

## Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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### 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's 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 will 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).

### 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 the office and we will help. Please call first (859) 233-1551. Here are our favorite organizations' numbers.

- Central Music Academy : 12438
- Central Christian Child Care Center : 10337
- Foundation For Affordable Housing for St. James Place: 10915.



### Sunday in Worship

August 2, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching  
Rev. Elizabeth King,  
leading worship  
Vickie Batzka, elder

11 a.m.

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Renee & Don Chase, elders

Scripture: *1 Samuel 15:34—16:13*

### 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](http://centralchristianlex.org). Look for us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralChristianLex>.

Don't forget to bring  
Donations for  
God's Pantry!

A few takeaways from last week's biennial General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Chad, Elizabeth, and I, along with a dozen others from Central, were in attendance with folks from Disciples congregations across the US and Canada.

**Greetings** Many of Central's past Resident Ministers asked us to bring their greetings back to you. All are doing outstanding ministry. Paul Tche was elected President of the Council on Christian Unity.

**Fondness** Central has a special place in many people's hearts across the life of this denomination. I can't begin to tell you how many people who, upon spotting my name tag and Lexington, KY, and learning I was ministering at Central, shared with me their tie to Central, their abiding fondness for you, and their prayerful best wishes for our future.

**Uncertainty** A resolution to set the 2019 General Assembly date was referred to committee for review due to the precipitous decline in attendance at recent assemblies. Our denomination's membership has dropped from over a million to 400,000 in the past two decades, a

new reality requiring us to re-imagine why and how often we assemble.

**Hope** I was gratified to see the number of young pastors who had leadership roles in the worship, learning, and business segments of the Assembly. I'm hopeful for the future of our denomination because of them.

**Learnings** I attended a two hour seminar each morning of the Assembly. Among the 50+ workshops, I attended ones focused on Communication Strategies, Best Practices for Effective Administration, and Creating Community in Small Groups. I came home with practical ideas for implementation at Central.

**Preaching** The two highlights for me were back-to-back sermons by the Revs. William Barber from NC and Adam Hamilton from Kansas City. Barber's prophetic word probing "the heart of America," marked by challenging content and soaring rhetoric, brought us to our feet and sent me home grateful for the opportunity to do ministries of justice and mercy in the urban core of Lexington. Hamilton's sermon

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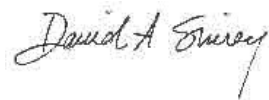
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complemented Barber's by reminding us that it takes two wings to soar ("Soar" was the Assembly theme) – a passion to do the gospel (social justice) as well as speak it (evangelism).

**Beauty** The worship services had their moments. The Columbus Children's Choir sang gorgeous *a cappella* pieces. A liturgical dance troupe included an adolescent girl with a luminescent smile that made my spirit soar. I could sing along heartily with most of the music. Long bolts of fabric colorfully lit made for a striking backdrop to the stage.

**Responsibility** I came home with a renewed commitment to give myself fully to Christ's service. Sunday night's worship is always marked by a scrolling through the names of pastors and spouses who have died since the past Assembly. I've reached the age where I recognize many of those names. I also had two of the most respected leaders of our church, Lester Palmer and Hal Watkins, say some things to me after the Pension Fund Breakfast at which I was honored to preach that instilled within me a resolve to receive the baton from their hands and "run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

**Home** Though it's good to get away for a while, it's always good to be back, and it's good to call Lexington and Central Christian "home."



#### **Come, Join the Progressive Christianity Class**

The Progressive Christianity Class is planning to study a book by Brian McLaren called *Everything Must Change*. The study will begin in the next few weeks. If you are interested, the class would love to have new members! Please contact Rob Bostrom, (859) 312-2232, if you have any questions. More information will follow in the *Chimes*.

#### **Our Sympathy**

To **Mary Blanton Cotton, John Cotton** and family in the recent death of Bruce C. Cotton, husband and father.

And to **Josephine Graham** and family in the death of her sister, Lois Hardin.

#### **Little Building Listing**

As a reminder of matters covered in our recent listening sessions, the church signed a real estate listing agreement to sell the Little building in March of this year. In the coming weeks you will see signage on this property which is part of that marketing effort. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Steve Smith, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

#### **School Year Begins Soon**

As we think about our friends at James Lane Allen School this Fall, please remember to shop for school supplies. The needs are: crayons, folders, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, and composition note books. By August 2 there will be a container in the welcome area for the supplies. The faculty, staff and children at the school appreciate your generosity.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, August 2 — Name Tag Sunday

12 noon Lunch 'N Learn: "Vaccines"

12 noon Elders Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

7 p.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

5 p.m. Property Ministry Meeting

6 p.m. Parish Nurses

7 p.m. Yoga Class

Saturday, August 15

11 a.m. Yoga Class

Monday, August 17

6 p.m. Disciples Women Circle 15

Wednesday, August 19

4:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

7 p.m. Yoga Class

Saturday, August 22

11 a.m. Yoga Class

Wednesday, August 26

8:30 a.m. Stewardship & Finance

7 p.m. Yoga Class

Friday, August 28—Saturday, August 29

Chancel Choir Retreat

Friday, August 28 – Sunday, August 30

Youth Ministry Architects

Saturday, August 29

11 a.m. Yoga Class

#### **Is Central Christian Church Your *Cheers*?**

"Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got.

Taking a break from all your worries sure would help a lot. Wouldn't you like to get away?

Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came.

You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same;

You wanna be where everybody knows your name."

*Cheers* Theme Lyrics by Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart Angelo

Many of us remember the sitcom popular in the 1980's and 1990's called *Cheers*. It was based in a bar by that name in Boston, but the show's stories were more about the close friendships among the employees and regulars of the bar. They knew each other, cared for each other, missed those that didn't come in when expected, and yes, kidded each other. But the point was, they felt like family. That's how we should feel about Central Christian Church, and extend that warm feeling to our "regulars" and visitors alike. But just like the *Cheers* gang, we first must get to know everybody's name. That's where name tags come in. If our regulars and visitors alike are encouraged to wear name tags, we will have no strangers, just a friendly place where everybody knows your name.

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

--- Donna Duncan

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