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Morning Watch

Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education

Sundays 9:15 am

Traditional Service

Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Sundays 11:30 am

Church Office

*Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

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THE COMING OF THE KING

Sometimes we may speak or shout the truth without realizing just how right we are. That happened on the first Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on, not a prize-worthy stallion, but a young, unimpressive, donkey. Remember the roar of the crowd? 'Hosanna (Save us!), Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.' They were waving palm branches, a symbol of peace, as they hailed Jesus as their king. Was Jesus a



king? Jesus didn't deny it. When the Pharisees told him to rebuke the cheering crowd, he said, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.' Pilate, the Roman procurator and judge, taunted the Pharisees by saying, 'Here is your king.' That made the chief priests furious. 'We have no king but Caesar,' they protested. Pilate turned Christ over to them, but he still wanted to taunt Jesus' insistent persecutors. John 19:19 says that Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. In three languages (Hebrew, Latin and Greek) it read: The King of the Jews. That enraged Jesus' enemies even more. They asked Pilate to change the wording.

'What I have written, I have written,' the stubborn ruler answered. Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of the Resurrection surely thought so. In Acts 17:7 we find that the first Christians were accused of 'saying there is another king, Jesus.' The writer of the book of Revelation envisioned the day when the whole world would understand that the risen Christ was not only Lord and Savior but also, as he put it, 'Lord of lords and King of kings' (Revelation 17:14). Central Christian invites all to join us on Palm Sunday as we celebrate the One who came in the name of the Lord.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

"The Living Tableau"



Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word "mandatum" which means "commandment." In the gospel of John, Jesus makes this statement during the Last Supper: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." That is what the Lord asked of his disciples and asks of you. Maundy Thursday is also called Holy Thursday because it commemorates the evening just before the crucifixion. Central Christian welcomes all to come and share this Holy Thursday with us on April 1st at 7:30 p.m., as we presents an adaptation of the Last Supper with the performance of "The Living Tableau." Come see the fathers and sons of our church retell the words of the 12 disciples the evening just before the crucifixion when Jesus and his friends broke bread together for the Last Supper.

Serving In March

Deacon Captain: Lisa French

Deacons Serving: April Parcell, Jean Cochoy, Bob Cochoy, Brad Kassner, Claudia Lewis, Fred Lewis, Jenness Sigman, Mark Sigman, Lora Davidson and Scot Burnett.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Andree Flynn and Greg Moon

Elders for Communion

Mar 28th Rex Strine and Bob Wheeler

Apr 4th Terry Sigman and Ben Williams

Lay Leaders

Mar 28th David Lyon

Fellowship Hour

Mar 28th Public Relations

Apr 4th CWF

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Mar 28th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class A New Vision Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 pm	Faith Seeker/Finders
Monday, Mar 29th	12:15 pm	Pastor's Class
	6:30 pm	CYF & Chi Rho
Wednesday, Mar 31st	9:00 am	Quilters
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness Class
	6:40 pm	Sanctuary Study Committee
Thursday, Apr 1st	9:30 am	Senior Fitness
	5:45 pm	Soup Supper
	6:40 pm	Discovering Spiritual Gifts
	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday, Apr 2nd	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00 pm	Group Interaction

Attn: Executive Board – Annual Reports

Annual reports are due in the church office (electronically) on Sunday, April 25th. If you have any questions or if I can assist in any way please contact the church office at 254-2649 or office@ccc-ket.org.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, March 21st, 2010

Christian Education	34
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Nursery/Godly Play	19
Morning Watch	17
Traditional Service	<u>132</u>
Total Worship Attendance	168



“Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!”

Members & Friends

Hospitalized	- David Sipple (MVH)
Hospice Care	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care	Kathy Anderson Henrietta Farrow Earline Grice Thelma Harman Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Doyle Ware Millie Molz Jean Thompson Merle and Dorothy Ryan
Autumn Health Care	- June Tate
Heartland of Centerville	- Thelma Henderson
Liberty Retirement Home	- Bob Thompson Janice Lyons Ed Bausman
Summersville	- Marian Herron
Spring Creek	- JoAnn Reichbauer
Sterling House	- Elwood Byrnett
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, March 21st were given by Beulah Stockdale in celebration of Charline Glover's Birthday.

Dear Central Christian Family,

Thank you to each of you for your prayers, cards and concerns during Matt's illness and recovery. He is well on his way to a successful and total recovery. We appreciate everything each of you did for Matt- he was amazed at the outpouring of cards he received. God's healing touch you all prayed for was present in our time of need. Thank you.

**You are truly a wonderful church,
Doug, Mary Lou, Stephanie and Matt Pence**

To My Beloved Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your love, care and concern for me during my surgery and recovery. Thanks also, for the wonderful meals during the time when it was most needed. I have been truly blessed to have grown up among such a wonderful, compassionate and lovely group of people.

**God's love to all,
Karen Moon**

Memorial Fund

General Fund

In Memory of Eleanor McNulty
Helen G. Towers

Organ Fund

In Memory of Eleanor McNulty
The Quilters

Organ Fund

In Memory of Garnia Moses
The Quilters





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A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell

A new book study led by Larry Merkle will start this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. You will be discussing John Shelby Spong's *Eternal Live: A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell*. According to the Publishers Weekly review, the book "provides a lucid historical analysis of the development of human religious thought from the onset of self-conscious awareness to the present, and a compelling argument for the creation of a new religious paradigm... Arguing that modern scientific understanding necessitates dismissing outdated metaphors and assumptions by which faith seeks to calm human anxiety, Spong suggests an understanding of God not as a person, but as the process that calls personhood into being. ... This work ... offers new insights into religion's big questions about life and death" It is available from amazon.com for \$16.49 and from other major booksellers for comparable prices. For more information about this study contact Larry Merkle at email: xphileprof@gmail.com.

Advance Conference Talent Show/Fundraiser "Camp Stock 2010"



This year's Advance Conference Talent Show and Fundraiser is fast approaching. This event will be held at Camp Christian on April 17, 2010, beginning at noon with a cookout and silent auction. All money raised will go to the Advance Conference Scholarship Fund. If you have an act, wish to donate to the silent auction, or volunteer your services, please contact Randy Green at rjgreen57@yahoo.com or 604-3039. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a great night of fellowship, music and fun!

CWF

Spring Rummage & Bake Sale



CWF's Spring Rummage and Bake Sale is Thursday, April 29th – Saturday, May 1st. Items you wish to donate can be brought to the church on Sunday, April 25th thru Wednesday, April 28th. **Volunteers Needed!** If you can donate your time during this week, please call Jane Bernard 901-4788 or janebernard@ameritech.net. To donate bake goods contact Velma Fansler 435-9254.

Good Friday



Good Friday, a day of terrible suffering and sacrifice, a day of crucifixion. On Good Friday we ask you to take the time to recollect He who bore His crown of thorns willingly, arose from the dead and defeated death that we might have eternal life. The sanctuary will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to come and spend quiet time in meditation and prayer.

There's Something Better Coming

This season of Easter is a special time for Christians to celebrate the ultimate reason for our hope: Christ is risen, and invites us to rise with him to new life.

Easter is an invitation to try again with God's help to break that addiction we had given up all hope of ever breaking. There's something better coming...

Easter is a chance to work at renewing the marriage we had given up all hope of ever saving. There's something better coming...

Easter is an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors who, in our busyness, we neglect. There's something better coming...

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There's something better coming...

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be! There's something better coming...

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There's something better coming...

Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint." There's something better coming...

Bible Quiz

- What did Jesus say his earthly mission was all about?**
 - Doing his own will
 - Doing God's will
 - Doing the will of the people
 - All of the above
(See John 5:30 for answer)
- A New Testament book contains the following words spoken to a crowd: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." Who said those words?**
 - Paul
 - Peter
 - John
 - Luke
(See Acts 2:32 for answer)
- In John 8:12 (NRSV), Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will"**
 - never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
 - never walk alone.
 - be my companion always.
 - sit at my right hand.
(See John 8:12 for answer)

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

When I think about Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem, I am always amazed at his courage. Sure, there were those who welcomed him as a king on that Palm Sunday. But even his most vocal supporters didn't really understand yet what it meant for Jesus to be the promised Messiah. And everyone else either didn't care or actively wanted Jesus dead. I've never been too sure "triumphal" was the best word to describe Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem.

Now, jump ahead 2000 years. Who does Jesus find when he rides into town on Palm Sunday 2010? Well, things have gotten a bit more complicated over the years, but "the more things change, the more things stay the same." We're just as confused today as they were then. Only this time, instead of a few confused disciples and a handful of angry Pharisees, Jesus will find atheists and agnostics, secular humanists and scientific creationists, protestants and Catholics, and liberals and conservatives... just to name a few. Is it any wonder Luke tells us when Jesus drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today they know the things that make for peace."

Knowing the ignorance and anger present (just among his own disciples!), who would have blamed Jesus if he had chosen to walk away from it all? But, of course, he didn't. That's the whole point.

Jesus rode right into the middle of all of that confusion and violence just as he does today. He could do this because his purpose went beyond all of the power plays of the people around him. He rode in as a king, but a king unlike anything his disciples had ever imagined. He didn't find his victory in the praise of his followers or in the power he had to influence them, but in complete obedience to the will of God.

Luke tells us when Jesus finally got into the city, the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke his disciples, presumably for all of the excitement and disruption they were causing by their celebration. Jesus' response to the Pharisees at this point marks the powerful climax of the story. He says, "If these were silent, the very stones would cry out." (Having been to Israel, I can tell you Jerusalem is a very stony place!)

This Sunday, we remember Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem on the first day of what would later be celebrated as Holy Week. We will join our voices – with the stones if necessary – in bringing praise and honor to the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. See you there.



Hosanna