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# The Chimes

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### Kroger Cards Donate to St. James Place - It's an easy way to give.

Pick up your Kroger gift card at Central. The card will already have a \$10 balance on it - that's why we ask you to pay \$10 for it. Each time you load money onto it - either at the customer service desk or in line (before you check out) - Kroger will donate 4% of the money to the Foundation for Affordable Housing. FFAH, in turn, supports St. James Place with the donations. Using your Kroger gift card is an easy way for you to help make a difference in the lives of those working homeless persons who have found a safe place to live at St. James Place. Use it for groceries and gas. Give one to your college-bound son or daughter. Cards are always available in the church office or can be left for you at the receptionist's desk on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lynn Gray, 233-1551.

### Central Welcomes New Member



Kathleen T. Thompson, who has been participating in the worship life of Central for almost three years, came forward in the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 22 to be introduced as an associate member. She relocated to Lexington from Williamson, WV to be near her son and daughter who live in central Kentucky. We welcome Katie as she continues her faith journey with us at Central.

### Congratulations



Sharon Youssefi and Robert Allen who were married at Central, August 13, with Dr. Guy Waldrop officiating.



Alison McCrary and Nick Browning who were married at Central, August 14, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.



Catherine York and Clinton Combs who were married at Central, August 21, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.



On the birth of Bratcher Nolan Underwood, born July 29th. Son of Amanda and Michael Underwood.

### Scripture, Spirituality, and Community ChristCare Group



How does the study of scripture for spiritual formation in the context of a confessional community shape our lives as Christians? How does our engagement with the body of Christ help us better understand our identity and purpose as human beings living in relationship to God and neighbor? These are some of the questions we will be asking in the Scripture, Spirituality, and Community Christ Care Group that is forming this fall. We will begin meeting in September with the day and time dependent on what works well for those interested. Please contact Jake Caldwell at jcaldwell@centralchristianlex.org or 233-1551 to sign up or for more information.

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### Sunday in Worship August 29, 2010

#### 14th Sunday of Pentecost

8:30 a.m.

Michael Mooty, preaching  
 Jake Caldwell, leading worship  
 Rod Brewer, elder

11:00 a.m.

Michael Mooty, preaching  
 Jake Caldwell & Liz Young,  
 leading worship

Ray Parsons & Sally Paulsell, elders

*Jeremiah 2:4-13*

*Psalm 81:1. 10-16*

*Hebrews 13:7-8, 15-16*

*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

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.

### Casual Sunday and Picnic, August 29

Wear your casual clothes and plan on a picnic lunch after second service on Sunday, August 29. There will be music, children's activities, good food and lots of opportunity for fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers, as well as beverages will be provided. The rest of the good food will come from the congregation. Please sign up at the receptionist desk if you will bring a side dish such as baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, fruit salad, chips, or dessert.

**Central's Thrift Shop** ministry needs two shopkeepers to work on Thursdays. Shifts are from 10-1 and 1-3. Our thrift shop is very important to the community. If you can help, please contact Nancy Lawrence at 335-9561.

Dear Friends,  
 Spelling relief.  
 I've been thinking a lot about relief lately. This week marks the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's arrival on the gulf coast. Stayed up too late last night watching Spike Lee's God Willing and the Creek Don't Rise, a retrospective on the aftermath of that disaster and the way that life has changed in that part of the world. We occasionally see reports from Haiti, reminding us that the recovery from the devastating earthquake is moving at a snail's pace. Just a couple of weeks ago, we were watching people in Moscow wearing masks because of smoke from nearby forest fires. And now, Pakistan.

One commentator said that the area flooded in Pakistan is the size of Italy. Try as I might, I cannot wrap my mind around a disaster of that magnitude. The latest report is that 1,539 people have died and 17 million have been directly affected. 1.2 million houses have been destroyed and 8 million persons are homeless. (That is roughly twice the population of Los Angeles, 14 times larger than Louisville / Jefferson County.) Of those, 2 million have received drinking water, but "large numbers" have no access to water or sanitation. (BBC World News, August 24, 2010) The major concern now is the spread of water born disease.

The United Nations has called for \$460 million in initial relief with approximately one-half of that amount committed and another \$140 million pledged. Non-governmental relief agencies, including faith-based groups are providing food, water, temporary shelter and health care as best they can. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Week of Compassion and its ecumenical partners are very much a part of that effort.

The danger generated by this disaster extends beyond its immediate effect, of course. It creates a situation in which millions of people will be dislocated and

increasingly impoverished, further destabilizing this already volatile part of the world. Interestingly enough, the Indian government has offered \$5 million dollars in aid. India and Pakistan have been bitter enemies since the demise of the British empire in 1947. The two countries have fought four wars since 1947, largely over boundary issues in the areas of Jammu and Kashmir. The tension between India and Pakistan is exacerbated by the fact that both countries possess a nuclear arsenal. It has been reported that the \$5 million relief grant from India, while a relatively small amount compared to the need, has not gone unnoticed in Islamabad. A vigorous response by western nations and Christian communities might likewise not only be the right thing to do, it might be the smart thing to do.

What can we do? We can continue to be generous people and respond to people in need, our neighbors around the corner and our neighbors on the other side of the globe. We can remember that climatologists tell us that dramatic weather related events are consistent with a warming globe. While natural disasters have always been a part of the planet's history, they may be intensified by the carbon emissions of the industrial world. We can recognize that so called natural catastrophes have political consequences. And we can pray. We can place before God our concern for those whose lives have been tragically disrupted by wind and flood and fire.

I enjoyed a wonderful bottle of wine in Italy called Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio. "The tears of Christ because of Vesuvius." That's the name of the wine. The bottle sits on my kitchen counter, partly to remind me of a wonderful meal and evening, and partly to remind me that one thing I can do for my neighbors in pain, is cry.

Glad to be your pastor, Central.

*Michael*



### Central's Green Team Suggests

101 Ways to Save the Earth part *Two of Ten*  
 - **Food:** Eat organic. Buy local. Grow your own vegetables. Learn to can vegetables. Use a solar stove. Plant fruit trees and bushes. Build a root cellar. Become a beekeeper. Buy milk in reusable bottles from a local dairy. Get your own cows. Become a vegan. Grow nuts. Learn to save heirloom seeds. Make your lawn edible. Learn to make hams and jellies. Move to plant-based diet. Don't buy foreign foods. Raise your own chickens. Make your own beer and wine. Learn to make soups and sauces.

### It's Back To School Time

When you're out and about shopping - remember our friends at James Lane Allen Elementary School. The new school year begins in just a few weeks and students there are in need of back packs, tissues and paper towels. A collection basket will be next to the receptionist's desk in the Welcome Area the next few Sundays.

### KidsCentral Welcome and Open House

Calling all children! Please be present on Sunday Aug 29th 9:30 - 10:30 to meet your teachers and leaders of KidsCentral for the next year. Come and hear about the exciting drama and curriculum ideas. This is a wonderful ministry of our church that has taken off in the past 2 years. Please make sure the child you love is growing in their faith with KidsCentral.



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](mailto:kcov@uky.edu) and Pam at [pam.hammonds@insightbb.com](mailto: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.

Registration forms and schedules are available at the receptionist's desk, as well as child care forms if needed. Although Assembly registration for adults is \$45, there is no charge to attend the worship services.

### TEAM Class

Have you ever noticed that your faith has changed and matured over your lifetime and wondered how and why that may be? Maybe you are interested in how we all develop and hopefully mature and deepen our faith from cradle to grave. Do you wonder how the cultural changes of the last couple of decades affect the formation and growth of faith? It could be that you're an elder or deacon who takes seriously your call to impart the faith story to all members of our congregation. Central has the great opportunity to consider these issues and much more in the important and foundational area of faith development through a 10 week course that is to be offered this Fall. The Reverend Dr. Sharon Warner, Professor of Educational Ministry and Dean of the Lexington Theological Seminary will teach a class entitled **Faith Formed in the Stream of Life Experience and Cultural Change** on Tuesday evenings, September 14 - November 16 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) in Room 211 of the Sanctuary Building. The class will spend time discussing how faith changes over the span of our lives, what the characteristics are of faith styles/stages, and how cultural changes in the past couple of decades affect the formation and growth of faith. Please consider sharing in this remarkable study opportunity. If you have questions contact Carolyn Richart at 233-1551 or [crichart@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:crichart@centralchristianlex.org). We ask that you register for the class before Monday, September 13 by completing the form below and dropping it in the offering plate or mailing it to church or email Carolyn. Hope to see you on the 14th!

<u>Registration Form for TEAM Class</u>	
Name(s): _____	
Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____	
Email: _____	
Babysitter Needed? Y or N, please circle / Age _____	

### Central's Neighbors Hold Festival

Roots and Heritage Festival, a major cultural event in Lexington since 1989, will be held again this year from September 9 through September 30. The Street Festival component will be held Saturday, September 11 and on Sunday, September 12 is the Gospel Extravaganza from 1-5 p.m. (E. Short Street and Elm Tree Lane). See Details at Festival web site: [www.rootsandheritagefestival.com/index.html](http://www.rootsandheritagefestival.com/index.html). Central members are encouraged to participate.

### Sympathy

To the family of Evalena Ruth in her recent death.  
 To Don and Renee Chase and family in the death of Don's father Donald R. Chase.  
 To Kevin and Laca Woodson and family in the death of Kevin's grandfather Kesley Corn.  
 To Clyde Arnold in the death of his cousin Juanita Cinnamon  
 To Bob and Marlene Young, Steve and Liz Young and family in the death of Bob's brother in law/Steve's uncle John McWilliams.

### Worshiping at Central August 22, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship	58
11:00 a.m. Worship	316
Children's Worship & Wonder	23
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>397</b>

### Worship Visitors

We had 53 visitors in worship on Sunday and were pleased to welcome *Hannah Corbett, Carissa Haley, Lisa Brown, Robby Alexander* and many others who visit with us regularly.

### September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<b>ChristCare Meetings</b> (Every) Sun - <b>9:30a</b> Women's ChristCare Group (Every) Sun - 9:30a Progressive Christianity Mon. - <b>7:00p</b> Soul Time ChristCare Group Tues. - <b>2:30p</b> Spirituality in Aging, September 7 + 21 Wed. - <b>5:30p</b> Cultivating Mindfulness ChristCare Grp. Wed. - <b>9:30a</b> Mothers + Grandmothers, September 1 + 15 <b>AIDS in a Christian Community</b> , visitors welcome - call Carolyn for information (233-1551 ext. 134)			<sup>1</sup> <b>5:15p</b> Kids, ♪SING <b>6:30p</b> Handbells <b>7:00p</b> Stephen Min.	<sup>2</sup> <b>10:30a</b> Circle 7 <b>12:00p</b> Circle 11 <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup>		
<sup>5</sup> <b>Sunday Activities</b> <b>12:00p</b> Youth out to Lunch	<sup>6</sup> Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<sup>7</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Mtg	<sup>8</sup> Regional Assembly Set Up <b>2:30p</b> Circle 1 <b>5:15p</b> Kids, ♪SING <b>5:30p</b> Property Meeting	<sup>9</sup> <b>Regional Assembly</b> → <b>5:00p</b> TeleCare Calling	<sup>10</sup> <b>Regional Assembly</b> →	<sup>11</sup> <b>Regional Assembly</b>		
<sup>12</sup> <b>Sunday Activities</b> <b>12:00p</b> Elders Mtg. <b>4:30p</b> Youth Parent Mtg	<sup>13</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Mtg <b>11:00a</b> Property Mgmt Mtg <b>12:30p</b> Cap. Campaign Lead Gifts Mtg. <b>6:00p</b> Circle 15 <b>7:00p</b> Justice Ministry	<sup>14</sup> <b>10:00a</b> Circle 8 <b>5:30p</b> Stewardship & Finance <b>6:30p</b> TEAM	<sup>15</sup> <b>11:30a</b> Circle 14 <b>5:15p</b> Kids, ♪SING <b>6:30p</b> Handbells	<sup>16</sup> <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup>		
<sup>19</sup> <b>Sunday Activities</b> <i>Kids, ♪SING</i> Sunday <b>9:30a</b> Inquirers Grp <b>1:00p</b> Stephen Min. Workshop <b>6:00p</b> Ice Cream Social	<sup>20</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Mtg	<sup>21</sup> <b>6:30p</b> TEAM	<sup>22</sup> <b>11:30a</b> Lunch Bunch <b>5:15p</b> Kids, ♪SING <b>6:30p</b> Handbells <b>7:00p</b> Council of Ministries	<sup>23</sup> <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir	<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup>		
<sup>26</sup> <b>Sunday Activities</b> <b>9:30a</b> Inquirers Grp <b>12:00p</b> Reception for Jan Ehrmantraut	<sup>27</sup> <b>9:30a</b> Staff Mtg <b>12:30p</b> Cap. Campaign Lead Gifts Mtg.	<sup>28</sup> <b>6:30p</b> TEAM	<sup>29</sup> <b>5:15p</b> Kids, ♪SING <b>6:30p</b> Handbells	<sup>30</sup> <b>7:00p</b> Chancel Choir		<b>Sun. 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 Grps <b>6:30p</b> Teen, ♪SING		

### Introduction to Central

Several times each year our ministers meet with our guests and visitors to share who we are and what we do as a congregation. This is also a time to get better acquainted and to explore faith issues. In these sessions participants are encouraged to ask questions about our various programs and services. We offer Central as a community of hospitality where we, together, grow in Christian faith as followers of Jesus Christ. The Introduction to Central sessions take place Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and meet in the parlor of the sanctuary building. The next group meets September 19 through October 17, 2010. Please contact Guy Waldrop for more information, [gwaldrop@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:gwaldrop@centralchristianlex.org) or at the church office, 233-1551 ext. 138.