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Central Calendar

Sunday, October 18, 2009

8:30a...Worship, Sanctuary*
 9:30a...Church School*
 10:30a...Fellowship Time, Fellowship Center*
 11:00a...Worship, Sanctuary*
 12:15p...Adult Faith formation, Room 210
 5:00p...Youth Service Night, Youth Center
 6:30p...Teen, SING, Sanctuary

Monday, October 19, 2009

9:30a...Ministers Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

5:30p...Stewardship & Finance Meeting,
 6:00p...TEAM, Room 211

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

9:30a...Mother's & Grandmother's, Parlor***
 4:45p...Kids, SING, Youth Center
 5:00p...Cultivating Mindfulness, Conference Room
 6:00p...Parish Nurse Meeting, Parish Nurse Office
 6:30p...Handbells, Room 205
7:00p...Administrative Board, Room 211

Thursday, October 22, 2009

5:30p...Personnel Committee, Room 210
 7:30p...Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, October 23, 2009

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Upcoming Events:

Administrative Board, October 21, 7:00 p.m.
Pancake Breakfast, October 25 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in
 Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit youth mission.

Sunday, October 25, 2009

Children's Sabbath
 8:30a...Pancake Breakfast-Youth Serving
 8:30a...Worship, Sanctuary*
 9:30a...Church School*
 10:30a...Fellowship Time, Fellowship Center*
 11:00a...Worship, Sanctuary*
 12:00p...Outreach Ministries, Discovery Room
 12:00p...Nominating Committee, Room 207
 5:00p...Youth Groups, Youth Center
 6:30p...Teen, SING, Sanctuary

Monday, October 26, 2009

9:30a...Ministers' Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

6:00p...TEAM, Room 211

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

11:30a...Lunch Bunch, Commons Room 219
 1:30p...DW Circle 14, Parlor
 4:45p...Kids, SING, Youth Center
 5:00p...Cultivating Mindfulness, Conference Room
 6:30p...Handbells, Room 205

Thursday, October 29, 2009

7:30p...Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, October 30, 2009

Saturday, October 31, 2009

5:00p...Trunk or Treat, Back parking lot

*Child Care Provided
 ** ChristCare Groups are always open to Newcomers.
 Call Carolyn @ 233-1551, ext. 134

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Sunday in Worship
October 18, 2009

20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.

Jake Caldwell, preaching
 Guy Waldrop, leading worship
 Ann Dahl, elder

11:00 a.m.

Jake Caldwell, preaching
 Guy Waldrop & Pam Miller,
 leading worship

Josh Santana & Bruce Cotton, elders

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

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.

Trunk or Treat at Central!

As an alternative to traditional house to house trick or treating, Central will offer "Trunk or Treat" for its children and our neighbors downtown. On Saturday, October 31 (Halloween) from 5-7 p.m., Central will transform its parking lot into a fun and safe place for children to come and share their costumes. There will be food, fun and candy for any and all Children of God.

What we need from you is your participation through your trunk! We need friends of Central to be in the parking lot around 4:30 p.m., open up your trunks and pass out candy to the children as they move around the parking lot. We hope this will be a great way for us to continue to meet our neighbors around downtown. Please contact Rev. Chad at the church for more information or to let us know you can help.

What did you learn in school today? For some reason, my dad used to ask me that question all the time. It drove me nuts. I would usually snap back, "nothing!" or "I don't know!" I confess that I am still not fond of the "what did you learn?" question, though now I feel compelled to give more substantive responses. Perhaps my agitation is indicative of the fact that I—and perhaps many of you—don't always take the time to reflect critically on how we are growing and changing spiritually, intellectually, and in our vocational lives. Since many of you have been asking me what I've been learning at Central, I thought I would use this space to say a thing or two about that.

In his memoir, *Open Secrets*, Richard Lischer recounts the process through which he grew into his role as a pastor in the early years of his ministry. In the seminary class where I first read Lischer's book, he described this process as "pastorization." I think this is an illuminating category for self-reflection for several reasons. First, it is an opportunity for celebration. I'm not sure about you, but I often do not take time to reflect upon and celebrate my own growth. Second, I believe there is immense heuristic value in reflecting on how we tend to respond to situations, how we best learn and grow as people, and so on. Third, critical self-reflection is an opportunity for us to be honest about our weaknesses and growing edges in every aspect of our lives. So, with four months at Central (that is, to my shock, 1/6th or almost 17% of my total tenure!) behind me, what can I say about the chapter in the story of my "pastorization" titled Central Christian Church? For one thing, Central is a good place to learn about the complexity of church life. There are a lot of moving parts at Central, far more than any one person could maintain an awareness of at any given time. It's not unlike the complexity of the engine in your car. There is no single vantage point from which you can observe how all the parts work together. In my first few weeks at Central I wondered what keeps it all

moving. Some strange force of inertia? The Holy Spirit? Dumb luck? I wasn't really sure. As I have observed and engaged some of my colleagues, I have seen their wisdom in greasing, tweaking, testing, and tuning the machine to keep it running from one Sabbath to the next. That process is complicated by the fact that we are a theological community and thus measure what we do by our claims about who God is and who/what God is calling us to be. In the midst of all that I am reminded of how challenging, stimulating, and exciting it is to be doing ministry with you.

Just a few days ago, a member of Central who knows my story fairly well commented that he thought Central was a great place for me to land out of seminary because we encourage the life of the mind and the spiritual life to grow in harmony. Some of my most profound experiences of God have come in the course of study and writing. That's one of the reasons I am passionate about theological education in the church. Part of the process of my "pastorization" at Central has been to explore the many teaching and learning opportunities that church life offers us. As you give me opportunities to teach in classroom settings, write letters and emails, preach, lead small groups or Bible studies, converse over coffee, and offer theological interpretation from behind the table in worship on Sunday mornings, you are deepening my understanding of what it means to effectively teach the faith of the church. Your support is a great encouragement to me, and on behalf of every congregation I will serve in the future, thank you for contributing to my "pastorization." And even though I'm not fond of the question, I am grateful to those of you who keep asking me what I've been learning. It's an important question for all of us to consider.

Jake

"Tough Times"

Central Christian Church is approximately two and one half months from completing the operating budget for 2009. It will also be our first year in the new building and will mark the final year of our Capital Campaign, "A TIME TO BUILD". Two requests for giving in the same year present challenges to the personal "bottom line" for all of us. Our income is sometimes stretched to the limit to meet our expenses and we are in constant turmoil as we try to prioritize which pocket will receive what amount of money.

In this regard, the Stewardship and Finance Ministry would like to thank you for your financial support during these "TOUGH TIMES" and would encourage you to please try and complete your operating budget pledge and your "Time to Build" pledge by the end of 2009.

Again, thank you for being an important part of the ministry of Central Christian Church.

Join the Central Lunch Bunch Wednesday, October 28

11:30 a.m. Commons Room, 2nd Floor

Chef Burris will offer a delicious meal as always at a cost of \$6.00 per person. The menu includes chili, cornbread, cheese and relish tray, fruit cobbler for dessert. Reservations are a must -----Call or email ministry assistant Sharon Samuell, 233-1551; ssamuell@centralchristianlex.org by October 23. We look forward to a program that had to be postponed the last two months. Guest speaker Janet Pennybacker Scott will tell the poignant story of *Reflections of Africa*, beautiful bead jewelry made by men and women who live in the Valley of 1000 Hills in South Africa's KwaZulu Natal region. Liz Frank, a native of South Africa, developed this program in which purchases help African families devastated by AIDS and poverty. Janet will a display of jewelry if you wish to purchase items.

BUILD Community Problems Assembly

Please join us for BUILD's Community Problems Assembly on Monday October 26 at 6:30pm at St. Peter Catholic Church. St. Peter is our next door neighbor, so you could park in Central's lot and walk across Martin Luther King Blvd to Barr Street. The purpose of the Community Problems Assembly is to discuss community problems and decide what justice issue BUILD will focus on this year. A number of Central members have committed to attend in order to say that Central is a congregation that cares about acting on the call to do justice as a vital practice of our faith. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Jake at 859-233-1551, ext. 124 or jcaldwell@centralchristianlex.org.

The Cane Ridge Meeting House End of Season / Closing Day Worship October 31, 2009 / 10:00 a.m.

Light refreshments follow in the museum
1655 Can Ridge Road, PO Box 26
Paris KY 40362, Phone: 859-987-5350
Email: caneridge@aol.com, Website: caneridge.org

Current Status for Central's Refugee Families:

Congratulations to Sura and Mohamed, the Iraqi refugee family which Central Christian and Good Shepherd Episcopal helped to resettle in 2007. Sura has a job in South Carolina (not far from Charlotte NC) as a chemist for an ink company. Please keep them both in your prayers as they start this new phase in their life.

DeeDee Brumfield, Central's coordinator for refugee resettlement, shares the following about our current family: Mustafa, Ahmed and Rand. Mustafa now works for Amazon as a full time sorter and Ahmed works for Illinois Tool Works as a full time warehouse worker. The jobs pay well and include benefits of health insurance and vacation time. Both enjoy their jobs and the freedom and responsibility that comes with earning a paycheck. We celebrate that October marks the first month of financial independence for our refugee family. This is the vital step in a journey of successful resettlement. Rand, Ahmed's wife, will have a baby girl named Lamees in early February. So far her pregnancy has been uncomplicated and the baby appears to be healthy. If you can help with transportation to doctor's appointments, please contact DeeDee at (859) 388-0011. Ahmed passed his drivers' permit test and will take his driving test this month. He has been practicing driving in the U.S., and he tells us that the same rules for driving exist in both countries, but the difference between Iraq and here is that U.S. drivers obey the rules. He also made the observation that there seem to be many more traffic accidents in America than Iraq. Our refugee family recently moved to a better apartment in a building with other Iraqis who have recently come to America for resettlement and are extending helping hands and making important social connections. In short, God is good. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry.

National Day of Remembrance and Hope/Oct. 20

The local observance of the "National Day of Remembrance and Hope" on Tuesday, Oct. 20 will be held at Lexington Theological Seminary. We will join thousands of people across the nation at this time to remember the 45,000 people who die each year without quality insurance that provides access to needed health care. The gathering will begin at 5:30 PM with the service at 6:00 PM (come as you are and when you can).

The service will be led by the Reverend Dr. Woody Berry, Sr. Pastor of Maxwell Presbyterian Church, the Revered Dr. Donald K. Gillette, Pastor of East Second St. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the Reverend Dr. Nancy Jo Kemper, Pastor of New Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and consultant for Advocacy for the Common Good.

The service will include Prayers of Remembrance, the Reading of #5 stories that will represent the #5 Americans who will die just in the hour time frame of our service, and the lighting of luminaries to represent the #123 Americans who die every day due to our broken health care system.

The valleys and the burdens of sickness and disease can be conquered when we raise our voices of faith to the simple, moral, and merciful imperative of caring for one another.

Worshiping at Central October 11, 2009

8:30 a.m. Worship	45
11:00 a.m. Worship	343
Children's Worship & Wonder	28
Total Worship Attendance	416
Financial Update	
Thru August 31, 2009	
Total all Revenues:	\$ 770,100
Total all Expenses:	\$ 889,591
Surplus/(Deficit) August 31, 2009:	\$ (119,491)

Worship Visitors

We had 41 visitors in worship on Sunday and were pleased to welcome *Shirley King, Keith Lyons, Eugene Crain* and many others who visit with us regularly.

Congratulations

To Catherine Duff, who at 101 was one of the recipients of the 2009 Dr. David R. Wekstein Centenarian Award.



To Amy Howard and Tom Castle who were married at Central, October 3, with Dr. Ray Holdren and Rev. Jim Howard co-officiating.



To Central member, Katy Venables and Jared Brandt who were married in Texas, October 3, with Dr. Charlotte Nabors officiating.



To Laura Marie Troutman & Patton Thompson who were married at Central, October 9 with Rev. Don Wilson officiating.

Sympathy

To Joe Mastin and family in the death of Edna Mastin.
To Clyde Arnold in the death of his brother in law Bruce McKercher and his cousin Alma Helen Singleton.

To Bob and Frances Edwards in the death of their brother in law Eugene Howard.

To Rebecca and Jim Cross in the death of her mother Freida Turner.

To Gerry Williams in the death of her sisters Victoria Burleson and Betty Janney.

Central Welcomes New Members

William Poncer and Judith and Terry Regan transferred their memberships to Central during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 13.



Bill Poncer comes to Central from a Baptist congregation in Danville. He and his wife Kim, who is a member of Central, are participants in worship and know several members at Central. Bill is an accountant in Lexington.



Judy and Terry Regan come to Central from a Disciples congregation in Lexington. They are both retired and have friends and relatives at Central.

We are pleased to welcome Bill Poncer and Judy and Terry Regan to Central where they continue their journey in faith and service.

Memorial Gifts

Have Been Presented To
Central Christian Church
in Loving Memory of

EDNA MASTIN

By

Lynne Lewis

Mr. & Mrs. John Bridwell (for A Time to Build)

Mrs. Ernest Graham

Mrs. Jewell Sloan (for Building Fund)

MAYBELLE HALL

By

Ida Harrison Circle 11

MARY GRAY LAGREW

By

Circle 7 (for Building Fund)

JAMES TROSPER

By

Mr. & Mrs. John Staton

Marian Congleton (for Building Fund)

Richard & Mary Floyd (for Building Fund)

Richard & Betty Crigler

Bruce & Mary Blanton Cotton

In appreciation for *Chancel Choir* from Sylvia Cherry

Rankin and Beth White, Maud Johnson and Nancy West thank you for your kind donations to God's Pantry in memory of Shawn White.

Central Celebrates Children's Sabbath on Sunday October 25th

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Celebration is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children.

This celebration is a part of a broader Children's Sabbaths movement that aims to unite religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and a common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. In that respect, each action is bigger, more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one celebration.

Please plan to be present on this special day.

Top of Hill Class Beginning New Study

Top of the Hill Class will begin a study of Marcus Borg's The Heart of Christianity on Sunday, November 1, room 207. If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact Jan Ehrmantraut at 233-1551, ext. 28 or jehmantraut@centralchristianlex.org. Books will be available Sunday, October 25, for a cost of \$10.00 each.