



# The Chimes

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## Sunday in Worship

November 22, 2015

Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: *Mark 12:28-34*

8:30 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching

Rev. Elizabeth King,  
leading worship

Frank Dickey, elder

11 a.m.

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Donna Isaacs and  
Jim Cecil, 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](http://centralchristianlex.org).

Look for us on Facebook:  
[https://www.facebook.com/  
CentralChristianLex.info](https://www.facebook.com/CentralChristianLex.info)

This Sunday our *Growing Glad and Generous Hearts Stewardship Campaign* culminates in our offering our pledges for Central's bicentennial year during worship and a church-wide catered meal at Noon.

I've done thirty of these annual efforts now in churches from the east coast through the Midwest to the desert southwest. And I enjoy them. Seriously, I do.

Some ministers dread November's coming. The reasons abound. They don't like "talking about money." They don't like talking about money and then have people malign them for "always talking about money." They don't like talking about money because they feel like they are panhandling for their own salaries. They don't like talking about money because they haven't reached a peace with their own theology of stewardship. They are beset with personal financial stressors and are uncomfortable asking others to do something they currently cannot. Or they feel what someone gives to God is a purely individual matter and, like sex and politics, ought not be addressed out loud in church.

Count me grateful that early on in my ministry when I was introduced to stewardship campaigns for the first time, I was surrounded by lay men and women with glad and generous hearts who gave of themselves openly, selflessly, and even sacrificially. Cliff the barber and Edna his stay-at-home wife. Bill the toy store proprietor. Allene the pastor's wife. Violet the widow whose means were minimal but who managed the little she had well enough to provide for her aging mother until her mother's death, made a weekly gift to her church, and at her own death left a bequest to her congregation as well. I have also learned from my wife Jennie's parents, whole life stewards *par excellence*, my 26-year-old starving artist daughter Betsy who tithes to her Chicago congregation and called me the other day asking me to help her think through an appropriate gift to their upcoming Capital Campaign, and my wife Jennie whose quiet generosity and hospitality have grown me tremendously throughout the years in the art of giving.

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As I stood before the Giving Tree in the Welcome Center the other day, a phrase from Paul came to mind: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Cor. 3:6). Paul was talking about the planting and growing of churches, but I think his words apply as well to the planting and growing of generous hearts. We all had hearts planted in us at birth, put there to enliven us throughout our days. I'm giving thanks this week for all the people whose words and deeds have "watered" -- cultivated gladness and generosity in me. And I give thanks to God who has "given the growth" by surrounding me with all these people... and with *you*, dear Central. In my fifteen months I have fallen in love with this place and its people. May God give the growth this Sunday in all the ways that really matter.

*David A. Shirey*

### Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Anabelle Wright-Gatton & Carl Hallen** in the death of their daughter, Rosie.



### Memorial Poinsettias

It is again time to order memorial poinsettias. If you would like to participate in this Advent tradition, contact Lynn Gray at the church office at [lgray@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:lgray@centralchristianlex.org) or (859) 233-1551. The plants are \$20 apiece.

### 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.

## To Members of Central Christian Church From Sharon Samuel

After much thought and prayer, I have decided to retire at the end of this year in order to spend more time with my family and pursue other interests. Serving with the staff and members here at Central has been such a blessing to me. I will always treasure my time spent here, the love, support and friendship. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless you and your ministries.

Sincerely, Sharon

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." *Philippians 1:2-3*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a reception honoring Sharon, held in Fellowship Hall, following the 11 a.m. worship service on December 27.

### New Communication Tools

We are pleased to deliver to you weekly Friday afternoon news from CCC. This email "blast" is meant to keep you informed for the immediate weekend and week ahead. It is also to let you know what kinds of things have happened at CCC the Monday through Friday you receive the news. Different from the *Chimes*, this is meant to give everyone a one week window, a broad perspective on the many things that keep CCC ministering all week long!

You will also receive on Wednesdays a weekly "Let's Go Deeper" message from Senior Minister, David Shirey. This will be a devotional, spiritual, meditative, prayer, or study message meant to reflect on the past Sunday's message, and/or anticipate the upcoming Sunday's message. If you are not receiving this email contact Lynn Gray at [lgray@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:lgray@centralchristianlex.org).

# A Change Is Gonna Come

## ADVENT 2015

HANGING OF THE GREENS: 11/28 8:30 a.m.  
Decorating the sanctuary and church building for Advent

EXPLORING MARY'S MAGNIFICAT: 11/29 at 9:30 a.m.  
Dr. Jerry Sumney (Bible) and Michael Rintamaa (Music)

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
A Change Is Gonna Come  
11/29 *In the Chaos*                      12/13 *In the Jordan*  
12/20 *In Bethlehem*                      12/27 *In this Child*

McDANIEL MEMORIAL CHORAL PRESENTATION: 12/6 at 11 a.m.  
*Magnificat*, music by Johnie Dean  
Chancel Choir & professional orchestra

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK PRAYER: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 at 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.  
Making Room for Change: Resting in Scripture  
*lectio divina* (guided meditation on Advent Scriptures)  
with Lisa Maas, Certified Spiritual Director

### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Salvation Army Angel Tree & Mitten Tree for James Lane Allen School 11/22 - 12/6  
Special Christmas Offering 12/6 - 12/20  
Alternative Giving Fair & Disciples Women Bake Sale 12/13  
(with PeaceCraft and fair trade products)  
Christmas Caroling 12/13 at 5 p.m.

LONGEST NIGHT: 12/20 at 5 p.m.  
A service of Remembrance and Healing

CHRISTMAS EVE: 12/24  
Family Service at 6 p.m.      Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Next Chimes</b></p> <p>In order for articles to be considered for the December 2 issue of the <i>Chimes</i>, please submit them to Lynn Gray by November 25. Lynn's email is lgray@centralchristianlex.org.</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>5:30 p.m. CCC Hosts Room in the Inn</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Merton Class</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>* <u>Wednesday Activities</u></p> <p>7 p.m. Artist's Way</p> <p>7 p.m. Stephen Ministers</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>9 a.m. Child Care Center Music Classes</p> <p>7 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>10 a.m. Rehearsal for McDaniel Choral Presentation</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>◆ <u>Sunday Activities</u></p> <p>11 a.m. McDaniel Presentation</p> <p>12 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>10 a.m. Helping Hands</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Worship Ministry</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>* <u>Wednesday Activities</u></p> <p>10 a.m. Helping Hands</p> <p>5 p.m. Property</p> <p>6 p.m. Parish Nurses</p> <p>7 p.m. Artist's Way</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Child Care Center Holiday Program</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Wedding</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>◆ <u>Sunday Activities</u></p> <p>Alternative Giving Fair / DW Bake Sale</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>6 p.m. Disciples Women Circle 15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>5:30 p.m. CCC Hosts Room in the Inn</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Prayer</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Handbells</p> <p>7 p.m. Artist's Way</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>8:30 + 11 a.m. Worship</p> <p>9:30 p.m. Sunday School</p> <p>12 p.m. Outreach Mtg.</p> <p>5 p.m. Longest Night Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>6 p.m. Family Xmas Eve Service</p> <p>11 p.m. Candlelight Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Merry Christmas</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. Worship</p> <p>12 p.m. Reception Honoring Sharon Samuell</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Stewardship &amp; Finance Ministry</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	<p>◆ <u>Sunday Activities</u></p> <p>8:30 a.m.      Worship</p> <p>9:30 a.m.      Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m.     Fellowship time</p> <p>11 a.m.        Worship</p> <p>5 p.m.         Youth Groups</p> <p>6:30 p.m.      TeenSing</p> <hr/> <p>* <u>Wednesday Activities</u></p> <p>5:15 p.m.      Kids SING</p> <p>5:30 p.m.      Mid-Week Advent Prayer</p> <p>6:15 p.m.      Handbells</p>	

## Holiday Giving



As is our custom at Central Christian, during the upcoming holiday season there will be various opportunities to express gratitude for

our many blessings by giving to those in need:

- \* **Angel Tree** begins November 22
- \* Starting November 22 there will be a display in the entrance area of the church for the **James Lane Allen Christmas Project.**



We will be receiving hats, socks and mittens for the children at the school. The faculty and staff, as well as the students, always appreciate Central's generosity at the holiday season.

- \* **Christmas Offering** December 6, 13, and 20
- \* **Alternative Giving Fair / PeaceCraft**

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### **Disciples Women Bake Sale—**

December 13.



Disciples Women are having their annual Bake Sale in cooperation with the Alternative Giving Fair on

December 13. We will be there in Fellowship Hall with a table full of goodies 9 —1 p.m.

Stop by and purchase some delicious holiday treats for yourself, for your office, or for your neighbors. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will be given to the Disciples Mission Fund. DW member Jackie Fiscus is chairing this event.

## Congratulations

To Summer Smith and Patrick who were married October 31 at the Bell House.

To Meagan Moulden and Ricky Obst who were married at Central, November 7, with Dr. Ray Holdren and Rev. Keith Wilson co-officiating.

To Jessica Laswell & Jared Burdine on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Grace, on October 24.

## The following gifts have been given to Central Christian Church:

*In honor of*  
**Ray Holdren**

(for the Helping Hands Ministry)

by

Bill & Linda Curwood

*In memory of*  
**Terry Regan**

(for the Building Fund)

by

Christopher & Diane Cashen

Joe & Joyce Duff

Charles & Ann Scroggin

Harris & Kathryn Seidel

R.W. & Elissha Waltrip

(for the Central Music Academy)

by

Judy Regan

*In memory of*  
**Anne Riley**

(for the Building Fund)

by

Curt & Jan Ehrmantraut

*In memory of*  
**Wayne Tune**

(for the Building Fund)

by

John & Charlene Bridwell

*In memory of*  
**Ann Wilson**

(for the Building Fund)

by

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie (Margaret) Blackburn

Curt & Jan Ehrmantraut

Charles & Mary Kottich

Florence Staton

Sue White

**Men's Breakfast November 21, 8:30 a.m.**

Speaker: Greg Alexander, General Minister

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## Did you know.....

Our new phone system will be installed along with a new access system for the church building by the end of November. The new phone system will be replacing the current 20 year old system, now allowing better voice mail and communication for the congregation to stay in touch with the staff. The new access system for the church building will allow our staff and volunteers to interact with the weekly visitors to the main building from the offices in the Watkins Building. If you currently have a key to the church building, please contact the church office so that your name can be placed on a "needs access list". Kudos to Mollie Sawyer and the Property Committee for working on this much needed upgrade!

## Elders Offer Prayer/ Anointing with Oil on Dec. 13

The Elders and Rev. Elizabeth King will once again be offering prayers for healing and anointing with oil after both services on Sunday, December 13.

The October 25 worship service and sermon focused on the church's healing ministry. In response to James' words, "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them... anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord" (*James 5:14*), Pastor Elizabeth and the elders offered prayer at the chancel steps following the Benediction during the Postlude. Due to the very favorable response of the numerous persons who came forward following both services, the elders are pleased to offer this ministry again. Persons coming forward can be specific or general in their requests for prayer for themselves or loved ones and will receive prayer and the anointing with oil of the sign of the cross on their forehead.