



AUGUST 2025

# CONNECT

Newsletter of Central Trinity UMC

## “Shade”

Whew, this August heat is something else, isn't it? Where is the shade? Stepping outside feels like walking into a furnace, and I find myself dreaming of iced tea and the hum of air conditioning. What in the world did we do without air conditioning?

The dog days of summer are in full swing, and, yet, there's a shift in the air. You can feel it coming. The long, lazy days of summer are winding down, and the excitement of back-to-school season is upon us. Our kids, grandkids, and teachers are gearing up for a new school year. It's a time of change, and, in the midst of it, I'm reminded how God's love is our steady shade, no matter how hot or hectic life gets.

In this season of transition, we're invited to find refreshment and renewal in God's unchanging love. It's our shade in the heat of life.

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The definition of shade is comfort and coolness from the direct sunlight and heat. What does the Bible teach us about the shade and the protection the Lord offers? In Psalm 121:5-8, we're assured, "The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Just as we seek shade from the scorching sun, we can find rest in God's presence. He is our refuge. Right before these verses the Psalmist asks where our help comes from? It comes from the Lord, offering cool comfort when the pressures of life threaten to overwhelm us. As we step into August, let's pause to rest in His shade, trusting that He protects and sustains us through every season.



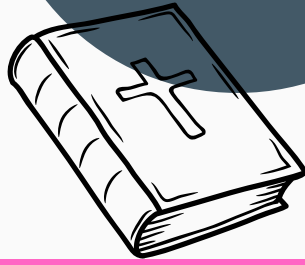
The end of summer also brings a sense of new beginnings. Back-to-school season is a time of fresh starts—new classrooms, new friendships, and new opportunities to grow. For our students, parents, and educators, this is a season of anticipation and, sometimes, anxiety. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." As summer gives way to fall, we're reminded that God is the author of every season. Whether you're navigating a new school year or another kind of transition, trust that God is guiding your steps, just as He has through every change in your life.

As a church family, let's embrace this August with gratitude for summer's warmth and excitement for the new school year ahead. Let's pray for our students, teachers, and families, that they may feel God's peace and strength in this season. And let's continue to gather in worship, finding refreshment in God's Word and community, no matter how hot it gets outside. May we all seek the shade of the Lord!

Wanna talk to the pastor?  
Jon Exman

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# FAMILY LIFE

Youth Sunday is August 3 in both the Ignite and Traditional services. The youth are focusing on the book of Acts this summer, and they are excited to share with you how they have been learning to boldly embrace their faith.



## Upcoming Family Life Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, August 27  
6- 7 p.m.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All students, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to bring their backpacks or work bags for the backpack blessing. Begin the 2025-2026 academic year with a prayer and special gift.

Sunday, August 17

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



# Ministry News

## United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith does not meet during the summer. Remember that books are available in the church library and the public library to complete plans for the Reading Program.

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry meets periodically during the summer; contact Jayne Dunlap or Janice Deal for schedule. If not able to join the group, please continue to stitch and pray for this ministry.



### Lead Pastor

Jon Exman

### Children's Ministries

Lesa Exman

### Director of Music

Jim McLaughlin

### Chancel and

### Children's Choir

Ann Sims

### Wesleyan and

### Carillon Bells

Andy Ruetz

### Ignite Worship

Katlyn Border

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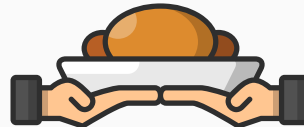
Dennis Dunlap

### Treasurer

Holly Ruetz

### Financial Secretary

Rick Mohler



### SAVE THE DATE!

Our choir kick-off will take place in the CT fellowship hall on Sunday, August 24, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service with a potluck lunch. Hot, main entrees will be provided by the music ministry, and we are asking that you bring side dishes or desserts. Table service and drinks will also be provided.

Please invite anyone you feel may be a prospective choir member for any of our adult, youth, or children's choirs. There should be plenty of food should anyone choose to join us at the last minute.

This will be a fun time of fellowship! Information about the fall season will be shared with you and fall performance schedules will be distributed.

Our first rehearsals of the season begin Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Please feel free to reach out to Ann Sims (Chancel and Children's Choir director) or Andy Ruetz (Carillon Bells and Wesleyan Choir director) if you have any questions.



## Year to date financial report June 2025

Total Giving to Designated Projects	\$10,233
Total Expenses Designated Projects	\$4,770

Thank you for generously giving to the ministries of Central Trinity. Here is a breakdown of what your gifts supported in June 2025:

**Personnel**     \$23,484  
*Salaries & Benefits*

**Administrative**     \$739  
*Office supplies, Copier lease*

**Property**     \$4,719  
*Utilities, Insurance, Pest Control, Cleaning supplies, Real Estate taxes*

**Outreach**     \$5,029  
*Apportionments sent to Conference*

**Christian Education**     \$289  
*Sunday school materials, Youth group snacks*

**Worship**     \$558  
*Communion supplies, Ignite substitutes, tech updates*

**Designated**     \$779  
*Eastside dinner, Neighbors in Need gifts, altar flowers*

## ZCA Concerts at Secrest

Season Memberships are now available to purchase for the Zanesville Concert Association's 86<sup>th</sup> "Reason for a Season" Concert Season. Season Memberships give you admittance to five "World Famous" Concerts at Secrest Auditorium in Zanesville, as well as admittance to all the concerts held in Mt. Vernon with their concert series. Children and youth are admitted without charge when attending with an adult. College students with a current ID are also admitted without charge.

The artists performing include Joan Ellison "Salute to Judy Garland" featuring the New Albany Symphony Orchestra, the Canadian Brass, the New York Theatre Ballet performing "The Firebird," the Peking Acrobats, and Tony Danza performing "Standards and Stories."

The Season Memberships are \$85 plus a \$7.50 service charge. Individual concert tickets will be sold at \$45 plus a \$3.50 service charge. At Central Trinity you can get information about the concert season from ZCA board members Diane Houston, Marge Overdorff, Ann Lillie Briggs, and Jim McLaughlin.

You can purchase from the website [www.zanesvilleconcertassociation.org](http://www.zanesvilleconcertassociation.org) or by mailing your check to Zanesville Concert Association

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CENTRAL TRINITY UMC

# GLOW NIGHT PARTY

GAMES



FOOD



ALL AGES

6 - 8

AUG  
3RD

LIVE  
MUSIC

We are excited to be holding Glow Night on August 3, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. This will feature all the same fun as last year, but we're expanding! All the glow fun will stay the same, plus an extra room full of food and fun! This is for all ages and for all of CT and community! Volunteers should be there by 5 p.m., along with all food items for the event! Any questions, please reach out to Katlyn Border at 740-586-1097







# ANCHORED

STEADY FAITH IN A  
SHIFTING WORLD

We have this hope  
as an anchor  
for the soul...

HEBREWS 6.19

EVER NEED SOMETHING NEW TO LISTEN TO?  
WANT A WAY TO HEAR THE WORD, OUTSIDE OF  
A SUNDAY SERVICE? WE GOT YOU! MICHAEL  
AND KATLYN BORDER HAVE STARTED A NEW  
PODCAST CALLED, "ANCHORED." THIS FEATURES  
A WALK IN FAITH AS A COUPLE AND TALKING  
ABOUT REAL-LIFE SUBJECTS TO KEEP YOU  
ANCHORED IN YOUR FAITH IN A SHIFTING  
WORLD. YOU CAN ACCESS THE PODCAST RIGHT  
ON THE CT APP! DON'T HAVE THE APP? NO  
PROBLEM! IT IS ALSO ON SPOTIFY AND  
YOUTUBE UNDER @ANCHOREDUNFILTERED.  
WE'VE ALREADY CREATED A FEW PODCASTS SO  
TUNE IN AND ENJOY!



# ANCHORED

STEADY FAITH IN A  
SHIFTING WORLD

## Quick Links to Access Podcast

Anchored on Youtube



Anchored on Spotify



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Tom Neff, August 1  
1515 Carrie Circle

Barbara Dodd, August 1  
1764 Candlestick Drive

Judy England, August 1  
3945 Darcie Drive

Roger Smith, August 8  
1854 Norwood Blvd

Brenda Mackall, August 21  
1295 Stonington Place

Carl Snider, August 22  
3180 Harper Drive  
Nashport, OH 43830

Mary Colopy, August 29  
1058 Brandywine Blvd  
Apartment A

## GRATITUDE

Thank you to Janice Deal, Sue Wright, and Leslie Miller for all your help with the August newsletter.

### Special Thanks!

Our special musicians for the month of July included Lucas Stant, Macey Wheeler, Kim Lee, Beth Hurst, Lynne Hottle, and Samuel Estrada. We thank our dedicated music volunteers for providing beautiful music for our summer services.

THANK  
YOU





# W O R S H I P

## August 3 Youth Sunday

Series:  
Message:  
Scripture:  
Music: Evelyn Ruetz  
Preschool:  
Kids Own Worship:  
Youth:



## August 10 Communion Sunday

Series: Into the Heart of Romans  
Message: "The True Christian"  
Scripture: Romans 12:9-21, John 13:34-35  
Music: Sue Williamson and Ken Skidmore  
Preschool:  
Kids Own Worship:  
Youth:

## August 17

Series: Into the Heart of Romans  
Message: "The Account"  
Scripture: Romans 14:5-12, Matthew 12:36-37  
Music: Jim and Sherie Garrett  
Preschool:  
Kids Own Worship:  
Youth:

## August 24

Series: Into the Heart of Romans  
Message: "The Example"  
Scripture: Romans 15:1-7, 1 Peter 2:21, Ephesians 5:1-2  
Music: Evelyn Ruetz and Abby Robbins  
Preschool:  
Kids Own Worship:  
Youth:

## August 31

Series: Into the Heart of Romans  
Message: "The Doxology"  
Scripture: Romans 16:25-27, Ephesians 3:20-21, Jude 1: 24-25  
Music: Katlyn and Michael Border  
Prelude: Connor Shields  
Preschool:  
Kids Own Worship:  
Youth:

## Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Ignite Service
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
9:45 a.m.	Wesleyan Choir
10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School

Childcare provided each Sunday 8:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Handicapped Parking available at North entrance of parking lot.

## Ushers



KAREN HERRON  
CASSIE TEMPLE  
JUNIOR MUSE  
KENNY SKIDMORE

# Upcoming Events

## **3 Youth Sunday**

6:00 p.m. Glow Night

## **6 Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## **10 Sunday Holy Communion**

6:30 p.m. CT Youth

## **17 Sunday**

6:30 p.m. CT Youth

## **19 Tuesday**

6:00 p.m. Verla Moore Service Club

## **24 Sunday**

11:30 a.m. Choir Kick Off Potluck

1:00 p.m. ZCA

6:30 p.m. CT Youth

## **27 Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Trustees

## **31 Sunday**

6:30 p.m. CT Youth

## **August 10-16 Fair Week**

**July Attendance:**  
**122**

**Financial Report**

**June Offering:**  
**\$208,963**

**June Expenses:**  
**\$214,212**

**June Budget:**  
**\$226,647**

**Come As Yourself  
Grow In Faith  
Serve With Love**



# *A Warm Summer Day*

Written by Deborah Ann Belka

Give me a warm summer  
day,  
a cool breeze on my face  
and I'll tell you all about . . .  
my Father's mercy and grace.  
For when I'm basking in,  
the warmth of His love  
I find myself engulfed  
in His peace from above.  
Give me a long lazy day,  
with nothing else to do  
and I'll tell you just how  
Jesus making all things new.  
For when I'm just chilling,  
His favor consumes me  
and all I can think about  
are the things I can't see.  
Give me a warm summer  
day,  
far from the heat of things  
and I'll tell you all about . . .  
the hope my Savior brings!





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