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E-newsletter for Regional News

Want to stay up-to-date on what is happening in the Kentucky region of the Christian Church (DOC)? The region issues a bi-weekly e-newsletter called "CCK News."



Want to know about youth news, mission stories, and the prison ministry? Interested in events like the upcoming regional assembly in Lexington and special seminars and retreats at Christmount in North Carolina? Need resources for searching scripture or writing prayers? All those topics and more were in a recent issue.

The newsletter will be sent to your e-mail address if you request it. Subscribing is easy. Go to Central's homepage, look under the menu "News" and click on "subscribe to bi-weekly newsletter." You will soon receive a greeting from the regional minister and will know that you are a successful subscriber!



Sunday in Worship

August 28, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Dr. Bill Curwood,
preaching

John Zink, Elder

11 a.m.

Dr. Bill Curwood,
preaching
Rev. Elizabeth King and
Kim Joyner
leading worship

Connie Hubbard and
Bill Ogger, Elders

Scripture: Psalm 121

Sermon: "What Will We
Say to the Children?"

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/>

As August turns to September, teachers and students are back in school. Here at Central, I'm grateful to say Rev. Elizabeth King is back from sabbatical and alongside us in ministry once again. As an added blessing, Rev. Jimmy Gawne joins us on August 31 as our Minister of Faith Formation.

Be on the lookout in a future *Chimes* for a word from Pastor Elizabeth on her months of physical and spiritual renewal. I'll leave the exact date for Elizabeth's choosing. Having been blessed with sabbatical time myself, I am aware "re-entry" into congregational life requires a special discipline on the part of both pastor and people. The Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard observed, "Life is lived forward, but understood backward." Some of the most profound learnings from sabbatical are still to be discovered. So, join me in giving Elizabeth the grace and space to enter back into the rhythms of life and ministry not with a lurch or leap, but with the unhurried leisure in which the Spirit can continue to move and speak.

At the same time, we welcome Rev. Jimmy Gawne and his wife, Rev. Caitie Smith, to Lexington and to Central. Jimmy and Caitie have moved into the cozy bungalow they are renting in the Kenwick neighborhood. Waist-deep in the boxes, anxiety, and anticipation that mark a major move, let's surround them with the same grace and space we are affording Elizabeth. Being called to a new ministry is not for the faint of heart or soul. It is accompanied by grieving what one has left while anxiously wondering what *really* lies ahead. No matter what the Search Committee told Jimmy this position and congregation are all about, an

introduction is only that, an introduction. Now begins the investment of time and attentiveness necessary to build the trusting relationships upon which fruitful ministry is founded and flourishes.

In the spirit of initiating such a relationship, I encourage you to put pen to paper and send Jimmy and Caitie a personal note of welcome. Their address is:

Revs. Jimmy Gawne and Caitie Smith
933 Cramer
Lexington, KY, 40502

Lastly, welcoming Elizabeth and Jimmy means thanking Jan Ehrmantraut for her *double* duty as Chair of the Search Committee that called Jimmy and Interim Minister of Congregational Care during Elizabeth's sabbatical. She did both with wisdom, eloquence and pastoral presence. I know the staff and each of you join me in thanking Jan for being such a beloved sister in Christ whose love for Central continues to evoke from her all she has to offer. As one late to the party who did not know the depth and devotion that undergirded Jan Ehrmantraut's ministry, I give thanks for her partnership in the gospel over these past months of serving together.

Jan, it was an honor and pleasure.

David Shirey

With Thanksgiving for the Ministries of Central

A Word from Jan Ehrmantraut

Central family, thank you for the opportunity to serve you part-time this summer as your interim minister of congregational care. Although the time spent with you was good for my soul, I rejoice that Rev. Elizabeth has returned. Let me share with you some insights I learned, or was reminded of, over the last three months.

- Let your ministers know if you or someone else in the church is hospitalized or experiencing a difficult time. Your ministers want to journey with you, not catch up to you after the fact.
- Central's elders and deacons are a gracious group of people. From the deacon captains at the back of the sanctuary, to those serving us in the pews and those who prepare communion, there is a genuine spirit of ministry. I have been humbled by our elders' prayers at the table, their ministry of home-bound communion and their consistency in touching base with some of our members whom we do not want to feel forgotten. If you are unable to worship with us, or if you would like to receive a friendly check-in call on a monthly basis, please let Rev. Elizabeth know. Our Disciples Women circles and individual members of the church also make it a point to keep in contact with those who can no longer be as active as they once were.
- Central's adult Sunday School classes are some of the more unique groups I've met - we vary from focused studies to a lively study of the Bible. Contact your ministers for more information. And while you're at it, if you have children, or want to occasionally connect with children, come to the current study on Fruits of the Spirit and celebrate what's going on in the children's wing.
- We have a wonderful resource in our Stephen Ministers - individuals trained to confidentially walk with someone going through a difficult time. You can call and request a Stephen Minister for yourself or encourage a friend in need to request one.
- Central also has two certified Spiritual Directors, Lisa Maas and Carolyn Richart, who are trained to journey with individuals seeking to better understand their spiritual journey, whether going through a crisis or simply needing a listening companion on the journey.

- The revised prayer list is a good resource to stay in touch with congregational concerns and celebrations, as well a guide for prayerful remembrance. A scripture text and prayer are added for your contemplation. Pick up a copy on the table outside the sanctuary at the base of the stairs or on the table to your right as you enter the church from the parking area.

Thanks for the memories, Central Christian Church.

Justice

JUSTICE UPDATE AND OPPORTUNITIES

Where Mercy and Justice Meet

We recently learned that one of the men we hosted in RITI for several seasons is now involved in one of the "housing first" programs funded by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. In "housing first" an individual is given assistance with rent and deposits for varying periods to give time to work through other issues. As our friend puts it, "Now that I'm not stressing on where I'm going to sleep and get a shower, I can focus on the things I need to do to get my life back together."

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund came about because of the work **Bill Embry** did to promote the concept in churches in every part of Lexington.

Eventually BUILD adopted the issue and the Central Justice network worked as advocates along with the other churches in BUILD for several years, again with Bill in the lead, until the idea passed the city council and received funding. Those who are served in a mercy ministry are benefitting from the work we do for justice.

Plan to come to one of these listening sessions; we want to hear from you about Justice concerns you have. Location TBA but all will be at CCC.

9/11- After church

9/21 - 5:15 p.m.

9/25- After church

WATCH for details to attend a JUSTICE FORUM: Putting a roof on Justice. Location will be at CCC in October or November.

Your CCC Justice Strategic team -Vickie Batzka, Curt Ehrmantraut, Connie Hubbard, Jack Morris, Ben Poage, Phil Points, Hank Sneed and Lynn Gray, staff representative.

Men's Breakfast Resumes September 10

All Central men are invited to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Albert Pennybacker. Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering area on Sunday morning or notify Lynn in the church office by phone 233-1551 or lynn@centralchristianlex.org Save the date for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship with the men of Central.



Central's 200th Anniversary Year

(1816-2016)

September: Life's Milestones

September's theme is LIFE'S MILESTONES. Our focus will be the manner in which the church embraces us throughout our lives from birth to death: baby dedications, baptisms, weddings., funerals. Central's arms have enfolded generations of the faithful at these milestones of life. In the words of the great hymn,

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

Sept. 4 Rev. Jimmy Gawne's first Sunday in worship. Rev. David Shirey's sermon will be "The Report of the Search Committee," based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

A reception will follow the 11 a.m. service of worship in Fellowship Hall.

Sept. 11 Birth. We'll observe the 15th anniversary of 9/11 with a moment of remembrance and make a courageous, faith-based turn toward the future by focusing on the church's ministry at birth in a sermon titled "What a Time for a Baby," based on Isaiah 9:2-7.

Sept. 18 Marriage. A few years ago, a film titled *Juno* featured a teenager going through the ups and downs of adolescence. She asks the plaintive question, "Is it possible for two people to stay in love forever?" We'll look at how faith undergirds lasting relationships and provides grace and healing when relationships must end.

Sept. 25 Death. A sermon titled *Nunc Dimittis* (Lord, now let your servant depart) and based on Luke 2:25-38 will invite us to consider how we can live life in such a way that we can say at death, "Into thy hands I commend my spirit."



The Next Chimes

In order for articles to be considered for the September 7 issue of *The Chimes*, they must be submitted by September 1 @ 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.

Our Sympathy

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

To Linda Curwood in the death of her aunt, **Georgia McCall**, who was 102 years old.

To family and friends of **Joe Goodwin** in his death, August 12.



Continued.....

Month of September 2016 Church Calendar

Sunday, 4 September 2016

Rev. Jimmy Gawne's first Sunday!

12 PM Reception for Jimmy and Caitie Fellowship Hall
 12:30 PM Elders Meeting 207 Class Room

Monday, 5 September 2016 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

1 PM Staff Meeting 202 Class Room
 5: 15 PM KidsSing Evans Music Room
 5:30 PM Cultivating Mindfulness Parlor
 7 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting 210 Class Room

Thursday, 8 September 2016

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice Sanctuary

Saturday, 10 September 2016

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 11 September 2016

Healing Prayer/Anointing Sanctuary (after each service)
 3—5 grade Mission experience Sanctuary (both services)
 Kid's Central Starts Children's Wing
 12 PM Justice Meeting Fellowship Hall
 5 PM Youth Cookout Ballards' Home

Monday, 12 September 2016

1 PM Staff Meeting 202 Class Room
 1 PM Helping Hands Watkins Building
 6 PM Circle 15 Library

Tuesday, 13 September 2016

10 AM Circle 8 Meeting Commons Room

Wednesday, 14 September 2016

1 PM Helping Hands Watkins Building
 5:15 PM KidsSing Evans Music Room
 5 PM Property Committee Meeting 209 Class Room
 5:30 PM Cultivating Mindfulness Parlor
 6 PM Parish Nurses Library
 6:15 PM Handbells 205 Class Room

Thursday, 15 September 2016

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice Sanctuary

Sunday, 18 September 2016

12 PM Outreach Meeting 207 Class Room
 See box Below for Chi Rho, CYF and Teen Sing schedule

Monday, 19 September 2016

1 PM Staff Meeting 202 Class Room

Wednesday, 21 September 2016

5:15 PM KidsSing Evans Music Room
 5:15 PM Justice Meeting (BUILD) Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM Cultivating Mindfulness Parlor
 6:15 PM Handbells 205 Class Room

Thursday, 22 September 2016

7 PM PM Chancel Choir Practice Sanctuary

Sunday, 25 September 2016

Flu Shots available Parish Nurse office
 12 PM Justices Meeting Fellowship Hall
 See box Below for Chi Rho, Teen Sing & CYI schedule

Wednesday, 28 September 2016

8:30 AM Stewardship & Finance Gillig Conference Room (Watkins Bld)
 5:15 PM KidsSing Evans Music Room
 5:30 PM Cultivating Mindfulness Parlor
 6:15 PM Handbells 205 Class Room

Other Scheduling for the Month of September

Wednesday, 14 September 2016

10 AM to 4:30 PM Senior God's Pantry Program Annex Building

Thursday to Saturday, 22-24 September 2016

Kentucky Regional Assembly Crestwood Christian Church

Monday to Friday, 26-30 September 2016

Fall Bethany Retreat Kansas City, MO

Starting September 18
Chi Rho (Middle School), CYF (High School)
 & Teen Sing Fall Schedule
 4 PM Chi Rho * 5 PM Teen Sing
 6 PM Dinner * 6:30 PM CYF

Our Worship Times
 Sunday 8:30 AM and 11 AM
 KidsCentral Sunday School Workshop 9:30 AM
 Adult Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM