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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

STAFF

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This Sunday, April 25th is Youth Sunday. Youth Sunday is an annual tradition at Central where the young people of C.Y.F. and Chi Rho - led by the graduating seniors - conduct the worship services. This year there will be 2 virtually identical services led by these young people - one at 9:00 a.m. and a second service at 10:30 a.m. This year our six seniors are a mix of familiar faces - Alexis Garybush, Tim Green, Matt Pence and Sarah Wilhoit and newcomers Matt Letteri and Ben Mates. This year's theme is a message of Hope and Thanks. The senior's messages will be scattered throughout the service from Children's moment through the Invitation to Discipleship. With the help of the Praise Band, we'll sing some familiar hymns and camp songs. Won't you come and celebrate worship with the young people of Central? You are guaranteed to come away uplifted!

IT'S RUMMAGE SALE TIME!!!

CWF's Spring Rummage Sale is Thursday, April 29th – Saturday, May 1st. Bring items you wish to donate on 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.



The 33rd Annual Spring Musical

You are cordially invited to attend

The 33rd Annual Spring Musical

Presented by the students of Tanya Noffsinger

Sunday, May 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

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 Sempritt and Thomas Giles

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Lorie Sigman

Elders for Communion

Apr 25th Youth Sunday

May 2nd Doug and Mary Lou Pence

Lay Leaders

Apr 25th Youth Sunday

May 2nd TBA

Fellowship Hour

Apr 25th A New Vision Class (Larry Merkle)

May 2nd Christian Education (Youth)

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Apr 25th	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
	2:00 pm	Sanctuary Study Meeting
	3:00 pm	Rummage Sale Set-Up
	Monday, Apr 26th	9:00 am
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Study Meeting
	Tuesday, Apr 27th	9:00 am
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
	Wednesday, Apr 28th	9:00 am
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness
	7:00 pm	Kettering Toastmasters
	Thursday, Apr 29th	9:00 am
	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Friday, Apr 30th	9:00 am	CWF Rummage Sale
	7:00 pm	Group Interaction
	Saturday, May 1st	9:00 am

Attention CYF and Chi Rho

Remember to be at church this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for Youth Sunday rehearsal. We should be done by noon. Please be at church by 8:15 a.m. Sunday to prepare for the services. All members will participate in both worship services. Following worship on Sunday afternoon we're invited to the home of Sean Green, 110 Lyons Drive, Centerville for a picnic. Each person is asked to bring \$3 for food plus either a 2 liter drink or bag of chips. Questions – call Mary Lou Pence (434-8157).

Church Bridge Club - Rescheduled

The Church Bridge Club meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Temple Ann Hanson at 426-0868.



Members & Friends

Hospitalized	-	Rollin Hanson (Trinity)
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
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 18th were given by Carol Manda in memory of brother, Laurence Edlind and in honor of his family.

Possible Renovation of Sanctuary/Narthex

At the annual meeting on June 6, 2010, an extremely significant motion will be placed on the floor for our consideration; it affects the present membership, all potential future members, and the future of Central. The motion will be for the contracting for a schematic (conceptual) design to renovate our sanctuary and narthex. Your Sanctuary Study Committee and your Executive Board recommends that this motion be passed as a step in order to fulfill our mission as a congregation. If the first vote passes, a second vote by the congregation will decide whether or not to perform the renovation. Q&A sessions will be held:

Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m.
Monday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Christian Education	33
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Nursery/Godly Play	6
Morning Watch	13
Traditional Service	<u>122</u>
Total Worship Attendance	141

Thought for the Week...

Happiness depends on the quality of your thoughts.

Attn: Executive Board – Annual Reports

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

Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Church Meeting is Sunday, June 6th in the sanctuary immediately following the traditional service. We have very important business to conduct and ask all members to attend.

Church Picnic

Following our annual meeting Christian Family Ministry will host a picnic on the church grounds. Please stay and enjoy an afternoon of food and fellowship.

Annual Elders Dinner

The Annual Elders Dinner will be held Tuesday, June 8th at Deer Run Club House. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by installation of new Elders and Elder officers. Elders and spouses or companions are invited. Entree choices: Pot Roast or Baked Chicken Breast. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person. Please notify Margaret Lyon at lyonvan@aol.com or 429-467, or the church office at office@ccc-ket.org or 254-2649 of your choice of entree by May 15th. Send payment to the church office with check payable to Central Christian Church and designate on memo line Elder Dinner.

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.



CWF Thanks You

Again, THANK YOU for your generosity. The Christian Women's Fellowship collected \$864 for Blanket Sunday. Your donation will purchase 173 blankets for Church World Service. For those who would still like to donate, we will be taking donations next Sunday in the basket located on the display in the narthex. We would like to thank Phyllis and Don Hagerty for their support of this service project.

Christian Women's Fellowship Change of Donation Policy

To avoid the cost of mailing, in previous years, CWF has been giving financial statements upon request.

- Starting April 1st 2010, CWF will be sending out end of the year statements to all donors who provide their name with their contribution.
- All donation checks should be made payable to CWF with a notation of the service project to be donated to which will be deposited by the CWF.
- The funds for these service projects will be sent to the specific project within a week of the end of the fund rising.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Bernard at janebernard@ameritech.net or 901-4788.



Make a Gift & Get Income, too

What would you think of a gift to Central Christian Church that actually paid you for the rest of your life and provided you with a current tax deductible contribution? Too good to be true? Well, it isn't! Charitable Gift Annuities do just that! A gift of cash or securities is given to establish the annuity. The money is invested and a payment amount is established based on the age of the beneficiary. At the death of the last beneficiary, the residual value of the gift goes to Central Christian Church. Additionally, the donor receives a charitable income tax deduction. Here's an example of how it works: Mary Smith, age 75, has a \$10,000 certificate of deposit at her local bank paying 4.0%. She would like to make a gift to Central Christian Church but needs to retain the income for her lifetime. Mary gives \$10,000 in the form of a Charitable Gift Annuity to the Christian Church Foundation, which is partnering with Central Christian Church to offer this type of gift instrument. She will receive annual annuity payments of \$670 (6.7% of the annuity). For income tax purposes, Mary will have a charitable deduction for part of the gift. Of the \$670 she receives each year, more than half will be tax-free for the next 15 years (remainder of her life expectancy). The \$670 she receives each year is guaranteed for the rest of her life – even if she lives to over a 100 – and regardless of what happens with future rates. Most importantly, at Mary's death, the remainder will come to Central Christian Church (or other Disciples ministries of her choosing) to help perpetuate ministry. To help us learn more about this and other planned giving opportunities, the Rev. Darwin Collins of the Christian Church Foundation will be here for a seminar after worship on Sunday, May 16, Refreshments will be provided.

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

There is a show on one of the cable networks called “Hoarders” about people who are incapable of throwing anything out. Some of these folks find themselves literally buried in all their stuff. Unfortunately, this is probably true for many of us to one degree or another. We live in a culture that encourages us to consume more and more

Someone once explained to me that every time you bring home something new – no matter what it is – you are tying up a little bit of yourself with that thing. There is an unspoken commitment to store, preserve, clean, and utilize it. Therefore, the more “stuff” you have, the more of your energy is devoted to caring for it all.

Perhaps that is why Jesus told the rich young man to sell everything he had and give it to the poor. Jesus knew even though the young man desired to be faithful, he was so tied up in all his stuff even God couldn’t break through. Something radical needed to happen. The rich young man needed to get rid of his stuff so he would have room for God.

I have a pastor friend who lives in Colorado who regularly posts on Facebook when it’s trash day in his neighborhood. For him, the weekly garbage pick-up has become a reminder of the need, not only to get his trash taken out to the curb, but also to discard all of the junk in his heart and mind that are cluttering things up and getting in the way. He reminds his family and friends to do the same.

Someone once said it is difficult to open your arms to receive God’s loving embrace when you are carrying around armfuls of luggage. The first thing you have to do is let go. If “taking the garbage out” is a good metaphor for you – then perhaps it is time to do some house cleaning – literally and figuratively.

Next week, our CWF will be preparing for it’s bi-annual rummage sale at the church. It’s a great opportunity to clean out all of the stuff you no longer need or use. Not only does the church benefit, but you get the wonderful outcome of being unencumbered of unnecessary, energy draining “stuff.” It can truly be a liberating feeling!

Likewise, every Sunday can be considered a sort of “trash day,” as well. One of the reasons regular worship is so important is because it gives us an opportunity to bring all of the stuff we carry around with us and give it to God. Do you carry around anger, resentment, anxiety, or persistent feelings of sadness and despair? Do you know how much energy it takes to keep those things around? Do you realize as long as you cling to those things you don’t have room in your life for the joy and peace God wants to give you?

It’s time to unclutter your life – in more ways than one. Join us for worship this Sunday and every Sunday as we take out the trash and welcome in the freshness and life only God can provide.