

Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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

February is **BELIEFS** month for our bicentennial celebration.

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

Lenten Series on Disciples DNA: During the season of Lent on Wednesdays, February 17 and 24 and March 2, 9, 16, and 23, we will honor Central's history with an outstanding series focusing on the core beliefs of Disciples of Christ. Six of Central's pastors / professors will take turns presenting one of the core values:

2/17 Paul Jones - An Open Communion Table * 2/24 Jerry Sumney - The Centrality of Scripture

3/2 Bill Curwood - A Passion for Unity * 3/9 Bill Paulsell - Freedom of Interpretation and Belief

3/16 Hank Sneed - Immersion Baptism * 3/23 Jan Ehrmantraut - The Priesthood Ministry of All Believers

A simple soup / bread supper will be served at 6:15 p.m. The presentations will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

(The meal is being served at no cost but please make a reservation by calling the church office or e-mail lgray@centralchristianlex.org)

PERIODICAL



Sunday in Worship

February 14, 2016

8:30 a.m.

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

John Zink, elder

Sermon: "Road to Renewal:
Introspection and
Self-Examination"

11 a.m.

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

Vickie Batzka and Brian
Hughes, 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>.

Lent is underway, a season begun by joining our sister Disciple congregations, Crestwood, Twin Pines, and E. Second St., for Ash Wednesday.

The story is told about two boys from different church backgrounds. The one boy said to the other, "What's that black stuff on your forehead?"

"Ashes. Got 'em at church today."

"Ashes on the forehead? We don't do that in our church."

"Oh, well it's part of our Ash Wednesday Service."

"Church on Wednesday night? We don't do that in our church."

"Well, it has to do with the beginning of Lent."

"Lent. We don't do that in our church."

"It has to do with repenting."

"Repenting? We don't do that in our church."

I hope we "do" repenting in our church. Psalm 51 is a psalm of repentance. It is the vintage Lenten psalm. There is a notation above the Psalm that reads: *To the leader. A Psalm of David when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

Are you familiar with that encounter between David and Nathan in 2 Samuel 11? By way of reminder, it took place not long after David had broken commandments 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. He broke #10 by coveting his neighbor Uriah's wife Bathsheba whom he saw sunbathing on the rooftop. He broke #7 when he committed adultery with her. #9 went down the tubes with the lies and deceit he wove into an elaborate cover-up to try and elude responsibility for the pregnancy that eventuated from the affair.

He broke #6 when he arranged to have Bathsheba's husband killed. Down went #8 when he stole Bathsheba to be his own wife.

So what did the Lord do? "The Lord sent Nathan to David" (2 Samuel 12:1). Imagine that. What does the Lord do to the person who basically shattered the entire second tablet of the Ten Commandments in one fell swoop? Wring him by the neck? Publicly humiliate him? Take his crown off, "crown" him, pull the throne out from under him, and give him a one-way ticket back to Bethlehem?

That might be what we're inclined to do, but that's not what God does. What does it say to you that God's first impulse toward a sinful, erring human being is not to inflict punishment, but to evoke repentance? God sends Nathan not to punish David but to try to redeem him. God's first desire for wayward, sinful human beings is not so much that we be adequately punished but that we thoroughly repent.

The Passion for Worship Ministry Area, Pastor Elizabeth, Michael Rintamaa, and I have planned for the observance of Lent. Our theme: **The 40 Days of Lent: Road to Renewal**, will lead us through six weekly (Sunday) mileposts including Self-Examination; Repentance; Pressing On; Food for the Journey; Fasting; Prayer; and Almsgiving; Detours and Dangers; Temptation; and Palm Sunday.

Here's to the hope that our corporate resolve to repent—turning toward the One who is ever turned toward us—will lead to renewal and, at long last, resurrection.

The road beckons. The journey begins.
In Christ, Pastor David

Welcome

NEW Welcome Event for Central Guests

A new opportunity to meet our Central guests is coming! On Sunday, Feb. 28th, the first **“Welcome to Central Fellowship Time”** will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Guests who have been visiting with us will receive special invitations to attend with the hope of meeting Central members who choose to attend as well. Please join us for coffee and light refreshments as together we offer a warm Central welcome to the guests among us.



**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.

Art In The Library

Step into your church library to view Art On Display! A different framed picture will be displayed each month. On display in February will be "Home," a watercolor by eastern Kentucky Heritage artist J. D. Hall. From Pike County, Hall depicts scenes of his Appalachian home, including coal mining, mountains and streams, and people and places. In December and January two Italian Renaissance works of art were displayed: "Annunciation," a fresco by Fra Angelico that he painted on the wall of his Dominican convent, San Marco, in Florence, Italy, and "Madonna and Child With Angels," by Fra Filippo Lippi, on display in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. I hope you did not miss these lovely advent season pictures. Please stop by the library! Jeanette Knowles

Disciples Women Soup Drive

Please bring your cans of soup to warm up those in need. We will have the God's Pantry blue collection barrel in the Welcoming Area the whole month of February for donations.



Disciples Women Craft Project

Disciples Women in cooperation with Church Women United are collecting sewing materials for the women in the federal prison here in Lexington. They make toys, blankets, teddy bears, etc. for children and the elderly in this area. Needed are yarn, buttons, materials, and craft items and even sewing machines. Please bring your donations to the box by the Welcome Desk no later than Sunday, February 28.



Central Planning Committee meets most Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. Please remember this group in your prayers as they explore ways to address the church's debt.

Next Men's Breakfast is February 13

All Central men are invited to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 13, at 8:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Bill Curwood. Sign up by notifying Lynn in the church office by phone 233-1551 or lgray@centralchristianlex.org Save the date for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship.

Summer Camp Dates for Children and Youth



The regional Disciples website has announced the dates for summer camp at Wakon'Da-Ho near Liberty KY and has made registration forms available online. Please reserve the dates for your children and youth. To find registration forms and dates, go to Kydisciples.net, choose Ministries and then Outdoor Ministries. Download a registration form for each child, fill it out, and return it to Diane Ballard at the church (diane@ballard.space or call 859-489-7571). The camps fill up quickly!

Faith Formation Ministry provides financial support for each child/youth who attends.

SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School

June 6-10 – 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Theme is Our Disciple History



Our Sympathy

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

To Patti and Jim Elam and family in the death of her daughter, **Lindsey Roberts.**

To Pam Mehr and family in the death of her mother, **Bonnie Lou Barber**, in Owingsville KY.

To Lois Skidmore in the death of her husband, **T.G. Skidmore.**

To the friends and family of **William Mathews, V** who passed away recently in Arizona.

To Elizabeth King and family in the death of her uncle, **Jack King.**

The Next Chimes

In order for articles to be considered for the February 24 issue of the *Chimes*, by February 18 @ 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 outsourcing the layout of the Chimes to our current IT vendor.

The following gifts have been given to Central Christian Church:

***In memory of
William "Bill" R. Embry, Jr.
(to the Building Fund)***

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Jim Beazley
Nancy Bishop

***In honor of
Joyce McGuire's lifetime of ministry
(to the Central Member's ER fund)***

Steve and Debbie Rice

***In memory of Billy Holcomb &
George Dale Robinson
(to the Building Fund)***

Nancy Bishop

Stephen Ministry: God's Love in Action

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties:

loss of a loved one, spiritual crisis, cancer, hospitalization, imprisonment, disability, discouragement, divorce, rehabilitation, job loss, loneliness and many other challenges.

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That's why God has brought us together as a congregation and why we have Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time in life.

Every week a Stephen Minister will meet with you – privately and confidentially – to listen, care, encourage, support and reflect Christ's presence in your life.

If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else in our congregation or community, please contact Rev. Elizabeth King at 859-279-2177 or Sarah Hall (Stephen Ministry Leader) at 859-699-4512.



Helping Hands

Central's Helping Hands ministry reaches out primarily to Lexington's urban homeless. Each month on Monday and Wednesday of the first week, Helping Hands is available both days on the 2nd floor of the Watkins Building from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to provide our homeless a reminder of God's love as well as donated sample-size toiletries, snacks, bus passes, t-shirts, socks and backpacks/canvas bags. During the winter months hand warmers and donated men's and women's gloves, scarves, hats, jackets and coats are provided.

I have been privileged to be part of this caring ministry since last August. While my intent was to reach out in Christian love to those less fortunate, I have received at least as much from those we are serving. Our homeless truly appreciate what Helping Hands provides for them. The other volunteers and I have received from them sincere thanks for what they receive and kind words about our caring spirits.

Please consider spending two hours once a month with these special people. You also may drop off sample-size toiletries as well as gently used men's and women's gloves, hats, scarves, jackets and coats in the donation box on the second floor of the Watkins Building. Monetary donations also are appreciated for Helping Hands. A generous donation that was received in December allowing us to increase the number of bus passes from two to four for those needing them.

Carol Percy