

## Central Christian Church

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PERIODICAL

### Central's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year (1816-2016)

March will be a month of respite from our bicentennial celebration in order to fully observe LENT and EASTER.

#### The exception is the **Lenten Series on Disciples**

**DNA.** During the season of Lent on Wednesdays March 9, 16, and 23 we are honoring Central's history with an outstanding series focusing on the core beliefs of Disciples of Christ. Six of Central's pastors/professors are each presenting one of the core values:

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 soup supper is served at 6 p.m. The presentations begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is at no cost but please make a reservation with the church office (859) 233-1551 or by e-mailing Lynn Gray, [lgray@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:lgray@centralchristianlex.org).



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#### Sunday in Worship

March 13, 2016  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

**8:30 a.m.**

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching

Frank Dickey, elder

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-13

Sermon: The Road to  
Renewal: Detours and  
Dangers

**11 a.m.**

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching

Rev. Elizabeth King,  
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>.

#### Sabbatical.....

The dictionary defines the word as "Any extended period of leave from one's customary work, especially for rest, the acquiring of new skills or training, etc."

Central provides its ordained ministers and directors a three-month sabbatical leave after their first five years of service and periodically thereafter. Rev. Elizabeth King, having now served for five years, is preparing for a sabbatical from mid-May through mid-August. Having benefitted from two sabbatical leaves during my ministry, I have wholeheartedly encouraged Elizabeth's planning for this much deserved time of refreshment and renewal.

As called for in our Personnel Manual, Elizabeth has prepared and forwarded to Personnel Committee Chair, Rod Brewer, the prospectus for her sabbatical. The staff has discussed her leave.

Collectively, we underscored a sabbatical's being "especially for rest," especially for a staff member whose ministry calls for her to be on-call 24/7.

Elizabeth has also prepared a comprehensive list of her pastoral responsibilities and has proposed how these ministries will be carried out in her absence and who will oversee them. Our bi-weekly meetings over the next ten weeks will be dedicated to refining these plans.

My hope for Elizabeth is for her to be able to return from her sabbatical and write words that I used to report on my own sabbatical after ten years at Coolwater:

*"I recognize as I do this report... that one of the most profound blessings I received was the gift of time itself, time to simply be and to pay attention. Freed from the rigors and demands of daily life and freed by my congregation from the responsibility and availability of ministry, I came to recognize and bask in the gift of unhurried time."*

*I was able to assume a Sabbath posture. Unhurried and undistracted, I was able to pay attention. To observe. And I saw and heard so very much. Time unfettered and unhurried allowed me the pleasure of entering into a posture of attentiveness and obedience, the capacity to live life looking for and expecting to see 'glimpses of grace.'"*

I have invited Elizabeth to comment on her sabbatical preparations below.

**-Pastor David**

As I prepare for my sabbatical during this season of Lent, I am reminded of the Israelites as they journeyed through the wilderness to the so-called, yet-to-be-seen, Promised Land. They had experienced hunger and weariness and leadership changes when the Lord, directing the new leader, Joshua, commands, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Central has experienced many leadership changes over the past few years and my sabbatical means another change, albeit temporary, in a time when we are already staffed with fewer ministers than we are accustomed.

*Be not dismayed.* You will be comforted to know that as I leave for sabbatical I entrust your care into the hands of Rev. Jan Ehrmantraut who knows you and loves you well. As former Minister of Pastoral Care at Central Christian Church, Jan has a vast knowledge of our ministries of care, a familiarity with most of our membership, and a heart for people facing life's joys and hardships. Jan will be present to receive your pastoral concerns. She will participate in the ongoing pastoral care

ministries of hospital visitation, sending prayer cards and managing prayer lists, and funerals, and she will support the Parish Nurses and Stephen Ministers as needed.

In dialogue with Jan and Rev. Brenda Peterson, Chair of the Congregational Care Ministry team, I feel confident that the ministries of Congregational Care will be well-tended while I am away. I will be reaching out to retired ministers and others within the congregation in the upcoming weeks to seek further support and complete a plan that will ensure coverage for hospital and retirement home visitation, funeral and bereavement ministry, ministries of Parish Nurses, Stephen Ministry, and Building Community, worship leadership, and other responsibilities of Congregational Care.

*The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* I carry this promise with me as I journey through Lent, through Easter, to Pentecost, and into my sabbatical. I have set an intention for my sabbatical to be more mindful of God's light, God's epiphany, in all aspects of my life. I will seek this light by carving out space and time to enjoy Max, my sisters, parents, and friends; to engage my creativity through art and other passions; to mindfully explore authors whose words have inspired me; and for structured time in spiritual retreat at a monastery. Through play and travel, time with Max and time without, retreat and return, I hope to be lighter in Spirit as I move forward in ministry at Central Christian Church and also in motherhood. And though I look forward to my departure in May, I look forward also to returning with great joy and light in August.

Stay tuned in upcoming *Chimes* for continued communications.

**-Pastor Elizabeth**



**We will again receive our offering for Week of Compassion on Palm Sunday and 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. They seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate 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. Or to donate on line, log onto our website, [centralchristianlex.info](http://centralchristianlex.info) and click on Give a Gift on the home screen. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to this important ministry of your church.

## HOLY WEEK Schedule

See Sunday's bulletin insert



**Palm Sunday**

March 20, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

11 a.m. – Worship with Kids, SING and Palm processional

Week of Compassion Offering, both services

**Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper and Disciples DNA Program**

March 23

6 p.m. – Supper

6:45 p.m. – The Priesthood/ Ministry of All Believers, Rev. Jan Ehrmantraut

**Maundy Thursday**

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

### Our Sympathy

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

Dan Walsh in the death of his brother, **Ray Wilkins.**

Sarah Hyden and Lainie Sidebottom in the death of Sarah's brother-in-law and Lainie's uncle, **Lewis Hall.**

Kay Jackson and Jill Harris in the death of **Eloise Kay**, sister and aunt, in Orleans, Indiana.

**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 needed. Please call the church office (859) 233-1551.

**Easter Sunday**

March 27, 8:30 and 11 a.m. – Worship Services

Faculty Brass Quintet from ECU

Timpani and Organ

Week of Compassion Offering

### The Next Chimes

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March 23 issue of the *Chimes*, by

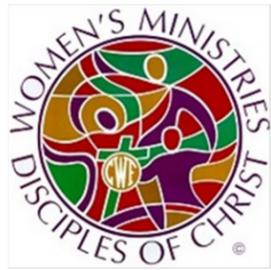
March 17 @ 9 a.m.

**Please Send Chimes Articles to**

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

**Men's Breakfast, March 12 at 8:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Rev. Guy Waldrop.**

**All men of the church are welcome!**



During the month of February Disciples Women, in cooperation with Church Women United, collected three big baskets of sewing and craft supplies that were delivered to the

Prison Ministry at the Federal Prison here in Lexington.

The women there have a sewing group through which they craft teddy bears that are distributed to needy children in Scott County by the Kiwanis Club.

The beautifully crafted blankets, soft toys and afghans that they make are given to area nursing homes, children in hospitals, the Arbor (a home for troubled teens) and spouse abuse shelters.

The women are developing skills in making Braille books that are used by children who need them.

The men prisoners with excellent carpentry skills help out by making wooden toys, including fantastic rocking horses.

Many thanks to all the Central members who contributed to this amazing ministry that offers an opportunity to prisoners to do something meaningful for others as they develop skills that they can use in reestablishing their new lives when they are released from prison. THANK YOU!

**OVER \$2,000 raised for Central Music Academy by Keith Dean's concert!**

Our choir member and soloist **Keith Dean** presented a recital of spirituals and gospel music here at Central on Sunday, **February 28**, in our sanctuary. A love offering was received to benefit **our Central Music Academy**. Thank you Keith!

*Thank You*

**Minister of Faith Formation**

**Search Update**

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. The Committee consists of 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.

The team has compiled a Congregational Profile Form giving prospective candidates a snapshot of Central's ministries, vision, values, and demographics. This profile, along with the job description, is being circulated among Regional Ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has been posted in seminaries and divinity schools. We have met with Kentucky Regional Minister Rev. Greg Alexander and received the resumes of several candidates.

At our most recent meeting, we evaluated the candidates we have received thus far and will now be making phone calls to assess their interest in being considered for Central's position. Next, we will schedule conference telephone calls or Skype interviews with our top candidates.

We continue to receive names and appreciate your patience and prayers for our wise discernment. If you know of persons you feel are qualified for this position, please contact Search Committee Chair Jan Ehrmantraut at [janehrmantraut@twc.com](mailto:janehrmantraut@twc.com).



**Church Access/ Keypad installation**

As we reported back in November 2015, a new key pad access system will be installed at the church building portico entry doors. The new keypad system will allow our staff and volunteers to interact with the weekly visitors to the main building from the offices in the Watkins Building.

This past week the key pad system was installed and we now have the Watkins Building connected to the church building. So what does that mean for access to the church building? If you currently have a key to the church building, you will still be able to use it for access for the next few weeks. No one with a key will be surprised by showing up for a meeting and being locked out. It is our goal to transition from the use of keys to the use of the key pad system throughout the month of March.

We ask anyone with a church building key who has NOT contacted Mollie Sawyer at the church office (859-233-1551) or by e-mail, [director@centralchristianlex.org](mailto:director@centralchristianlex.org), to please do so that your name can be placed on the list for an access code. Mollie will be personally contacting those on the list who desire a code so that she may show them how to use the new key pad system. There will be pulpit announcements about the transition in upcoming Sundays as well posts to our Friday e-blast to inform as many people as possible about the new system.

Key access will not be disabled until we have made every effort to communicate the change and provide legitimate key holders with a new access code. We will make another announcement about the use of keys before we change the locks.

Thank you for your patience as we transition into the new system.

**"Taste of Central" Sunday, March 20th, 2016**

All guests and those interested in learning more about becoming a member of Central Christian Church are invited to attend the next "Taste of Central" session to be held on Sunday, March 20, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Information will be provided by Pastor David Shirey. Anyone planning to attend is asked to make a reservation by calling the church office (859) 233-1551 or email [Jennie Shirey, shirey.jennie@gmail.com](mailto:shirey.jennie@gmail.com).



If you know of someone who might be interested in learning more about Central, please encourage them to attend or notify the church office so that we may be in contact with them. Also, please let us know if childcare is requested.



**A Note from the Sound Booth**

If you use one of the hearing devices that can be picked up at the Welcome Desk, please return the device after the service is over. Thank you!



## Contemplative Holy Saturday Retreat and Workshop here at Central Features renowned pianist Harry Pickens

Spiritually inspired musician Harry Pickens will keynote a Contemplative Holy Saturday Retreat and Workshop on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Beginning at 10 a.m. (gathering beginning at 9:30 a.m.), the Contemplative Holy Saturday Retreat will include an ongoing musical meditation by Pickens on the piano, prayer stations, a labyrinth walk, meditative art stations, and other experiences through which participants may freely move for meditation and reflection. Pickens will be playing a piano in the centrally located gathering area, allowing participants to hear the meditative music throughout the building. Registered participants should arrive between 9:30 and 10 a.m. as the retreat begins promptly at 10 a.m.

The music may be as much a part of participants' silence as they desire, with an additional space prepared for those seeking total silence. A simple lunch will be provided at noon. Following lunch, Pickens will lead a workshop: Sounding the Soul: Living as an Instrument of Grace.

The day's full schedule is:

9:30 a.m. Gathering Time

10 a.m. Contemplative Retreat begins

Noon Lunch

1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Workshop- Sounding the Soul: Living as an Instrument of Grace

Participants are asked to contribute financially, to provide for the cost of lunch and support the ministries and programs of Central Christian Church.

\$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, or as you are able

Space is limited to 60 participants. Childcare is available. Pre-registration is required by emailing lgray@centralchristianlex.org or by calling the church office (859) 233-1551 or on-line at www.centralchristianlex.info **Deadline for registration is SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016.**

The following gifts have been given to  
Central Christian Church:

*In memory of  
Ted Bates, Sr.*

*(to the Building Fund)*

Don & Vonda Lichtenfelt

Bob & Marilyn Botkin

Ann Vimont Smith

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William & Margaret Kite

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*Anna Wilson*

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**Lunch & Learn with FAYE MORTON**

**Focus on Justice for persons with  
Mental Health concerns**

**TOPIC:** Mental Health and how YOU can advocate to ensure quality and accessible services to persons who need them.

**WHEN:** March 13th, 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served; donation requested

**RESERVATION:** call the church office (859) 233-1551 or email, conniehubbard29@gmail.com

Mental health affects ALL of us wherever we find ourselves on the mental health continuum. Please come and learn about:

\*Ky legislative issues affecting persons with mental health issues.

\*Lexington advocacy activities.

\*Ways you can personally advocate for those in need.



**Daylight Savings Time  
begins March 13th!**

**Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead.**



Thank you from the  
McGregor Family

The response from our church family was amazing and wonderful and beyond description.

Thanks, Anne & Malcolm

**Save the DATE**

**VBS June 6-10**

**Time 5:30p.m. to 8p.m.**

**Our Theme**

**"Disciples History"**

