

The Link

The Disciples Women's Newsletter Central Christian Church September 2015

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Central's Helping Hand program can always use supplies for the blessing bags they prepare and have available for those who come to the church with needs.

Supplies needed: (Small sample sizes are good.)

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Mouth rinse

Lotion

Snack Bars

Makeup for Women

Small mirrors

Socks

Gloves

Pocket calendars

You can collect these items with your children and bring them to the church and place them in the marked box at the reception desk.

God's Pantry needs our help in keeping their shelves stocked with cans of nutritious food for the people they serve. Cans of vegetables such as green beans, tomatoes, corn, turnip greens, beets and canned fruit such as peaches, pears, applesauce, fruit cocktail and pineapple would be popular choices. You can help by bringing your contributions to church and places them in the blue barrel in Fellowship Hall. The food you and your family like are usually the food the people that come to the pantry like.

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A Word From *Elizabeth*

I'm sad to see Chad go. We have said goodbye to many staff members over the last year and a half and I'm feeling weary of goodbyes. Many of you have expressed your gratitude to Chad and you've also expressed your care for David and me as the two of us remain to provide ministerial leadership at Central.

In the midst of these losses and transitions I'm feeling grateful for the spirit of volunteerism. It is uplifting not simply because your help will make it possible for David and me to do our jobs well, but because it says something about your investment in this place.

This afternoon when I thanked Nancy West for handling the money box for Lunch Bunch as she has done for me for years, she said to me, "I'd do anything for family." I love it. I love hearing you claim Central as your family and seeing you invest in its life.

Grateful to be in ministry with you,
Elizabeth

Meet Cindy Miller and Joan Kolpek The New Co-Presidents of Disciples Women



Cindy and her husband Joe have been members of Central for three years now. They moved to Lexington from Madisonville where Cindy was a nurse and Joe was a hospital administrator.

Both are retired now and have become very active in the life of the church. Joe and Cindy attend Bob Botkin's Sunday School class, are members of the Time, Talent and Treasure Focus Team and attend the classes provided by HUB on Wednesday evenings. Joe is involved in the Room in the Inn program and occasionally spends the night there with other volunteers.

Cindy attends the Creating Mindfulness group and of course is active in Circle One. She, along with Kate Covington worked very hard organizing our major fundraiser the Time and Talent Auction. Cindy also supervises the young acolytes every Sunday morning and urges them down the aisle just at the right time during the worship service.

Cindy is the mother of Joe III and Will. Joe III and his wife Laura are members of Central. Joe's daughter, Ella Rhea, age 9, was baptized recently and little baby boy, Jay, was dedicated a few weeks ago in the worship service. Cindy and Joe's son Will is a lecturer in Freshman Comp and the Humanities at Murray State University.



Joan moved to Lexington after graduating from Miami University and worked at Ashland Oil and Valvoline for five years and then met her husband, David.

They both were raised Presbyterian but after they married and moved to Birmingham, Alabama, they decided to attend the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which was right around the corner from them. Joan relates how hospitable the women of the church were to them and this meant a lot to Joan as a young, pregnant, woman who was new in town.

She and David liked the atmosphere at First Christian so when they returned to Lexington they decided to continue their membership with the Disciples. They have been members of Central for 25 years.

In the 1990's Joan was a Sunday School teacher for the preschoolers and was a member of the Mary/Martha Group. She also has spent many summers helping with Vacation Bible School. In addition she has served as treasurer and leader for Circle One.

Joan and David's son Kyle grew up at Central and was active in the Boy Scouts and earned his Eagle Scout badge. Now Kyle is 25, a recent graduate of UK, with a degree in Computer Science. He now works as a programmer for UPS at the Louisville Airport.

Empty nesters now, Joan and David stay very busy. David recently retired from IBM, spends much of his time supporting and taking care of their parents as well as being actively involved in Boy Scout Troop 473 of Southland Christian Church. He likes to golf and hike in his spare time.

In addition to volunteering in the Thrift Shop Joan is active in the Newcomers group. She occasionally works at Rupp Arena where there are special events.

Goals of DW's New Presidents

Both of DW's new presidents have strong ties to Central and a lot of experience in volunteering and getting things done. When they are asked what their goals are both agreed that the fellowship of the circles and the fact that the women of the circles take care of each other is very important to them and that they would like to foster more of this.

They would like for the women of DW to be involved in more "hands on" service projects and to concentrate more on the local needs of our church and community this year. Perhaps have parties for the

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New President's Goals

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residents in the Central Apartments and serving a dinner at St. James Place.

They want to continue DW's world mission work, such, as collecting hygiene and education kits as well as blankets for Church World Service and encouraging women to search for other ways to serve the world.

They want to encourage more women to be a part of DW circles and to look for more creative ways to use DW's financial resources.

We are looking forward to the 2015-2016 year under the leadership of these delightful and dedicated women.

Our new presidents will have the support of our ever faithful DW Board consisting of Marlene Young, Peggy Pace, Bonnie Steele, Phyllis Parker, Kate Covington, Pam Hammonds, Anne Taul, Dale Moore, Jackie Fiscus, Glenda Ross, Brenda Peterson and Nancy Morris. Caroline Stanfill is a friend to the board and Rev. Elizabeth King serves as the staff liaison.

Disciples Women's Retreats

Fall Retreat

This year the Disciples Women's Fall Retreat will be held on October 24 and 25 at Barren River State Resort Park. A registration form and fee of \$30 should be turned in by October 2nd. Call Elizabeth King for more information.

Marilyn Williams, current International Disciples Women's Executive Committee President, from Raleigh, North Carolina will be the retreat keynoter.

Scholarships may be available through the regional office. If you are interested in a scholarship, call Linda Jones at the Regional Office at (859) 233-1391.

Silent Retreat

The DW Silent Retreat will be held November 13-15 at Knobs Haven Retreat House in Loretto, KY. This event is limited to 15 women. \$90 covers lodging, meals and registration. The registration deadline is October 30th. See Cindy Miller or Joan Kolpek for more information.

We have several Disciples Women from Central attending these retreats and they look forward to you joining them.

Service Opportunities for The Whole Family

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Central's Thrift Shop is another mission project that you and your children can support. The shop can always use donations of clean used clothes, books, toys, puzzles and household items. The people from God's Pantry, the ESL classes and the neighborhood who shop there always appreciate a bargain. Your donations can be received on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 3 PM when the shop is open.

Collecting the education coupons from General Mills products for James Lane Allen School is something in which the entire family can participate. When you shop look for the coupons on boxes of cereal, Bisquik, taco products, etc. Bring the coupons with you to church and place them in the small box marked for coupons at the reception desk.

Make the spirit of giving a family affair.

Central's DW Circles

Circle 1, Bell/Burns Circle

Leader: Nancy Morris

Circle 1 meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 2:00 pm in room 210 of the Sanctuary Building.

Circle 8, Betty Jean Burke Circle

Leader: Marlene Young

Circle 8 meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am in member's homes.

Circle 15

Leader: Anne Taul

Circle 15 meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the church library



Church World Service School and Hygiene Kits for Refugees



It is very appropriate in these times of so many refugees all over the world, literally fleeing for their lives, that we as a church reach out to them and help them with their needs. Disciples Women invite you to help us in collecting supplies to make up school and hygiene kits for refugee children. There are tubs by the reception desk to receive your donations. There is a list of the needed items for each kit on the table nearby.

Again this year in late October, DW member Sandra Welleford and her friend, Mary Ann Overly, are making a trip to the Church World Service headquarters in Maryland to deliver our donations and then help putting them together in kits for shipping. DW is providing the bags for the kits. Before their trip to Church World Service last year Sandra and Mary Ann filled their car with 5 full and very heavy boxes of hygiene and school supplies from all of the compassionate Central members who donated to this cause. We ask for your prayers for Sandra and Mary Ann as they travel to represent our church in this very important mission.

Disciples Women will be accepting donations through the month of October.

School Kit Items

- One pair of blunt end metal scissors
- Three 70-count notebooks or notebooks 200-210 pages (No loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30 centimeter ruler (12")
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Hygiene Kit Items

- One hand towel measuring approx. 16"X28"
- One washcloth
- One wide-toothed comb
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush in original packaging
- Six standard bandaids
- PLEASE NO TOOTHPASTE

NOTE: The items listed above are for complete kits.

You can also donate several individual items for either or both kits.

DW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4-11

Bread for the World Offering of Letters.

October 12

Circle 15 meets at 6:00 pm

October 13

Circle 8 meets at 6:00 pm

October 21

Circle 1 meets at 2:00 pm at Richmond Place

October 24-25

DW Fall Retreat at Barren River Resort Park

November 13-15

DW Silent Retreat at Loretto. KY

Barton W. Stone



Insights from Central's History

In 1801 at the Canoe Ridge Revival an estimated 25,000 people gathered to hear sermons, sing and glorify God. One of the preachers at Canoe Ridge was, Barton Stone, a key leader in the Disciples movement, and the founding minister of Central Christian Church. Stone lived in the shadow of the American Revolution and carried in himself the love of liberty. This love of liberty is still evident in today's Disciples where no individual is subjected to the test of a creed, no congregation is ruled by an outside church authority and where having a variety of beliefs within the church community is a cherished practice.

Central begins its third century of service in 2016 (1816-2016)

Staff Luncheon at James Lane Allen Elementary School



Luncheon in 2013

On August 11th Central members served lunch to the hardworking and hungry faculty and staff at our community partner school, James Lane Allen. Disciples women asked Central members to volunteer donations of money for chicken and to make delicious salads and desserts. The congregation responded as they always do. Several Central members were also there to serve the lunch and to express their gratitude to the teachers and staff for their extraordinary efforts.

Our community Partner School is made up of 43% Hispanic children and it is located in the Gardenside neighborhood where many Hispanic families live. There is much need there so during the month of August school supplies are collected for the Family Resource Director to distribute to students as needed.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this effort. Please remember to keep these teachers and students in your prayers during the school year.

Church Women United

Church Women United will meet October 13th at Southern Hills Methodist Church, 2356 Harrodsburg Road. Marcey Ansley, Executive Director of the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center will be the guest speaker. Come and enjoy the fellowship of women from all denominations in our city. We will gather for refreshments at 9:30 am and the program will begin at 10:00 am. For more information contact Bonnie Steele.