

Central Christian Church **Banner**



August 2015

A Note from our Pastor, Bill Russell

August 16th we are designating as Singin' Sunday, and that is just what we are going to do; we're going to sing, and hear some wonderful music. Psalm 100, and much more scripture, instructs us to make a joyful noise before the Lord, and on that Sunday we are going to be intentional about that. We need your help. Our Chalice Hymnal has many of the great old hymns, but many were left out. If you have a favorite hymn you would like to have included on the 16th, please let Amy or me know and it will be in the service. This would be a great time to invite someone to worship with you on Sunday, to introduce them to the warm fellowship at Central. Be warbling in the shower the next couple of weeks getting ready for Singin' Sunday, and let someone know what you would like to have sung. AND, our Hymn of the Month in August is a communion hymn, "Take Our Bread", page 413. You'll hear this every Sunday in August, and by the end of the month, we will know it well and enjoy singing it. It's quite catchy and I know you will like it. See you Sunday, and remember, it is cooler in the front of the sanctuary than the back. Honest!!!

Back to School Supplies



It's that time again, when we collect school supplies for Rachel's Kids. Above is a picture of some of what has already been donated. See more details on page 5.

Spotlight on Giving

At our Independence Day Service on July 5th, John Bennett, our documented foreign worker, gave the following Offertory homily:

“There is an mathematical field of study known as Chaos theory. The most famous example of this theory is that the details of a hurricane (exact time of formation, exact path taken) can be influenced by such minor matters as the flapping of the wings of a distant butterfly several weeks earlier.

For example: ‘The British are coming’ so said Paul Revere, an American silversmith, engraver, early industrialist, and a patriot in the American Revolution. He is best known for alerting the Colonial militia to the approach of British forces before the battles of Lexington and Concord. These words were allegedly spoken on the night of April 17th, 1775, just before the first shots of the Revolutionary War which led to this country’s Independence which was celebrated yesterday. By his own accounts he actually said ‘The regulars are coming out’ a reference to the militia. His was a small contribution to the war effort, in fact, on that fateful night 40 other riders were out giving the same message. Consider the incredible influence of his small contribution, a contribution not mentioned in his obituary but after being immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, ‘Paul Revere's Ride’, gave rise to a rallying cry for American Patriotism.

‘So what has this to do with the offertory. Well, my theme is “small beginnings”. Cast your minds back to that meeting in 1923 when a small group of people got together to found the East End Church now Central Christian Church. We all know the achievements of this Church and while we are presently small in number we know those founding members would appreciate what we do.’

So if severe weather can be influenced by a butterfly and world events can be influenced by the shouting of Paul Revere a silversmith with 16 children, then what difference can your contribution, however small or large, make to this Church and the work that we do in this community.”

Editor’s Note

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Memorials and Honorariums

Quay Butts made a donation toward the cost of the repair to the plasterwork on the beam in the Church in the name of her late husband, Herb.

Missing Items

The Property and Grounds Committee has been going over church resources. To date there are several items that may have been borrowed, but have not been returned. Two of the items are kitchen glasses and several 6-foot white folding tables. Also, following our Hawaiian Dinner a pair of spectacles and the base of an electric blender have gone missing. If they are currently "vacationing" at your home, please return

If they are currently "vacationing" at your home, please return them to the church.



It is iced tea,
honest!

Hawaiian Dinner

On Wednesday we enjoyed a Hawaiian themed dinner arranged by Mark Rutledge, Linda Johnson and Katrinka Hall, as a thank you to everyone who helped make our recent Summer Sale such a great success.

As you will see from the pictures, the food was plentiful and beautifully laid out. After the dinner we played Bingo Luau for door prizes.

Special thanks must go to all who prepared the food and who decorated the room.



Church Repairs

Before: The support beam in the Church with a large plaster crack. It looked as if the plaster was about to collapse.



For the after view, well you will have to come and see for yourself! Our thanks go to our master plasterers, Wilmer and Dennis, for their expertise in repairing and repainting the beam so that it is as close to the original as we could hope.

Church Door Mission



Robert and James are two of the many homeless who come to our Church door and receive a cold drink, a snack pack, and when needed, a voucher for a meal and bed at the Union Mission or a gift card for a hot meal.

The snack packs usually contain:

Ramen Noodles in a cup

Vienna sausage

Cookies

Cheese crackers

Chips

Peanuts

Pudding cups

Granola bars

Plastic fork, spoon and knife

Hand sanitizer

Water

Fruit juice

Initially the items for the snack bags were purchased by the Church staff but more recently the DWM has been funding this Mission; particularly the Union Mission Vouchers and the MacDonald's Gift Cards. About 15 people a week are given assistance through this Church Door Ministry.

DWM Luncheon



The DWM held their monthly luncheon and business meeting on Sunday, July 12th. Their guests that day were John and Judy Lang who, as most of us know, run the Compassion Neighborhood Clinic at Caritas Village, in the Binghampton area of Memphis. For those who don't know the Clinic is a non-profit free primary care facility in one of the poorer areas of Memphis.

Pictured are Judy Lang, Linda Johnson (DWM Chair) and Dr. John Lang.

New Member



On Sunday, August 2nd, we were blessed to receive a new member, Bridget Sharp, who was introduced by Michael Simmons. Also in the picture is Everett, Michael's father.

Happy Birthday Kathy



Kathy Young, our lay minister, brought the message to us on Sunday 26th while our Minister was away. It was a special day for us to have Kathy conduct the service as it was her 70th Birthday. She is pictured here with her family who joined the congregation in celebrating Kathy's great day.

Back to School Supplies

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To help some of the disadvantaged kids, in the Binghampton area of Memphis, we are collecting school supplies which will be donated to Rachel's Kids for distribution. The collection is being organized by the DWM and one of the newest members, Jennifer Stevens is heading up the project.

About thirty students will benefit from these donations; 18 from Brewster Elementary, 6 from Lester Middle School and 4 from Central High.

You can see from the pictures that she has done sterling work so far but more supplies are needed. The following is a list of the wanted items and cash donations are welcome so that these supplies can be purchased in bulk at a discount:

Pencils	Pencil Sharpeners	Erasers
Standard Size Back Packs	Extra Large Back Packs	Copy Paper
Colored Pencils	Crayons	Travel Pack Hand Sanitizers
2 Pocket Folders	Ruled Composition Books	Children's Scissors

and anything else you believe would be useful for a child at school!



Linda Johnson, Jennifer Stevens and Carol Scarberry



Wednesday Night Dinner and Program

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME / LOCATION	PREPARED BY
08.02.15	Sunday	Coffee with the Parson	Narthex	Daphne Brown
08.05.15	Wednesday	No Wednesday Night Dinner	xx	xx
08.09.15	Sunday	DWM Salad Potluck Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	DWM
08.12.15	Wednesday	Summer Vegetable Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Congregation
08.16.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Carol Scarberry
08.19.15	Wednesday	No Wednesday Night Dinner	xx	xx
08.23.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Linda Johnson
08.26.15	Wednesday	No Wednesday Night Dinner	xx	xx
08.30.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Tami Taylor

If you need to make a change in the schedule, please give me a call at 262-6298. Thanks for your help! Daphne

Charitable Giving

Bethany Hills and Kroger Community Rewards

Now Bethany Hills Camp can benefit every time you shop at Kroger! Just go online to enroll in the Community Rewards Program using your Kroger plus card and designate Bethany Hills to receive the funds. Before you can designate Bethany Hills to receive your donations you must create an account with Kroger. Bethany Hills has been assigned NPO number 14017. Use this number when you sign up.

Amazon Smile

If you like to shop on the internet, using the Amazon site, then sign on using Amazon Smile and nominate your favorite charity, such as Rachel's Kids, to receive a donation each time you shop.

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This Month at Central

Sunday 2nd
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: George Goodnight
Loaf: Mark Rutledge
Cup: Kathy Young
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: Daphne Brown

Wednesday 5th

No Dinner or Program

Sunday 9th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: John Johnson
Loaf: Daphne Brown
Cup: Debra Goodnight
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: DWM

Wednesday 12th

6:30 pm "Summer Vegetable Dinner"

Sunday 16th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: Mark Rutledge
Loaf: Richard Brown
Cup: Carol Scarberry
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: Carol Scarberry

Wednesday 19th

No Dinner or Program

Sunday 23rd
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: Shula Shaw
Loaf: George Goodnight
Cup: John Bennett
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: Linda Johnson

Wednesday 26th

No Dinner or Program

Sunday 30th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: Debra Goodnight
Loaf: Mark Rutledge
Cup: John Johnson
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: Tami Taylor

Church Calendar for August

20th
Elders and General
Board Meetings

22nd
St Francis Old Catholic
Church
Yard Sale

Birthdays

1st
Wesley Goodnight

10th
Dennis Hall

26th
Bill Pennington

28th
Clay Artman

29th
Carol Scarberry