

## Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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### A note from Sharon Samuell

Dear Central,

I want to express heartfelt thanks for the lovely reception, all the cards, the calls and the generous love offering. Your love, friendship and support continue to bless me and I treasure the time spent with you. May God continue to bless you with your ministries.

Love and prayers,

Sharon Samuell

### Heartfelt Thanks

To the ministers and members of Central Christian Church for loving and caring for my mother, Virginia Browning. God and the Chancel Choir were first in her life. In Christ's love, Lee Browning.

The family of William "Bill" R. Embry Jr., sincerely appreciates the memorial gifts of all to his beloved church.



## PERIODICAL



### Sunday in Worship

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

**8:30 a.m.**

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching

Frank Dickey, elder

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Hearing is  
Believing"

**11 a.m.**

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching

Rev. Elizabeth King,  
Revs. Don and Renee Chase  
leading worship

Jim Catlett and Lori  
Brewer, 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>.

Mark your calendars for a special addition to our celebration of Central's 200th Anniversary. On Sunday afternoon, May 15 (Pentecost Sunday), from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Courthouse Plaza in downtown Lexington, Central will be part of a joint outdoor worship service with Disciple, Independent Christian Church, and Church of Christ congregations in greater Lexington. It is billed as **Restoration 200: The Revival of Unity, Liberty, and Love.**

This joint worship service, including the three branches of the Stone-Campbell (Restoration), Movement originated in a lunch I had last August with a young man who grew up in Broadway Christian Church. A mutual friend told him I was in Lexington and that he ought to meet me. Over lunch, he learned of Central's 200th. An avid student of the history of the Stone-Campbell Movement, he suggested we plan a joint worship service honoring Central's heritage as the Mother Church of the Stone-Campbell Movement in Greater Lexington.

Thanks to his connections in the Christian Church and mine in Disciples of Christ, we hosted a lunch for 80+ ministers from all three branches in January. Since then, there have been follow-up planning sessions, conference calls, and ongoing networking among the churches and pastors.

It is no easy task to bring the three branches of our Movement together, even for one worship service. Over the 200 years of our history, issues theological, cultural, and otherwise have separated us. Hence the slogan: The Revival of Unity, Liberty, and Love. It is based on a phrase favored by our early forebears and attributed to the 17th century German Lutheran theologian Rupertus Meldenius: *In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity (Love).*

The Worship Service is still in the planning stages, but I do know Jon Weece of Southland Christian Church will speak on Unity, Barrett Coffman of Southside Church of Christ will speak on Liberty, and I will conclude by speaking on Love.

Communion will be served. Music will include *a cappella* singing, a praise band, and hymn singing. Rev. Carol Devine of Providence Christian Church will preside at the Lord's Table.

That weekend, twenty members of the National Dialogue Team of the Stone-Campbell Movement will be meeting in Lexington in order to be part of this grand occasion. Team members from each of the three branches will be with us at Central for worship on Sunday morning, May 15, and will lead a joint all-church Sunday School Hour in Fellowship Hall during which they will educate us about their dialogue.

Volunteers are Needed. I am in need of persons willing to volunteer. Central's volunteers will serve communion and help with parking. Our Parish Nurses will provide a medical assistance station. Please notify me if you are willing to volunteer. You'll get a Restoration 200 t-shirt (I am serious!) and the joy of being part of an historic gathering.

More information to come,

*David A. Swiney*



### Calling all Graduates!

Please notify the church if you are graduating this spring, or if someone you know will be a graduate. We will be celebrating all our graduates during worship on June 5. Please contact Lynn Gray with your information: lgray@centralchristianlex.org or call the church office, (859) 233-1551, ext. 105.



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

*In memory of  
Ted Bates, Sr.  
(to the Building Fund)*  
Charlie Coyle

*In memory of  
Bruce Cotton  
(to the Building Fund)*  
Bill & Linda Curwood

*In memory of  
William "Bill" Embry, Jr.  
(to the Building Fund)*  
Chartorn & Dona Renfro

*In memory of  
David Bell  
(to the Building Fund)*  
Bill & Linda Curwood

*In memory of  
Doug McGregor  
(to the Building Fund)*  
Bill & Linda Curwood

*In Honor of Circle 1  
(to the Building Fund)*  
Dick & Karen Miner



We will receive our offering for Week of Compassion on Easter Sunday. We can help support a ministry that brings renewal, rebirth, and good news to a multitude of people around the globe. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The funding equips and empowers disciples in alleviating the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. You may learn more about Week of Compassion at [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org).

Checks should be made payable to Central Christian with Week of Compassion in the subject line. You can also donate through our website, [www.centralchristianlex.info](http://www.centralchristianlex.info); click on Give A Gift. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to this important ministry of your church.

## HOLY WEEK Schedule Thursday-Sunday

### Maundy Thursday

March 24, Noon and 7 p.m. – Worship Services

### Good Friday

March 25, 12-2 p.m. – Worship Service  
Seven Last Words with cello, piano and Josh Santana solo

### Holy Saturday

March 26, 9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.-Contemplative Retreat and Workshop with special guest Harry Pickens, piano. Reservations taken online through Wednesday March 23. After that deadline please speak to one of the Ministers.

### Easter Sunday

March 27, 8:30 and 11 a.m. – Worship Services  
Faculty Brass Quintet from EKU  
Timpani and Organ



## Holy Week

### Our Sympathy

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

Ray Holdren and his family in the death of Ray's grandson, **Brad Holdren**.

Teal and Dann Reilly, Townley Dalton, and Tricia Reilly in the death of Teal's mother, **Pat Gulley**.

Frances and Bob Edwards and family in the death of her nephew, **Mark Andrew Judge**, and the death of her great-nephew, **Gregory Howard**.

### The Next Chimes

In order for articles to be considered for the April 13 issue of the *Chimes*, by April 7 @ 9 a.m.

**Please Send Chimes Articles to Mollie Sawyer**, her e-mail address is [director@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:director@centralchristianlex.org).



### Art In the Library-Tom Whitaker

Step into the library in March to see "The Barn", a wonderful black and white sketch of an old wooden barn and two pigs resting in the foreground. The barn has seen better days, but the two pigs seem to be enjoying a warm day on the hill where the barn sits. Artist Tom Whitaker, a native of Magoffin County, renders in color and black and white long-ago scenes in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. Some of his works depict old churches and houses, a company store, a coal tipple, a covered bridge, and a barn whose entire side has been painted "Chew Mail Pouch Tobacco". Other well-known works include the old-time wringer-washer, wooden chairs holding flowers instead of people, jars of colorful canned fruits and vegetables, a mule harnessed to plow, and a black and white hog.

In April, a second painting by Tom Whitaker will be displayed: "Come No Closer," a watercolor of two white geese, one looking for small things to eat in the ground and the other keeping careful watch that no one should enter this special space! The goose looks straight ahead, but you can tell he will see you if you get too close. Run!

**Opening Day Service**  
**Cane Ridge Meeting House**  
**10 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2016**



An offering will be received and light refreshments will be served in the museum.

Contact information, (859) 987-535 or e-mail, [curator@caneridge.org](mailto:curator@caneridge.org).

**Men's Breakfast, April 9, 8:30 a.m.**

Speaker: David Lollis.

All Central men and guests are welcome.



### Central Christian Child Care Center Fundraiser

On Friday, April 15th, Central Christian Child Development Center will have our annual Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The children at Central Christian obtain sponsors and ride laps around the gym on their bikes to raise money for children in need. The kids receive coloring pages, a trike license, stickers and other prizes for participating. The classes will also hear stories about bike safety tips and discuss the importance of wearing helmets when riding a bike.

Our goal in holding this Trike-A-Thon is to help children of the world that are stricken with diseases like cancer and AIDS. St. Jude Children's Hospital is a world leader in the fight against these diseases, and they have made great progress, but only with the help of people like you! No one is ever turned away from this hospital and families without insurance are never asked to pay. There are currently 17 children from Fayette County being treated at St. Jude.

**If you would like to support our Trike-A-Thon with a donation, please mail it to:**

**Central Christian Child Development Center**

**Attn: Cathy Murphy**  
**266 E. Short Street**  
**Lexington, KY 40507**

Donations need to be turned in no later than Friday, April 15th. **Please make all checks payable to St. Jude Children's Hospital.** This is a very worthwhile cause and it teaches our children how to care about others. We raised \$2,000 last year and \$30,000 since we began 20 years ago. Thank you for your consideration.

### Central's 200th Anniversary Year

#### Music Month

(1816-2016)

The month of April has been designated to celebrate Music Ministries at Central as a part of Central's 200th Anniversary year-long celebrations. That will kick-off on **Sunday April 3**, with music during the 11 a.m. service played by the Kentucky United Pipes and Drums. This group, with members of Central participating, meets on Tuesday evenings at Central for their rehearsals. Communion and offering music that Sunday will be offered by Bill Johnson and Nathan Jones doing an arrangement of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" for guitar and banjo, and a solo guitar arrangement of "Sweet Hour of Prayer/I Want Jesus to Walk with Me." Baptisms will also be a featured part of that Sunday's worship service. Thomas Brumfield, Andrew Joyner, Benjamin Marsh, Celia Orr, Roan Sanders, Lorelei Teesdale, and Benjamin Wheat will be baptized during the 11 a.m. worship service.



#### Highlights include:

**April 10** "From Fear to Rejoicing" Kate Covington, organist and choir director

**April 17** "A New Heaven and Earth"

Disciples Roundabout Sunday: Lexington Area Disciples Senior Ministers will be rotating pulpits as an expression of our unity in Christ. Rev. Bennie Braddock, of Twin Pines Christian, guest preacher at Central. Rev. David Shirey will be at Crestwood Christian.

**April 24** "Mourning into Dancing: The Soul of the Spirituals"

In preparation for the May 1 presence of the American Spiritual Ensemble in worship, Rev. Shirey will preach on the origin and inspiration of the spirituals. The KidSing spring musical, "The Big Fish," will be performed in the Fellowship Hall following 11 a.m. worship. A mission trip fundraiser lunch will be provided by the youth.

**May 1** "Sing Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs to God"

Slabaugh Masterwork Sunday: The American Spiritual Ensemble. The 11 a.m. service will include The American Spiritual Ensemble which is a critically-acclaimed professional group composed of some of the finest singers in the classical music world. The service of worship will include solos, and choral music sung by ASE, and joined with CCC's Chancel Choir, all under the direction of Dr. Everett McCorvey.

### Special Offering for Habitat April 17 and April 24

We have a great tradition at Central. In partnership with the other Disciples churches in Lexington, we build a Habitat house every year for a deserving family. In fact, this year we will build our 33rd house. Disciples for Habitat has built the most houses of any organization in Lexington. We are very proud of this vital ministry.

Central supplied many volunteers who worked on the house we built this past year. What was wonderful was to see the new faces at the building site who had never worked on a Habitat house before. In addition, many members prepared food and drinks for the workers. Besides the many volunteer hours contributed, as a sponsor of a house, we contribute the money to buy the building materials. Therefore each year we take up a special offering. **The Disciples for Habitat offering this year will be received on two Sundays, April 17 and April 24.**



This outreach mission of Central is truly an opportunity for us as a church to partner with the other Lexington Disciples churches to contribute our time, talents, and treasures for a very important outreach ministry. What we could not do by ourselves, together we can provide a safe, affordable home for a needy family.

### New Cross Standard on Easter Sunday



On Easter Sunday, worshippers will see a new addition to our sanctuary. A handsome 7' tall by 5' wide cross-shaped wooden standard, built by Lexington's Morningside Woodcrafters and stained to match the deep tone of the old reredos, will be centered behind the communion table.

Mounted on the new standard will be the silver Celtic cross that has served as the focal point of the old reredos since it was gifted to the church in memory of Joseph Edwards Marks and James Morgan Marks in 1969. The new standard and cross centered behind the communion table will provide a focal point for worship, weddings, funerals, and other events in our historic sanctuary for years to come.

The old reredos will be removed from the sanctuary and relocated to the Commons Room on the second floor where it will serve as the

backdrop for future worship services and events in that new space, thereby providing a link between the new and the old in Central's ongoing worship, study, and fellowship.

## Central Christian - April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Sunday activities 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship					1	2
	NOTE: The formatting of our church calendar insert for the Chimes will be changed in future publications so that all events can be shown.					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday morning activities	1 p.m. Helping Hands		1 p.m. Helping Hands 5:15 p.m. Kids SING	5:30 p.m. IT Tech Team		
12 p.m. Elders Meeting	1 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Worship Min.		7 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:15 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Stephen Ministers			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
* Sunday activities 11 a.m. 3-5 grade Mission Experience	1 p.m. Staff Meeting		5 p.m. Property Min. 5:15 p.m. Kids SING 6 p.m. Parish Nurses	7 p.m. Chancel Choir	4 p.m. Church Office Closed (staff evening event)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
* Sunday activities Habitat Offering	1 p.m. Staff Meeting		2 p.m. DW Circle 1 4:30 p.m. Trustees 5:15 p.m. Kids SING 6:15 p.m. Handbells	7 p.m. Chancel Choir		10 a.m. Kids SING Dress Rehearsal
12 p.m. Outreach Ministries						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
* Sunday activities Habitat Offering	1 p.m. Staff Meeting		8:30 a.m. Stewardship + Finance 6:15 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Administrative Board Mtg.	7 p.m. Chancel Choir		5:30 p.m. Wedding (non-mbr)
12 p.m. Kids SING Musical and Reception	7 p.m. Communication Ministry					