

The Link

The Disciples Women's Newsletter Central Christian Church June 2015



Garden Tour and Lunch

On June 13th Central's Disciples Women sponsored a Garden Tour and Lunch as an end of the year fund raiser. We were blessed with beautiful weather and about 30 women enjoyed a tour of two gardens. Some traveled in the church bus driven by Steve Rice and others traveled by car.

Central member, Judy Ogger conducted a tour of the historical formal gardens at Ashland, the home of Henry Clay, and later ladies toured the beautifully landscaped garden of Karen and Dick Miner on Queensway Drive.

After the tour they returned to the church to have a delicious salad lunch provided by DW members.

Entertainment was provided by pianists, Josh Adelman and Kelvin Myers, students at Central's Music Academy.

A special prayer for DW, Central and the women of the world was offered by Jennie Shirey and long time Central member, Ruth Woodward, was honored for being a pioneer in raising the status of women in the church. Ruth is a former CWF/DW president and one of the first women elders at Central.

Jan Ehrmantraut and Sally Paulsell installed
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A Word From *Elizabeth*

Two beautiful roses have decorated our office this past week as a reminder of the joy and life and good in our busy-ness. It's easy to become so occupied hurrying from hospital visit to nursing home visit to meeting to another meeting to "put out fires" that I leave work many days feeling like I haven't gotten anything done because I barely touched the things on my to-do list. I love my work. I think most of us do. But sometimes I forget how much I love it because I'm too busy doing it to take notice of it.

Last Friday, The Lafayette held a clergy appreciation lunch so Chad and I had the opportunity to have lunch with Ruth Kitchen and Johnny Creech. What a good time! After a good lunch and wonderful discussion, the coordinator of the event came by our table to welcome us and she told us we were welcome to take the center piece. Chad was leaving town, Ruth and Johnny insisted they didn't need the flowers, so I won the draw and brought the flowers back to the office. All week they have made me smile. I'm grateful for them because they make me pause, even if for just a second, to be mindful of my work and the people I get to spend time with and the beauty of it all.

So grateful to be in ministry with you.



the new DW officers for 2015-2016. They include: Co-Presidents – Joan Kolpek and Cindy Miller, Corresponding Secretary – Marlene Young, Treasurer – Peggy Pace and Bonnie Steele as Church Women United Representative

Circle Representatives on the DW board are: Circle 1 – Nancy Morris and Phyllis Parker, Circle 8 – Dale Moore and Circle 15 – Anne Taul, Pam Hammonds and Kate Covington. Caroline Stanfill serves as a friend of the board and attends meetings and participates in our fundraisers..Rev. Elizabeth King serves as staff liason..

Marilyn Botkin and Sally Paulsell are taking a much deserved break and will not be serving on the new board. Their presence will certainly be missed.

After the installation of officers, outgoing DW President, Nancy Morris, was surprised when she was presented with a memory book with cards of good wishes as well as gifts cards in honor of her 4 years as DW President.

Appreciation was expressed to Judy Ogger and Karen Miner for offering the gardens to tour, to Steve Rice our bus driver and to DW members for decorating and providing the lunch. The members of the DW board were given pots of flowers for their own gardens in appreciation for their past service.

This very pleasant affair netted \$735 to be used for DW's mission projects.



One Remarkable Lady
By Nancy Morris

If you have ever seen a lady wearing a straw hat working in Central's Cloister Garden that is probably Central member, Sandra Welleford. Caring for the flowers in the church garden is just one of Sandra's many interests. Sandra has much involvement in the church and community.

Sandra volunteers as an usher for UK's Singletary Center and the Opera House. She is a talented artist who works at Artist's Attic and her work has been presented at several local showings. She is a crafter as well. Her beautiful hand painted silk scarves were very popular items at our recent Time and Talent Auction here at the church.

Sandra is active in DW's Circle 15 and has been a deacon and has held offices in DW in the other churches she has attended. She has been a member of Central since 2001 but her connection with Central goes back further than that because she and her late husband Bob Welleford married in Central's chapel in 1959.

Sandra is part of a large family from Eastern Kentucky, she lived in Winchester as a teenager and eventually ended up in Hopkinsville in western Kentucky. She and her husband moved to Hopkinsville where he had accepted a position as an occupational therapist. He later served at Fort Campbell as supervisor of the Arts and Crafts Department for 27 years.

They moved to Lexington in 2001 when Bob entered into Hospice care during his struggle with cancer. He passed away in 2002.

Sandra discovered eight years ago that she had breast cancer which moved to her brain. The doctors tell her that she is stable now. She accounts her recovery to lots of prayers given in her behalf, her therapy, her positive and determined attitude and her interest in art and music. She has had four surgeries and even now has infusions and scans regularly and keeps on going.

She is surrounded by a loving family . . . her children, Diane and Rob and her seven grandchildren . . . ages 18-26. Diane and her husband Dan Ballard and their daughters Rachel and Rebecca are active members of Central. Sandra is also related to Gary Hammonds, another member of Central. So activities at Central are a family affair for Sandra.

Even though Sandra continues to deal with serious health issues she stays active working in Vacation Bible School, where she uses her years of experience as a teacher. She has attended the DW Quilt Retreat for the last four years. In late October of last year she and her friend, Mary Ann Overly, traveled to the Church World Service Headquarters in Maryland and took eight big boxes of health and school supplies donated by Central members.

If you don't already know Sandra please introduce yourself to this remarkable lady – if you can catch her. She will very likely be the lady in the straw hat, carrying a basket and wearing a sweet smile on her face. She is a person with a beautiful spirit who serves as an example to all of us on how to deal with the bumps we all encounter in life while continuing to give what we can of ourselves to our family, church and community.

2015 Disciples Habitat House Under Construction



Jenny Shirey and Susan Hubbard plan for lunch

The house will be the new home of Alexandre Lusembe and Kashindi Allexandre and their three children. This family has spent more than a decade in refugee camps after fleeing violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has already given the family new hope after years of struggle.



Paul Warner (Center) and Art Curtis (Right) man the Circle Saw

Kentucky Disciples Women's Retreats

Quilters and Knitters Retreat
July 6-9, Kentucky Leadership Center, Jabez, Kentucky

Disciples Women Fall Retreat
October 24-25, Barren River State Resort Park

Disciples Women Silent Retreat
November 13-15, Knob's Haven Resort Retreat House, Loretto, Kentucky

Registration forms available at the Regional Office, 1125 Red Mile Road, 859-233-2079

God's Pantry Needs Your Help

Summer is a difficult time for God's Pantry. People travel and volunteers are away. Food supplies often become short from the Warehouse. But the people that the pantry serves still need the emergency food.

Please consider doing some summer volunteer work in the pantry. Its hours are M-F, 2-4. Call Ann Thompson at 277-8282.

Food items are needed. Canned fruit and vegetables, soup and meals in a can such as beef stew are good. Simply place them in the blue barrel in Fellowship Hall by the stage. **THANK YOU!**



Meet June and Stuart Talbert

By Nancy Morris

Stuart Talbert is very familiar face that you see in church almost every Sunday. You might see him singing in the choir, adjusting a mike on one of the ministers or in the sound booth in the balcony overseeing Central's old and temperamental sound system. Stuart wears many hats at Central.

He has spent most of his life in Lexington but he was born in Danville and spent some years in Northern Kentucky. When he was a teenager his family moved to Lexington where his Dad was an associate professor of history at the University of Kentucky. Stuart and his family became Central members during this time.

Stuart attended Eastern Kentucky University and found himself involved in businesses dealing with sound. He worked at KET for more than thirty years before his retirement. He was Director of Transmissions Systems of Engineering for Kentucky's educational television station.

It is no surprise that Stuart, like his Dad, is interested in history and is considered the historian of Central Christian Church. Have a church history question? Ask Stuart. He also sings in the Chancel Choir, participates in the Adult Mission Trips, has served as a deacon and elder and trains and mentors the young men that work in the sound booth each Sunday.

Stuart was very instrumental in Central obtaining a place on a local radio station to broadcast our Sunday services. We have been broadcasting our services since the 1940's for our shut-ins, members who are on the road and the community at large. Prior to World War II there was just the one AM radio station; WLEX. We presently provide this service on WWTF-1580 AM at 11:00 am every Sunday morning. David Shirey gives a introduction and church news each broadcast.

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Central's Justice Ministry Network is beginning its work for 2015-16. If you feel a calling to work for justice in the Lexington community and beyond please contact Connie Hubbard (859-527-0186) or Jack Morris (273-0458). We can give you information on the Justice Network, answer your questions and share volunteer roles that we need to fill.

NOTICE
The Call, the Outreach Newsletter of Central, will not be published in July and August. The next issue will be in September.

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Most of Stuart's friends at Central thought he was going to be a confirmed bachelor but we didn't know that he had been participating in a singles group at Trinity Methodist Church. There he met a young woman named June Akers. In 2001 Stuart and June married in the Chapel at Central and have been happily married for 14 years.

June was raised in Lexington where she graduated from UK and later worked at the Health Department as a food inspector. She joined Central and has been active in Circle 1, served as a member of the Property Committee and volunteer's in God's Pantry. June also enjoys being a master gardener and working at the UK Arboretum. She has less and less time for this lately, however, because she and Stuart are always traveling.

Together they have traveled all over the world. . . to Australia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Canada, Europe, including Scotland, England and Ireland, to name just a few. They especially enjoy river cruises and train rides through beautiful and interesting places. I know they took a cruise on a steamship down the Mississippi River. How cool is that?

I would call them master travelers because they take several trips a year by plain, ship, train, or bus to places far away and places closer to home, such as, New York City and Washington DC. I think you can call them perpetual learners as well as they explore history and culture through their travels.

Whenever they are at home Stuart enjoys ham radio and anything involved with electronics and June and Stuart love movies and old time radio. Then there are their pets. Their pet menagerie consists of a cute little dachshund, Audrey, who is named after Audrey Hepburn, of course, their poodle, Sara Belle, and their calico cat, Ginger.

Above all June says they cherish all their family and friends. After the deaths of their parents and personal illnesses she said their family and friend and the church were supportive and that meant a great deal to them.

When you see Stuart please thank him for all of his years of service as the "Sound Expert" at Central. Being able to hear the words spoken and the hymns sung and the prayers given is very important to all, especially the older members of the congregation. Being able to hear allows all of us to have a complete worship experience. We are greatly indebted to Stuart and his sound engineers for this.

You can also thank these sound engineers who work in the sound booth on Sunday morning: Bob Edward, Dietrich Hubbard, Herman Bratcher, Mike Bratcher, Addison Hughes, Grand Holcomb, Bryon Bell and Steve Rice.

I hope you enjoyed learning more about another interesting couple who are dedicated to Central and who are loyal supporters of its mission in the world.

ATTENTION CENTRAL BOOKWORMS

By Nancy Morris

Central member, avid reader and book club member, Peggy Pace, has given us a list of her recommendations for summer reading. They are; *The Breeding Ground* by Sally Wright; *The Lady* by Judy Higgins (a local author); *The Yellow Crocus* by Laila Ibrahim; *Orphan Train* by Christine Klein; *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini; and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Holden. This last selection has been made into a play that won the Tony Award this year. This has motivated Peggy to reread this book which she first read in 2006. She is currently reading *Collision* by William Cohen who was the Secretary of Defense under Bill Clinton. She says this book is so intriguing that she can hardly put it down.

For all of you scientific types and people who love history I would suggest two books that I have read this summer; *The Wright Brothers* by my favorite author, David McCullough and another book from the same historical era; *Eiffel Tower* by Jill Jonnes.

Both authors are wonderful story tellers who give an account of Orville and Wilbur Wright and Gustave Eiffel and their amazing contributions to the world. Their books are packed with fascinating detail and gave tribute to their subjects as ethical men with moral convictions as well as scientific geniuses which made their stories more interesting to me.



Staff Appreciation Lunch 2014

DW Year in Review 2014-2015



James Lane Allen Teacher Lunch

August

Served James Lane Allen School Faculty/Staff Lunch the day before school opens
Collected school supplies for James Lane Allen

September

Collected and delivered 8 boxes of school and health supplies for Church World Service

October

Participated in Bread for the World Offering of Letters
Supplied Candy for church Halloween party
DW Fall Retreat Anne Taul and Jeanette Knowles attended

November/December

DW Bake Sale James Lane Allen Mitten Tree Participated in Angel Tree that served 65 Children

January/February

Circle 15 Soup Drive for God's Pantry (1000 cans) Church World Service Blanket Drive (\$1339)
Participated in Quiet Retreat

March

Time and Talent Silent Auction and Chili Cook Off raised over \$7000 (Youth Mission Trips \$2000, Adult Mission Trip \$2000, Disciples Mission Fund \$2000)

April

DW Spring Conference 15 in attendance from Central DW

May

Collected Sewing and Crafts Materials for Prison Ministry at the Federal Prison (2 carloads)

June

Garden Tour and Lunch raising \$735 for mission projects Honored CWF/DW/Central Pioneer Ruth Woodward

Other DW Giving 2014-2015

Opportunity School for Women	\$100
Victims of Human Trafficking	\$100
International Disciples Women	\$100
Mexico Project of Woman to Woman	\$100
Central Members Crisis Fund	\$200
Central Music Academy	\$100
Un. Of the Congo Medical School	\$100

Total DW Giving 2014-2015

\$10,259

This is the second year in a row
that DW giving has surpassed
\$10,000