

Central Christian Church

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Central's Outreach Mission: A Fresh Look

The church in all its manifestations is living in a world of extremely rapid change. Central is no different. The needs of our church neighborhood are changing, growth in the Lexington community is confronting us with new problems and new opportunities, and some of Central's resources to answer Christ's call to ministries of justice and mercy are greater, while others are less.

As Central approaches its third century of service (1816-2016), and in the midst of change, it seems like a particularly appropriate time to take a fresh look at our outreach mission.

Everyone is invited to bring their ideas and questions to a retreat on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Annex Building. Lunch will be provided and child care will be available upon request. Call the church office at (859) 233-1551 by Sunday November 8 to make reservations.



Sunday in Worship

October 18, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,
preaching
Rev. Elizabeth King,
leading worship

Pam Beck, elder

Sermon: "Where is God
When It Hurts?"

11 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,
preaching
Rev. Elizabeth King,
leading worship

Sara Moon and
David Nisbet, elders

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>.

The reception for Rev. Chad Snellgrove after the October 11 worship service gave us the opportunity to remember with thanksgiving his fifteen years of ministry at Central. Chad was pastor, mentor, friend, and encourager of a generation of children and youth. We wish him Godspeed as he commences his ministry at White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Richmond in November.

Our search for Chad's successor will proceed as follows: Central's Bylaws call for a Search Committee for an Associate Minister to be appointed by Julia Hall, Chair of the Administrative Board, in consultation with Kate Covington, the Moderator of the Congregation, and myself. In addition, Diane Ballard, Chair of the Faith Formation Ministry Area, shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

The Search Committee will list our desires for the faith

formation of Central's children, youth, and adults. It will evaluate Central's current staffing structure in light of those desires and develop a job description(s) that will enable us to staff for outstanding Christian Education and Youth Ministry. We will then seek the names of qualified candidates from The Rev. Greg Alexander, Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky, and any other sources who may be helpful in our search.

The Search Committee may also invite the counsel of Youth Ministry Architects. YMA is the nationally respected organization whose consultants, Lesleigh Carmichael and Laura Addis, met with Central youth, parents, and staff over the August 28-30 weekend. They provided a 19-page report that outlines a way ahead for

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From David Shirey,

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building a sustainable youth ministry; this report is available in the church office or online at <http://tinyurl.com/YMA2015>. We will be building a task force to begin the process of implementing their plan. Please let Faith Formation Ministry Area `Chair Diane Ballard know if you would like to be a part of this important.

Be assured that our Faith Formation Ministry Area, chaired by Diane Ballard and including Nancy Albright, Pam Beck, Ashley Orr, Jennie Shirey, and Jerry Sumney, is already taking steps to ensure the smooth continuation of all our Faith Formation and Youth activities (KidsCentral, Sunday school, childcare, Worship & Wonder, youth groups, and HUB) during the transition from Chad's departure to the arrival of new staff.

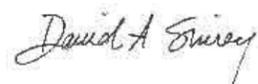
Concurrent with this search, Mollie Sawyer and I, with the staff's input, are developing a job description for a Communications position at Central. We will seek the involvement and counsel of lay members gifted in the area of Communications and will soon begin the search for a qualified candidate. Areas of responsibility will include the Chimes, Sunday bulletin, and web site as well Central's social media presence (Facebook). This individual, working with a to-be-formed Communications Ministry Area, will also help us develop consistent print and graphic standards as well as a unified communications strategy.

Lastly, Mollie and I are preparing to launch a weekly Friday morning email blast that will keep you informed on what is happening on Sunday and during the upcoming week, including contact

information for how to register or be involved.

All of this is to assure you that the staff and I are committed to keeping you informed and up-to-date during this season of transition at Central.

In Christ,



Love Offering for Rev. Chad Snellgrove

Last Sunday, October 11, Rev. Chad Snellgrove completed his 15-year ministry with our Central Christian Church in order to accept a new call as Pastor of White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Richmond, KY.

If you would like to express your personal gratitude for Rev. Chad's ministry, we will receive, in his honor, a love offering that will be sent to him in thanksgiving for all he has meant to our congregation and a generation of Central's children and youth.

Please place your check in the offering plate or mail it to Central Christian Church, 219 E. Short St., Lexington, KY, 40507, in care of Lynn Gray. Write *Chad Snellgrove* in the memo line. We will receive the offering through the end of October.

The following gifts have been given to Central Christian Church:

In memory of
Bill Holcomb
(for the Building Fund)
by
David Nisbet

Bread for the world offering of letters

Matthew 14:16 — "Jesus said to them,
'they need not go away,
you give them something to eat.'"



On October 18 we will bring our signed and stamped letters forward during the offertory. These letters are written to our representatives in Congress. We are asking Senator Rand Paul, Senator Mitch McConnell, and Representative Andy Barr to support feeding programs and nutrition programs for children at the federal level. In the United States, one in five children lives in a family that struggles to put nutritious and sufficient quantities of food on their table. Congress can change that statistic if they want to change it; our letters have helped in past years, and will help again to change how kids are fed. In the richest country in the world, kids should not go hungry. Those of us who work in God's Pantry can attest to the magnitude of the hunger issue in our county, city and nation.

If you need additional information, please contact Jim Cecil at (859) 339-2240, (859) 271-9684, or by email at jimcecil@gmail.com. Information concerning world hunger statistics and bread for the world can be found at www.bread.org.



There's Still Time!

Join the Adult Mission Trip New Orleans, November 1-7

We are anticipating a very special Adult Mission Trip this year to New Orleans on the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. We will be partnering with New Orleans Habitat for Humanity to rebuild housing in this recovering disaster area. We will be staying at Westside Christian Church (DOC). In addition to working hard, we plan to visit the Lower 9th Ward devastated by Katrina, the French Quarter, the World War II Museum, a unique local cemetery, and perhaps picnic on Lake Pontchartrain.

There is always meaningful work to be accomplished by our volunteers, with and without construction skills. For more information, contact Steve Rice, (859) 260-8895.

Our Sympathy

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

Aida Ackall and family in the death of her aunt.

Judy Regan and the **Regan family** in the death of her husband, Terry Regan.

Chuck Spillman and family in the death of his brother, Mark Spillman.

Carolyn Richart and **Art Gundry** in the death of her aunt and his sister-in-law, Barbara Jones.

Family and friends of **Anne Riley** in her recent death.

The Next Chimes

In order for articles to be considered for the October 28 issue of the *Chimes*, please submit them to Lynn Gray by October 22. Lynn's email address is lgray@centralchristianlex.org.



Upcoming HUB Classes

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 beginning at 5:45 p.m. and the class which follows at 6:30 p.m. Please call the church office to make dinner reservations (859) 233-1551. Here are the upcoming classes.

- * Food and Faith with Dr. Wilson Dickinson (Transylvania University) - October 14-21-28: 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 4-11-18: This class will discuss chronic pain and explore ways to ease and manage it. Please see more details in the subsequent article.

Congratulations

To Elizabeth Marinaro and Jonathan Marefat who were married at Central, September 26, with Rev. Chad Snellgrove officiating.

To Walter and Shelley Ferguson who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 7.

To Meg Phillips and Tristan Thompson who were married at Central, October 10, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.

Learning to Ease Our Chronic Pain in Collaboration with Our Loved One or Friend

If you are dealing with chronic pain or in relationship with someone who is, we invite you to join us November 4, 11, and 17, at 6:45 p.m. in Room 211. We know that living with chronic pain can lead to feelings of powerlessness and you may feel at a loss for how to help yourself or your loved one cope. We will explore ways to use God’s gifts to ease and manage chronic pain.

On November 4, Jeannette Lucas will explore what pain involves and coping skills to lessen pain and continue to function meaningfully. We will experiment with some God-given tools to cope with pain for you alone or with your loved one’s help.

Elizabeth King, on November 11, will focus on the experience of family members, caregivers, and close friends accompanying people who live with chronic pain. We will explore the fatigue, grief, stress, and feelings of helplessness you may feel and consider ways to help you cope. We will also explore the effects of pain on relationships and discuss ways the person in pain and their loved ones can share this burden together.

On November 18, Jeannette Lucas will review the experiences and tools previously explored and engage in a prayerful imagery activity to ease our own or a loved one’s pain.



Don’t forget. Bring donations for God’s Pantry to church



Central Staff is “On the Move” Setting the tone for positive change

On the Move...it has many meanings doesn’t it? In the last *Chimes* publication, we told you about how the staff is moving our “headquarters” to the West Wing of the Watkins Building so that we may unify our operations. Well the move is complete! Helping Hands (our crisis care Outreach program) was part of that move and is now located in the East Wing, giving them a much bigger space to serve those in need. As we explore the wonderful ways we can effectively use our new space, we invite you to drop in for a visit.

Another move that is happening is a transformation in the way the Property Ministry handles cleaning, custodial needs, and maintenance of our properties. A vetted cleaning company has been hired to transition us into a more uniform and cost effective way of caring for what we have been given. In the process, a few of our current custodial/maintenance staff will be leaving us as we move towards a new way of caring for our facilities. Event and meeting set-ups will still be handled by our staff in order to make sure that we are providing all that is necessary to do ministry here at Central.

As we cultivate an attitude of gratefulness for our “moves” toward positive change, please pray for the staff and all our committees that we may all know the path God has set before us.

Mollie Sawyer, Director
Operations & Finance



St. James Place Phase I Renovation

For over twenty years, St. James Place has been providing clean, safe, and

affordable housing to previously homeless persons in Lexington. The Foundation of Affordable Housing, started by members of Central Christian Church, is grateful and honored to be the first recipient of a grant from the Lexington Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Harry Richart, Chair.

FFAH has been awarded \$403,000 for Phase I of our renovation of St. James Place original building. All the rooms, showers, public areas and kitchen on the first floor will be renovated in the first phase. If there are remaining dollars after this work is completed, we will expand our renovation to additional areas until all funds are depleted.

The Foundation will submit a second grant application to LFCUG in December for additional funds to continue our St. James renovations until the entire building has been completely renovated. This second project represents new, high quality furnishings for our residents' rooms and public areas that reflect and continue the Foundation's commitment to enrich the lives of those living at St. James Place.

Our continued thanks to Central Christian Church and its members for their support of the Foundation for Affordable Housing.

Sincerely,
Phillip N. Gray, President
Foundation for Affordable Housing

Welcome Our Guests

In addition to the guests who worship with us regularly, over the last few weeks we have had new guests worship with us.

Among those are: Thomas Blackwell and Karen Slack-Blackwell (our inspirational soloist on September 27); William Collis (former member); Suetta Dickinson; Sandra Duncan and Ginger Ford; Lola Foster; Bill and Beverly Fultz; Kenneth and Olsa Garrett; Gghobs Helton; Mollie Heron; Jeff and Judy Hilton; Rhonda Leedy and Amy Evans with children Elizabeth and Faith; Jordan and Arden Gross; Amber and Elizabeth Love with their children Ashton, Avery, and Aidan; Spencer Mancillas and his wife, Lindsey Burke; Judy Marcum; James Martin-Hurd; Rev. Carey McGuire; Kimberly Meier and her sons, Matthew and Michael, and friend, John Archer; Daniel Prater; Lyndsey Roe; Gaylene Stringfellow; Deana Strode; Jonathan and Sandy Thomas; Marian Whitehead; Jeff and Shannon Yates.

Please continue to be welcoming to all our guests.



Prescription Drug Plan Help

If your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan costs are going up for 2016 or if you are otherwise unhappy with your existing plan, go to the compare plans on the internet. The sign-up period is from October 15-December 7. If you would like a no-cost internet comparison conducted for you, call Steve Rice (859) 260-8895.

The State of the Pipe Organ

Central's Holtkamp pipe organ was built in 1960 and is thus now 55 years old. There are many significant problems because of its age, mainly regarding all of the leather that is in the construction design of pipe organs. Anywhere that air in a pipe organ has to travel, including to each individual pipe, involves the material of leather. The life expectancy of pipe organ leather is 50 years. There are already many individual sounds which cannot be produced because of failed leather, and we continue to live on borrowed time in general. We have not, however, been ignoring the problem. In fact, an organ committee was formed about eight years ago to formulate a plan. You can read more of this history, including who is on the pipe organ committee, on Central's website at <http://centralchristianlex.info/ministries/music-ministry/holtkamppipeorgan/>.

On Saturday, September 19, Dr. John Ferguson (the distinguished retired professor of organ from St. Olaf College in Minnesota) flew to Lexington and spent the day evaluating the state of our pipe organ and our sanctuary space in an initial visit as our organ consultant. The hiring of a world-famous organ consultant has been provided by an anonymous donor to help Central move this project along. Central's hospitality was given by Kate Covington, Michael Rintamaa, and David Shirey. Though the funds are not currently fully in place to provide for Central's pipe organ, the organ committee and the organ consultant are now unanimous that Central's pipe organ continue to be a Holtkamp pipe organ. Holtkamp is a family business. Our pipe organ was among the last built by Walter Holtkamp, Sr., and now his grandson, Chris Holtkamp, runs the company. In addition, the signature on behalf of the church on the original 1960 contract is Herb Sledd's. Wouldn't it be amazing if Herb Sledd would again be the signature on behalf of the church on the new contract? There are significant needs: enhancements so that the pipe organ can best serve congregational singing, enhancements so that the pipe organ can accompany the choir, and of course the construction so that our pipe organ will last for the next 50-75 years.

We're Still Collecting for Church World Service School and Hygiene Kits



Disciples
Women will

continue to accept donations for the Church World Service Kits through October. The collection bins are located at the receptionist's desk in the Welcome Area. We are hoping that we will have a carload of items for Sandra Welleford and Mary Ann Overley to deliver to the New Windsor, Maryland collection center. If you would like to make a donation, just choose an item or items from the list. Kits will be put together at a later date.



For *school kits* we need: blunt-end scissors, 70-count spiral notebooks, 12" rulers, large eraser, new pencils, and boxes of 24 crayons.

For the *hygiene kits*: hand towel (16" x 28"), wash clothes, wide-tooth combs, bars of soap (in wrapper), toothbrushes (in original package), and standard band-aids.

