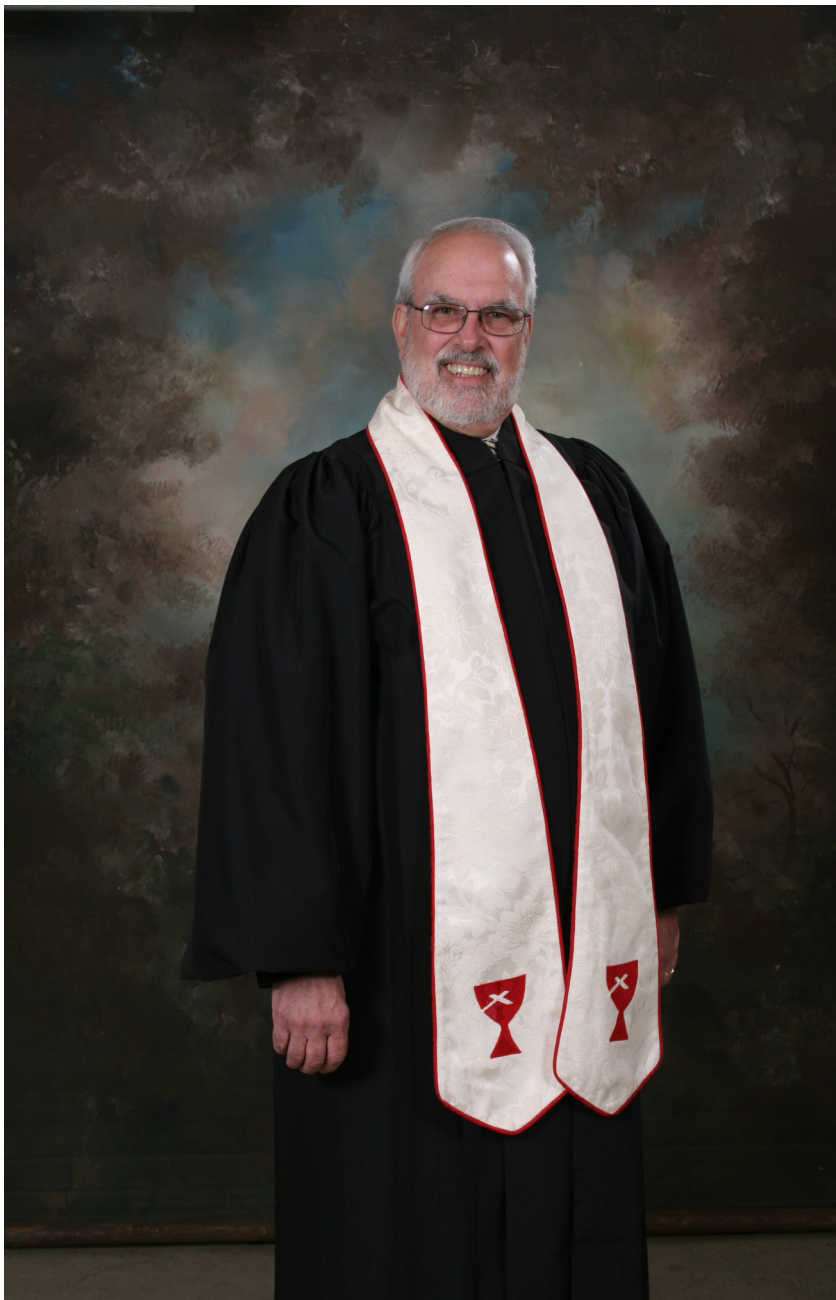


Central Christian Church **Banner**



March 2015

A Note from our Pastor, Bill Russell



After our Wednesday Night dinner on February 25th we were Blessed by a presentation given by our friend Deacon Frank Williams of Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

The information he shared about the stations of the cross was extremely informative and so relevant to us as we journey through Lent, keeping our eyes fixed on the cross and our hearts open to its message. Sometimes we want to shrink from the horror of the crucifixion; if we do, we lose much of the power and meaning of Easter Morning. During the remainder of Lent, I will be bringing Lenten studies on the 4th and the 11th. On Wednesday the 18, Dennis Neenan will be with us and on the 25th, Rabbi David Julian, from Or Chadash Synagogue, will speak to us about the Passover seder meal and help us to become more familiar with our Jewish friends' tradition.

Remember, Jesus came to Jerusalem the last time to celebrate the Passover. Perhaps deeper knowledge of that celebration will help us understand more completely Passion Week. I hope Wednesdays at Central will be a part of your High Holy Days.

Spotlight on Giving

On Sunday February 22nd, Shula Cangelosi shared the following Offertory thought: "My offertory thought is in honor of my mother as we celebrated her 87th birthday this week: My mother told my brother and me many times the story of her first real lesson in sharing. Her father had a car, not a fancy one, but a car in the 1930s when she was about 5 years old. She would stand on the front seat beside him, and they would go to town. On Saturdays he would allow her to get 4 Hershey bars. On the way home, an elderly neighbor and her granddaughter were usually walking, and my grandfather would offer them a ride. The first time this happened, he told my mother, "Share one of your Hershey bars with your little neighbor." My mother said she clutched the bag and shook her head NO. Giving her the benefit of the doubt, he repeated it, and when she refused again, he took the sack of all 4 Hershey bars and handed them back to the little girl. Of course, my mother was devastated but not as devastated as when they got home, and he spanked her saying, "You will NOT be selfish." That was more than 80 years ago, and it took. She is most generous and loving. That is not how God works thankfully, although He may want to sometimes, but He teaches us throughout His book. YOU WILL NOT BE SELFISH."

Editor's Note

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Memorials and Honorariums

We have been blessed with the generosity of people giving donations to our Church in memory of Jack Artman. Donors include Marian T Thompson. CSX Railroad KIT Club, Barbara Starr, Russ and Shula Cangelosi, Jimmy Clerk, Carol and Floyd Scarberry, Quay Butts and Mike, Kathi, Drew and Erin Davidson.

We have also received gifts in honor of Bill Russell's Ordination from P. Buck and C. Keathly.

Jack Artman

During February we lost a longtime member of our congregation, Jack Artman, who was born September 13th, 1930 in Memphis, TN and sadly died on February 6th. He will be remembered for his tireless work looking after the property and grounds of the Church and for his being Chairman of the Board on a number of occasions.

After graduating from Southside High School in Memphis, he joined the Marine Corps at 16 and served on active duty from 1946 to 1949 and again in the Reserves from 1950 to 1951. While in the Reserves and working for Southern Leather Company in 1950, he met and married his loving wife, Mary Robison Artman.

He had a varied work life as a traveling salesman, hair dresser, taxi driver and retired as a Switchman with the L&N Railroad. Jack raised cattle and enjoyed hunting deer on his land in Tippah County, MS. He served as Master of the Berclair Masonic Lodge and was part of the Shriner Transportation Team who transported ill children to Shrine Hospitals.

Jack is survived by his wife, Mary Artman, sister Jean Pennebaker Dando of Memphis, and brother, William Artman of Dayton, OH. He leaves his 2 daughters, Debra Goodnight (George), Janet Tenry and son, Robert Michael Artman (Micki). He had 6 grandchildren.



Soup'er Sunday

It has become a tradition in this Church that on Super Bowl Sunday the men prepare a variety of soups, chilies, gumbos etc. and this year was no exception. It was a cold wintry Sunday and just the day for a warming hot bowl of broth prepared by loving hands. The soup menu included potato, venison taco, chicken taco, beef taco, white bean with ham, vegetable and gumbo. John Rainey made the corn bread. Everyone was encouraged to try each of the soups and we all obliged as can be seen from the picture below.

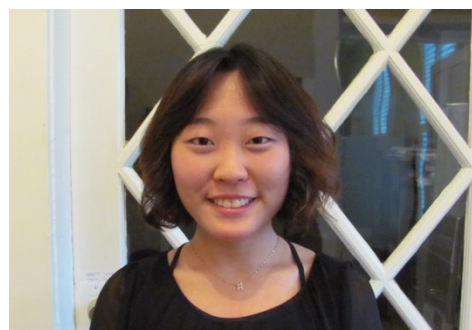


This proves that "Too Many Cooks do not Spoil the Broth"

Beethoven Club Young Musician of the Year Competition

The Young Artists Competition, established in 1977, is held annually. This event is open to musicians, thirty years or younger, who live in Tennessee or within 250 miles of Memphis. Areas of competition are: piano voice, strings, classical guitar, woodwinds, brass, and harp. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three contestants in each category and the winners participate in a concert at the Beethoven Club.

We are grateful that the Beethoven Club use our Fellowship Hall and Church as a venue for this Competition. Here are pictures of some of the young people involved at the intermediate and senior level:



Winners receive a performance and recording by the Luna Nova ensemble at the annual Belvedere Chamber Music Festival. So if you want to put names to some of these faces support the Festival!

DWM

The DWM's Easter Project this year is following tradition and partnering with Church Women United which helps provide Easter Clothing for young boys and girls that are staying at the Salvation Army Shelter. In addition to the donations of clothing and cash from the congregation, Central also donated \$103, the proceeds of the Wednesday Night Dinner held on February 25th. Our thanks go to Matthew Pennington for cooking us a superb meal that night.

We are having our Spring Food Drive during March. The food pantry at Grace St. Luke's is particularly interested in collecting children's cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, and canned meat, such as stews and chicken and dumplings.

If you have any eyeglasses or hearing aids that are no longer required please bring them to the Church Carol Scarberry will pass them on to Church Women United to be reworked for use in third world countries.

Don't forget to get your copy of "Fellowship of Prayer" containing thoughts and prayers for the Lentern Season. The books are in the Church Narthex.



We must express our huge admiration for the work done by John and Judy Lang through their Compassion Clinic. In the picture they are accepting the cold and flu items we collected at Central together with a donation from the DWM

Special Collections

Our Week of Compassion Offering, taken up on two Sundays in February, had the theme of "Life Changing Water". The special offering enables the life-saving ministry of emergency relief, development, and refugee work that changes the lives of many people in North America and around the world. The amount received was \$291.

Our Easter Offering, taken up on the last Sunday in March, has the theme "Partners in Mission"

“All I want is a Room Somewhere Far Away from the Cold Night Air”

Every day we are bombarded with lies and half truths in advertising. This car can be leased for \$199 per month, well maybe not this car and maybe not that price! This pill or potion can cure all your ills but in the small print side effects can include death. So is it any wonder that we become cynical and distrustful of people around us. When you see that man on the street corner, usually with a dog, holding a sign saying “need work” or “homeless” is our first reaction “oh not another con man” or is it “how can I help”. It is my belief that when someone seeks our help, and we are able to assist but don’t, then we have to answer on the day of Judgment. However if someone seeks our help and we do assist them, but they don’t really need it, then they have to answer on that Judgment day.

In the March copy of “The Bridge” a Memphis magazine, to use it’s own words “Bridging the gap between the homeless and the sheltered”, there was an article entitled “Visions of a Big Mac” about the plight of the Memphis homeless, written by Jeff Hulett. He described the work of Room in the Inn Memphis, a group of volunteers who, using Church facilities, provide dinner, breakfast, a shower and warm bed for guests one night a week during the coldest winter months. A similar organization in Nashville involves more than 150 congregations though in Memphis, at present only 9 congregations take part. This number includes our daughter Church, Kingsway.

The following is an extract from Kingsway’s Facebook page:

On Monday evening, Feb. 23, 2015 it was 25 degrees, ice was on the street, and snow in the air. Kingsway was the only church in the area open for the homeless. Pastor Starr called Mannah House and said that Kingsway was ready to provide a meal, a warm and comfortable place to sleep, access to a warm shower, and breakfast Tuesday morning for everyone they could get to Kingsway. Mannah house was able to send 28 homeless men and women to Kingsway that night. A group of 12 to 15 Kingsway volunteers collected and set the bedding, cooked the meal, served it in the Parish Hall, stayed for fellowship activities, and cleaned-up afterwards. There is no question of God's presence in our church on that night. — with Stan Norwood and 2 others.



Central is trying to do its part, in this time of need, in that if a homeless person comes to our Church door, we have available survival packs of snacks and toiletries, a McDonald’s Card and/or a voucher for a meal and a bed at the Union Mission. Lets see if we can be more prepared to help in the next bout of cold weather.

Building from the Board

The Board Meeting, fixed for 19th February, was postponed due to the weather conditions and a short meeting was held, after our Church service, on the 22nd February.

The Meeting opened with a prayer given by the Chairman, Mark Rutledge, and the minutes of the January meeting were approved. Bill Russell in his minister's report summarized the schedule for the forthcoming Wednesday night dinner programs including a continuation of last years reflection on "What do our Neighbors Believe". This will include presentations by Deacon Frank Williams of Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Rabbi David Julian, from Or Chadash Synagogue and Dennis Neenan of Methodist Senior Ministries.

In the Treasurers report, given by John Bennett, he disclosed that while January income was in line with the budget at \$6932, expenditure was over budget at \$7727 resulting in a shortfall of \$795. However these expenses included the final payment for the new windows in the Education Building of \$1061.

Various reports were given by Committee Chairs notably, Wesley Goodnight as Chair of Buildings and Grounds reported on leaks in the Church and Gymnasium roofs, that were still under investigation, and Connie Bennett, Chair of the Weddings Committee gave details of a wedding arranged for March 6th.

The meeting concluded with a prayer given by Bill Russell

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Stevens
Board Secretary

Fellowship Schedule

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME / LOCATION	PREPARED BY
03.01.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Pat Hammond
03.04.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Linda Johnson/Katrinka Hall
03.08.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	Fellowship Hall	DWM Potluck Luncheon
03.11.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Carol Scarberry
03.15.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Marcus Mitchell
03.18.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner St. Patrick's Day (March 17)	Fellowship Hall	St. Francis Old Catholic Church
03.22.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Linda Johnson/Peg Browne
03.25.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Micki Artman/Daphne Brown
03.29.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour PALM SUNDAY	Fellowship Hall	Carol Scarberry

Our thanks go to Matthew Pennington who cooked a superb meal for us on Wednesday February 25th. The proceeds of that dinner, \$103, were donated to the DWM project to provide, through the Salvation Army, children's clothing.

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This Month at Central

Sunday 1st
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Fellowship—Souper Sunday

Wednesday 4th
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 8th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon DWM Luncheon

Wednesday 11th
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 15th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Fellowship

Wednesday 18th
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 22nd
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Fellowship

Wednesday 25th
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study

Palm Sunday 29th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Fellowship

Worship Leader: Daphne Brown
Loaf: Mark Rutledge
Cup: Richard Brown
Liturgical Color: Purple
Fellowship: Pat Hammond

Dinner: Linda Johnson/Katrinka Hall

Worship Leader: Mark Rutledge
Loaf: Kathy Young
Cup: John Bennett
Liturgical Color: Purple

Dinner: Carol Scarberry

Worship Leader: Richard Brown
Loaf: John Bennett
Cup: Carol Scarberry
Fellowship: Marcus Mitchell
Liturgical Color: Purple

Dinner: St Francis Old Catholic Church

Worship Leader: Carol Scarberry
Loaf: Debra Goodnight
Cup: Richard Brown
Fellowship: Linda Johnson/ Peggy Browne
Liturgical Color: Purple

Dinner: Micki Artman/ Daphne Brown

Worship Leader: Debra Goodnight
Loaf: George Goodnight
Cup: Daphne Brown
Fellowship: Carol Scarberry
Liturgical Color: Purple

Church Calendar for March

8th
Daylight Saving
Time begins

17th
St. Patrick's Day

19th
Elders and Board
Meeting

28th
Clothes
Closet

Birthdays

20th
Micki Artman

21st
Connie Bennett

29th
Delores Harper