

## Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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The Loudoun House  
209 Castlewood Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505

Friday, August 21, 2015 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Come out to the 2nd Annual Central Music Academy Rocks the House for a fantastic evening of fun, food, music, and art at the Loudoun House! Guests will enjoy wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres in the historic building, while bidding on unique vinyl record artwork created by noted local artists. Musical entertainment will be provided by CMA students and teachers. Enjoy a fabulous evening supporting the arts and underserved youth in the community! Tickets are \$50.00.

### 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 are on Wednesdays, August 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.

### Sunday in Worship

August 16 2015

8:30 a.m.

Rev. Chad Snellgrove,  
preaching

Rev. Elizabeth King,  
leading worship

Vickie Batzka, elder

11 a.m.

Rev. Chad Snellgrove,  
preaching

Rev. Elizabeth King,  
DeAnn Stephens and  
Kamryn Blackburn,  
leading worship

Renee & Don Chase, elders

Scripture: *1 Samuel 17:32-49*

#### 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>.

Central will commemorate a major milestone next year. 2016 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation's founding. Planning is underway for a yearlong celebration. At a staff planning retreat in May, Barb and Don Stephens, Cindy Miller, Kate Covington, Julia Hall, and Lynn Gray joined the ministerial staff and Michael Rintamaa for a brainstorming session.

We asked, "What good could come from such a year?" and came up with 30 answers such as:

- New appreciation for Central's history
- Inspiration from specific stories of the past that inform our present
- (Re)discovery of our identity—what makes Central special
- Communication to the community re: who we are and what we have to offer
- A reawakening in ourselves of the importance of our mission
- Creation of a "hopeful suspense" about where God is leading us
- An artistic explosion and celebration
- Party! Celebration! Joy! A really big cake.

We came up with 39 responses to "What might we do?" including:

- Plan special music events
- Host a 200th Homecoming Week-end in the fall
- Create a Central Story Corps to record members' memories of our history
- Design a special logo
- Develop a yearlong "This Day in the History of Central" calendar
- Shoot fireworks off the bell tower (my favorite)

Last week, I met with a second group including Guy Waldrop, Bill Curwood, Sarah Meehan, Shelley Ferguson, and Jane Smith. With Kate Covington as our trusty scribe, we imagined desired outcomes for the year and then sketched out a possible framework for the twelve-month celebration. The team suggested one special program or event each month, at which we would emphasize an aspect or ministry of Central. January: *History*. February: *Beliefs and Identity*. March: *Lent and Easter*. April: *Music and the Arts*. May: *Education* (Midway, Transy, LTS). June: *Christian Unity*. July: *Outreach*. August: *Building* (its history and symbols). September: *Life Transitions*—weddings, births and baby dedications, baptism, death.

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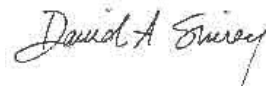
From David Shirey, continued from page one

How has the Central been transformative in *your* life? October: *Celebration*-- children, youth, looking toward the future. November: *Bicentennial Thanksgiving*. December: *Advent and Christmas*.

The group also pondered three special all-church meals including a spring banquet, a summer picnic at Cane Ridge, and an all Homecoming Weekend.

We concluded with two important catch phrases: The events should be "simple, elegant, and impactful" and "Beware of 200<sup>th</sup> fatigue" (Simplify the planning. Don't overextend ourselves!).

Nothing is set in stone. We're just getting started. Stay tuned. Your turn now: **What could our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme be?** Send your ideas to me at [dshirey@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:dshirey@centralchristianlex.org)



### 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 Cindy Simpson and family in the death of her mother, Shirley Osborne.

### School Year Begins

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. There is a container in the welcome area for the supplies. The faculty, staff and children at the school appreciate your generosity.

### Many Thanks

Virginia and Lee Browning would like to thank Jeanette Knowles, the Shepherding program, Rev. Shirey, and members of Central Christian Church for ministering to them in their time of need. "We are so grateful for all your help."

### Our Congratulations

To Lauren Ramsey and David Ridderikhoff who were married at Central, August 8, with Rev. Keith McAliley (Bridgeport Christian Church) officiating.

### New Merton Study Begins September 8

The Thomas Merton reading group will begin on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210. New members are very welcome. The group will read Merton's book, *The Sign of Jonas*, a journal he kept that tells us much about daily life in the Abbey of Gethsemani.

Please join us. For more information contact Bill Paulsell at 273-5821 or [wpaulsell@aol.com](mailto:wpaulsell@aol.com). The assignment for the first session is to read up to the March 30, 1947 entry.

### Great Opportunity!

Meet people from all over the world! Get to know people from right here in the Lexington downtown area as you help them find the shoes they need for comfortable walking, the jacket they need for warmth, or the card they can send to a sick friend--all at bargain prices!

A "Hospitality Center" disguised as a store, Central's Thrift Shop, is a place where you enjoy good conversation as you learn about the people who live in town, and shoppers learn about the Outreach Programs of Central Christian Church.

You are invited to be a "Wednesday or Thursday Volunteer" in Central's Thrift Shop--morning or afternoon shifts open. Morning--10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afternoon--1 to 3 p.m. If you are unable to be a regular volunteer, substitutes who are called each month are welcome. For more information contact Jeanette Knowles at (859) 554-5204, or [jeanettevalerie@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettevalerie@gmail.com).

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