and talents (I&S committee)
- To establish the annual budget, determine the distribution of the church's benevolences, and order offerings for Christian purposes (I&S committee)
- To lead the congregation continually to discover what God is doing in the world and to plan for change, renewal, and reformation under the Word of God
- To engage in a process for education and mutual growth of the members of the session
- To instruct, examine, ordain, install, and welcome into common ministry elders and deacons on their election by the congregation
- To delegate and to supervise the work of the board of deacons and all other organizations and task forces within the congregation, providing for support, report, review, and control
- To provide for the administration of the program of the church, including employment of non-ordained staff (Personnel)

- To provide for the management of the property of the church (Facilities Commission)
- To maintain regular and continuing relationship to the higher governing bodies of the church, including presbytery, synod and General Assembly
- To establish and maintain those ecumenical relationships necessary for the life and mission of the church in Terre Haute, IN
- To serve in judicial matters in accordance with the Rules of Discipline
- To keep an accurate roll of the membership of the church
- Appoint commissions, committees, and task forces as needed to accomplish specific tasks
- Serve as liaisons to commissions and committees
- Serve as trustees of the church
- Authorize weddings
- Authorize baptisms and communion
- Appoint an interim pastor
- Perform annual evaluation of the pastor
- Open and close the church

Board of Deacons

- Assist Pastor with Pastoral Care
 - Shut-ins
 - Older member care
 - We Missed You care
 - Flock (shepherds) – member care
 - Serve home Communion
 - Hospital visitation (training necessary)
 - Cards/letters of concern
- Member development (prospective, new members, existing members)
 - Review pew pads – coordinate with other groups as needed
 - Contacting visitors (welcome, contact letter, follow-up)
 - Help congregation be a welcoming church
 - Reach inactive members
 - New member orientation program (coordinate with communications committee for publications)
 - Renew rolls of church once each year and make recommendation to Session
- Sunday Flowers
- Holiday gift baskets
- Koinonia Prayer Group
- Bereavement Committee
 - food for family
 - food at church
 - Or fruit basket or book for church library
 - house sitting during funeral and visitation

Commissions of the Session

Christian Nurture Commission

- Established (year-round) educational programs
 - Select/develop curricula for all programs
 - Sunday School
 - Children's Worship
 - Youth groups: youth & college/young adult
 - Week-day Bible study & prayer groups
- Special (seasonal) educational programs
 - Select/develop curricula for all programs
 - Lenten series
 - Coordinate gift of Bibles to 1st and 6th grade children
 - Family & adult retreats
 - Promote summer camp
 - Vacation Bible School
 - Fall educational event
 - Hanging of the Greens
 - Coordinate children's Christmas program
 - Coordinate 'Souper Bowl of Caring'
- Library
 - Recruit individuals to oversee routine maintenance
 - Assist in times of special need
- Nursery
 - Coordinate care when necessary
 - Establish policies and guidelines
 - Clean, organize, and cull toys as necessary
 - Replenish snacks and supplies
- Training and Recognition
 - Provide training and support for teachers/leaders including special needs
 - Recognize and congratulate graduates
 - Recognize and thank teachers
- Scholarships
 - Announce and recruit applications
 - Define and practice the application and selection processes

Church Life/Church Action Commission

- Provide for Sunday morning fellowship through coordination of coffee hour
- Recruit and train coffee hosts
- Notify office if supplies for fellowship events are needed
- Nurture adult fellowship groups. Examples include CPC Book Club, men's group, and Ladies' Night Out.
- Help coordinate fellowship events in team environment with other church groups. Examples might include various special receptions (Sunday concerts, new members, guest speakers, Lenten series, Wonderful Wednesday dinners, Rally Sunday).
- Coordinate social events and opportunities. Examples might include picnics and ice cream socials, pot luck dinners, small group dinners (former Cottage Groups and Guess Who's Coming to Dinners, currently Salt Shakers), baby showers, trips to baseball games, Hanging of the Greens (work with Christian Nurture), cook-outs and hayrides, caroling, etc.
- Coordinate spiritual fellowship through retreats, special services, and so forth
- Coordinate events and communication with presbytery
- Help the church be a more welcoming church

Communications Commission

- Public Relations (marketing, advertising)
- Promotion (external events, internal events)
- Web site
 - Public site for everyone
 - Internal site as repository for documents, minutes, etc.
- Newsletter (including a web site version for archives)
- E-mail news
- Flyer development
- Member handbook
- Document racks
- Assist boards and committees in developing procedures manuals
- Review the Sunday bulletin format

Facilities Commission

- Facilitate the church services (check HVAC)
- Major repairs - facilitate
- Minor repairs - perform (painting, plumbing)
- Landscape work – spring and fall
- Snow removal
- Deep cleaning
- Custodial & regular cleaning
- Manage Equipment
 - Office machines – copiers, other equipment
 - Computers (office, library, Preschool)
 - Kitchen equipment
 - Sound system (need a specialist and a backup specialist)
 - Fire system (work with security company, serve as contacts in list)
- Develop user guides for key systems of the church
- Establish and maintain an emergency plan

Finance Commission

- Review/present monthly financial statements
- Receive/hold transfer property
- Insurance (determine needs, receive bids for policies)
- Arrange for an annual financial review
- Coordinate investments and the capital campaign
- Consider other financial matters that come before the commission

Worship Commission

- Assist pastor in matters relating to the public worship of God
- Prepare sanctuary
 - Sunday Flowers (take upstairs)
 - Polish the brass
 - Prepare, set up, and clean up communion elements
 - Prepare candles (oil filled, wicks ready)
 - Restock pews monthly
 - Seasonal tasks (paraments, Advent candles, etc.)

- Acolytes – enlist, train, and supervise
- Music Program
 - Choir director
 - Organist
 - Choir (adult, other)
 - Soloists
- Recruit Assistants/Volunteers
 - Recruit pulpit assistants
 - Recruit children’s moment presenter
 - Greeters (recruit, train)
 - Recruit members for Usher teams
 - Train
 - Head usher
 - Clean out pews before/after service
 - Secure Communion servers (rotate between Deacons, Elders)
 - Guest pastor, as necessary
 - Secure
 - Welcome
 - Ensure payment occurs
- Periodically review wedding contract
- Coordinate Alfred R. Schmidt Concert Series (formerly SACS) refreshments with CL/CA
- Special Services (examples)
 - Jointly with Unity (held occasionally)
 - Easter Sunrise ○ Maundy Thursday
 - Ash Wednesday
 - Wholeness
 - Youth services
 - Christmas Eve (flowers, candles for congregation)
 - Other seasonal worship

Committees of the Session

Interpretation and Support Committee

- Stewardship (pledge campaign)
- Talent Survey
 - Distribute and collect forms
 - Share results with the Nominating Committee and officers of the church
- Special offerings; work with treasurer to coordinate where collections are posted
- Develop budgets

Mission Committee

- Recommend allocation of mission funds
- Oversee ongoing mission projects including
 - Kids Hope: a national, non-profit organization, facilitates mentoring relationships with at-risk children through a church/school partnership. Central partners with Deming Elementary in Terre Haute
 - Light House Mission: a shelter for homeless individuals and families
 - 14th & Chestnut: a faith-based organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of local children residing in a poor neighborhood.
 - HEME fund: organized in Afghanistan to empower women and orphans through vocational training and literacy; started by a member of CPC
 - United Campus Ministry: serves college students in the area.
 - SAWS: a program for building ramps for disabled low-income citizens in the Terre Haute area
- Liaison with other churches for joint mission projects such as Holypalooza and activities focused on refugees and immigrants
- Consider new mission opportunities

Personnel Committee

- Establish job descriptions for church personnel
- Recruit and hire all church personnel except for the pastor
- With the pastor, evaluate job performance and make recommendations to Session for annual compensation for all personnel

Committees of the Congregation

Nominating Committee

- Prepare nominations for vacancies in boards, commissions, committees, and task forces
- Report nominations to the congregation

Pastor Nominating Committee

- Prepare church information form (CIF) when searching for a called pastor
- Screen applications and interview candidates
- Work with the Committee on Ministry (COM) and make a recommendation for a called pastor
- Negotiate terms for the prospective called pastor
- Arrange for a Candidate Sunday
- Work with CL/CA Commission to welcome the new pastor and assist with the transition

Occasional Task Forces

- Renovation Task Force
- Capital Campaign Task Force
- Visioning Task Force

Occasional Teams

- Technology Team
- Usher Teams

Appendix C – Prior Ministers of the Church

First Presbyterian Church

1828-1829 David Montfort

1833-1833 Michael Hummer

1836-1850 Matthew G. Wallace

1851-1853 Archibald C. Allen

1854-1855 Isaac N. Shannon

1857-1865 Thomas P. Gordon

1866-1869 George Morrison

1870-1872 James E. Papsley

1872-1879 Alexander Sterrett

Second Presbyterian Church

1846-1849 Richard V. Dodge

Baldwin Presbyterian Church

1849-1856 William M. Cheever

1857-1861 Joseph G. Wilson

1861-1862 Henry W. Ballantine

1863-1865 Daniel E. Bierce

1866-1868 Henry S. Little

Second Presbyterian Church

1868-1874 Blackford Condit

1874-1879 Edward W. Abbey

Central Presbyterian Church

1879-1879 Edward W. Abbey

1880-1884 Thomas Parry

1884-1892 George R. Pierce

1893-1896 Rice V. Hunter

1896-1900 William Torrance

1900-1909 William H. McCaughey
1910-1918 Louis O. Richmond
1919-1933 Buford W. Tyler
1934-1942 Louis O. Richmond
1942-1946 John Goodpasture
1946-1953 Willard V. Lampe
1954-1961 Osborne L. Schumpert
1961-1995 John Chironna, Jr. (*Pastor Emeritus*)
1995-1997 Alan V. Pareis (*interim, not installed*)
1998-2002 David A. Perkins
2003-2005 Gerard Kuyk (*interim, not installed*)
2005-2016 Lant B. Davis
2016–20?? Kevin Buchanan (transitional, not installed)

Appendix D Layout of the Church Building (*following pages*)

These floor plans include the church renovations done in 2009-2010. In these depictions, rotated to better fit the page size, Seventh Street is at the bottom of the page.

