



June 2021



From Rev. Bill Russell



Pastor Bill Russell

Once again Sunday mornings seem like Sunday mornings as we have returned to the sanctuary for in-person worship, Sunday School, and fellowship, and we can enjoy each other's presence in our church activities. I am thankful that Central has made it thus far with no serious repercussions from the pandemic, but I caution you to continue to be careful and use good judgment as we move ahead. In the liturgical calendar, Sunday, May 30th, begins what is known as ordinary time until Advent. My prayer is that ordinary means that Central is your ordinary place to be on Sunday mornings during the summer. I'll see you on Sunday, as we ordinarily do.



Feeding the Hungry!

Christ City Church members enjoyed a Sunday "picnic in the park" recently. Food was abundant and enjoyed by all. However, there were hotdogs and hamburgers yet to be eaten. Members at Christ City knew exactly what to do. Leftovers were brought to Central Christian and given to John Rainey so that the food could be given out as part of Central's *Snack Bag Ministry*. Central Christian would like to thank everyone at Christ City for their support.

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Sunday School Is Back In Session!



Above, Kathy Young preparing to teach Sunday School

After more than a year away from teaching Sunday School, Kathy Young prepared handouts for all who attended on Sunday, May 2nd. Kathy noted that the class hadn't yet finished studying the books of the Old Testament last year, and added "It's time to move forward and start with the Book of Matthew." Sunday School starts right after Fellowship. For now, masks are required



Wednesday Night Dinner Is A HUGE Success!



Finally! Wednesday Night Dinner!

Because of the pandemic, Wednesday night dinners had been put on hold for more than a year. However, church members met and decided it was safe enough to try once again to have a Wednesday night dinner. So what better date to inaugurate the event than to start on May 5th - Cinco de Mayo!

About Cinco de Mayo

Contrary to popular belief, Cinco de Mayo doesn't commemorate Mexico's Independence Day. May 5th marks the Mexican army's victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War in 1862. Mexico's Independence Day is celebrated on September 16.

Great Hosts and Fantastic Food

George and Debra volunteered to host the dinner, with George helping to prepare the food and Debra adding her special touch in decorating the tables and placing the food so that everyone could prepare their dinner exactly the way they wanted.

Pictured: (top left) Debra Goodnight and Mary Artman (seated); (top right) A fantastic Mexican dinner; (center) Bill Russell; (bottom left) Dorothy Feimster; (lower right) Carol and Floyd Scarberry (seated) and Connie and John Bennett.



Not pictured, but attended: George Goodnight, Wesley Goodnight, Linda Johnson, John Johnson, Mark Rutledge, and John Rainey.



Pictured above: Quay & Ethan

The *Banner* staff contacted Quay Butts to ask for a current photo of her. The photo was to be used along with a note to let people know of her upcoming June birthday (see page 4). Quay said that her daughter, Dawn Hays, would email a photo of Quay. To everyone's surprise and delight, a fantastic photo was received. "My family got to visit with my mother for the first time in almost a year.", wrote Dawn in her email. "And she finally got to meet her newest great grandson, Ethan Oshinsky". Ethan just turned one in March. Dawn noted that "The family had to wait until everyone was vaccinated before the big visit."



Happy Birthday wishes to Quay and lots of love from her church family at Central Christian.



The above photo was recently taken from the church parking lot on McLean. This is only a sample of the photos taken. Get ready to learn more about what MGL&W had instore for Central in the July issue of the *Ban-*



From Mark Rutledge Chairman, Property & Grounds

More Repairs

In the May issue of the *Banner* I wrote about repairs that were done around the church, especially the broken outside water pipe and the new “booster heater” that replaced the rusted-out hot water tank. I also mentioned about the need to replace (not patch!) the gym roof as well as replacing two old, non-working A/C units with a new A/C. As mentioned in the article, estimates are being sought for these needed repairs.

And the Sanctuary?

With Wesley Goodnight’s help, estimates are being sought, also, for fixing the leaks in the Sanctuary. Flat sections along the north and south roofs are causing leaks and damage to the inside of the worship area. Once the roof repairs have been completed, then attention may be paid to repairing and to painting the Sanctuary walls where plaster has flaked off.

And the Education Building?

Back in 1923, the Education Building was once the entire church facility: Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and Sunday School class rooms. The current roof is in need of repairs and needs the old asphalt shingles replaced.

Repairs Time Table

Repairs throughout the church will probably take several months (years?) to complete. The amount of effort and work to complete the tasks will take time and resources. The Board at Central will soon be meeting to discuss and plan the next move into the needed repairs.

As Chairman of Property and Grounds, I ask that you continue to support our Church (the people) and the church (the buildings) with your prayers and good works so that the Church will remain at the corner of Peabody and McLean for many more years.

AND THE MYSTERY CONTINUES

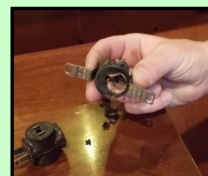


Pictured left are bags of clothes that were left at the kitchen door along with personal items, such as phones and radios. The items always arrive without a note as to who brought them. The Outreach Committee thanks our mystery helper(s).

“...And let there be light!”



Brave Joey climbed up



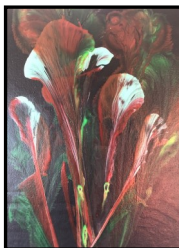
The old 1943 plug

Sunday, April 25, 2021, was a very interesting day to worship at Central Christian Church. “Gremlins” took charge over the weekend and decided that the lights should go out that shown on the communion table, worship leader, and the preacher. The front area of the Sanctuary was in the dark!. Ellendale Electric came to the rescue the next Thursday and found the problem. The plug from the overhead lights to the outlet had gone bad. The team of Ryan and Joseph climbed the ladders and fixed the problem.

Resident Artists at Central



Underwater Abstract



Untitled Abstract



John Bennett

John Bennet has shown his skills at wood working, knitting, and now painting!

In a recent interview, John said that he started painting with acrylics last December. “Connie wanted a painting with a beach theme for our screen porch. I didn’t want to disappoint her.” Thus, the *Underwater Abstract* painting.

John admits that he has “an artistic temperament”. In the past he tried painting in different mediums, but recently realized that painting with acrylics was what he really wanted.

Competition?

John may have some competition. Recently discovered sidewalk art along the outside drive-thru shows an abstract egg drawn in chalk. It appears that a young artist from Christ City Church drew the Easter egg, and wishes to be anonymous.



Easter Egg Abstract

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June Birthdays



Henry Lindeman
6/14



Quay Butts
6/23



June at Central

Below is the list of those
who will be serving as Wor-
ship Leaders for June:

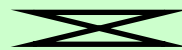
Date	Worship Leader
6	Kathy Young
13	John Rainey
20	Mark Rutledge
27	John Bennett

Church Calendar for June

14 - Flag Day
16 - Wednesday Night Dinner
20 - Father's Day
20 - First Day of Summer

From the Fortune Cookie Dept:

A closed mouth gathers no feet!



A cynic is only a frustrated optimist.

The Countdown Calendar

23 Months!

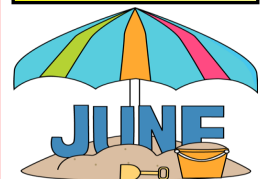
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Why "National Flag Day?"

The National Flag day is observed to show gratitude for the adoption of the United State's Flag. Every Citizen of the United States considers the Flag as an honor and privilege. By honoring the flag, we stand for our equality, hope and for the rich heritage, prosperity of our Country.



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