



# NEWS

## UP FRONT

At the July 20 Quarterly Business meeting the congregation voted affirmatively on the following motion: The By laws and relevant sections of the Constitution be changed to eliminate the references to the LCT and Ministry Teams and their responsibilities and replace with the ALT and their responsibilities.

The proposal is consistent with the October 2024 QBM when the congregation voted to set aside the Bylaws and Constitution as related to the polity and to pilot the new polity where the ALT (administrative leadership team) became responsible for the administrative leadership of the church.

As a reminder the ALT consists of the ELECTED moderator, vice-moderator, and the church Treasurer and the benevolence Treasurer; 2-3 at large members appointed by the moderator; and the pastor. Professional Relations and Property are encouraged to attend all meetings. The ALT serves the church through hosting annual visioning sessions which result in the formulation of a series of Action Steps to be carried forth by Ad Hoc teams during the next year. Additionally the ALT helps to assure that the Standing Teams are functioning.

The new polity reflects a path forward which requires fewer formal positions, but opens opportunities for each person in the congregation to participate in one or more Ad Hoc Teams and/or Standing Teams that fits their talents, desires, and time.

Leigh Steiner and Greg Seifert will begin the process of making the revisions. Those will be reviewed by the ALT and then sent to the congregation for review and comment by this fall.

Leigh Steiner

## COMING UP

8/2 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m,  
Merriam Hall

8/6 Connecting Women, 10  
a.m, Weber Lounge

8/16 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m,  
Merriam Hall

8/31 Piano Recital with Jason  
Huddleston, 2:30-3:30 p.m,  
Sanctuary.

### Church Office

8-2:30 T-F

\*The Church office is closed  
on Mondays.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Kumler Food Pantry

Each month a reminder is sent out about needing your contribution of nonperishable food for the Kumler Food Pantry. The need does not go away. Your thoughtful contribution will go to help feed the food insecure of our community. Have you given thought to a donation of some gluten free food? Grocery stores will have sections of nonperishable food that is glutinous free-check it out! Please put your contribution in the Serve the World Center.

### Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We provide meals for Contact Ministries through MealTrain. Instructions are on the MealTrain web site. Type this link into your browser to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yoo5gm> or call the church office at (217) 523-3639 and Rachael will sign you up.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Graham School Update

School has started again at Graham Elementary. This will be the last year for year-round school for Graham. They will follow the normal schedule for District 186 schools starting in August 2026.

The library will open on August 14 with a full volunteer staff of 15 people, 8 of whom are from Central. The volunteers do more than check out books to the students. We read (or try to read) to those in kindergarten and first grade. It can get very hectic at times but also rewarding. Substitutes are needed on a regular basis. If you like working with active children, see Sharon Smith about volunteering on Thursdays.

At the end of the school year in June, we received thank you notes from many of the students. This was the winner from a third grader:

“Dear pretty and silent librarians. Thank you for volunteering to help provide books for our education and entertainment. Thank you for being kind and patient. You kept me on my feet and made me smile and happy.”

Doesn't that make you want to volunteer?

Sharon Smith

### Mickey and Rebecca

Please join us on September 10 after church service to celebrate Mickey and Rebecca's recent marriage. Light refreshments will be provided.

## BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Erica Palsen  
8/5 Larry Aldag  
8/6 Brenda Thornburgh  
8/10 Joe Hill  
8/10 Jeff Sharp  
8/14 Ross Hodel  
8/14 Sally Smith  
8/17 Barbara McKean  
8/17 Dela Phillips  
8/18 Virginia Heinzl  
8/22 Marjorie Clinton

## ANNIVERSARIES

8/30 Doug and Linda Meyer  
8/30 Jeff and Mary Ellen Sharp  
8/31 John and Syl Grisham

If we missed anyone, let us know at [rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org)

## NEWS AND NOTES (Cont)

### Mission Notes.....

Central Baptist Church is pleased to welcome Larry and Rebecca Stanton to the pulpit on Sunday, August 10th. Larry and Rebecca are two of our global servants from International Ministries serving in Hungary and Serbia. Becky works with students in primary and elementary schools in Teglas and a college prep school in Drebreceen the eastern region of the country.

Larry assists Serbian Baptist churches in Stara Moravica and Pacer with their service to the community and to refugees along the Balkan route. They have three daughters attending local schools, learning Hungarian and teaching English as only children can.

The Stantons will be sharing information about their ministry as part of the service on Sunday, August 10th. They would like to invite you to partner with them in the ongoing mission to serve students, churches, and communities with compassion and hope.

### Picnic at the Muni Fellowship Event

Please join us for a church picnic at the Springfield Muni on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the 8:30 "Shrek The Musical" Performance. Please be on the lookout for additional details.

Muni tickets can be purchased from the Muni website [here](#) through MetroTix, or you may purchase them at the box office starting 90 minutes prior to the show.

There are two ticket options:

**Reserved Seating Tickets:** \$22.00 (\$25.25 online include processing fee). There are currently plenty of seat options available including handicap seating.

**General Admission (Lawn Seating):** Bring your own lawn chair or blanket:

**Adults:** \$15.00 (\$18.25 online)

**Seniors/ Military/ Students:** \$12.00 (only available at Box Office with ID)

**Children:** Wednesday is family night with up to 3 children age 12 and under free with paid adult admission.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets as a group, 10 or more tickets receive a \$1.00 discount per ticket or if you purchase 25 or more tickets you will receive a \$2.00 discount per ticket.

We encourage you to invite family and friends to join us for food, fun, fellowship and the opportunity to watch Tiffany Williams and the wonderful local performers as they share the story of "Shrek The Musical"! If you prefer to not attend the Muni performance, we invite you to still join us for the picnic fellowship time.

You may RSVP for the picnic by calling the church office or by filling out the connection card on Sunday morning located inside your bulletin.

Hope to see you all there!

Paula Harwood

### Save The Date

You are invited to join us at Randy and Ann Wells home in Rochester on Saturday, September 6 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. We will have fellowship, games, enjoy their wonderful gardens and food on the grill. If you are able to join us, we ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## Connected Pairs

### 5 Key Elements of the Happiest Marriages, By a Psychologist

In this article, Mark Travers shares information based on a 2025 survey by psychologist Laura Doyle. The findings were reflections of nearly 600 women.

Here are some of the findings:

1. Feeling loved. The survey found, not surprisingly, that feeling loved was the most highly rated source of happiness. This involves perceiving emotional accessibility and responsiveness from a partner.
2. Receiving emotional support and feeling connected. Emotionally supportive partners are tuned into each other consistently, not just in times of crises.
3. Experiencing safety. This includes not just physical safety, but also emotional safety.

To learn more, read [here](#).

Blessings,  
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