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News notes



· CENTRAL WELCOMES KNOWLES

We are pleased to welcome home Jeanette Knowles. Jeanette was a member at Central before moving in 2000 to Tampa, Florida. She has relocated back to Lexington and joined us Jan. 8 by transfer of letter. The

church office has Jeanette's contact information if you would like to send her a note of welcome.

· LUNCH BUNCH FEB. 1

Join us for Lunch Bunch Wed. Feb. 1, at 11:30 a.m. as our guest AJ Wells shares his knowledge of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the issues of justice there. Specifically, he will talk about conflict minerals, the ways we as Americans are involved with this conflict, and how we can respond. This will be a special program. The cost of lunch is \$6. Please call the church office at (859) 233-1551 to make a reservation.

· A 'SOUPER' THING TO DO

Disciples Women are sponsoring a soup drive for God's Pantry through Feb. 29. We ask the entire congregation to help us reach our goal of collecting 1,000 cans of nutritious soup for those who to come to God's Pantry and are in need of a hot bowl of soup during these cold winter days.

You may use your discount coupons to purchase soup at a lower cost and also shop for soup on Kroger's Senior Day.

There will be designated collection barrels for soup on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

· SLABAUGH SACRED CHORAL MASTERWORK GIFT ESTABLISHED

Music Ministry is pleased to announce a very generous gift by the Slabaugh family in honor of Tom Slabaugh. This gift establishes the annual presentation of the Slabaugh Sacred Choral Masterwork which will be presented by the Chancel Choir, with orchestra and soloists and a special guest conductor, during worship on Palm/Passion Sunday each year.

The first masterwork to be presented will be Mozart's *Requiem* during worship April 1, and the special guest conductor will be Dr. George Zack.

This gift is to honor Tom for his dedication and love of Central Christian Church, for all that he has done and continues to do for Central, and for his deep love of music.

Music Ministry is delighted to share this gift of presenting more musical masterworks with the congregation in honor of Tom.

· SAVE THE DATES: JUNE 4-8

Many of us may be starting to plan for summer vacation. Before you do, take note: Vacation Bible School at Central is set for June 4-8.

More details will be announced at a later date about the awesome fun and learning we've got in store for the children and volunteers of all ages. We hope to see you there!



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Sunday in Worship

Jan. 29, 2011

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m.

Michael Mooty, *preaching*

Stephanie Moon McCormick, *leading worship*

Lisa Maas, *elder*

Music by Pam Hammonds, Violin

11 a.m.

Michael Mooty, *preaching*

Stephanie Moon McCormick, *leading worship*

Burton Joyner and

Ray Parsons, *elders*

Music by KidsSING and Pam Hammonds, Violin

Scripture

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Meditative prayer in Chapel following 11 a.m. service

Listen in:

Sunday service broadcast live at 11 a.m. on WGTV-1580 AM & online at <http://www.groovin1580.com/main.html>

Dear Friends,

Baptism by ice.

I first heard the story on NPR early last week. Then, several days later, a picture appeared in the Herald-Leader. It showed a woman in a flowing white robe making her way toward a hole that had been cut in an ice-covered lake. It seems that many members of the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate the Epiphany and the baptism of Jesus by plunging themselves into icy water that has been blessed by a priest. The practice is supposed to bring good health and good fortune in the year to come. Google the three words "Russia baptism ice," and you can see for yourself.

In the Orthodox tradition, the baptism of Jesus is called Theophany, and is considered the third most important feast day, preceded only by Easter and Pentecost. A theophany is an appearance of God, a manifestation of the Holy, and the Orthodox feast remembers that at Jesus' baptism, the voice of God was heard proclaiming him as God's son. It set him on a path that led to a cross.

As I heard the story on NPR, and then watched some of the

videos of the faithful immersing themselves in a hole cut in the ice, I could not help but think of our observance of the Baptism of Jesus several weeks ago. We were invited to come forward and dip our fingers in a bowl of water as a way of remembering or anticipating our baptism. As the one who usually fills the bowls that are used in this service, I must confess that I

make sure that the water in neither too hot nor too cold. Goldilocks-like, the water is tepid, room temperature, just right. As I thought about it, I wondered if the Orthodox aren't onto something.

Maybe we need to think of our baptism as a shock to the system, something that takes courage and fortitude, because joining Jesus in the water will ask something of us as well as give something to us. Baptism is a costly blessing, the first step on a path that leads to mourning the pain of others, hungering for righteousness, doing the hard work of seeking justice for the poor and making peace for the whole world. Baptism is not for the faint of heart, and neither is Christian faith. Maybe we need to spend some time thinking about whether or not we are ready to take the plunge.

Glad to be your pastor,

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February at Central

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunday activities: 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Women's ministry 5 p.m. Youth 6:30 p.m. TeenSING			11:30 a.m. 1 Lunch Bunch/ DW Circle 14 4:45 ORFF 5:15 p.m. KidsSING 5:30 p.m. Handbells Cultivating Mind. 7 p.m. Stephen Minist.	2	3	9 a.m. College group immigration workshop
5	6	2:30 p.m. Spirituality in Aging (Bell home)	4:45 ORFF 5 p.m. Property 5:15 p.m. KidsSING 5:30 p.m. Handbells Cultivating Mindfulness 6 p.m. Parish nurses	7 p.m. Chancel Choir	5 p.m. Art show	11
Sunday activities PLUS: 12 p.m. Elders			1:30 DW1 4:45 ORFF 5:15 p.m. KidsSING 5:30 Handbells Cultivating Mindfulness	7 p.m. Chancel Choir		
12	5:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance 6 p.m. DW Circle 15	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	March 1	2	3

NOTES FROM THE LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Sympathy to...

Darlene Nall in the death of her mother, *Mary Evelyn Nall*

Katherine and James Park in the death of Katherine's mother, *Nelda Murphy Randall*

Laurella Lederer and family in the death of her mother, *Luella Lederer*

Thomas and Karen De La Cruz in the death of Thomas' mother

Jim and Betty Cecil in the death of their niece, *Keeley Lynn Cultra*

The family of *June Weber* in her recent death

Worshipping at Central

Jan. 8, 2012

8:30 a.m. Worship 51

11 a.m. Worship 272

Total Worship Attendance 323

Worship visitors

We welcomed 35 visitors in worship on Sunday and were pleased to welcome many who visit with us regularly.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

MARGARET BAKER

for the Building Fund by
William Tuney



MARTHA P. BURTON

for the Church Nursery by
Charles Burton



CHARLES GRAY

for the General Fund by
Warren Featherston



PAULA GREER

for the Building Fund by
Bob & Marlene Young



WILLIAM JONES

for the Music Fund by
Audrey Jones



KIM PONCER

for Parish Nurses & Stephen Ministries by

William Poncer
Douglas Harper
B. W. Rogers Co.



VIRGINIA PRATHER's Birthday

for Parish Nurses by
Paula & Fergie Taylor



In Honor Of

Vickie Batzka
for Room In The Inn by
Sue White