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HUB Classes for the Fall



HUB Classes are short commitment opportunities to learn about topics and issues that are going on in the life of the church. Enjoy the good food and fellowship of the HUB dinner and the class which follows. Here are the opportunities this fall.

- * Seedleaf: September 16-October 7 - Hear about this important non-profit in the heart of Lexington that is making a difference in the areas of food and community.
- * Food and Faith with Dr. Wilson Dickinson (Transylvania University) - October 14-28: Based on a presentation that Wilson made at the General Assembly, this class will explore the connections between the food we consume and produce and the faith we seek to live out each day.
- * Easing Chronic Pain with Revs. Jeannette Lucas and Elizabeth King - November 4-18: This class will discuss chronic pain and explore ways to ease and manage it. We invite, to this group, those who live with chronic pain and their loved ones or friends who are eager to be helpful to them.

October Men's Breakfast

Central launched a new Men's Ministry on Saturday morning, September 12, with 41 men enjoying a bountiful breakfast and hearing Dr. Wayne Bell reflect on the major influences, hardships, and joys of his life.

The next breakfast will be Saturday morning, October 10, 8:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Warren Featherston. Chef Dean Aden and crew will be serving up the meal. All men of the church are encouraged to attend.

Questions? Contact Rev. David Shirey at (859) 233-1551.



Sunday in Worship

September 27, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,
preaching

Rev. Chad Snellgrove,
leading worship

Bill Ogger, elder

11 a.m.

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preaching

Rev. Chad Snellgrove,
leading worship

Connie Hubbard and
Hank Sneed, elders

Scripture:

James 1:17-27

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>.

Central's 33rd Habitat House is to be dedicated on Thursday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m., at 789 Burgess St. Built in cooperation with other Disciples churches in Lexington, this will be the home of Alexandre and Kashindi Lusembe and their four children. Alexandre and Kashindi are refugees from the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Months ago, I was scheduled to offer a lunchtime devotional on the second Friday of September. So it was that I went to the build site on Friday, September 11, the fourteenth anniversary of 9/11.

That morning, a colleague texted me that his morning devotional had been Psalm 11. It begins, "In the LORD I take refuge... for look, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

I asked the workers to share with one another what they were doing when "the foundations were destroyed" fourteen years ago. No one had difficulty remembering. We all remember days of destruction: 9/11. The Challenger explosion. The day JFK was assassinated. Pearl Harbor.

Alexandre recalled with vivid clarity where he was on September 11, 2001. "I was in a refugee camp in Africa," he said. He was fleeing for his life from the war-ravaged Democratic Republic of Congo.

After hearing Alexandre's story, I encouraged the Habitat workers to always remember this 9/11 when they put the final touches of trim and paint on a secure home in a safe place for a couple who had spent that "first" 9/11 in a distant refugee camp with no place to lay their heads.

The Psalmist asked, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

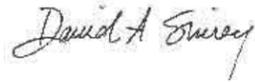
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From David Shirey,

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Answer: The righteous can give themselves to pouring new foundations and building upon them, a bold and faithful sign that *construction*, not *destruction*, will have the last word.

All the workers said *Amen*, we broke the bread of lunch together, and went back to work.



Bread For the World Offering of Letters

Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters campaign engages churches and people of faith in writing letters to Congress. For 2015, the Offering of Letters focuses on feeding children in the U.S. One in five American children lives in a family that struggles to put food on the table. Access to nutritious food throughout the year is essential to children's health, learning, and growth.

There will be a table in the Gathering Area on October 4 and 11 with more information and the supplies needed to write letters to our elected officials. We will bring our letters forward during the offering time on October 18. Central Christian is a Bread for the World congregation. You can learn more about Bread for the World and issues of hunger by visiting the website www.bread.org.

Rev. Chad Snellgrove Called as Pastor of White Oak Pond Christian Church

It is exciting and bittersweet that Rev. Chad, Central's Minister of Faith Formation, has been called to lead the congregation of White Oak Pond Christian Church. This historic congregation in Madison County has been worshiping since 1790.

Rev. Chad's last Sunday at Central will be October 11. After the 11 a.m. worship service, there will be a reception in his honor.

We will miss Chad (and his daughters, McKenzie and Emory) and remember, with gratitude, his years of ministry with us, particularly with the children and youth. We pray God's blessing on him and his ministry with the good people of White Oak Pond Christian Church.

Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy, as a congregation, to the following people:

Rich and Casey Cowden in the death of Gina Cowden, wife and mother.

Sarah and Bud Hall in the death of their dear friend, Margaret Terry.

Ray Holdren in the death of his brother-in-law, Frank Quinto.

Connie Hubbard and Liz Huffman in the death of Connie's father, Lee Hubbard.

Shawn and Joey Mastin and family in the death of their father, Joe Mastin. Joe and his wife, Edna Mastin, were long-time custodians at Central.

Eva Rice in the death of her dear friend, Ruth Vaughn.

Linda Sutherland in the death of her uncle, Louie Gagle.

Letter to Central Christian Church From Mollie Sawyer, Director of Operations and Finance

I was thinking and praying about transitions the Sunday morning after accepting the position here at Central. It occurred to me that we have so many transitions in our lives: leaving our parents, graduating college, finding a career path, getting married, children, buying a home, welcoming grandchildren, and retiring. These transitions are a beginning in a way. Even the transitions that come through heartache like divorce, losing a family member or friend, or losing a job can be a new path set before us. My thoughts kept racing to the story of Noah for some reason; what a trusting transition he and his family made. It puts life in perspective doesn't it? In my prayers that Sunday morning I heard God saying that transitions may be challenging but peace and grace will be with us, guiding us along the way.

God has asked that I take on a new journey but I realize that God has asked the same of all of you. It will be a prayerful journey, a joyful one, a somewhat uneasy one at times, but I am willing to put my trust in God that he will see it through; it is my hope that you do too. So as I transition into my new responsibilities here at Central, I ask for your prayers, your support, your guidance and most of all your trust.

I have a dove charm that I wear to remind me that the peace of God is with me but it also reminds me of Noah and how he trusted God to always show him the way. Each day I prayerfully trust God to keep me close to him so that I may do his will. I am ready to transition onto my new path that God has shown me to be good. I can't wait to walk this path with you.

Please feel free to stop by my office to chat or just to introduce yourself. I would love a chance to reacquaint myself with the family (my family) of Central.

May our Lord guide our steps together.

I am your friend in Christ,
Mollie Sawyer



Halloween Carnival

Bring a friend and plan to attend Central's Halloween Carnival Sunday, October 18. Children will begin trick-or-treating at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be provided at 5 p.m. The Building Community team requests donations of candy and decorations. Volunteers are also needed to help make this a fun event.

To volunteer please contact Teri Teesdale or Rev. Elizabeth at the church office (859) 233-1551.