

Central Christian Church

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PERIODICAL

Upcoming opportunities to support the Missions of Central

Month of February– Disciples Woman Soup Drive

Bring in a can of soup for our God's Pantry distribution center

Month of March– Disciples Woman Blanket Drive

February 28/March 6 we will be collecting donations to support Church World Service to purchase blankets for those in need

***Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday*– Week of Compassion collection**

Month of April– Our Habitat Build collections will begin

You can support all of these amazing missions of Central through placing a check in the offering plate OR by visiting our website and click on the GIVE A GIFT button on the home page!



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Sunday in Worship

January 31, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Rev. Elizabeth King,
preaching

Pam Hammonds, elder

11 a.m.

Rev. Elizabeth King
preaching

Dr. Angela Webb,
leading worship

Gail Kennedy and
Jim Catlett, 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>.

Our search is actively underway for a Minister of Faith Formation. This individual will administrate, lead, and grow our children's, youth, and college ministry as well as oversee the faith formation (Christian Education) of our congregation. S/he will also join Pastors David Shirey and Elizabeth King in offering pastoral care and worship leadership.

In October, following guidelines in our by-laws, the Faith Formation Ministry Team in collaboration with Board Chair Julia Hall and Moderator Kate Covington appointed the following persons to serve on the Search Committee: Jan Ehrmantraut (Chair), Chris Teesdale, Olivia Brewer, Jane Smith, Addison Hughes, and Fred Fiscus. Faith Formation Ministry Area Chair Diane Ballard and David Shirey are *ex officio* members.

In November, the committee compiled a Congregational Profile Form giving prospective candidates for the position a snapshot of Central's ministries, vision, values, and demographics.

In December, we prepared a Job Description for the position and submitted it along with the completed Congregational Profile to Christian Church In Kentucky (CCINKY) Regional Minister Greg Alexander. We also posted the opening at TCU's Brite Divinity School, Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and Duke Divinity School. The Committee also made a list of persons known to our team who may have the experience

and qualifications we desire for our position. We submitted these names to Rev. Alexander for him to contact and ascertain their interest in our position.

After a break for Christmas and New Year's Day, we met on January 14 with CCINKY Regional Minister Rev. Greg Alexander. He reviewed time-tested procedures for undertaking a successful search, overviewed a sample candidate's profile form, and shared an initial list of potential candidates. He also underscored the importance of confidentiality, the need to be patient (the pool of qualified candidates is small), and the place of prayerful discernment in seeking and finding the right individual for this call.

As we continue our work, we invite your prayers. If you know of persons you feel are qualified for this position, please contact Search Committee Chair Jan Ehrmantraut at janehrmantraut@twc.com

On with the search...

In Christ, Pastor David

Visit the Stephen Minister Information
Table on Sunday, February 14th
(See the insert)

An invitation to Learn

Dr. Robert Botkin's Sunday School class will begin an in-depth study of the Ten Commandments starting February 14. The text the class will focus on is "Mere Morality: What God Expects From Ordinary People," by Lewis Smedes. Dr. Robert Cueni will lead the discussions in February. Persons who would be new to the class are cordially invited.



February Men's Breakfast

All Central men are invited to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 13, 8:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be announced soon. Save the date for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship.

Central to Join Area Disciples for Ash Wednesday Worship, February 10, 7 p.m.

Central is invited to join with sister congregations Crestwood Christian Church, E. Second St. Christian Church, and Twin Pines Christian Church for a unified Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday evening, February 10, at 7 p.m., at Crestwood Christian Church, 1882 Bellefonte Dr, Lexington, KY 40503. Come join Pastors David Shirey and Elizabeth King and area Disciples for this service marking the beginning of the Lenten season.

The following gifts have been given to Central Christian Church:

In memory of
William "Bill" R. Embry, Jr.

(To the Building fund)
Mary Blanton Cotton
Dolores Hahn
Jack and Nancy Morris
Jim and Kay Park, Jr.
Amy Rivera
Louise Sledd
Jewell Sloan
Florence Staton
Bettie Tuttle
Ted Vimont

In memory of
Bob and Jeanne Guffy

(To the Building fund)
Ann Dupree
Curt and Jan Ehrmantraut

Central's 200th Anniversary Year (1816-2016)

February will be BELIEFS month for our bicentennial celebration.

On Sunday, February 7, in the Fellowship Hall, Cane Ridge Curator James Trader will be telling the Cane Ridge Story during a special joint Church School Hour. Cane Ridge, in Bourbon County, was host to a revival in 1801 that was attended by 20,000 to 30,000 persons of diverse backgrounds. Barton Warren Stone, the host pastor of the revival, was awestruck by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit unifying the diverse Christians gathered. In 1816, Stone moved to Lexington, KY and founded what is today Central Christian Church.

On February 28, Rev. David Shirey will be preaching a sermon on distinctive beliefs of the Disciples of Christ.

Thank you to the Funeral Reception Groups that helped over the last month with the many receptions that took place here at Central. You have been a tremendous help to the staff and families of those who have lost loved ones. If you would like to help with funeral receptions, please contact Brenda Peterson, brendabpeterson@gmail.com



THIS SUNDAY! Chili Cook Off

The Disciples Women's Group has graciously offered to help host the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, January 31st, following the 11 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall. We are still in need of cooks, so if you are interested in supplying a pot of chili, please contact Laura Jones at 859-948-5898, Sarah Meehan at 859-338-9586, or Rev. Elizabeth King at the church office. All proceeds (voting and donations) will go to benefit the Central Christian Child Care Center's scholarship and tuition discount funds.

Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy as a congregation to the following:

To Lee Browning and family in the death of her mother, **Virginia Browning**

To Karl and Jean Michler and family in the death of their cousin, **Charles Michler**

To Evelyn Bates, Eve Greathouse, and Ted Bates, Jr. in the death of their husband and father, **Ted Bates, Sr.**

The family of **B. Todd Crutcher** is his passing

The Next Chimes

In order for articles to be considered for the February 10 issue of the *Chimes*, by February 4 @ 9 a.m.

Please Send Chimes Articles to Mollie Sawyer

Please send news items to Mollie Sawyer at director@centralchristianlex.org No longer send Chimes material to Lynn Gray.

We are temporarily outsourcing the Chimes as we shift staff responsibilities.

Welcome New Members

Deb James and Meribeth Gaines joined Central on November 22. Both have had careers in education. Deb retired two years ago from Fayette County Public Schools, but continues to teach part time at Tates Creek Elementary. Meribeth was a classroom teacher and principal and currently serves as an Associate Director of Human Resources for Fayette County. She hopes to retire within the next year or so.

Deb and Meribeth enjoy outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends. Both expressed excitement to be in ministry with our congregation, as we do as they have officially joined with us.

Welcome

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”

... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”

... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.

... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

February 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | ♦ <u>Sunday</u> <u>Activities</u> 10 a.m. Helping Hands |
| 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | ♦ <u>Sunday</u> <u>Activities</u> 12 p.m. Elders' Meeting NO YOUTH GROUP-off site 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Personnel 6 p.m. DW Circle 7 p.m. Admin Board Meeting |
| 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | ♦ <u>Sunday</u> <u>Activities</u> No evening Youth Group 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Worship Min |
| 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | ♦ <u>Sunday</u> <u>Activities</u> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 a.m. Stewardship & Finance |
| ♦ <u>Sunday Activities</u> | | | | | | |
| 28 | 29 | ♦ <u>Sunday Activities</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 11 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. TeenSing | | * <u>Wednesday Activities</u> 5:15 p.m. Kids SING 5:30 p.m. Cultivating Mindfulness 6:15 p.m. Handbells | | |