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BELLBROOK SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL PARADE



Our first parade of the year - Bellbrook Sugar Maple Parade, is just around the corner on Saturday, April 17th at 12 noon. This event starts off Central's Parade Season and includes a festival of food and booths. We invite you to enjoy the thrill of being in a parade and proudly representing our church. We are looking for volunteers to help with float decorating, handing out bags and Mardi Gras beads and waving to the crowds from the float or truck. Planning and preparations are planned for this week and next. For more information and meeting schedules, please call John Brown at 439-0727 or email: jojocen@aol.com or Joan Norman at 254-3846.

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

STAFF

David P. Turner
Senior Minister

Renita Lewis Whitaker
Office Manager

Anthony Shackelford
Custodian

Tanya Elaine Noffsinger
Chancel Choir Director

Dan Oliver
Bell Choir Director &
Director of Audio/Visual

Lois Sutherland
Organist

Jenny Garner
Nursery Care Provider



CWF'S SPRING RUMMAGE

The CWF Spring Rummage Sale is Thursday, April 29th – Saturday, May 1st. You can bring items to donate beginning Sunday, April 25th thru Wednesday, April 28th. **Volunteers Are Welcome and Needed!** If you can donate time to setup and work the rummage and/or the bake sale (manage, donate baked goods), please call Jane Bernard 901-4788 or janebernard@ameritech.net.

SPRING MUSICAL

You are cordially invited
to attend

The 33rd Annual Spring Musical
Presented by the students of
Tanya Noffsinger
on
Sunday, May 2nd at 3:00 pm
at

Central Christian Church
1200 Forrer Blvd in Kettering



Serving In April

Deacon Captain: Mark Sigman

Deacons Serving: Andrew Green, David French, Jack Willman, Laura Nolan, Lisa French, Melissa Moody, Mike Mohr, Ruth Semprit and Thomas Giles

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Lorie Sigman

Elders for Communion

Apr 11th Charles (Bob) Bentley, Sr, and Chuck Bentley, Jr.

Apr 18th Don Ashbrook and Moniqua Suits

Lay Leaders

Apr 11th Alexis Garybush

Apr 18th Doug Pence

Fellowship Hour

Apr 11th Stewardship/Finance

Apr 18th Evangelism

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Apr 11th	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 Finders/Seekers
Monday, Apr 12th	1:30 pm	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	3:00 pm	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
	6:30 pm	CYF and Chi Rho
	9:00 am	Quilters
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness Class
Wednesday, Apr 14th	6:40 pm	Sanctuary Study Committee
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness
	1:30 pm	Joanna Group
	7:00 pm	Kettering Toastmasters
	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, Apr 15th	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00 pm	Group Interaction
Friday, Apr 16th	7:00 pm	Group Interaction
Saturday, Apr 17th	12:00 pm	Bellbrook Maple Parade Advance Conference - Talent Show/Fundraiser
	1:00 pm	Bentley Baby Shower

Attn: Executive Board – Annual Reports

Annual ministries reports are due in the church office (electronically) on Sunday, April 25th.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Christian Education	36
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Nursery/Godly Play	15
Morning Watch	16
Traditional Service	<u>278</u>
Total Worship Attendance	309

Members & Friends

Hospitalize	-	Rollin Hanson (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, April 4th were given by Rollin and Temple Ann Hanson in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary.



Central Christian celebrates those baptized on Easter Sunday

Taylor Mae French

2400 Glenheath Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45440

Aaron Charles Moody

2325 Randy Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45440

Cameron Alexis Moon

110 Lyons Drive, Centerville, Ohio 45459

Doctor and Mrs. John Jump

Request the honor of your presence

at

The marriage of their daughter

Kara Lyn

to

Cody Lee McMillen

on

Saturday, April 24th 4:30 pm



Godly Play Training

There are lots of things you can learn from a book or a lecture, but Godly Play has to be learned from the inside out. You will experience Godly Play stories as a participant in the circle and as a storyteller. You will learn the fundamentals of Godly Play that guide us as we build the Godly Play classroom and interact with the children. You will deepen your understanding of children's spirituality. Each activity takes place in a prayerful atmosphere of give and take with talented, creative Godly Play Teacher Trainers. You will improve your teaching skills, achieve greater clarity about the fundamentals of Godly Play and leave spiritually refreshed. You will practice and experience each of the three types of presentations on Sacred Story, Parable and Liturgical Action. You will experience and reflect on Spirituality of Children, Classroom Structure and Management and Classroom Environment. Attending an Introductory Workshop or prior experience with Godly Play is helpful but not absolutely necessary. You will be required to present a story or lesson without notes to a small group of your peers in a collegial, non-judgmental setting. Participants are asked to read Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children by Jerome W. Berryman prior to attending Core Training. Training begins April 15th - 17th (Thursday: 1 pm – 8 pm; Friday: 8:30 am – 8 pm; and Saturday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm). Anyone interested in attending training should contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or at mmoody5409@yahoo.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 be donated 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!

The LaComedia Dinner Theater Presents "Church Basement Ladies"

A celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there - *Church Basement Ladies*, is a new musical comedy that follows four women as they prepare food and solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church in 1964. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, we see them handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, an Easter fund raiser and a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young and keep the pastor on course. With good, clean laughs and memorable characters, *Church Basement Ladies* is heavenly fun for all! CWF has reserved 20 seats for Wednesday, May 19th at 10:30 am. The cost is \$34 which includes coffee, tea, and milk (gratuity not included.) We will meet at 10:00 at the church. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Jane Bernard at janebernard@ameritech.net or 901-4788 or the church office at office@ccc-ket.org or 254-2649. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, April 14th.

Upcoming Events from Christian Education

There are a lot of activities coming up for the children and youth at Central! Check out the items below and mark your calendars!

Bible Sunday

On Sunday, April 18th we will be presenting our freshman and kindergarten students with their Bibles during the Traditional Service. In addition, if there are any first or second graders who have recently started attending Central, they will be receiving a Bible as well. Please contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or the church office to make sure your child is on the list.

Mother's Day

The Faith Finders youth group, which is comprised of our second through fifth grade students, will serve as the worship leader during the Traditional Service on Sunday, May 9th. We will begin working on this during our Faith Finders time this Sunday, April 11th. If you have questions about this, please contact Melissa Moody.

Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be taking place the week of July 12 - 16 from 9 am to noon. We will have a planning meeting on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 pm. We need lots of volunteers to make this year's VBS a success, so if you are able to help with one of the stations (crafts, games, storytime, snacks and service) or would like to be a group leader, please plan to attend this meeting. You can also contact Melissa Moody or Tammy Turner to volunteer to help out.

It's Camp and Conference Time!!!

Here are dates for Otter Camp, Chi Rho camp, CYF Conference, Advanced Conference, and Adult Conference. If your child has never been to Camp Christian before, now is a great time to start!

Otter Camp is for folks who have finished 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades and is planned for **June 20-26th** this year. Several of our members serve as counselors at Otter Camp including Doug Pence, Alexis Garybush, and Matt Pence. Ask them about anything you need to know.

Chi Rho camp is for folks who have finished 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. Our district attends Camp Miami – this year set for **August 8 - 14th**.

Wilmington Conference for CYF folks is planned for **August 1-7th**. This year Tim Green is serving as Boy Co-President. For those CYF folks who are unable to attend Wilmington Conference, several of our youth attend another conference.

Hiram is **June 27-July 3rd** and **Phyo** is **July 4-10th**. Alexis Garybush is Girl Co-President and Matt Pence is the officer alternate at Phyo. Tim, Alexis, and Matt have been to several planning meetings and promise a great time for all who attend. Ask them any questions you have.

Advanced Conference is set for **August 15th - 22nd**. Eligible attendees are aged 19-29 years.

All of these above listed camps are held at Camp Christian. A newly revised application that covers all of these camps and conferences can be found on the Christian Church in Ohio website – go to the Camp Christian tab. Applications are also located on our Narthex. Central will help with camp fees and we are entitled to a discount if we register before May 1st. Call the church office for more information.

Adult Conference is planned for **June 14 - 18th** at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Again, the Christian Church in Ohio website has the application. Click on the 'Ministry' tab and then on 'Adult Conference' to find the application.

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

Edwin Markham, the famous poet, once wrote these words regarding his experience of God:

*I made a pilgrimage to find our God:
I listened for his voice at holy tombs,
Searched for the print of his immortal feet
In [the] dust of broken altars; yet turned back
With empty heart. But on the homeward road,
A great light came upon me, and I heard
Our God's voice singing in a nestling lark;
Felt his sweet wonder in a swaying rose;
Received his blessing from a wayside well;
Looked on his beauty in a lover's face;
And saw his bright hand send signal from the sun.*

Markham's search for God included holy tombs and ancient altars only to find God on the homeward road -- in the everyday things of life.

At Easter, we are reminded the Risen Lord is not always revealed to us in ways we might expect or anticipate. The Angel tells the women, "He is going before you to Galilee..." Galilee was home, but Galilee was also on the fringe. It was a long way from Galilee to Jerusalem, in more ways than one. It was called "Galilee of the Gentiles" by the Jews, because in Galilee, Jews and Gentiles lived side by side. In other words, Galilee wasn't a very kosher place to live. But it was where Jesus chose to go first. Not to Jerusalem -- to the home of the Temple, but to dirty old, unkosher Galilee.

It was there the first people heard the witness of the

women and the disciples that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and it was there the story continued. I would like to add it is still in dirty old unkosher Galilee the story of the Risen Christ continues.

To me this is one of the clearest messages of Easter: the Risen Lord comes to meet us in the midst of everyday life. Sometimes Jesus appears very subtly, like to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and sometimes, a little more directly -- like the time he appeared to Saul on his way to Damascus. Either way, Jesus comes to us where we live.

Whenever we discover the holy in the daily routine of life -- whenever we see behind the facade of life to the amazing presence of God all around us, we are confronted by the Risen Lord. Whenever the hungry are fed and the naked clothed, life triumphs over death and the Risen Christ is revealed. Whenever the fearful are comforted and the lonely befriended, life triumphs over death and the Risen One is made known. Whenever the shamed are forgiven and the guilty find grace, life triumphs over death and the Risen Lord is present in the midst of them. This is why we gather to worship and celebrate -- on Easter Sunday, and every Sunday.

Easter is about discovering the Risen Lord in places where you would never think to look -- on a cross, in an empty tomb, in Galilee -- even in your own life. The Easter story never ends, it never has and it never will. We are simply the latest to receive its Good News and the latest to share it. Let's make sure the chapter we are writing is one worth passing on.