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Morning Watch

Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education

Sundays 9:15 am

Traditional Service

Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Sundays 11:30 am

Staff

David P. Turner

Senior Minister

Renita Lewis Whitaker

Office Manager

Anthony Shackelford

Custodian

Sue Taylor

Music Director

Dan Oliver

*Bell Choir Director &
Director of Audio/Visual*

Lois Sutherland

Organist

Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider

“IT’S OUR FATHER’S HOUSE”

Capital Campaign

Nearly the entire new roof is in place – on the Christian Education Wing, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary and Chapel. The crew that put it place worked from dawn to dusk in order to finish it in record time. The first half of this major project was funded by an insurance claim resulting from the windstorm that swept through Ohio last September. It is our job to take care of the rest. Last week, most of you have received a letter, pledge card and return envelope for “It’s Our Father’s House,” a capital campaign aimed at the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of our church building. Your pledge/gift to “It’s Our Father’s House” is one way you can help us to be good stewards of the building that is the home of our worship, study, fellowship and so much more. It is also a way of investing in the future of Central Christian Church – of showing confidence in God’s ability to use us in serving his purposes and his people in the years ahead. Please prayerfully consider your part in preparing for our future.



PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Everyone who is interested in being in the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Parade this Saturday, April 18th, please attend the meeting scheduled this Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian. All are welcome to attend, even if you have not signed up. We need all the help we can get. We will be discussing all the details of the parade and all participants will receive a free t-shirt to wear in the parade. In addition to handing out candy and information about our church and Vacation Bible School, you can also stick around and enjoy the festival! If you have any questions, Please contact John Brown at 439-0727.



CWF RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

CWF’s Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Thursday, April 30th – Saturday, May 2nd. Items you wish to donate can be brought in beginning Sunday, April 26th. **WE NEED HELP!** If you have some time during this week to volunteer, please call Jane Bernard 901-4788. To donate bake goods contact Velma Fansler 435-9254. There is a signup sheet on the CWF bulletin board.



Serving In April

Deacon Captain: Lisa French
Deacons Serving: Jim King, Barbara King, Scot Burnett, Ann O'Diam, Claudia McCall, Tammy Turner, David French, Bill Wollenhaupt, Jenness Sigman and Mark Sigman.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Claudia McCall
Acolyte: Taylor French
Elders for Communion
Apr 19th Don Ashbrook and Moniqua Suits
Apr 26th Merle Kidd and Terry Sigman
Lay Leaders
Apr 19th Marty Robinson
Apr 26th Rusty Clifford
Fellowship Hour
Apr 19th Trustees
Apr 26th

Wall Calendar

The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get your activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Apr 19th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class Christianity/World Religions
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:40 am	Bethany Choristers
Monday, Apr 20th	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho & CYF
	9:00 am	Quilters
Tuesday, Apr 21st	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Lydia Group
Wednesday, Apr 22nd	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Thursday, Apr 23rd	7:00 pm	Kettering Toastmasters
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
Saturday, Apr 25th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	1:00 pm	Cheers



Telephone Difficulty

Central Christian is experiencing telephone difficulty. We have contacted ATT who checked the phone lines and stated the problem is internal. We are currently having the system checked and repaired. At this time, one line is available to receive calls - 254-2649. The other number (254-2640) is out of order (does not ring inside the church). If you are unable to get through to the church office at 254-2649, please feel free to contact Renita (369-5149) or David (231-4519). We apologize for any inconvenience and we thank you for your patience.

Members & Friends

Hospice Care	-	Richard Teare (Sunrise) Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care		Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Marian Herron Bob and Jean Thompson Merle and Dorothy Ryan Doyle Ware Lillian White
Autumn Health Care	-	June Tate
Harborside Healthcare	-	Eleanor McNulty
Liberty Retirement Home	-	Ed Bausman
Lincoln Park	-	William Warren
Lincoln Park Manor	-	Kathy Anderson
Summersville	-	Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
Spring Creek	-	JoAnn Reichbauer
Sterling House	-	Elwood Byrket
Sycamore Glen	-	Anne Walters
Trinity	-	Garnia Moses
Waterford Retirement	-	Mary Rothenbuhler

Easter Baptisms

Central Christian celebrates the baptism of...

Dylan Moon

3703 E. Third St., Dayton, Ohio 45403

Spencer Crisp

107 Loganwood Drive, Centerville, Ohio 45459

Annika Aebker

223 Harman Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45419

Grace Langford

1724 Rockhurst Avenue, Kettering, Ohio 45420

Destiny Boyer

1136 Chelsea Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45420

Memorial Fund

General Fund

In Memory of Jim McNulty
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Willman

Worshipping at Central

Sunday, April 12, 2009

Christian Education	29
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Nursery/Godly Play	33
Morning Watch	38
Traditional Service	<u>317</u>
Total Worship Attendance	388

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dotty Parkhurst who was honored by Mercy Manor for her years of service



We & Wii! Oui!! (Chi Rho Lock-In)

Chi Rho will be hosting a lock-in on Friday April 17th. It will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will end at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The theme for this year's lock-in is **We & Wii! Oui!!** This year's lock-in will be focused on community (WE) and will feature a sports tournament (Wii). Yes (OUI!!), it will be fun. Please bring your sleeping bag and come refreshed for a night of worship, movies, food and games. In the morning, we will be attending the Bellbrook parade and will return to the church about 1:00 in the afternoon, or feel free to join us at the parade and you can leave from there. If you have any questions please call David Turner at the church office. If anyone is adventuresome enough to stay up all night with a lively group of junior high kids, please contact Tammy Turner at 643-3011.

Mother's Day Rehearsal

This year, the Faith Finders group will be participating in the Mother's Day Worship Service on May 10th. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, April 19th during Faith Finders from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Even if you've never been to Faith Finders before, and are in 2nd through 5th grade, you are welcome to join us as we prepare for the Mother's Day service. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or via email at mmoody54092@yahoo.com.



Izzy Roberts

Gary Legg

Richard Teare

Rex Strine

Diane Price

Virginia Perkins

Mary Davidson

David Sipple

Pauline Unger

Mary Davidson

Adam Wiedeman

Good health, peace and prosperity

Trust In God

We cannot attain to the understanding of Scripture either by study or by the intellect. Your first duty is to begin by prayer. Entreat the Lord to grant you, of His great mercy, the true understanding of His Word; Hope for nothing from your own labors, from your own understanding: Trust solely in God, and in the influence of His Spirit. Believe this on the word of a man who has experience.

Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation

The Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation will be April 18th from 8:30 am. - 4:00 pm. Speakers: ACTS III – Dr. Diane Lobody, Professor of Church History, MTSO; Women's Leadership – LaTaunya Bynum; and Personal Finances in a Time of Crisis – Rev. Nancy Eichorn. Cost: \$50.00 regular registration till April 10th and \$60.00 delayed registration till April 18. Contact Jane Bernard if you are interested in attending at 901-4788.

Attention: Campers and Conferees

Here are important dates for camps and conferences scheduled for this summer at Camp Christian

Otter Camp for those who have finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades is scheduled for June 14 - 20, 2009. Several of Central's own serve as counselors so if you have questions or concerns about sending your child away for a whole week for the first time, please talk to Doug Pence who serves as a counselor and Matt Pence, Alexis Garybush, or Sean Green who serve as CIT's (counselors in training).

Wilmington Conference is scheduled for July 26th through August 1st. Students who have finished 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to go. Our own Monica Bentley will be serving as girl co-president this year. If you are unable to attend Wilmington Conference, please consider attending an alternate conference. Ask Sarah Wilhoit, Alexis Garybush, or Matt Pence who all attend other conferences.

Camp Miami Chi Rho Camp is August 2nd through 8th. Student who have finished 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are eligible to go.

Advanced Conference is August 9th through 16th. It is for college through 29 years of age young adults. Our own Ryan Turner is serving as an advance officer this year and David Turner will be returning as faculty.

Applications for all camps may be downloaded from the Christian Church in Ohio website (www.cccinohio.org). Central will pay one half of each youth's application fee. If you don't have access to a computer, call the church office for a paper copy. All camp applications and a check made out to 'Central Christian Church' for your half of your fee are due to the church office by **MAY 8th**. If your check is not with your application, it will not be sent on to Columbus. Scholarships are available for financial assistance with your fees. Check the state website or call the church office for details. No one will be denied access to go to camp!!! Questions – please call either Renita in the church office or Mary Lou Pence (434-8157). Renita will assemble everything and send applications and payment on to Columbus.

Adult Conference is June 15- 19. Northwest Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio.

General Assembly is July 29th – August 2nd. At the Indiana Convention Center.

Thoughts for the Week...

*People are influenced by how much I care
than how much you know.*



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

I was once told in a workshop by a communications “expert” that a church newsletter is not supposed to report what has already happened, but instead promote what is coming up. That makes sense. If someone reads about an event that has previously taken place, there’s no chance to participate in that event. However, if a church works hard at communicating opportunities for worship, fellowship, study and service – then people will know what is coming and can make plans to be a part of it.

I’m going to break that unofficial rule today by saying, ***“What a wonderful Easter Sunday we had!”*** With beautiful music by our Chancel choir, Laudate Ringers, and the beautiful acapella ensemble (not to mention the hymns of Easter), our worship was filled with joyous sounds. Thank you to all of our musicians who invest their time and talent so we might enjoy the quality of music we experienced on Easter morning.

Another joy for me came when the curtain opened in the baptistery at the beginning of the service and I looked out over a near capacity crowd. There were many visitors and “out-of-town” family and friends with us – but Easter also tends to be a time when all our regular attendees happen to be in church on the same Sunday. How wonderful it was to see all your faces!

Years ago, at the close of an Easter Sunrise service, I invited those attending to come up to the chancel as I looked up at them from the floor beneath. It was intended to be a symbol of how we are all called to be witnesses of

the resurrection – messengers of new life. As I prepared to offer a closing benediction, I looked from face to face – individuals and families I knew and loved – and suddenly I could barely speak. I knew how many of them had suffered and grieved and struggled in the past year. But, on that Easter morning, with the sun streaming through the stain glass window behind them, there was reason to hope and reason to live.

Last Sunday, five young people from our congregation made their confessions of faith and were baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection. In a time of shrinking membership and other struggles in so many churches, it was a sign of hope for the future. As the large group of children gathered around the baptistery to watch, it was another sign of the life and joy God is bringing to Central.

Easter was indeed a beautiful day – with flowers, music, children, love and laughter. But the real joy comes in living in that joy throughout the year – through any and all the circumstances of everyday life. The real Easter joy is one that, despite all of the evidence to the contrary, insists that light is stronger than darkness, love is stronger than hate and life overcomes death once and for all.

Even as the first disciples discovered the Risen Christ walking with them in the days after Easter, I invite you to join us as we also seek him in our journey together. Easter was just the beginning. I can’t wait to see what God has planned for us next.