

Central Christian Church **Banner**



March 2016

A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell

On Ash Wednesday, we began our Lenten journey with a wonderful service with our brothers and sisters from Kingsway and St. Francis. I truly hope that each of you is, if not memorizing Psalm 51, at least reading it so that the words of David become your words during Lent. Friday evening, March 4, we have been invited by Deacon Frank Williams to join the congregation at Immaculate Conception for a service explaining in detail the stations of the cross. The service begins at 5:30 and will last approximately 30 minutes. Following the service we are invited to a fish fry there. After the fish fry, Deacon Frank has volunteered to give us a behind-the-scenes tour of the cathedral. I did this a couple of years ago, and it is fascinating as well as very educational. Wednesday evenings during Lent we are having a video series, GLORY DAYS, led by Max Lucado. It leads us into the spirit of Lent in an unorthodox way, but is very good. Maundy Thursday we will combine worship and a meal with Kingsway Christian Church, Lindenwood and St. Francis, at Kingsway. The meal will be served at 6:15 and the service will begin at 7. I really am excited about this service and I hope many of you will attend. We will have rides available from Central and more information will be coming about that. Good Friday services will be with Lindenwood at 5:30, and again, more information will be forthcoming. All of this culminates with Easter Sunday morning. The men will be serving breakfast at 9:00, Sunday School will be at 10:00, and then we will celebrate the joy of the resurrection at 10:45. This will be a glorious day and my prayer is that every member of Central will be there for worship. Immediately following worship we will pause long enough to take a new congregational picture, so add that 15 minutes into your Easter schedule. Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are very special times; I hope that we all will all take advantage of the different opportunities to worship and draw nearer to our Lord. I'll see you Sunday.



Spotlight on Giving

Mark Rutledge shared the following Offertory thought at the service on February 28.

Several Sundays ago the word “expectation” was said several times during one of our worship services. For some reason this word has been buzzing around in my head and just won’t go away.

To me “expectation” means that something will be done or someone will do something – now or in the future.

On Sunday morning each one of us expects to come to Central to meet and greet our church family, to gather in the sanctuary to worship our God, to fellowship, and to remember our Savior, Jesus Christ. We expect to be warm in the winter and to be cool during those hot summer months. We take for granted (or expect) to have the lights on to help us see, plumbing that works, and a phone and the internet that we can communicate with our church family.

These “expectations” are what you expect from those who help take care and maintain our church, and is what is expected from all of us to meet our Outreach obligations. We don’t, and shouldn’t, expect other churches or organization to take care of our needs. But, what does God expect from you and me? This question would take a good hour – or more! – to answer. However, from reading our Bibles, from going to Sunday School, and from attending Sunday morning worship I feel sure that you already know the answer.

Church Notice Board

March 1, Presidential Primary Election voting in Fellowship Hall.

March 4, 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross followed by a Fish Fry Dinner at Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

March 24, 6:00pm, Dinner and Maundy Thursday Service at Kingsway Christian Church.

March 26, 8:00am, Clothes Closet.

March 27, 9:00am, Easter Breakfast and 12 noon congregational photograph immediately after the Easter Sunday service.

Memorial Gifts

During the sad times that surround any loss of a family member it is a comfort to know that individuals make generous gifts in honor of our loved ones. During February we received donations from Quay Butts and Shula and Russ Cangelosi in honor of Carol Scarberry’s sister, Marie White Furr.

Editors Note

If you want to receive the Banner by E-Mail please contact the Editor, John Bennett, by phone on (901) 276-2708 or by e-mail at: centralchristian@cccmemphistn.org

All contributions for the March Banner should be emailed or sent to the Editor at the Church Office by February 25th.

Past copies of the Banner together with sermons, special music videos etc. can be found using links to YouTube on our Website at cccmemphistn.org.

Special Called Regional Assembly

Upon the retirement of Dr. Glen Stewart, a search committee was commissioned for the purpose of finding and recommending a new Regional Minister and President to lead the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee.

At meetings in February, the Tennessee Region Executive Committee and the entire Regional Board affirmed the Tennessee Region Executive Search committee's recommendation of Rev. Dr. Christal Williams as the Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in Tennessee.

A called Regional Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 11:00 to 1:00 at Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville. The purpose of the Assembly is for the churches in the Tennessee region to affirm or deny the Call to Dr. Williams. Everyone is invited to attend and Central will send voting delegates.

Tennessee Disciples Women's Ministries



TENNESSEE DISCIPLE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES,
WESTERN AREA
2016 SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

"Finding Your Voice!"

MARCH 19, 2016
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Lindenwood Christian Church
2400 Union Ave
Memphis, TN 38112
(901)458-8506

RESOURCE LEADER:
KARREN TODD
ASSOCIATE SENIOR PASTOR
NEW DIRECTIONS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Cost: \$20.00
Registration Deadline: March 15, 2016
Childcare Available

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DEBRA GOODNIGHT, WESTERN AREA COORDINATOR
901-268-4991 OR DGGOODNIGHT@CARTUS.COM

Weddings at Central

Don't forget to tell all your friends that we are happy to host their wedding at Central Christian.

You do not have to be a member of our congregation to be married in our beautiful Church or in our Chapel, you can even have your own minister to conduct the service.

Should you be planning a wedding contact the Church Office for a copy of our Wedding Brochure.

The picture on the right is of Mabel Beard Fursdick and John Taylor Fursdick and we are so grateful to them for permission to use their wedding photograph.

If you need more information please contact our Wedding Coordinator, Connie Bennett on 901 (452) 7489 or visit our Website at cccmemphistn.org, or email us at central-christian@cccmemphistn.org.



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This Month at Central

Wednesday 2nd
6:30pm Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: Mary and Micki Artman

Sunday 6th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: John Johnson
Loaf: Daphne Brown
Cup: John Bennett
Refreshments: Connie Bennett

Wednesday 9th
6:30pm Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: Carol Scarberry

Sunday 13th
19:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Micki Artman
Loaf: John Johnson
Cup: Daphne Brown
Refreshments: DWM Hosted lunch

Wednesday 16th
6:30pm Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: Micki and Rob Artman

Sunday 20th Palm Sunday
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: John Rainey
Loaf: Carol Scarberry
Cup: George Goodnight
Refreshments: Linda Johnson

Wednesday 23rd
6:30 pm No Dinner or Bible Study

Thursday 24th
6:00pm Dinner followed by Maundy Thursday Service
at Kingsway Christian Church

Sunday 27th
9:00am Breakfast hosted by the Deacons
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Carol Scarberry
Loaf : Mark Rutledge
Cup : John Johnson

Wednesday 30th
6:30pm Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: John and Connie Bennett

Church Calendar for March

17th
St. Patricks Day
(Lá Fhéile Pádraig)

20th
Palm Sunday

24th
Maunday Thursday

25th
Good Friday

27th
Easter Sunday

Birthdays

20th
Micki Artman

21st
Connie Bennett

28th
Henry Lindeman III