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 By  
 Sally Paulsell

# The Chimes

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## Sunday in Worship February 28, 2010

### 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.

Michael Mooty, preaching  
 Jake Caldwell, leading worship  
 Ann Dahl, elder

11:00 a.m.

Michael Mooty, preaching  
 Jake Caldwell & Ann Sallee,  
 leading worship

Kate Covington & Paul Evans, elders

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Meditative Prayer in Chapel  
 After 11:00 a.m. Service  
 Sunday Service Broadcast  
 on the Radio at 11:00 a.m. –  
 On WGVN – 1580 AM.

### Annual Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, February 28, 2010, after  
 each worship service.

**God's Pantry** Open House and  
 Blessing, Sunday, March 7 @  
 10:30 a.m. (Coffee Hour)  
 First Floor Watkins building

### KidsCENTRAL Coat Drive Extended

KidsCENTRAL is learning about John the Baptist and in response is conducting a coat drive. Drop any gently worn coats off to the KidsCENTRAL area (1st Floor, to the right of the receptionist desk). All sizes and styles welcome. Harts Dry Cleaning will clean them for free and give them to the Salvation Army.

Dear Friends,  
 A Sabbath rest.

The ancient Mayans developed an elaborate cyclical calendar, perhaps based on the movements of the planets Jupiter and Saturn. The proto-Druids who built Stonehenge seemed to have a fascination with the solstice and equinox. The Egyptians believed that the sun was a god, and carefully measured its progress thru the sky.

Many, if not most, if not all religions pay attention to time. The church celebrates a cyclical series of seasons which helps us remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are now two weeks into the season of Lent, a time of the year when we reflect on his journey to the cross and prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

We inherited from our Jewish cousins the weekly practice of setting aside one day in seven to rest, pray, and gather with our faith community. The Jewish Sabbath begins on Friday evening at sunset, and continues until the sun sets on Saturday. Early in the piece, Christians began to gather on the morning of the first day of the week, Sunday, because that was the day of the resurrection, the defining moment for marking time in Christian faith.

For both Jews and Christians, observing a day of rest, worship and prayer is a way of practicing faith. Jews are people who light candles to welcome the Sabbath on Friday night. Christians are people who gather together to remember Jesus on Sunday morning.

If you have traveled to Israel, you know that everything just stops on the Sabbath. Busses do not run. Markets and shops are closed. Automobile traffic disappears. A day of rest.

The book of Hebrews describes the

goal of life as "a Sabbath rest for the people of God." I love the image. A time when all of the cares and challenges of everyday life are set aside. As Christians, we do a little dress rehearsal of that Sabbath rest every Sunday when we come together to sing and pray and gather at table with the community that defines us.

I am preparing to take a little Sabbath after Easter Sunday. Central's personnel policy provides for a sabbatical time for ministers and program directors. Those of us currently on the staff are afforded twelve weeks of sabbatical every three years. (Persons who come to the staff in the future will be given a twelve week sabbatical every five years.) My last sabbatical was in 2001. I decided against an extended absence in 2004 and 2007 because we were deep in the midst of planning and executing our important building project. It was just not a good time for me to be gone.

But the dust has settled, and this spring I will begin a twelve week sabbatical on April 5 and return on July 6. Next week, I want to share with you some of the things that I will be doing during that time, but for now, I simply want you to know that the rest of our remarkable pastoral staff will be on duty. Jan, Carolyn, Guy and Jake will be all be here during my absence. Chad will be in and out because of mission trips, camps and conferences.

I am deeply grateful for my incredibly capable colleagues and for the opportunity to serve a congregation that provides a Sabbath rest. Glad to be your pastor, Central. See you on the church's Sabbath.

*Michael*

## Time for Contemplation & Enough Lenten Class

The Cultivating Mindfulness ChristCare group has invited anyone who would like to experience a time of quiet meditation during the Lenten Season to come and be a part of their group on Wednesday evenings, February 24 - March 24, 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Under the leadership of Lisa Maas, the group takes time from their busy lives each week to quiet and open their souls through meditation.

We are also doing a five-week book study of *Enough: Contentment in an Age of Excess*, this will invite us to consider what it would mean to place the Lord's Supper at the center of our lives and to understand contentment as a Christian discipline. Will Samson, the author of *Enough*, will facilitate each of the discussions. Join us on Wednesday evenings, as we ponder this question in our Lenten study at 7 pm on from Feb 24 to Mar 24. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Richart or Jake Caldwell at [crichart@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:crichart@centralchristianlex.org), [jcaldwell@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:jcaldwell@centralchristianlex.org), or 233-1551.

### Discipleship Class

The Discipleship class meets Wednesdays during Lent from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. This class is designed to raise questions of faith for children around 4th or 5th grade. This is not a baptism class but a way for children to learn more about what membership in the church means. Contact Rev. Chad for more information, 233-1551, ext. 123.

### Sympathy

To Becky Stoeckinger and family in the death of her mother Evelyn Riley.

To Alma Anderson, Pat Nicholson and family in the death of Alma's sister/Pat's aunt, Katherine Anderson.

To the family of Coleman "Jeff" Moffett in his recent death.

To Katie Gray Frances and her husband, Corey, in the death of his grandmother, Betty Frances.

### Congratulations

To Caroline Lucas and Kevin Gray who were married at Central, February 20, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.  
To Madge and Bill Adams on the birth of their granddaughter Gabrielle Balden Adams; parents are William and Julie Adams.

To Jamie Muth, daughter of Sally Kelton and granddaughter of Jane Kelton, has been selected to participate as a member of the People to People Student ambassador Program to Europe this summer. The program promotes international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The organization was founded by President Eisenhower in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would countries. Sister Cities and Project Hope were launched by this organization. Jamie will be going in June and is excited about the opportunity.

### Dr. Bill Paulsell's class

Dr. Bill Paulsell, former Lexington Theological Seminary President and author will explore Christian Mysticism. Everyone is welcome on Sunday, February 28th, 9:30 A.M. in room 206 (bride's room) hosted by Disciples Sunday School Class.

### Worshiping at Central February 21, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship	58
11:00 a.m. Worship	318
Children's Worship & Wonder	25
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>401</b>

### BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON MARCH 4

The *Joshua* Bible Study under the leadership of Sugar Slabaugh will continue on Thursday, March 4, at noon in the Youth Room of the Education Building. You may want to bring a sandwich or other lunch to eat during our study. In preparation you might read *Joshua 2:1-24; 6:25; 9:3-27*. We will focus on Rahab and the Gibeonites.

### Central Welcomes New Members



Diana and Charles Richardson transferred their memberships from a United Methodist congregation in Lexington to Central on Sunday, February 21 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Charles is a retired university professor and Diana is a retired public school teacher. Diana and Charles are already involved in the worship and service life of Central. They participate in the Top of the Hill church school class. Diana is active in the Disciples Women Ministry and Charles is a volunteer worker in God's Pantry. We welcome the Richardson's to Central as they continue their faith journey.

### Habitat for Humanity 2010 A Home Like No Other!

Several have asked "What will this year's Habitat for Humanity home look like?" "Where will it be built?" "What is our partner family like?" All are good questions from members who care about our Habitat program.

This year's home will be "A Home Like No Other". Yes, our 27<sup>th</sup> sponsored home will look different and we will be releasing all the specifics once they are fully developed and confirmed by Lexington Habitat for Humanity. Sorry, no scoop printed here!

In the meantime, let's consider how individually we can make the difference in our Habitat for Humanity ministry. Last Sunday was our first offering opportunity at Central. Our children brought their Habitat banks to the Children's Sermon, we heard from India Mock, last year's partner family about how her family's life has changed and many of us remembered to bring our checks and volunteer cards to put them in the offering plate.

This Sunday, February 28th will be our final offering for Habitat for Humanity. It is an opportunity for the rest of us to personally participate in the purchase of the building materials so that a new partner family, with the help of our volunteers, will be able build a way out of substandard poverty housing. We still have time to raise the needed funds and make it happen. If you cannot come to worship this Sunday, you may mail in your check and volunteer card in the provided envelope. This year's Habitat for Humanity project will be "A Home Like No Other" because you chose to make a difference!

# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>*Sunday Activities:</b> <b>8:30a</b> Worship <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School <b>10:30a</b> Fellowship <b>11:00a</b> Worship <b>5:00p</b> Youth Groups <b>6:30p</b> Teen SING	<sup>1</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>1:30p</b> DW Circle 14	<sup>2</sup> <b>5:00p</b> Room in The Inn  <b>6:30p</b> TEAM	<sup>3</sup> <b>4:45p</b> Kids SING <b>6:30p</b> Discipleship Class <b>6:30p</b> Handbells <b>7:00p</b> Lenten Study <b>7:00p</b> Stephen Min.	<sup>4</sup> <b>12:00p</b> Bible Study  <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir	<sup>5</sup> Chi Rho Spiritual Retreat	<sup>6</sup>
<sup>7</sup> <b>*Sunday Activities</b> <b>10:30a</b> God's Pantry Emphasis <b>12:00p</b> Organ Committee	<sup>8</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30p</b> Circle 15	<sup>9</sup> <b>10:00a</b> Circle 8  <b>6:30p</b> TEAM	<sup>10</sup> <b>4:45p</b> Kids SING <b>6:00p</b> Parish Nurses <b>6:30p</b> Discipleship Class <b>6:30p</b> Handbells <b>7:00p</b> Lenten Study	<sup>11</sup> <b>5:00p</b> TeleCare  <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir	<sup>12</sup> <b>6:00p</b> Child Care Center Spaghetti Supper	<sup>13</sup>
<sup>14</sup> <i>Daylight Savings</i> <b>*Sunday Activities</b> <b>12:00p</b> Elders Mtg. <b>12:00p</b> Organ Committee <b>12:00p</b> SEA Group	<sup>15</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Meeting	<sup>16</sup> <b>5:00p</b> Room in the Inn  <b>6:30p</b> TEAM Class	<sup>17</sup> <b>4:45p</b> Kids SING <b>6:30p</b> Discipleship Class <b>6:30p</b> Handbells <b>7:00p</b> Lenten Study	<sup>18</sup> <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup> Youth Homeless Experience
<sup>21</sup> <b>*Sunday Activities</b> <i>Taste of ChristCare</i> <b>12:00p</b> Outreach Ministries <b>12:00p</b> Organ Committee	<sup>22</sup>	<sup>23</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30p</b> Stewardship & Finance Meeting	<sup>24</sup> <b>4:45p</b> Kids SING <b>5:15p</b> KIDSCentral Meeting <b>6:30p</b> Handbells <b>7:00p</b> Lenten Study	<sup>25</sup> <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>
<sup>28</sup> <b>*Sunday Activities</b> Week of Compassion Youth Mission Trip to Atlanta  <b>9:30a</b> Week of Compassion presentation	<sup>29</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30p</b> Member Chapel Wedding & Reception  FCPS Spring Break	<sup>30</sup>	<sup>31</sup>	<b>ChristCare Meetings</b> (Every) Sun - <b>9:30a</b> Women's ChristCare Group Mon. - <b>7:00p</b> Soul Time ChristCare Group Tues. - <b>2:30p</b> Spirituality in Aging, March 2, 16 Wed. - <b>5:30p</b> Cultivating Mindfulness ChristCare Grp. * every Wednesday of Kids SING Wed. - <b>9:30a</b> Mothers & Grandmothers, March 3, 17 <b>AIDS in a Christian Community</b> , visitors welcome - call Carolyn for information (233-1551 ext. 134)		

Central's Choir joins with brass and the choirs of Centenary UMC and Lex Catholic HS to present a concert on Sunday evening February 28 (7pm) - at Centenary UMC.

### Victory Brass and Friends in Concert

The fourth annual Victory Brass and Friends program will feature some of our nations finest brass artists brought together for a weekend of great musical collaboration. In addition to works for brass by Gabrieli, Bach, and Strauss, the program will feature trumpeter Vincent DiMartino and his son Gabriel with organist Schuyler Robinson in a complete performance of "Pictures at an Exhibition." Combined choirs from Centenary Church, Central Christian Church, and Lexington Catholic High School will join us in performances of Vaughan Williams' "O Clap Your Hands," "Finlandia" by Sibelius, and the first movement of Rutter's "Gloria." The free concert will begin at 7pm, on Sunday evening February 28<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary of Centenary United Methodist Church. Centenary is located at 2800 Tates Creek Road and Old Mt. Tabor in Lexington. ([www.centenarylex.com](http://www.centenarylex.com))