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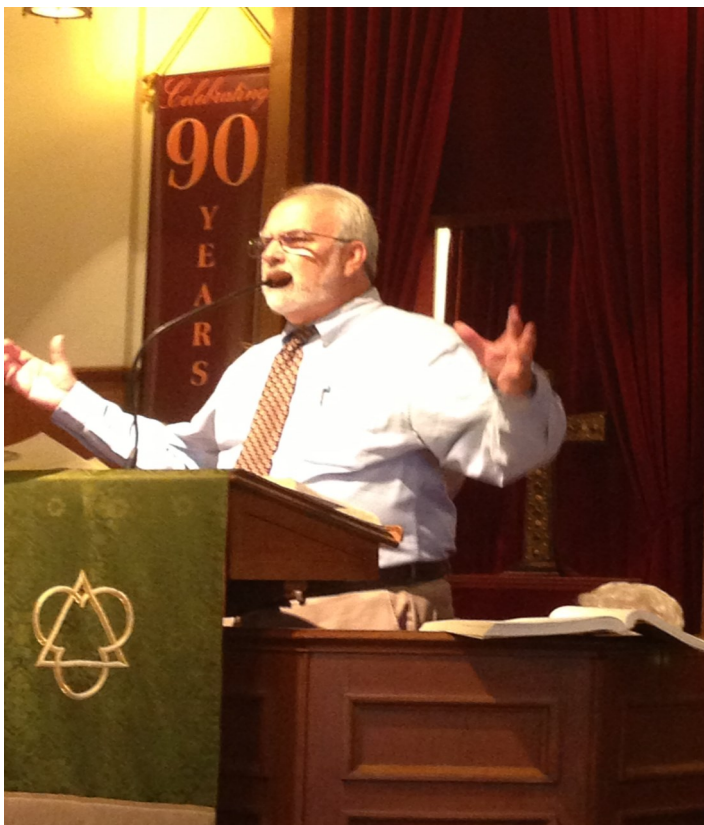


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A Note from Pastor Bill Russell



As we head into October, we work expectantly, feverishly, excitedly, and, yes, exhaustedly toward An Autumn Evening in Central Gardens. I am amazed at the number of people who have no connection to Central that have asked me when the festival (that is the word most outsiders use) was going to be this year, because they did not want to miss it. It is nice to be famous for something, and this church should be extremely proud of the fact that folks outside our church family look forward to the hospitality and fun which we offer. Our guest speaker Wednesday evening, Aaron Wiggins,, was astounded at the revenue that is generated in one evening and how much ministry and mission it underwrites. The ladies of the church do most of the work, but it is a total team effort these days and I certainly appreciate all the hours given by so many people. Without all of you, it would not be the success that it is, and I applaud each one of you and thank you so very much. Invite your friends, spread the word, and, let's have a party on October 12. Bill

Food Collection

During September we collected food for the Grace Saint Luke's Church food Pantry. The picture is of just some of the food collected. A big thank you to those organizations who share our church building, in particular to the African Violets Society for their kind contribution.



October Project

The Disciple Women's October / November project is to collect over the counter cold and flu medicines for the families in Binghampton. They can use OTC cough syrups, cold & flu medicines, tissues, lip balms/moisturizers—anything that would help alleviate colds and the flu. A tip: Dollar store items have the same active ingredients as other store products!

Spotlight on Giving

On Sunday September 29th Daphne Brown shared this offertory thought, taken in part from "How To Prepare An Offertory Message" www.centerforfaithandgiving.org Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The offertory thought is a unique time during the worship service as we are inviting you to consider your gifts to the church and its mission. It needs to be more than just what we say to give the deacons time to line up before they "pass the plate".

We have your attention and you know what's coming. Your ready to hear something to inspire and motivate you as well as a confirmation that your gifts matter and are appreciated. It's an opportunity to invite you to consider why a gift might make a difference not only to the ministry of the church, but how it might change you in your quest to be a faithful disciple of Jesus.

When the invitation to give is extended, is it because "the church needs your money" or because there is joy in giving? Theologically, we should understand that this act of giving does not include the idea that God will somehow "bless me more" because I give. While generosity is certainly viewed with Divine Favor, we don't give to get.

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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.**

New Member

A new addition to the Central family was added on September 28 as we welcomed Colleen Daunt into our membership. Colleen has been worshiping with us for quite a while, and it is great to now count her as one of our own. Welcome, Colleen; we are glad you are a part of us.



Colleen on
the left with
Bill Russell
and Carol
Scarberry

Trunk or Treat ?

Are you ready for Halloween? CCC is having our first Trunk or Treat. What is trunk or treat you may ask? Trunk or Treat is a fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween. Instead of children going house to house to trick or treat, they can come to our parking lot where we will have vehicles parked and each vehicle will have its trunk open to reveal Halloween themed decorations and candy /treats to handout to the Trick or Treaters. The event will be held on Halloween from 5 to 7 pm. Church members and friends are all invited to participate in many ways. Decorate your trunk, bring your Halloween candy and get ready for the Trick or Treaters.

Dont feel like decorating your car? Come anyway and help hand out treats to the kids. You can also donate sacks of individually wrapped candy to make sure we have enough for all our visitors. ... We would like to have about 8 Vehicles filled with treats for this event. For information contact Micki Artman mickiboo@bellsouth.net or 901-340-7396.



Commemoration of 9/11



On September 11th, we were invited to join Kingsway Christian Church, in a service commemorating the events of 9/11. The service was led by their Pastor, Ryan Starr, assisted by our own Bill Russell. Before the service we were invited to join their congregation in a delightful spaghetti dinner. We thank Kingsway, not only for their hospitality, but for allowing us to be a part of this very special commemoration.

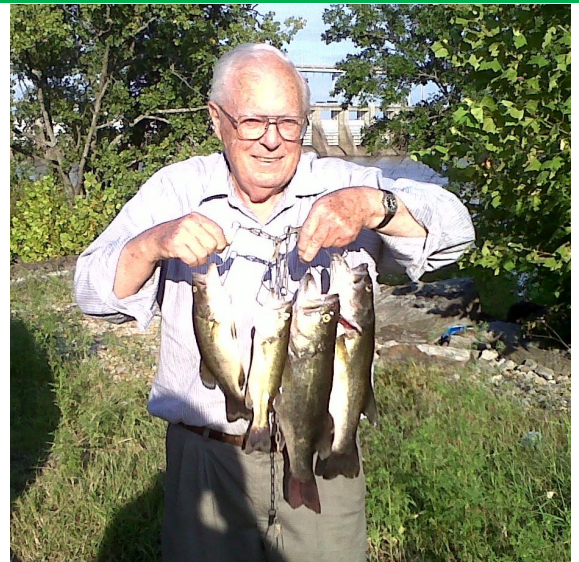


Carol and Floyd Scarberry recently returned from a road trip out West. Carol writes "The last big stop on our trip out West was to Mount Rushmore. We were at Mount Rushmore on 9/11. Each night, in theatre at the base of the monument, they have a patriotic film, celebration and honor all military, active or inactive by calling them upon the stage introducing each one and the branch they served in. there were about 400. Then in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11 the American flag was lifted from half mast and brought down. Floyd happened to be standing near the flag pole and was selected to have the honor of bringing the flag down and helped fold it. He stood very proud and honored to be a veteran there. It was truly the highlight of our trip and a very moving experience".

A Tribute to Dr. Herbert Butts (Herb)

Last month we lost a friend and much respected member and Trustee. He was a valued member of the General Board & had a talent for meeting new people and making them feel welcome. Our prayers go out to Quay and the Butts family. Herb was a true gentleman in every sense of the word though he did have a mischievous wit. He was my fishing buddy and I will always remember him at 90 years, refusing my help in lifting the outboard motor from the back of his truck and attaching it to his boat. His reason for refusing my (65 years) help was that he thought I was too decrepit! Goodbye my friend and may you find the peace you so richly deserve.

John Bennett



BUILDING FROM THE BOARD

General Board Meeting was held on September 19, 2013 and was called to order by Debra Goodnight, Board Chair, 7:15 PM. She led the opening prayer and asked that we remember our sick church family members.

The **Minutes** from the August 15, 2013 Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Calendar of future events was discussed as were the preparations for the Autumn Evening. Work nights for Autumn Evening are scheduled for in place of Wednesday Night Family Dinners on October 2 and 9th.

Linda Johnson inquired about "Trick or Trunk" for neighborhood children. A committee was appointed consisting of Carol Scarberry, Micki Artman and Linda Johnson to work out details for the event to be hosted on Halloween night.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Brown, Treasurer, presented the financial report as follows: Income for August \$6004, expenditure \$6733 and a shortfall for the month of \$(729) bringing the shortfall, for the year to date, to \$(16,927).

He also stated that the Budget Committee will begin meeting in October with Wesley Goodnight as Chair of that Committee.

Elder's Report: John Johnson, Chairman of the Elders, reported discussion from their meeting as fine tuning the offertory part of the service to improve the flow. He stated that they also talked about the church sound system and agreed to stand closer to the microphone. Prayer concerns were also discussed.

Membership : Carol Scarberry reported having visited with Georges and Sara Jane Smith, having given Georges Smith a hair-cut while in the hospital and having sent cards to Shula Cangelosi, Betty Jones and Dorothy Olivi. She also reported that Peter Russell will be leaving the hospital on Friday, September 20, 2013.

Wednesday Night Dinner: Linda Johnson reported on the dinner schedule. She stated that Debra Goodnight will host September 25th and will provide the two work night meals the first two weeks in October. Linda Johnson stated she will host the October 16 meal and that the schedule will pick up with October 23, 2013 meal.

Fellowship Hour: Pat Hammond reported that she needs volunteer hosts for the Fellowship Hour. Since the Fellowship Hour will not be held in the Fellowship Hall while set up for Autumn Evenings, Pat Hammond will organize the time either before or after services for fellowship in the Narthex.

Outreach: Micki Artman reported that we will continue to collect food during the month of September for Grace St. Luke.

Communication Report: George Goodnight reported that about 400 Autumn Evening notifications have been sent to date, either by post or e-mail. There will be 56 more sent to the Banner Email List with the Flyer and the Raffle Ticket Prize drawing. The Mid-town Channel 5 News (Email), the Central Gardens Association, and the Commercial Appeal have or will receive communication concerning Autumn Evening.

Carol Scarberry reported having given flyers to the businesses she has called on for gifts. She stated that she had given 2 complimentary tickets to the donors and reminded the Board members to put DWM on the back of tickets given to prize donors.

Building and Grounds and Events Chair Report: Mark Rutledge reported that John Rainey continues to help with maintaining and watering the Chapel Garden and the flower beds in front of the sanctuary. He also continues to help maintain areas in Walker Hall in support of organizations that use our facilities. He reported that the Church is now hosting Weight Watchers on Mondays. He stated that during the week of October 7, 2013, extra effort will be made to spruce up the church, with special emphasis on the women's restroom, in support of the Autumn Evening in Central Gardens Event.

Old Business: No additional business was reported.

New Business:: John Bennett reported that one of the users of our buildings, has volunteered to present information on the Affordable Care Act to our congregation at no cost. Discussion ensued and a recommendation was made to delay further discussion until November.

Debra Goodnight reported having written thank you's from the church to Becky Walker for bringing the Sunday message in our minister's absence and to Ryan Starr at Kingsway for their gracious invitation to dinner and the 911 Memorial Service.

Adjournment: Debra Goodnight asked everyone to stand while she led the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Johnson
Board Secretary

Autumn Evening in Central Gardens on October 12th

As the final preparation are being made for the Autumn Evening, we ask your help with:

Solicit gifts for the Silent Auction and bring them now

Bring items for the Treasures area and bring them now

Make your bake sale items and bring to church on Friday, October 11

Make your food for the reception or contact Micki Artman to offer to make an item

Invite your friends and family to attend and provide them complimentary tickets, if you wish

Help with set up and preparation

Come and have fun!

Autumn Evening Work Schedule

10-2: Dinner at 6:00 and work session at 6:30

10-5: Work session from 9:00 to 2:00 with lunch

10-6: Work session from 12:30 to 4:00 with lunch

10-9: Dinner at 6:00 and work session at 6:30

10-11: Work session all day beginning at 9:00 with lunch

10-12: Work session all day and all be at church by 5:30

10-13: Clean up session after church

Disciple Women's Fall Retreat at Bethany Hills

A peaceful and enjoyable time spent with sisters of faith. The resource leader, Sandi Rinderer, spoke on "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto the Kittens in the Hayloft, Seeing the Parables in Daily Life". The ladies who attended left the retreat with the renewed knowledge that in our everyday, even sometimes seemingly non-eventful lives, if we look close enough, God is teaching us a lesson.

Micki Artman



The sanctuary was probably feeling a little empty on Sunday, September 22, because five women from Central Christian Church were attending the Tennessee Disciple Women's fall retreat at Bethany Hills. They were: Mary Artman, Micki Artman, Debra Goodnight, Daphne Brown and Kathy Young. Also attending with Daphne was her next-door neighbor, Sharon Hodge, a member at Lindenwood. The weather was lovely and the resource leader, Sandi Rinderer, was inventive and thought-provoking. The focus of her presentation was on Jesus' use of the parable as a teaching tool, and how we can find parables in our everyday lives that provide us with lessons about Jesus and our relationship with Him. Kathy Young



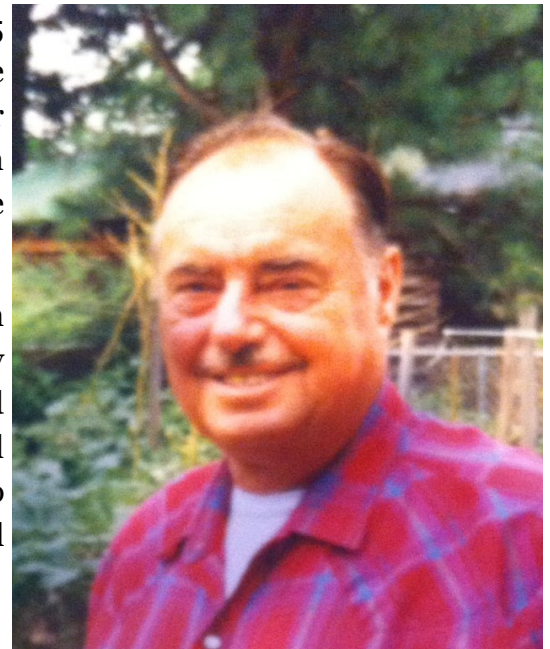
Spotlight on Jack Artman

Jack was born to Della Mae and William Grant Artman on September 13, 1930 in Memphis, TN. He attended Roselle Elementary, Bellevue Junior High and Southside High School, graduating at the age of 15 because he skipped 2 grades (one in elementary and one in high school). He joined the Marines at the age of 16 by special permission from his mother and father.

Jack was in active service with the Marines from 1946 to 1949, stationed at Santa Anna, CA. In 1950 he became a Reservist with the Marines and worked full time for Southern Leather Company as a Clerk. He met Mary Alice Robison on a blind date arranged by his brother and they were married in the Sanctuary of the old McLemore Christian Church.

Jack was called back to active service during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and served until 1952. Jack & Mary lived in Houston, TX for a short period when he was again working for Southern Leather Company, this time as a traveling salesman. They returned to Memphis in 1955 with 2 small children (Janet & Debra) and he drove a taxi while attending Barber & Cosmetology School. After a short career as a hair stylist with Julius Lewis on Union Avenue, he began working for the L&N Railroad as a switchman and stayed there until retirement in 1991. Their son, Rob, was born in 1967.

Jack has raised cattle and enjoyed hunting deer on his land in Tippah County, Mississippi. After retirement, he has kept busy serving as Grand Master of the Berclair Masonic Lodge and driving for the Shrine Transportation Team, transporting ill children to different Shrine Hospitals in the US. He also worked at Hertz Rental Cars part time over the last several years.



Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Aaron (Nash) Wiggins appointed by the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ served two years with the Pacific Christian Council located in Suva, Fiji. On Wednesday September 25th Aaron gave us an insight, by way of a talk and slideshow, of his work in Fiji as a program associate working with advocacy and justice issues related to global warming, nuclear testing and practical help on environmental issues. We thank him, not only for the work he does but for taking the time to educate us.

Gloria Jeffrey



While on their road trip out West Carol and Floyd Scarberry visited with Gloria Jeffries, a much loved member of our Church who moved to Colorado a few years ago.

Cook Book

The commemorative cookbook, celebrating "90 Years of Ministry in Midtown Memphis: will be available to purchase at our Autumn Evening Event, October 12, 2013. You may reserve a copy in advance by contacting John Bennett, *Administrative Assistant, at Central Christian Church (901) 276-2708.*

Wednesday Night Family Dinners

The Wednesday Family Dinner Program opened September 18, 2013, with Linda Johnson and Daphne Brown hosting the Annual "Little Italy" Night. Linda Johnson's authentic Italian spaghetti was served and Daphne Brown brought a beautiful Italian salad to the table. Homemade Tiramisu was served for dessert. John Johnson led discussion of study from John Ortberg's "Everyone is Normal Until You Get to Know Them."

Debra and George Goodnight hosted the meal on September 25, with George's delicious grilled burgers. Debra served the trimmings of pasta salad, barbeque beans, corn on the cob, and a choice from two of her delicious desserts

The October Dinner schedule is a little different in that we have designated the first two Wednesdays in October as work nights in preparation of the Autumn Evening Event. Light meals will be served to those who come to work and there will be an abundant amount of fellowship. The regular Wednesday Night Family Dinners and Study Program will resume on October 16, 2013. The October schedule follows:

10/02/13	Meal and Work Night for Autumn Evening	Debra and George Goodnight
10/09/13	Meal and Work Night for Autumn Evening	Debra and George Goodnight
10/16/13	Dinner and Study with Pastor Bill Russell	Linda Johnson & Katrinka Hall
10/23/13	Dinner and Study with Pastor Bill Russell	Micki, Rob Artman
10/30/13	Dinner and Study with Pastor Bill Russell	Connie and John Bennett

Rachel's Kids

Our own Haley Stephenson, Rachel Greer's daughter, spent some time behind bars recently but not what you think! Because of her special love for "Rachel's Kids" and all kids in general, she was nominated to participate in the "Muscular Dystrophy Locked Up" fundraiser in Downtown Memphis. By being a MDA Jailbird, Haley raised \$3200. We know Rachel and her Grandmother Pat are very proud of her.



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This Month at Central

Wednesday 2nd

6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Autumn Evening Work
Party

Sunday 6th

9:45 am Bible Class
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Fellowship and Autumn
Evening Work Party

Worship Leader: Mark Rutledge
Loaf: Kathy Young
Cup: George Goodnight

Wednesday 9th,

6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Autumn Evening Work
Party

Saturday 12th

6:00 pm Autumn Evening in Central
Gardens

Sunday 13th

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

Worship Leader: Richard Brown
Loaf: Mark Rutledge
Cup: Carol Scarberry

Wednesday 16th

6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday 17th

6:30 pm Elders and Deacons Meeting
7:00 pm Board Meeting

Sunday 20th

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

Worship Leader: Kathy Young
Loaf: Debra Goodnight
Cup: Richard Brown

Wednesday 23rd,

6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 27th

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

Worship Leader: John Rainey
Loaf: Carol Scarberry
Cup: John Johnson

Wednesday 30th,

6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study

October Diary Reminders

Events

12th
Autumn Evening

Birthdays

9th
Betty Jones

9th
Randy Pennington

15th
Sarah Jane Smith

11th
Dorothy (Dot) Olivi

