

Messenger

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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

Staff

David P. Turner

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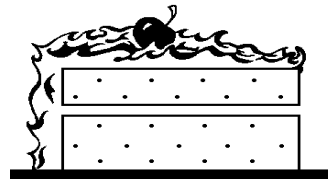
*Bell Choir Director &
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Lois Sutherland

Organist

Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider



WHY DO I DESERVE THIS?

We all wonder many many times over WHY? Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers. "Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! "

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and eventually, all the "Why's" will all make something wonderful!

God loves you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.

He listens whenever you want to talk.

God can live anywhere in the universe, but He chose your heart. Why? Because He loves you.

Serving In March

Deacon Captain: Joe Albrecht
Deacons Serving: Scot Burnett, Don Wilcox, Shirley Wilcox, Barbara Moody, John Will man, Tammy Turner, Brad Kassner, Laura Seaman, Matt Pence, Calle Burnett, Tiffany Zimmerman and John Corbin
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Brad Kassner and Laura Seaman
Acolyte: Nicholas Bond and Christopher Willman
Elders for Communion
Mar 8th Dan and Jamie Oliver
Mar 15th Steve and Pam Bowser
Lay Leaders
Mar 8th Calle Burnett
Mar 15th Molly Gross
Fellowship Hour
Mar 8th Technology
Mar 15th Christian Education (Youth)

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 Week Ahead

Sunday, Mar 8th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Crusaders Class Christianity/World Religions
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:40 am	Bethany Choristers
	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	12:00 pm	Pastor's Call
Monday, Mar 9th	1:30 pm	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	3:00 pm	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
	9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday, Mar 11th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
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	1:30 pm	Joanna Group
Thursday, Mar 12th	7:00 pm	Unbinding the Gospel Kettering Toastmasters
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:00 pm	Property Meeting
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday, Mar 14th	9:30 am	Scrapbook Ministry
	1:00 pm	Cheers

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Christian Education	28
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Nursery/Godly Play	20
Morning Watch	27
Traditional Service	<u>127</u>
Total Worship Attendance	174

Members & Friends

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

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Ruby Kreider who passed away on Friday, February 27th. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 1:30 p.m. at Woodland Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, 118 Woodland Avenue in Dayton. Visitation will be held from 1-1:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, March 1st were given by Lynn and Darlene Rogers in memory of sister, Luella Schmalzried and granddaughter, Jessica Munson.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone at Central for your kind thoughts and prayers during these past few weeks. It was great being back in worship with you last Sunday, and I'm hoping to continue improving and attending every week. This experience reminds us what a great congregation we are a part of, and how important you are to Carol and I.

**May God bless you all,
Rex Strine**

Many thanks to all that visited me while I was in the hospital, that sent a card, or called to check on me while I have been recovering from my recent knee replacement. I appreciate all of you keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

**In Christian love,
Don Wilcox**

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express for all of your love and support at the passing of our father Robert Ball. He loved his friends at Central Christian and we know dad will be fondly remembered by all of you and have no doubt he is speaking fondly of you as well! Thank you so much for the planter, it was beautiful.

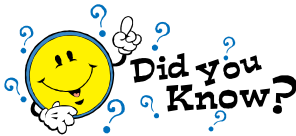
**Sincerely,
Ken, Sandy and Kathy Ball**



Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 8th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th.



On Monday, March 2nd **Dorothy Ryan** celebrates her 91st birthday.
On Monday, March 2nd **Bill Warren** celebrates his 94th birthday.
On Tuesday, March 3rd, **Garnia Moses** celebrates her 97th birthday.
On Tuesday, March 17th, **Ann Walters** celebrates her 95th birthday.



When you shop at GFS and let them know you belong to Central Christian we get money back. Consider shopping at GFS for your parties supplies. For more details contact Jane Bernard at 901-4788.

Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, March 11th at 1:30 p.m., in the meeting room. Read: Luke 10:1-42. Bring items for school kits and a can of food for the food pantry.

Lent Devotional Booklets Available

The *Fellowship of Prayer*, a booklet of meditations, devotions and prayers is available in the Narthex. During this time of Lent we must remember that repentance is possible because of the love of God and the acceptance of God's great gifts - the gift of forgiveness, the gift of new life and the gift of Jesus. Make sure you pick up yours.

Pastor's Class

Pastor's Class will begin this Sunday, March 8th through Sunday, April 5th. It is for youth in grades 5 – 8 and others that might like to participate. We will meet in the pastor's office each Sunday from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., and will cover a wide variety of topics including baptism, communion, and what it means to be both a disciple and Disciple of Christ. Baptisms will take place on Easter morning. To sign up, please contact David Turner or the church office.

Christianity & World Religions

Larry Merkle will lead an adult Sunday School class on Christianity and world religions. He will be using Adam Hamilton materials titled: Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask. This study covers the five main religions of the world including: Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, the Muslim faith as well as Christianity. This is a great opportunity to learn why we believe as we do and to learn what others believe as well. The class will be held in the small classroom next to the meeting room on Sundays at 9:15 a.m., on March 15th. Additional books were ordered and are available to anyone who wishes to attend the class.

Unbinding The Gospel

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., as Rev. David Turner lead the study of the book *Unbinding the Gospel*, by Martha Grace Reese. Each class will last approximately 1 hour. This is the book that has made an amazing impact on many churches in the short time it has been in print – including our own. Our Elders have studied it and one Sunday school class is just finishing it up. For those who haven't had an opportunity to read and discuss *Unbinding the Gospel* (and for those who have but need a refresher), this is your chance. The new 2nd Edition also includes a 40-day prayer journal – perfect for our 40 day journey through Lent. Our last night will be April 8th, the Wednesday of Holy Week. Babysitting will be provided. See Rev. Turner if you have any questions – and put those Wednesday nights on your calendar right now! **PS:** New books were ordered and are available to anyone who wishes to attend the class.

Because Public Speaking Skills Aren't Debatable

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Yet survey after survey shows that presentation skills are crucial to success in the work place. The person with strong communication skills has a clear advantage over tongue-tied colleagues – especially in a competitive job market. Many people pay thousands of dollars for seminars to gain the skill and confidence necessary to face an audience. But you have another option that is less expensive and held in high regard in business circles – Toastmasters International. This organization has been around for more than 80 years and offers a proven – and enjoyable – way to practice and hone your communication and leadership skills. The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn fosters self-confidence and personal growth. There is no instructor or tests in a Toastmasters club. A Toastmasters club is a "learn-by-doing" workshop where you can improve your skills in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere. Toastmasters have grown to become the world's leading organization helping people conquer their pre-speech jitters. More than 4 million men and women have enjoyed the benefits of Toastmasters membership. This nonprofit organization now has approximately 10,500 clubs in 90 countries and you don't need to go far to find one. Kettering Toastmasters club meets right here at Central Christian Church in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM. Learn more about Toastmasters and visit a Kettering Toastmasters club meeting. Our next meeting is February 25th at 7:00 PM. For more information contact Don Voyls (937) 299-7174 or Joe Paul (937) 689-8328 or visit our website <http://kettering.freetoasthoast.ws/>.



Your Help Is Needed

Jud and Dotty Parkhurst have extended their hand to help a neighbor who needs the following items:

- Exercise Bike
- Sewing Machine
- Carpet or Area Rugs

For more information as to why these items are important, please call Jud or Dotty Parkhurst at 293-8402.

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

The past two weeks, my parents and their dog, Lacey Kay, have been visiting from Iowa. Their next stop is warm and sunny Florida. We get to dog-sit.

One of the things I love about my parent's visits is all the things on my "honey-do" list that get done in a very short time. Whether it's broken plumbing, electrical fixtures, or furniture – my dad is ready, willing and able to go to work. One thing my dad excels at is fixing the peeling paint on my walls and ceilings. It isn't the first time he's had to do this. Apparently, when the house was first built, the contractor decided to skip a step and not use primer on the newly hung drywall before painting. Since then, in certain places all over the house, the paint bubbles, cracks and peels in very unattractive ways.

In order to fix these problem areas, the offending paint has to be removed, the patches skimmed with several thin layers of drywall compound, which is then left to dry and sanded. All that has to happen before the patches are primed and re-painted – which winds up being the easiest part of the whole process.

As I said in this space last week, preparation is often the most difficult, but most important task. Without the proper preparation, anything that is done will likely be superficial and need to be repaired again. When it comes to the walls and ceilings of my home, I am grateful to have someone patient and skilled enough to do it right – even if it wasn't done right the first time.

Of course, there's a lesson here for our lives, as well. Most of us don't escape childhood and youth unscathed. We carry certain wounds, neurosis and weak spots that can surface in destructive ways later in life. These can take the form of addictions, relationship problems and mental illness (to name a few of the biggies). Oftentimes, there's no telling where those problems will surface. Because certain issues weren't worked through properly the first time, they will return again and again (often in disguise) until they are resolved. Avoiding the issues (which tends to lead to the symptoms above), or superficially painting over them just doesn't do the trick.

Fortunately, we have a heavenly father who is also patient and skilled. We have a God who majors in healing and "human repair." In his presence, old wounds can be exposed, cleaned and healed. With his help issues that may have seemed insurmountable before are resolved. Ultimately we are left with a healthy, beautiful finish (and perhaps a few scars).

Don't avoid doing the difficult work of dealing with the rough spots in your life – and don't settle for a superficial fix, either. Come and join others in the community of the church where we are all making this journey together. Come and join us during this Lenten season as we do the difficult work of confession and repentance (exposing and cleaning out those bad spots) in preparation for the glorious new life promised to us by the Risen Christ. I look forward to seeing you there – peeling paint and all.