

Messenger

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July 27, 2009

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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HOLIDAY AT HOME PARADE



On Labor Day, September 7th, Central Christian will be participating in Kettering's Holiday at Home Parade. This will be our last parade of the season and also our biggest. This time, we will be entering a float and some vintage cars (courtesy of our members). We will be needing people to participate in building of the float. So join us on September 6th, here at Central to help with the construction. Let's make this the best parade yet! Please contact John Brown at 439-0727 via email jojoen@aol.com, if you can help with the float or to volunteer to be in the parade.

THE DEAREST FRIEND!

As you know a good friend is worth more than gold, for they will stick by you through good times or bad. For; A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24). Jesus Christ is such a friend, for He has said; You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you (John 15:14-15). Below is a poem about our dearest friend, Jesus Christ.

The Dearest Friend!

*I have a Friend in Jesus, He's ever walking near,
To share my every burden and take away my fear.*

*It's in His precious name I pray to our God above;
It's through His sacred teachings that I learned the way to love.*

*God did not put me on this earth to walk life's path alone;
He sent His Son to be my Guide, the dearest Friend I've known.*

*No other One could be so true, He bore the cross for me;
Because He died for my sins I must ever faithful be.*

*If you are lonely on life's way and feel that no one cares,
You have a Friend in Jesus of you will kneel in prayer.*

Poet, Kay Hoffman



Serving In August

Deacon Captain: Mark Sigman
Deacons Serving: John Mohr, Larry Merkle, Anne Keeton and Mark Keeton.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Lora Davidson
Elders for Communion
Aug 2nd David and Margaret Lyon
Aug 9th Lynn and Darlene Rogers
Lay Leaders
Aug 2nd David French
Aug 9th Scot Burnett
Fellowship Hour
Aug 2nd Technology
Aug 9th Christian Family Life

Wall Calendar

The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get your activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.

The Weeks Ahead

Sunday, Aug 2nd	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class Islam: A Mosaic, Not a Monolith Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
Monday, Aug 3rd	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	8:00 am	Life Touch Portraits
Tuesday, Aug 4th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	8:00 am	Life Touch Portraits
Wednesday, Aug 5th	8:00 am	Life Touch Portraits
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Thursday, Aug 6th	7:00 pm	Inventors Council
	8:00 am	Life Touch Portraits
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday, Aug 7th	8:00 am	Life Touch Portraits

Sunday, Aug 9th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class Islam: A Mosaic, Not a Monolith Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
Monday, Aug 10th	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	1:30 pm	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	3:00 pm	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
Tuesday, Aug 11th	8:00 am	Life Touch Portraits
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Wednesday, Aug 12th	8:00 am	Life Touch Portraits
	12:00 am	Joanna Group
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Thursday, Aug 13th	7:00 pm	Kettering Toastmasters
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry

Messenger Summer Publication

During the summer months our weekly Messenger will be published bi-weekly with the next editions on the following dates: August 10th and August 24th; and September 8th. After September 8th, we will resume weekly publication.

Members & Friends

Hospitalized	- Ruth Semprit (Kettering)
Hospice Care	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care	Kathy Anderson Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Bob and Jean Thompson Merle and Dorothy Ryan Doyle Ware Lillian White
Autumn Health Care	- June Tate
Harborside Healthcare	- Eleanor McNulty
Liberty Retirement Home	- Ed Bausman
Lincoln Park	- William Warren
Summersville	- Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith Marian Herron
Spring Creek	- JoAnn Reichbauer
Sterling House	- Elwood Byrckett
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Trinity	- Garnia Moses
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers on Sunday, July 26th were given by Sue Taylor in memory of parents, Ed and Lois Gerhard.

Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, August 12th at 12:00 pm in the meeting room for a carry-in lunch. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring food item for the church food pantry.

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Norman.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, July 26, 2009

Christian Education	31
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Nursery/Godly Play	12
Morning Watch	16
Traditional Service	<u>135</u>
Total Worship Attendance	163

Thought for the Week

Take a look at this line of type:

GODISNOWHERE

Did you read it as "God is nowhere" ?
 Or are you an optimist who read it as "God is now here" ?

CWF

School, Hygiene and Baby Kits

CWF needs your help by donating the following items for the service kits:

School Kits

- 13 - blunt school scissors
- 12 - 12" rulers
- 18 - hand held pencil sharpeners

Hygiene Kits

- 25 - wide tooth combs
- 14 - nail clippers
- 7 - tooth brushes
- 130 - cloth band aids

Baby Kits

(3-6 mos. sizes only)

- 2 doz. Diapers (flat cloth)
- 45 - undershirts (no onesies)
- 37 - baby wash cloths
- 40 - gowns and sleepers
- 42- cotton or blend receiving blanket -no polyester

Central Christian's Food Pantry

With more people coming through our doors for food, we have more food going out than coming in. Below is a list of the food items we need. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex marked "Food Pantry." We also accept monetary donations. With your help we can continue to feed the hungry in our community – **Thank you!**

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| cans of green beans | cans of corn |
| cans of sweet peas | cans of vegetables |
| cans of tuna | cans of chicken |
| cans of meat | cans of soup-large |
| cans of soup-small | cans of fruit |
| boxes rice | boxes or bags of spaghetti |
| jars or cans of spaghetti sauce | boxes of cereal |
| cans of milk | jars of peanut butter |
| jars of jelly | loafs of bread |
| boxes of macaroni and cheese | bags of hotdog buns |
| packs of hotdog | packs of baloney |

"Prayers that Renew"

Mark your calendar for a workshop on prayer called "Prayers that Renew," led by Rev. Tom Parker, pastor of Living Faith Community Church, 2921 Eckley Blvd, the new Disciples of Christ Church in the Springboro area. Come and learn about your spirit, body and soul, how things can get out of balance, and how God can help to restore us to health and wholeness. Tom is an experienced workshop leader and feels a special calling to teach people how to pray. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 29th starting at 9:30 a.m. (coffee then program from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.) For more information call (937)434-4724 or visit their website at www.lfcchurch.org.



Thank you Rev. Turner for your concern after my surgery and many thanks to all women of the Prayer Shawl Ministry who provided me the lovely shawl. I will cherish it always.

**In Christian love,
Arlene Willman**

A big thank you to those who took part in the Centerville-Washington Township Americana Festival: Melissa and Aaron, Rob, Molly, Robert, Bev, Erin, Oliver, Ben, Tim, Dan and their friend, Craig. If you couldn't participate you missed a lot of fun.

John Brown, Evangelism

We would like to thank Central Christian on behalf of the Americana Festival Committee, for helping us make this year's Americana 4th of July Parade the most memorable ever! Your participation, creativity and enthusiasm made it a truly great event. The Americana parade continues to entertain many with the attendance at the festival estimate at over 75,000 people! We look forward to planning the 2010 Americana Parade and hope you will join us next year.

**Much appreciation,
Duke and Terry Lunsford,
Parade Co-chairs**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with this year's Studio Go! Vacation Bible School. We had close to 50 kids in attendance this year, ranging in age from 3 through 5th grade. They had a great week learning all about God's love and how they can GO! and lead, serve and share. We could not have done this without the support of everyone who pitched in and helped. I know there were a lot of people helping out, and I am afraid that I will leave someone out if I start listing names; however, I do want to give a huge thank you to Lisa French and Lourdes Giles, who stepped in to make sure everything was ready when Tammy and I were unable to do as much as we had planned, and to Lynn Rogers, Mike and Mary Mohr for helping to construct the game show set. Thank you also to Dan Williams for sharing his amazing photographic talent during the week - we are truly blessed to have you in our church family! Thank you all again for providing constant and unwavering support throughout this week! We could not have done it without you!

**Melissa Moody, Chairperson
Christian Education (Youth)**

2009 - 2010

Members and Friends Directory

We are updating our records for the 2009-2010 Members and Friends Directory. If you have changed your address, phone number, email, or need to make a correction from last year's directory, please state below and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Name _____

Change _____

The Last Word...

By Ryan Beck Turner

This week I will be commissioned as a Global Missions Intern at the General Assembly in Indianapolis. Starting in September I will be serving Deep Griha in Pune, India for at least a year, maybe two.

I hope by now that Deep Griha is familiar to most of you. For nearly three years our church has been supporting them in one way or another. In 2006, Central Christian folk supported me as I left to volunteer with them for six months. The experience was invaluable for me and I was able to do a lot of good work for them.

Last spring we continued our partnership with them through a fundraiser. We were able to raise nearly \$4,000 for Deep Griha at a pivotal time. When we sent the check they had just found out that their main contributor had passed away. Our support saved lives.

Now that relationship will continue. In my opinion, this is outreach at its best. By now many of have heard the stories of the people we will be serving. They aren't anonymous people living thousands of miles away. Many of you know their names and their stories. The people I will be working with have been like family to me. Since you all are part of my family, I think that makes you all related.

It used to be that was how all mission work was done. Individual churches would send a missionary to a community and adopt them as their own. The two communities stood together as brothers and sisters in






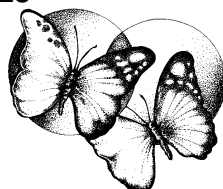
Christ, sharing in their relative wealth: resources, prayers, and inspiration.

Outreach isn't quite as direct anymore, but we've been blessed. We do have a personal connection. I am *your* missionary. I am a product of all the love that you shown me. I will carry with me the heart of service that I have seen so many times at Central.

Unfortunately, I can't give you any more details about what I'll be doing, because I don't really know yet. I'll likely be working to forge ecumenical connections in the community in order to unite local efforts to fight the spread of HIV. Honestly though, I won't really know till I get there. What I can tell you is that Deep Griha is doing big things right now. Their community wide "Wake Up Pune Campaign" has been doing amazing things – bringing together various organizations to raise awareness of the HIV epidemic through street theater, concerts, rallies and educational "boot camps," for more than two years. I can't wait to jump in.

This will be the first of many letters you'll be getting from me. Hopefully I'll be able to get one out every month. I pray Central Christian Church's partnership with Deep Griha will continue to grow and feed us all.

To learn more about who I'll be with for the next year or so, go to www.deepgriha.org.

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