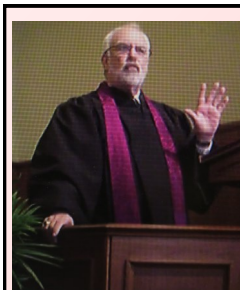


Message From Pastor Bill Russell



Pastor Russell

Valentine's Day is this month, and folks are going to diligently look for wonderful ways to show their love for special people in their lives. It's a fun time and we all need to show those around us how important they are. My message Sunday was sort of an in-your-face hint that Micah gives as to how we can show God how much we love Him. It's a short list. In case you missed it, I'll remind you how we can please God and show Him our love. It's a simple list as well: *Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly.* All action verbs! Remember, God showed His love for us through His action: "*For God so loved the world that He GAVE His only son...*". His actions for us call us to show our love for Him through our actions. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

A Winter Recipe?

Just Add Salt!



The cold, icy weather that hit Christmas weekend didn't stop custodian John Rainey from clearing the sidewalks. John strew snow deicer so that the paths leading to the Sanctuary would be clear for the worship service Sunday, Dec. 25th.



What's this? Xmas Sunday service at 10:00 AM?

See page two for more Christmas photos



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We hope to see you next Sunday at Central Christian Church:

Worship begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m.

There's a smiling face waiting to greet you.



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From the desk of Mark Rutledge,
Chairman of the 100 Year
Anniversary Committee:



The 100th Year Anniversary is just three months away! With help from Debra Goodnight, Micki Artman, Linda Johnson, Central's secretary Diane Senger, and photographer Lana Robison, preparations are being completed. Debra and Mickie have selected special table cloths for the occasion. Diane and Linda have been working on the mailout lists. Lana Robison has created the postcard for "Save the Date!" for our celebration. The postcard should be mailed around the first week in February.

Believe it or not, after the celebration program is over in the Sanctuary, one of Memphis' noted DJs (Rockin' Robin) will be hosting the music in the Fellowship Hall - so be sure to wear your dancing shoes!

What's left to do? Lots of things! And wait until you see and hear Kingsway Chancel Choir! Did I mention a special song from Amy Lindeman? Wow!

Caught In The Act!



No sooner than custodian John Rainey had taken some leftover bread to feed the birds in the back parking lot when a hidden cameras caught a mysterious stranger secretly bringing clothes for the Clothes Closet at Central Christian and Christ City Churches. Detective Waldo Gumshoe was called and case B103-1 was opened to find out who the donor was. Stay tuned for future developments.



One More Look at Christmas '22

Here are some more Christmas photos that missed the previous issues of the *Banner*. Because of deadlines, printing, and mailing issues, the photos did not make the January issue. The photo on the left is the Lindeman family (Amy, Henry, and Russell) singing *What Child Is This?*. The photo on the right is deacon John Rainey lighting the aisle candles just before the Christmas day service began.

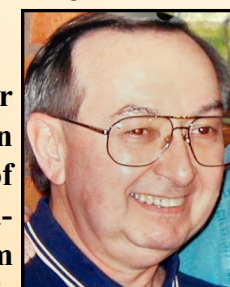


Worth Repeating:

Offertory Thought on Sunday, Jan. 1st

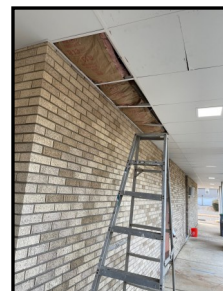
By George Goodnight

We take our infrastructure for granted until we're affected in some way: trees down, a loss of power, single digit temperatures, burst water lines. I'm not just talking about electricity or water, but that feeling of hopelessness when you think you can't cope with what's been thrown in your path. That's when family and friends come to the rescue. Our city's power problem recently is not completely solved yet, but with our MLG&W folks and independent plumbers working around the clock, we will survive! With your giving to your church and its mission on this corner, the work will continue to get out and inspire others to help, not only to recover from adversity, but to thrive on it. We give to church so the church can give to others!.





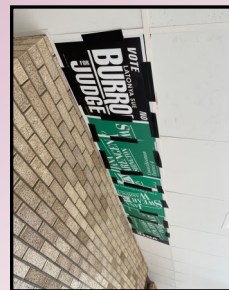
In the works: Outside Repairs



Central Christian was gifted with another opportunity to test its resolve when disaster happens. Christmas Eve evening 2022 found the church with a broken water pipe that runs through the ceiling along the walkway near the back parking lot. MLG&W was called around 7:30 p.m. Christmas, but, because of the backlog, the crew could not help out until the next morning.

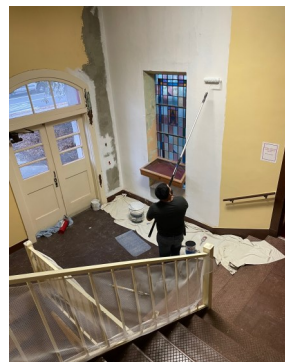
Fortunately workers from National Plumbing put Central on top of their list and arrived early Monday morning to repair the leak. The upper left photo shows the technician inspecting the water leak and the middle photo pieces of the broken pipe. The problem area is now repaired and covered with insulation, but no ceiling tiles just yet.

The new insulation could be damaged by wind and rain. John Rainey used some old voting signs to cover the insulation until new ceiling tiles could be installed (see left photo below). Lower right photo shows work replacing ceiling tiles.



Almost There! Painting Still Needed

The Sanctuary walls and the Peabody entrance walls have been repaired, but they still need painting. Several contractor bids have been obtained as reported in the January issue of the *Banner*. The cost will be \$7,250. At this time, that amount is not covered in the 2023 church Budget. However, donations of \$1730+ have been pledged to get the job done. Hopefully Central Christian Church will have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the project before the 100th Year Celebration in May. If you can help, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. (Photos on the right show the workers plastering the walls that were in need of repair.)



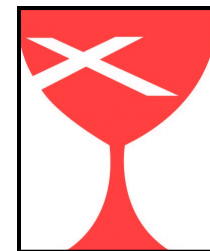
Are you a **buff** person? That is, do you know about floor buffers? If so, please call the church and leave a message for Mark Rutledge.



Gorge Rengel is the worker in the above photos who did most of the plaster work.

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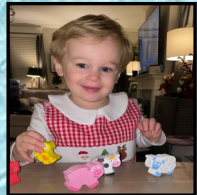
Happenings in February 2023 & More

Happy Birthday!




Mary Artman 2/5






Hudson Annable 2/15



Russell Lindeman 2/6





George Goodnight 2/23

Below is the list of those serving as
Worship Leader for February

Date	Worship Leader
5	Debra Goodnight
12	George Goodnight
19	John Johnson
26	Mark Rutledge

Church Calendar's Horizon:

Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
Feb 12 "Soup'er" Sunday
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 21 President's Day
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday



Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will reward them for what they have done.
Proverbs 19:17

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY From The Banner Staff

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