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Disciples Women Study Workshop

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, July 10 as we plan a new study curriculum and share creative ideas for 2010-2011! The session will begin at 10:00 am in room 210 of the education wing. Should you have questions, call Patsy Golden at 223-0232.

Join Crestwood Christian in Ministry at the Detention Center

The Shalom and Social Justice Committee at Crestwood provides a wonderful ministry in the Fayette County Detention Center. Teams of two people visit the units on the second and fourth Sunday evenings and have worship with the detainees. The brief worship services are already planned and include hymns (the detainees choose from a prepared selection), scripture, and communion.

Participants are cleared and trained to serve in this ministry and it is heart-warming to hear stories from the people who have been involved - it is equally a blessing to those who bring the gospel and to those who receive it. If you are interested in this worthwhile ministry or would like more information, please contact Lynn Gray at the church office, 233-1551, ext. 129.



Save the Date!

Parents of young children are invited to a summer social on July 10 at 6:00 pm! Bring an appetizer to share and enjoy fun and fellowship at the Goldens' home, 2280 Barnwell Ln. Call 223-0232 for directions. Childcare will be available at the home of Linda Bridwell.

Update on Weekly Parking Changes

Suggestions and insights have been pouring in and we thank you for all that has been given. Every concern has been heard and we have a great system coming into play. The new parking clings for members are available at the receptionist desk on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week.

We want to make sure Central members and friends do not encounter a towing service, so be sure to pick up a parking "cling."

Sunday in Worship June 27, 2010

5th Sunday of Pentecost

8:30 a.m.

Jake Caldwell, preaching
Chad Snellgrove, leading worship
Ann Dahl, elder

11:00 a.m.

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Chad Snellgrove, leading worship
Ray Parsons & Kate Covington, elders

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

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.

Did you know that you can become a fan of Central Christian Church on Facebook?!?! Look us up!

Mark Your Calendar for the following congregational meetings regarding the proposed sale of the Little Building: Information meeting following both services, Sunday, July 11 and Congregational Business Meeting to vote on proposed sale following both services, Sunday, July 25.

Dear Friends,

The important decision.

Michael here, taking a brief timeout from sabbatical to say a word about a decision that the congregation will make in the near future. It is an important decision, and I want us to engage in some careful reflection before we make it.

As you probably know, several months ago our trustees received an offer to purchase the Little Building, the structure at the corner of Short and DeWeese that houses the Central Christian Child Care Center. Central bought that property in 1986 from a congregation that was relocating. Until our new facility was built, the Little Building also housed our Sunday evening Youth Ministry Program. The Child Care Center is now the building's only occupant.

I would remind you that the trustees are the group, elected by the congregation, that holds legal title to all of the church's property on behalf of the congregation. The decision about the purchase or sale of property, however, resides with the congregation. That is to say, the trustees do not purchase or sell property without the congregation's approval.

On Sunday, July 25, the congregation will act on the recommendation of the trustees that the negotiated purchase agreement be approved and that the Little Building be sold. That will be an important decision, but not the most important decision that we will make.

The sale of the Little Building would require the relocation of the Child Care Center, and for that reason, some question the wisdom of the sale. Following each service of worship on July 11, there will be information sessions in the Fellowship Center to update the congregation on the details of the proposed sale and the future of the Child Care Center. Suffice it to say that every option is being carefully examined, including the use of our new facility, the Womwell Building, the former Windstream lot, and the rental or purchase of space not owned by the church. All of the options considered will be discussed in the information sessions on the 11th, and I encourage you to attend.

At the end of the day, however, we will not be of one mind about whether or not to approve this sale, and that's the point at which we will have to make the truly important decision. We will have to decide whether or not our differences of opinion will jeopardize our relationship to our community of faith. This decision will test whether or not our commitment to the mission and ministry of Central is based on our agreement about potentially divisive issues, or whether there is something more significant that binds us together in spite of differences of opinion.

If you feel strongly, one way or another, about the sale of this property, let me ask you to do several things. First, spend some serious time in prayer that we will decide wisely and well, and that then we will move forward to be the people

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God calls us and needs us to be. Second, trust that the congregation's wisdom is greater than any one person's perspective. Third, remember that those who disagree with you are faithful members of the Central community who are as concerned about our ability to serve our neighbors as you are. Human beings seem to have an unfortunate tendency to demonize people with whom we disagree. Christians try hard not to do that. Fourth, spend some time thinking about the reasons to take the position with which you disagree. That means, try to convince yourself that you should change your mind. This issue is not black and white. There are good, rational reasons to support both positions.

The decision about whether or not to sell the Little property is important. But it is not nearly as important as the decision about what kind of church we will be. We have the opportunity to bear witness to something at the very heart of our faith, that our common commitment to Jesus Christ transcends potentially divisive differences of opinion. That's why I'm taking a little time off to write to you. Even while I am on sabbatical, I am still thinking about you, and that makes me glad to be your pastor, Central.

Michael

Congratulations



To Matt and Cindy Richart on the birth of Chase Larkin Richart. Grandparents are Carolyn and Harry Richart; great grandfather is Art Gundry.

To Emory Congleton and Jonathan Grider who were married at Central, June 19, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.

Nothing Says SUMMER like a CONCERT...

Christian, Bluegrass, & Contemporary Music
South Elkhorn Christian Church / Lexington, KY
Sunday, June 27th at 5:30 p.m.

It's FREE! Bring your own lawn chairs and picnic!
Support a great cause - The 2010 Disciples Mission Trip to Swaziland - We'll see you there!

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Memorial Gifts

Have Been Presented To
Central Christian Church
in Loving Memory of

Clara Bell

by
George Dale and Ann Robinson
(for Building Fund)

Les Versaw

by
Judy Rhoads
(for Habitat for Humanity)

'Tis the Gift...

Plan to attend the Christian Church In Kentucky Regional Assembly, September 9-11, 2010: Here at Central!

There will be meaningful worship services, and great preachers, including Week of Compassion's Amy Gopp. Plan to attend the services and if you can, volunteer to help. Kate Covington and Pam Hammonds are co-chairs of the local arrangements committee. Volunteers are needed for greeting, preparing and serving communion, hosting the refreshments area and being available to just "gofer". Contact Kate at kcov@uky.edu and Pam at pam.hammonds@insightbb.com to find out more.

'Tis the Gift will feature Missional Church consultant, Dr. Alan Roxburgh working with Assembly participants to discuss and discover what God is up to in our neighborhoods and communities. This is the key question for our time because it addresses a fundamental stumbling block we have struggled to overcome. If we allow ourselves a moment of honesty, many of us would admit that our primary focus of late has been on our long established ministries. Dr. Roxburgh's question helps us to remember that God is at work in new places and in people we may have overlooked.

Come to Regional Assembly 2010, here at Central!

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Sunday Activities: 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a F'ship 11:00a Worship	ChristCare Meetings (Every) Sun - 9:30a Women's ChristCare Group Summer sabbatical (Every) Sun - 9:30a Progressive Christianity Mon. - 7:00p Soul Time ChristCare Group Tues. - 2:30p Spirituality in Aging, June 6 + 2 Wed. - 5:30p Cultivating Mindfulness ChristCare Grp., Wed. - 9:30a Mothers & Grandmothers, June 7 + 21 AIDS in a Christian Community , visitors welcome call Carolyn for information (233-1551 ext. 134)			1	2	3
*Sunday Activities ⁴	Office Closed ⁵	9:30a Staff Mtg ⁶ 3:00p Regional Assembly Planning	7:00p Stephen Ministers ⁷	5:00p TeleCare ⁸	9	10:00a Disciple Women Study Workshop ¹⁰
*Sunday Activities ¹¹ Congregational Information Mtg - Following each worship service 5:00p Youth Service	9:30a Staff Mtg ¹² 5:30p Circle 15	5:30p Stewardship & Finance ¹³	6:00p Parish Nurses ¹⁴	7:00p Chancel Choir Picnic ¹⁵	16	RITI "Give Back" Picnic + Clean Up ¹⁷
*Sunday Activities ¹⁸ 12:00p Elders Mtg 5:00p Youth Service	9:30a Staff Mtg ¹⁹ Chi Rho Service Trip	20	21	7:00p Chancel Choir ²²	Association Of Disciple Musicians (ADM) ²³	Association Of Disciple Musicians (ADM) ²⁴
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