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Blood Drive

The Kentucky Blood Center is always in need of donations. Your Parish Nurse Ministry team invites you to donate blood at a Blood Center location, 3121 Beaumont Centre Circle or 3130 Mapleleaf Drive, and tell them you are giving on behalf of Central Christian Church.



God's Pantry is in a summer slump when donations are down. If you are able to give, we need cans of soup, fruit, and vegetables.

From Familiar Stranger to Friend

Have you ever heard the term, “familiar stranger?” It was a term first coined by Stanley Milgram in a paper he wrote in 1972. We all “know” familiar strangers—they are the people we see regularly but don’t really interact with or know their names. Perhaps you smile and make small talk, but find it awkward since you’ve never been introduced and don’t know the person’s name. You may be too embarrassed to ask now because of the passage of time.

That’s where name tags will help. If we all wear name tags while in church—in the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, the gathering area - we will have more confidence to hold conversations with someone because we can use his or her name. In time then, we will find these familiar strangers have become our friends.

Join us, beginning August 2, in wearing a name tag in church!



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Sunday in Worship

July 19, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,
preaching
Rev. Carolyn Richart,
leading worship
Bill Ogger, elder

11 a.m.

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Rev. Carolyn Richart,
leading worship
Pam Smith Beck and
Steve Rice, elders

Scripture: *John 6:24-35*

Connect:

Sunday services are broadcast live at 11 a.m. on WWTF-1580 AM and streamed on iHeart Radio. You may also listen to the sermon on our website at centralchristianlex.org. Look for us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralChristianLex>.

I hope you’ve been enjoying our *Summer of Scripture: A Book (Esther), a Chapter (John 6), a Story (David), and the Psalms.*

Other than “the Good Book,” what have you been reading this summer? I ask because I am always open to suggestions. The various tables around our house are littered with books and magazines.

While on vacation two weeks ago, I read British author Robert Harris’ *An Officer and a Spy*, a Christmas gift from Jennie’s brother and sister-in-law that finally rose to the top of the reading stack. A captivating work of historical fiction, it tells the story of the Alfred Dreyfus case, what Harris calls “the greatest political scandal and miscarriage of justice in history, which in the 1890s came to obsess France and ultimately the entire world.” I had never heard of it, but I am glad I have now. Dreyfus, a French Jew framed for treason by scurrilous higher-ups in the French army and intelligence Service, comes across as a Christ figure. Made a scapegoat for others’ sins, Dreyfus was ultimately vindicated by the gradual repentance and courage of Georges Picquart, an officer and spy whose courageous advocacy on Dreyfus’ behalf led to his own

persecution before both he and Dreyfus are vindicated. It read to me as a gritty reflection on what it means to “do justice and love mercy.”

Adam Hamilton, Senior Minister of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection outside Kansas City, recently released *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*. The opening chapters tell how and when the Bible was written, provide brief “tours” of the Old and New Testaments, and tell of the Jewish rabbis’ and church’s wrestling with what books to include in Holy Scripture and why. There follows a thoughtful exposition of what it means to say the Bible is inspired and how people of faith may give the Bible its rightful place of authority without reading it literally. He then applies his interpretative lens to many of the vexing questions that divide Christians, such as how ought science and faith inform our reading of the creation in Genesis? What do we make of what sounds like divinely-sanctioned genocide in books like Joshua and Judges? Is Jesus the only way to salvation? How does God view homosexuality and same sex marriage? How do we make sense of the Book of Revelation?

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Hamilton writes, "I love the Bible... and I wrestle with it. There are portions, if I'm honest, that I have questions about. There are statements on its pages that I don't believe capture the character and will of God. I'm guessing, if you're honest, you have questions, too." As one who does love the Bible, spends every day in its pages, seeks its directing for my life, and does have questions, I found this book a welcome dialogue partner.

Just yesterday I finished David Brooks' *The Road to Character*. Brooks, the respected *New York Times* columnist and frequent guest on *PBS News Hour* and *Meet the Press*, says, "I wrote this book not sure I could follow the road to character, but I wanted to know what the road looks like and how other people have trodden it." Some of the "other people" whose character he explores include Dorothy Day, Augustine, George Marshall, civil rights pioneer A. Philip Randolph, and social reformer Frances Perkins. The word that came to mind as I finished the book was "enobling." I'd like to be like that when I grow up.

So, what have you been reading lately?

Contact Rev. Elizabeth King with Pastoral Care Information

Please note my number has changed since the last directory was printed. If you are trying to reach me with information related to the pastoral care of a church member, please call the emergency contact number, (859) 279-2177. Thank you, Elizabeth.

Kroger Community Rewards

Kroger Community Rewards program makes fund-raising for your favorite organization easy: all you do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Register your card once for your designated organization, which will get 4% of the total sale when you make any purchase using your Plus Card. If you need assistance registering your Plus card, bring it by our office and we will help. (Please call first.)

Here are our favorite organization numbers.

Central Music Academy : 12438

Central Christian Child Care Center : 10337

Foundation For Affordable Housing for St. James Place: 10915.

Central Music Academy Meets the Challenge

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to help Central Music Academy meet the \$30,000.00 challenge/matching grant. Because of an outpouring of generosity, the match has been met! As a result, we are in a better position to provide free private music lessons to children who qualify for free and reduced lunches. If you did not have an opportunity to donate, the opportunity still exists. Pledge cards and envelopes continue to be provided at the reception desk or feel free to talk with Josh Santana or Brenda Peterson. Don't forget the fundraiser, CMA ROCKS THE HOUSE, which will be held Friday, August 21 at the Loudoun House, 6 – 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50. An art auction will be held as part of the event.

Memorial Gifts

The following gifts has been given...

*In memory of
Lois Chan*

by
Carl & Elizabeth Wills

*In memory of
Robert Congleton and Bobby Congleton*
(for Central Music Academy)

by
Marian Congleton

*In memory of
Bruce & Myra Poundstone
Margaret Lucas and
Sgt. John Lucas USAF, MIA WWII*

by
John Poundstone
& Mary Lucas Powell

*In memory of
Rev. Milford Walters*
(for Faith Formation Ministry)

by
Phil & Lynn Gray
and family

*In honor of
Bobbie Thompson*
by
Alice O'Connell

Our Congratulations

To Mike and Susan Hubbard and the new additions to their family. The twins are Erlande (girl) and Erly (boy), born October 22, 2011, in Haiti. They were adopted by Rachel and Ryan Naylor, the Hubbards' daughter and her husband. They were welcomed by their parents and their brother and sister, Jack and Emma.

To Taylor Keene and Justin Waggoner who were married at Central, July 11, with Dr. Ray Holdren and Rev. Jack Keene co-officiating.

Youth Have Day at Kings Island Tuesday, July 28



The young people of Central will travel to Kings Island for the day on Tuesday, July 28. We will leave at 8 a.m. from the church and return around 9 p.m. that evening. The cost of \$30 covers your ticket and transportation (meals and snacks are not covered). This year we are also including elementary age young people when accompanied by a parent or other adult. Please contact Rev. Chad for more information or to RSVP at (859) 233-1551 or chadsnellgrove@gmail.com.

Our Sympathy

To Judy Walters and family in the death of her husband, Rev. Milford Walters. Milford formerly served Central Christian Church as the Minister of Education.

Yoga Workshop Offered in August

Throughout the month of August we offer you the opportunity to explore yoga as a spiritual practice. Megan Murph, a student completing her registered yoga instructor training, will lead us in a six week restorative yoga workshop. Sessions will be Wednesdays, August 12, 19, and 26 at 7 p.m., and Saturdays, August 15, 22, and 29 at 11 a.m. We hope you'll attend one or all.

Parish Nurses' Lunch and Learn Presents Importance of Measles Vaccine

Central's Parish Nurses will be hosting a luncheon on Sunday, August 2, after the 11 a.m. worship service. They will be showing a video on the importance of the Measles vaccine. Lunch is \$6 and child care can be provided if needed. Please call the church office for reservations (233-1551).

Ice Cream Social
Sunday, July 26, 4-6 p.m.

Here's the scoop! Ice cream, swimming, more ice cream, paddle boats, games and more ice cream!

Pepperhill Farm
(1127 Bakers Lane, Nicholasville)

Bring:

- an ice cream topping
- your swimsuit and towel - if you want to swim
- a picnic for your family - if you want to picnic.