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**November 2013**

**A Note from Pastor Bill Russell**



If you are one of those who flies into church at the last minute on Sunday morning, never looking right or left, I would ask you to slow down a little and look at the beauty of our Prayer Garden. In that small square of land, in the middle of the hustle and bustle of urban chaos, we find beauty, peace, calm, and serenity. I think of it as a symbol of what Christ offers to us. As we head toward Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, the chaos ratchets itself up in many lives to its highest level, and often we tend to be overwhelmed by all there is to do. I urge you, in the coming holiday season, enjoy it all, church, family, friends, and, yes, even shopping. I also urge each one of you, find your own special place, your own Prayer Garden, for a short time each day and enjoy a moment of beauty and peace, calm and tranquility. The still, small voice that we are listening for is going to be there, and that is the voice that offers love, peace, and forgiveness. If we allow the din and the chaos to overwhelm us, we will surely miss the blessings of the season. Find your garden, if only for a short time, and hear the voice of God. Bill

## **Cold & Flu Medicines for Rachel's Kids**

We are collecting Cold & Flu Medicines for Rachel's Kids in the Month of November. They can use: Kleenex, cough syrup, cough drops, band-aids, chap stick, Children's Tylenol, Children's Cold & Flu Medicine, Children's Allergy Medicine, pain relieving liquid, Oragel, Pedialyte, Temptra for infants, Cold & Hot Packs, Chewable vitamins, Vicks Vapor Rub, Alka Seltzer, & Blankets.

## **Bake Sale**

As is our tradition, Central Christian Church will host a Bake Sale on Election day, Thursday November 21. Voters have long enjoyed the desserts and other items offered for sale and we certainly don't want to disappoint them. Please bring your baked goods to the church by Wednesday, November 20. Make sure each item is labeled with it's description and your name....if it's a cake, tell us what kind of cake, or if it's a pie, tell us what kind of pie so that it can be priced accordingly. If you can help on election day, please contact Pat Hammond at 324-2137.

## Spotlight on Giving

Kathy Young shared this offertory thought with us on Sunday, October 20th.

“The scripture that Bill will be reading soon is from Paul's second letter to Timothy. You get the sense that Timothy is still a young man, and that Paul is encouraging him to remain faithful, as though Paul were his father, sometimes even calling Timothy "my child." The Old Testament scripture that I read a few minutes ago from the book of Jeremiah has an interesting correlation. When Jeremiah received his call to prophesy, he was very young. God had to encourage him and tell him not to be afraid in spite of his youth. Encouragement is vital when you are young so that you won't give up before you even get started. The worst that can happen at any age is to feel that nothing you do is important. Which sometimes happens when people get older and feel they are unable to contribute to the well-being of the community of faith. The service of the offering is one of those things that helps us understand that age doesn't matter when you are serving God and others. The smallest little baby hand can drop a coin in the plate, and the shakiest old wrinkled hand can write a check. And each offering is equally important.”

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**All contributions for The Banner must be with  
the Editor and Church Secretary, John Bennett,  
by the last Wednesday of the Month.**

## In Memory of Dorothy (Dot) Olivi



Dot Olivi, who passed on October 6th, was a great friend of Central and while she was not a member, she supported the Church in many ways. With her positive and cheerful attitude, she was a

delight to be around! Dot was a generous soul and a very dedicated Christian and Central will greatly miss 'Aunt Dot Dot'.

## Visitors

During October we have seen many visitors to our Church for our Sunday services. We were also privileged to host the Memorial Service for Bill Russell's brother Peter which was attended by over 100 of Peter's family and friends.

On October 6th not only did we enjoy music by our dear friend Sherry Richardson, but were delighted by the singing of two solos from George Morrow.

Don't forget you can see and hear George Morrow, as well as our other soloists, by going to our website at [www.cccmemphistn.org](http://www.cccmemphistn.org).

You can also catch up with any of Bill Russell's Sunday messages you may have missed or wish to hear again, by going to that website.



George Morrow



Sherry Richardson, pictured here with her mother.



## People in the News



Connie Bennett receiving an Award, for 30 years service with University of Memphis, from the Provost Dr. David Rudd.



On 15th October Sarah Jane Smith celebrated her 88th Birthday in style

## Cookbook Reprint

We are ready to run the second printing of our "Through the Years" Cookbook which commemorates Central's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The cookbooks will be ready for distribution by the end of November. In preparing for print, several formatting issues were noted. The cookbooks have since been re-formatted to as near perfect as possible, and we are taking orders. They make lovely Christmas presents, and help support the DWM in their many ministries. If you have already purchased a cookbook and would like one of the reformatted books, please return your cookbook to the Church with your name, and we will gladly substitute with a reformatted cookbook. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, and will gladly make the exchange. To reserve copies or to request reformatted copies, please contact John Bennett, Administrative Assistant, at 901.276-2608.

## Halloween Costumes



Guess who this is! Clue, she is not a member of "our" congregation but is a great friend and is always willing to help us .



No prizes for guessing who this is!

## Trash to Treasures Sale

Alongside our Silent Auction at the Autumn Event on October 12th we had a Trash to Treasure Sale. This section was, as always, organized by Daphne Brown. The sale was a great success and, after the subsequent half price sell off, very few items were left. We greatly appreciate the long hours and hard work put in by Daphne and her band of helpers.



Daphne Brown



## Bake Sale

We also had a Bake Sale, as part of our Autumn Event, at which Pat Hammond, and her able team, sold cakes, cookies and even dog treats all made by the members and friends of the Church.





## An Autumn Evening in Central Gardens

During October it seemed that all we did was prepare for this event. A high work load on our small congregation meant that everyone involved was giving 110% and then some. At this time the management skills of Debra Goodnight meant that everyone remained focused and knew their role in the preparations. However this stressful period has gone into history and we can pat ourselves on the back for a job well done as we raised in excess of \$13,500. We had over 200 people attend the event and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone involved in preparation and ensuring the event went off without a, visible, hitch. Thanks also to the individuals and companies who contributed silent auction items. We could not hold this event without you. The following collage is just some of the auction items donated. A particular shout out must go to Carol Scarberry without whose superhuman efforts to obtain silent auction items, this event could not have happened.



## Building from the Board

The General Board met October 20, 2013 and noted the following:

The remainder of the roof expense was paid from the roof fund and profits from the Autumn Evening, except \$1,000 which is being held due to a continuing leak in the Library.

Upcoming Events:

Joint Thanksgiving service with the Old American Catholic Church on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Truck or Treat to be held in the church parking lot, weather permitting, on Halloween.

Central will collect food for Thanksgiving Baskets for Rachel's Kids families.

Central will have a Bake Sale on Election Day, Nov. 21.

The church will have a Christmas Decorating Party on Saturday, Nov 30 from 9 to 12 to decorate the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

The Treasurer reported for September total income of \$6,119, Total Expenses of \$7,818 with a net loss of \$1,699.

The Budget Committee presented a draft of the 2014 budget and, after discussion, it was modified. It will be presented during the November Board meeting for final approval and then presented to the church membership for adoption.

A committee was announced to present the 2014 slate of Church Officers at the November meeting for approval and then to be presented to the church membership for election.

Pat Hammond noted that she has several open slots for the months of November and December to host the Coffee Hour. Please see her to volunteer.

Linda Johnson was appointed as Trustee for the remainder of the year to fill Dr. Butts position.

Buildings & Grounds Chairman, Mark Rutledge, reported that lights have been replaced, as needed, Hall Electric replaced the old fuse box, new lighting has been installed in the Chapel Garden and parking lot lots are being replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Johnson, Board Secretary



## African Violets Society

The local branch of the African Violets Society is a great friend of our Church and help us with donations for our various projects. On October 19th they had a plant sale in our Fellowship Hall and we are so honored to have this organization as part of our larger congregation.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Once again, Thanksgiving is upon us and we are so blessed by God's goodness! We are collecting food items to provide 10 Thanksgiving Baskets for the families of "Rachel's Kids." We are asking our church members, families, friends, and groups who use Central to join in on this much needed cause. Food items will be accepted through November 24, 2013, on the day of distribution. Cash donations will be used to purchase basket items. Please see Linda Johnson, if you wish us to shop for you. Collection boxes are located on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. The following is a list of items to be included in the baskets:

Turkey	2 boxes Cornbread stuffing mix
(2) pkgs. Gravy Mix	2-3 cans Corn
2 cans Turnip Greens	2 bxs. Macaroni & Cheese
Instant Mashed Potatoes	2 cans Sweet Potatoes
1 jar spaghetti sauce	1 lg. pkg. spaghetti
2 cans Cranberry Sauce	Rolls
Prepared pumpkin pies	Prepared Cakes

Thanks in advance for your support of this most worthy cause.

## Wednesday Night Family Dinners

The dinner preparation schedule is included on the back page of this Banner. We will end our 2013 Wednesday Night Family Dinners on December 18, 2013, with a delicious traditional "Christmas Dinner" provided by Debra and George Goodnight and Mary and Micki Artman. Announcements will be made at the beginning of 2014 regarding Wednesday Night Family Dinners. Our heartfelt thanks to all of our hosts who so graciously and lovingly prepared and served such wonderful meals during the past year.

Linda Johnson and Daphne Brown

Co-chairs, Wednesday Night Family Dinner

## Pegasus Dinner Fund Raiser

The Mystic Krewe of Pegasus are having a dinner on Saturday, 7th December at 7:00pm at Central and the church is invited. They will also be having a Silent Auction on November 16th at the Parkview 1914 Poplar, at 7:00pm, \$5 admission. The Mystic Krewe of Pegasus, Memphis is a great friend of Central and is a volunteer community service organization which raises money for charitable purposes. In 2013, they are supporting Mid-South Spay and Neuter Services.

## Clothes Closet

We had 12 members to help at the October clothes closet and gave away a good portion of the clothes we have left, especially the warm coats & sweaters. We will cancel the clothes closet give-aways for November and December so we can concentrate on receiving donations. Please encourage your friends and family to go through their closets and give us their gently used clothing.

## Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

All calendars need to have Tuesday, Nov. 26, circled and highlighted. That evening we will have our traditional Thanksgiving dinner with our church family in the Fellowship Hall. We have invited our friends, the St. Francis congregation, to join us that evening. We will eat promptly at 6:30 and then go to the sanctuary, at 7:15, for a very special time of Thanksgiving worship and celebration combining the congregations, traditions, and rituals of both fellowships. This would be the perfect time to invite a guest to eat and worship with you and introduce them to the hospitality of Central. I hope you will do so. This is going to be a wonderful time; I hope you will make it a priority to be here.

## A Lunch Invitation

The Disciple Women will host a lunch for the Church on Sunday, November 10th, and invite everyone to stay for the Thanksgiving program afterwards.

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## **This Month at Central**

### **Sunday 3rd**

9:45 am Bible Class  
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

Worship Leader: John Bennett

Loaf: Kathy young

Cup: George Goodnight

### **Wednesday 6th,**

6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

Dinner Prepared by: Daphne Brown

Bible Study: Bill Russell

### **Sunday 10th**

9:45 am Bible Class  
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon DWM Luncheon and Thanks  
giving Program

Worship Leader: Daphne Brown

Loaf: Carol Scarberry

Cup: Richard Brown

### **Wednesday 13th**

6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

Dinner Prepared by: Carol & Floyd  
Scarberry

Bible Study: Bill Russell

### **Sunday 17th**

9:45 am Bible Class  
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

Worship Leader: Shula Shaw-Congelosi

Loaf: Mark Rutledge

Cup: Daphne Brown

### **Wednesday 20th,**

6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

Dinner Prepared by: Linda Johnson

Bible Study: Bill Russell

### **Sunday 24th**

9:45 am Bible Class  
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Meetings of Elders and General  
Board

Worship Leader: Carol Scarberry

Loaf: John Johnson

Cup: George Goodnight

### **Tuesday 26th**

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner  
7:15 pm Joint Service, Central Christian  
Church and Saint Francis Old  
Catholic Church

Dinner Prepared by: Debra Goodnight

Micki Artman

Mary Artman

### **October Diary Reminders**

**21st**

**Bake Sale**

**26th**

**Thanksgiving Dinner followed  
by  
Joint Service, Central Christian  
Church and Saint Francis  
Old Catholic Church**

**30th**

**Work Party to Decorate  
Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary  
for Advent**

**Birthdays**

**26th**

**Debra Goodnight**



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