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Sunday in Worship

June 26, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. D. Duane Cummins,
preaching

Lori Brewer, Elder

11 a.m.

Rev. Dr. D. Duane Cummins,
preaching
Steve Pruitt, leading
worship

Lynda Woodard and Connie
Hubbard, Elders

Consecration of

Elders and Deacons

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/>

So much for the so-called lazy days of summer! Not that ministry ever affords one a chance to enjoy a few days or weeks of relative calm in which to catch one's breath and relax. That's what sabbaticals are for, and I continue to pray Elizabeth King is having a wonderful one.

The last few weeks have been particularly full for me given the juxtaposition of Vacation Bible School (Wonderful), Search Committee deliberations (Fruitful), keeping vigil with Nancy West during her dying to this life and rising to new life in Christ (a profound privilege), teaching summer Sunday School for the children (Love it!) and Sunday worship leadership (My preaching professor used to say, "Sundays come around with embarrassing regularity").

Yet through it all, I've felt grounded and centered. I attribute that to three sources:

1. I've come to a point in my life where Jennie's and my morning prayer time is a part of who we are. We don't have to think about it anymore. It's a life habit that fits us hand-in-glove, as much a part of every day as bathing and eating. Inasmuch as I begin my day grounded in prayer, scripture, and journaling, I face the day with a calm and confidence that sustains and directs.

2. My colleagues in ministry are ever-present to encourage and ever-willing to help. I give thanks daily for what Elizabeth and Jan, Michael and Mollie, Lynn, Cindy, and Pat mean to me. They make me a better pastor, preacher, administrator, and person. I'm confident our Minister of Faith Formation will add to the texture and fullness of our team.

3. You. Thank you for being a congregation of people who are so encouraging and supportive. I've felt and heard it from Day One (nearly two years ago now!). You've stepped up in increasing numbers to serve in selfless ways with a positive, can-do, Christ-centered attitude.

Speaking of being Christ-centered and sensing the risen Lord's presence from dawn to dusk through full days, I enjoyed lunch on a recent Friday with Dr. Albert Pennybacker. It was a blessing at the end of a long week to break bread with a dear brother in Christ who has himself been a source of encouragement and support.

"How are you?," Penny asked.

I told him how the Spirit, staff, and congregation had given me ballast and blessing through full weeks of ministry.

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Disciples Women Basket Auction and Lunch Sunday, June 26



Bidding in the silent auction will start in the Gathering Area on Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. and end at 12:45 p.m. during lunch. All proceeds will go to Central's God's Pantry operation. Baskets are being lovingly and generously assembled for donation by groups and individual members at Central. A sampling of baskets so far are... "Summer Entertainment," "To Your Total Health," "Keeping Cool," "Family Fun," and "Lunch With the Staff." Disciples Women will provide lunch. Birthday cake for Central's 200th will be served for dessert!! So, please plan on coming and allow yourself plenty of time to browse, bid and enjoy excellent fellowship.

Minister of Faith Formation Search Update

In the past two weeks, the Search Committee has come to unanimous agreement on a candidate. We have set a date for a site visit for the candidate and spouse during which time we will finalize terms of a call. Upon the candidate's acceptance of our Letter of Call, the Administrative Board will be notified of a called board meeting at which time the Search Team will present the candidate for approval by the board. Upon board approval, a date will be set for a Congregational Meeting. The Search Team appreciates your patience in this search and looks forward to introducing Central to the candidate we sense is called to serve us in this important ministry position. Questions? Please contact Rev. Jan Ehrmantraut, Search Team Chair, at the church office (859) 233-1551.

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At that point, our waiter came to our table. An Hispanic man, he introduced himself to us, saying, "My name is Jesús and I will be taking care of you today."

It's true, you know. Ground your life in Him and Jesús will take care of you. Count me a believer.

--Pastor David

Congregation Approves

Revised Bylaws

On June 12, the congregation unanimously approved the revised bylaws. The congregation also repealed the constitution because it has been combined with the bylaws as the Amended and Restated Bylaws and Constitution.

The revision of the bylaws began after the congregation voted for the church to be incorporated in March 2015. The revised bylaws have been aligned with the Articles of Incorporation and sections have been updated.

Copies of the bylaws are available on the church's web site at [Bylaws](#); you may also click on "News" at the top of the church's homepage to access them. For those unable to view the bylaws online or unable to print, copies are available at the welcome desk.

Calling All Teachers and Lovers of Children!

If you enjoy short-term teaching assignments and being with children, you could have a place in our **summer Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School** (Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.). This model focuses on a Bible story or scripture passage for several weeks at a time, exposing the children to that text through art, music, science, movement, games, videos, etc. Teachers choose one of those areas (workshops) and teach the same lesson each week to a different age group as the children rotate one week at a time between the different workshops. This model reinforces the story/scripture as the children learn through different modalities.



David and Jennie Shirey are co-leading this experience for our children, but **teachers/workshop facilitators are needed for the following 4-week periods** (although, you only have to teach 3 of the 4 weeks): **June 19-July 10, July 17-Aug 7, and Aug 14-Sept 4th**. If you would like to participate in all the fun and learning, please contact Jennie Shirey at (859) 303-4194 or shirey.jennie@gmail.com, and curriculum and supplies will be provided.

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

July is Outreach Month

The month of July has been designated **Outreach Month** at Central as a part of Central's 200th Anniversary yearlong celebrations. Throughout the month, members of our Outreach Ministry Area will be uplifting one of Central's current Outreach ministries. Also special bulletin inserts will educate us about the history and meaning of the lovely quilt that adorns our Gathering Area depicting Central's many missions around the world.

July 3 "The Word at the Heart of the Holiday" Galatians 5:1, 13-14
On Independence Day weekend, we celebrate freedom. In Galatians, Paul celebrates freedom also: freedom from the law and from sin's power. Yet, what are we set free *for*?

July 10, 17, 24 A Three-part Series on Divine and Human Generosity

July 10 "God the Giver" Psalm 24
Theologian Miroslav Volf wrote a fine book titled *Free of Charge* in which he explores the rich theme of Generosity. In this month celebrating Central's generous outreach near and far, we'll spend three Sundays delving into the divine and human dimensions of gracious giving, beginning with "God the Giver."

July 17 "Blessed to be a Blessing" Ephesians 4:25-32
Recognizing that all we have is a gift from God, we "return thanks" by being gracious givers ourselves. God does not desire that we give anything back to God—God needs nothing from us. There is nothing we have that God needs. Rather, God desires that we who are created in God's image become givers ourselves.

July 24 "Daily Bread" Exodus 16:1-21
We'll close this mini-series by focusing on the dialectic of Scarcity and Abundance. Our capacity for living life from a posture of grateful generosity is stifled by the cultural conviction of scarcity. We don't have enough time, resources, or money. Contrast this debilitating mindset with the biblical conviction that God provides. There is a gracious plenty to go around. Hence the story of the manna.

July 31 "Missions Central" James 2:14-18
We'll close the month celebrating Central's historic emphasis on outreach and mission. We'll highlight Central's focus on both mercy and justice.

The clients and volunteers of God's Pantry are extremely grateful to those participating in Vacation Bible School for their donation of 215 items representing 197.37 pounds of food. This donation will provide needed food to many members of our community. Many thanks to all!
Ann Thompson, Coordinator

School's Out and Backpacks Are Empty!



Do you have a backpack or two that may be due for replacement next fall? If the backpack is in decent shape (no rips or broken zippers and fairly clean) please consider donating it to the Helping Hands ministry.

Backpacks are one of the most needed and appreciated items by the homeless community. So give your old backpack a new life and be a helping hand to those in need! You may leave your donation at the welcome desk on

Sunday or in the church office. "Mark" for "Helping Hands." You may also contact Kathryn Zink at (859) 263-8013. Thank you!

Our Sympathy

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

The family and friends of Nancy West in her death, especially to her sister **Maud Johnson** and dear cousin **Mary Blanton Cotton**.

Kris and Martha Dryden and family in the death of Kris' step-father, Robert Schwartz.

Cane Ridge Day Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. - Registration begins
- 10 a.m. - Morning Program
- 12 Noon - Lunch; Backroom Bluegrass Band Performing
- 1 p.m. - Afternoon Program
- 3 p.m. - Farewell until Next Year



The following gifts have been given to
Central Christian Church
(all gifts are given to the Building Fund
unless otherwise stated)

In memory of
Ted Bates
by
George & Glenda Ross

In memory of
Sherri Harkless
by
Don & Beth Barney
(for Handbell Choir)
Nancy Ireland Bishop
Ron & Suzanne Compton
John & Ann Dahl
Rose Marie Hackett
George & Glenda Ross
Ben & Peggy Sledd
(for Music Ministry)
Elizabeth Rehm Wachtel

In memory of
Richard P. Shewmaker
by his son,
Richard Shewmaker

In memory of
Nancy West
by
John & Charlene Bridwell
Phil & Lynn Gray
Pam Miller
Ann Thompson
Betty Jane Tuttle



Cane Ridge Day – Saturday, June 25

Cane Ridge Day is Saturday, June 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Annually, Disciples from across the region gather on Holy Ground—the 18th century birthplace of our Disciples of Christ movement east of Paris in Bourbon County.

Central will be well-represented throughout the day. The morning program will begin at 10 a.m. with a selection of hymns and special music led by **Michael Rintamaa, Jane Johnson**, and several **Central vocalists and musicians**. David Shirey will present a thumbnail history of Central (“No more than fifteen minutes”). **Jeanette Knowles** will be setting up a table featuring memorabilia from Central’s history in the east alcove of the Shrine Building. **Bill and Jane Johnson** and their Backroom String Band will be providing music as attendees enjoy a picnic lunch on the historic grounds.

Keynoter for the event will be **Dr. D. Duane Cummins**. He will be addressing the contributions of Central’s founding pastor, Barton W. Stone, to the religious landscape of our nation. His morning address is titled: “Barton Stone: Pathway to the Ideal of Religious Freedom.” His afternoon address is “Barton Stone: Pathway to the Ideal of Spiritual Unity.” Dr. Cummins will join Rev. Shirey leading worship at Central the following morning, Sunday, June 26, and will be preaching on Central’s history.

Dr. Cummins served as president of Bethany College from 1988 until his retirement in 2002. He served from 1978 to 1988 as president of the Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). While at the Division, he authored *A Handbook for Today’s Disciples* and *The Disciples Colleges: A History*. After retiring from Bethany College he served as interim president of Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University and the following year as Interim President of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Since 2002, Dr. Cummins has taught advance courses in history as Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University.

There is no fee for attending Cane Ridge Day but an offering will be taken in both the morning and the afternoon. The day’s schedule is on page 7.



Seeking Bus Drivers

As some of you know, Central provides bus service on Sunday mornings to pick up and drop off individuals who wish to attend Sunday School and worship. This service is for those who are, for various reasons, unable to drive themselves to church. Typically, drivers sign up for one month out of the year. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry, please contact **Tom Graham** by e-mailing tbrowngraham@twc.com or calling (859) 797-1526.

A New Design for Central's Prayer List

Before Rev. Elizabeth King left for her sabbatical, she and Lynn Gray developed a new design for Central's Prayer List. You can pick up a copy every Sunday on the chest of drawers at the base of the balcony staircase or on the information table to the right of the parking lot entrance.

The prayer list notes both celebrations and concerns within our community and beyond: birthdays and significant anniversaries, a rotating list of members residing in senior living centers, and a rotating list of concerns within our church family. The list highlights CCC ministries and provides a scripture and prayer to serve as a guide for your intercessory prayer. The list is printed each Friday morning. To help us keep the list current, please contact Lynn Gray with updates at (859) 233-1551.

This Fall there will be an intercessory prayer group which will include members able to attend a meeting at the church as well as those unable to attend but who wish to be connected via email/phone. If you are interested in participating in an intercessory prayer group, please contact Rev. Jan Ehrmantraut at (859) 233-1551.



Our Congratulations

Amanda DePinho and **Logan King** who were married at Central, May 21, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.

Meredith Schuh and **Logan King** who were married June 4, with Dr. Ray Holdren and Pastor Phillip Fannin co-officiating.

Lauren Cracraft and **Martine de Anda** who were married June 10, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.

Laura Benton and **Matthew Haughton** who were married at Central, June 11, with Rev. Elizabeth King officiating.

Katherine Hay and **Kris Olson** who were married, June 11, at St. Raphael Episcopal Church.



The Next Chimes

In order for articles to be considered for the July 13 issue of *The Chimes*, they must be submitted by July 7 @ 9 a.m.

Please send Chimes Articles to Mollie Sawyer; director@centralchristianlex.org.

Other ways we communicate

Wednesday ([Let's Go Deeper](#)) from Rev. David

[Friday](#) E-Blast—from Staff

Facebook, www.facebook.com/CentralChristianLex/

Vist our website, www.centralchristianlex.info

Make sure you have updated your e-mail address with the church office.

Did you know you could GO Green by having us e-mail you the *Chimes*? Call the church office for more information, (859) 233-1551.

Property Updates, Upgrades & Up-and-coming

It is time for another Property Update! Spring brought us out of the stormy winter months with renewed hope in watching the daffodils bloom. We take this opportunity to inform you about the many issues the Property Committee and Staff have been addressing for the last few months.

Child Care Center/Little Building

Many of you were aware of the sidewalk in front of the Child Care Center being in need of repair. The city issued a citation to us for the repairs of the crumbling sidewalk last summer. As the repairs neared completion a hole opened up at the front doors of the center. All progress stopped as we tried to address the situation. After many meetings with architects, engineers, and people from the city and the Historical Society, a plan was put in place. We can report that the sidewalk has been fixed and we are all clear with the city. Total cost of the project was \$10,912.

Matthew 7:24-24 Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.

Watkins Building Task Force

A task force has been created to address the needs of the mission programs and the staff that are located in the Watkins building. The goal is to make the environment of the Watkins building safer, cleaner and more inviting for our guests, clients and staff. The first meeting of the WBTF was on April 5. At the meeting a priority list (see below) was created. Once the task force achieves the completion of this list they will move on to a second list of issues.

- ◇ Have all Mission Programs on the same schedule—DONE
 - God's Pantry: waiting room open at 12, services 2-4 p.m.
 - Helping Hands: 1-3 p.m.
 - Thrift Store: Tuesday-Thursday, 12-4 p.m.
- ◇ Create a plan for use of the current bathrooms and possibly create a bathroom for public use next to God's Pantry. Cost and funding to be determined.
- ◇ Install a key pad system at the back door of the Watkins Building with a camera that joins with the phone system so that the church office can control access into the building. Estimated cost \$6,600. Funding to be determined.
- ◇ Install a door opener/closer at the back door for God's Pantry clients. The equipment has been ordered and installation is expected within a few weeks.
- ◇ Signage for the Watkins Building.
- ◇ Address the front and garden side doors which likely need to be replaced. Cost and funding to be determined.
- ◇ Clean up Cafeteria area, including its kitchen.

Church Building

A preventive maintenance schedule has been completed for the care of our boiler system and Geo Thermal system. Regular maintenance and filter changes are occurring monthly. A very long deferred HVAC maintenance list is starting to shorten as we address issues.

We are assessing the need for a door on the fire escape of the church building (outside room 209), because we are finding that homeless people are sleeping on the stairs and on the ground around the steps. Multiple times during the week we are cleaning up the fire escape and concrete pad below. It is not a safe place for those who need shelter to sleep in these areas.

Landscaping

The grounds are in much better shape now that we have a monthly contract with GrassMasters. We have many areas that are overgrown and need refreshing. Other areas have plants that need trimming or removal for safety. Pat Sandlin (our Facilities Manager) will be working weekly on areas that are overgrown. Currently we are working on the front of the Watkins Building. Take a look at it soon. We can see the windows now!

A summer "to do" list has been formulated; here are some of the projects on our list:

- ◇ Parking lot clean up / resealing / re-striping / signage
- ◇ Clean church building windows (inside and out)
- ◇ Outside lighting assessment
- ◇ Outside signs (clean up and redo): assess what signs we have and those that need to be updated, replaced or cleaned
- ◇ Gutter assessment
- ◇ Continuation of landscaping clean up

We give YOU thanks for your support of the Property Committee and Staff who work so tirelessly to insure that our buildings and property are safe and maintained. If you have any questions or concerns about the property or our buildings you may contact Mollie Sawyer at the church office, (859) 233-1551, or e-mail her at; director@centralchristianlex.org.



If you would like to volunteer and support the work of the Property Committee, now is your chance. We will be launching a NEW committee structure that will include multiple sub-committees so that more of us can be involved in the amazing, life-changing moments that happen in and around our property. STAY TUNED!

Month of July 2016 Church Calendar

Monday, 04 July 2016

Church Office closed

Wednesday, 06 July 2016

7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting

210 Class Room

Friday, 08 July 2016

10:00 AM DW Board Meeting

Library

Sunday, 10 July 2016

Healing Prayer and 3-5 grade Mission Experience

Sanctuary

5:00 PM Youth Mission Time

Commons Room

Monday, 11 July 2016

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Helping Hands

Watkins Building

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

202 Class Room

Wednesday, 13 July 2016

10:00 AM PM Senior Program (God's Pantry)

Annex Building

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Helping Hands

Watkins Building

5:00 PM Property Committee Meeting

209 Class Room

6:00 PM Parish Nurses

Library

Saturday, 16 July 2016

5:30 PM Non Member Wedding

Sanctuary

Sunday, 17 July 2016

5:00 PM Youth Mission Time

Commons Room

WEEK of July 18 to 24 Chi Rho Mission Trip

Monday, 18 July 2016

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

202 Class Room

Wednesday, 20 July 2016

4:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Gillig Conference Room

Sunday, 24 July 2016

5:00 PM Youth Mission Time

Commons Room

Monday, 25 July 2016

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

202 Class Room

Wednesday, 27 July 2016

8:30 AM Stewardship & Finance Meeting

Gillig Conference Room

7:00 PM Administrative Board Meeting

Commons Room

Sunday, 31 July 2016

5:00 PM Youth Mission Time

Commons Room

Chimes in July

Summertime is a time of vacations, sports activities, and visiting grandparents. Our staff will be taking well-earned vacations over the month of July, so the *Chimes* will take a break as well.

The next *Chimes* will be produced on July 13 and will be the ONLY one for the month. We will resume the normal publication calendar for the *Chimes* in August (production dates on 8/10 and 8/24).

Here are all the ways that Central communicates information;

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- [Friday E-Blast](#)—from Staff
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