

# 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

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Senior Minister

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## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) is a time for us to unite our minds and hearts in praising Christ the King. It's a time to exhibit the same joyful spirit as those who first shouted: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Central Christian invites you to join us at our Morning Watch Service at 9:00 am; Christian Education at 9:15 am; and/or our Traditional Service at 10:30 am, as we celebrate Palm Sunday.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday, commemorates the evening just before the crucifixion when Jesus and His disciples broke bread together for the Last Supper. We are happy to announce that Central Christian will again present "The Living Tableau" on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., with anthems performed by our Chancel Choir. Come see the fathers and sons of our church as they retell the words of the 12 disciples as they concerned themselves as to how anyone could betray our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear them as they say, "Lord, is it I? Is it I...?"



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.

## Resurrection SUNDAY

Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian religion. God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. "It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built," said New Testament scholar James Stewart. Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our Christian faith. "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain," he wrote to the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 15:14). The apostle went on to say; "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (verse 17). The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God. Join us on Easter Sunday (April 12<sup>th</sup>) at our Morning Watch Service at 9:00 am; Christian Education at 9:15 am; and/or our Traditional Service at 10:30 am to celebrate the risen Christ and the promise it brings to us all.

## Serving In March

**Deacon Captain:** Joe Albrecht  
**Deacons Serving:** Scot Burnett, Don Wilcox, Shirley Wilcox, Barbara Moody, John Willman, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** Merle Kidd and Terry Sigman  
**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** Lynn and Darlene Rogers  
**Lay Leaders**  
**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>** David French  
**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** Scot Burnett  
**Fellowship Hour**  
**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>** Max Lucado Class  
**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** Deacons

## 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

<b>Sunday, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Watch	
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class Christianity/World Religions	
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Traditional Service Godly Play	
	<b>11:30 am</b>	Fellowship Hour	
	<b>11:40 am</b>	Bethany Choristers	
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Faith Finders/Seekers	
	<b>12:15 pm</b>	Pastor's Class	
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Chi Rho and CYF	
	<b>Monday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Quilters
		<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>6:40 pm</b>		Sanctuary Study Committee	
<b>Tuesday, Mar 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	CWF Meeting Evangelism Meeting	
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Elders Meeting	
<b>Wednesday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class	
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Unbinding the Gospel Kettering Toastmasters	
<b>Thursday, Mar 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Laudate Ringer	
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Chancel Choir	
<b>Saturday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	Cheers	
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Baby Shower	

## Worshiping at Central

Sunday, March 16, 2009

Christian Education	21
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Nursery/Godly Play	12
Morning Watch	22
Traditional Service	<u>142</u>
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>176</b>

## Members & Friends

<b>Hospitalized</b>	- Rollin Hanson (Home)
<b>Hospice Care</b>	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
<b>Home Care</b>	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
<b>Autumn Health Care</b>	- June Tate
<b>Harborside Healthcare</b>	- Jim and Eleanor McNulty
<b>Liberty Retirement Home</b>	- Ed Bausman
<b>Lincoln Park</b>	- William Warren Kathy Anderson
<b>Summersville</b>	- Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
<b>Spring Creek</b>	- JoAnn Reichbauer
<b>Sycamore Glen</b>	- Anne Walters
<b>Trinity</b>	- Garnia Moses
<b>Waterford Retirement</b>	- Mary Rothenbuhler

## Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> were given by Beulah Stockdale in celebration of Janice Charline Glover's 74<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank You

Dear Central Christian,  
 Thank you so much for all your prayers and the Prayer Shawl after the delivery of Eva and Myla. They are growing and doing well. Izzy is recovering and continues to improve everyday and her heart is growing stronger. God is so good!

Sincerely,  
**Matt, Izzy, Eva and Myla Roberts**

## Memorial Fund

**General Fund**  
**In Memory of Ruby Kreider**

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Lust  
 Ms. Janet L. Michael  
 Ms. Juanita E. Carter  
 Ms. Carolyn Kreider

## Please Pray for

Kathy Anderson  
 Rollin Hanson  
 Rex Strine  
 Izzy Roberts  
 Clarice Blue

## Chalice Car Magnets

Your Evangelism Committee will be selling Disciples Car Magnets Starting this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall immediately following services. Display your pride in Central Christian Church by placing one of these beautiful red and white magnets on your car for all to see! The cost will be \$3.00.



## Bible Sunday

A long-honored tradition at Central Christian is the Sunday when our Kindergarteners and our High School Freshmen get new Bibles. This year, Bible Sunday will take place this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> during the Traditional Service. If you have a child who is in kindergarten or is a freshman this year, please contact Melissa Moody (626-6503) or via email at mmoody5409@yahoo.com) so that we can make sure we have a Bible for every child. We look forward to seeing all of you at this service!

## Come Join the Parade!

Your Evangelism Committee has decided to participate in several community events (parades, festivals, etc.) in order to promote Central Christian Church. The first parade will be on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, The Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival. The Evangelism Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in assisting is invited to attend. We will be entering a vehicle and walking unit with CYF and Chi Rho. For further information, contact John Brown at 439-0727.

## Women's Christian Fellowship Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 8:30 am. - 4:00 pm.

ACTS III – Dr. Diane Lobody, Professor of Church History, MTSO  
Women's Leadership – LaTaunya Bynum  
Personal Finances in a Time of Crisis – Rev. Nancy Eichorn

### \$20.00 First time attendees

\$40.00 Early Bird Discount till March 27<sup>th</sup>  
\$50.00 Regular Registration till April 10<sup>th</sup>  
\$60.00 Delayed Registration till April 18

Contact Jane Bernard if you are interested in attending at 901-4788.

## Spring Cleaning 2009

**Second Notice:** Spring cleaning 2009 has begun. Please discard all items of no further use to the mission of Central. Please tag/mark all remaining items with 1) organization responsible; 2) name of knowledgeable person, and 3) date to be discarded. Untagged items will be discarded on the first dumpster day of May 2009.



## Thought for the Week

*Don't complain about the thorns among the roses;  
Be grateful for the roses among the thorns.*

*No one is too good or too bad  
To qualify for salvation.*

## CYF State Retreat Re-cap

This past weekend 9 of Central's CYF youth and 2 adult advisors traveled to Hiram College for the bi-ennial CYF State Retreat. At the State Retreat CYF youth from all over the state – all 4 CYF conferences – gather together for a weekend of exploring their faith. We were led by the 4 state CYF officers including Central's own Hannah Bentley in a weekend of renewing old and making new friends, of sharing and growing in God's word and exploring the theme of the weekend "Green Faith – this little energy efficient light of mine". We explored what Green Faith is – the basic renew, reuse and recycle theme was ever present and with the basic premise that God gave us the earth and we must take care of it. There were four themed sessions and in each session we learned about how things we do everyday have an impact on the earth. Things as simple as recycling paper, cans and bottles, unplugging appliances when they are not in use, and considering making purchases of fair trade products all seem small when done individually, but when we all practice these things in concert, they add up. The big deal is that these things don't necessarily make us better Christians, what they do is make us aware of our surroundings and how we treat people and our surroundings – that's what makes the impact. Saturday evening new district officers were elected and our own Alexis Garybush and Tim Green were elected to serve as the CYF District 8 officers for the upcoming year.

Those attending included Hannah Bentley, Monica Bentley, Calle Burnett, Alexis Garybush, Sean Green, Tim Green, Matt Pence, Cory Roush, Matt Pence, and Lauren Turner and adult advisors Lisa French and Mary Lou Pence. The boys were housed at Hiram's gym – sleeping on the floor and the girls were very *blessed* to stay at member's homes of the Hiram and nearby Mantua churches. We visited with Jeff and Audrey Jackson, a former Associate Minister at Central. Lisa and I even renewed several friendships of folks we had gone to camp with who are now serving as advisors to their church's CYF group. We also heard a presentation about the Cleveland Children's Home. Watch for details about an upcoming event to benefit the Home.

Central has every right to be very proud of our CYF. The leadership over the weekend was outstanding, their presence was evident every time Lisa and I saw them and, they were always observed having a great time! I know that they say a big THANK YOU to Central for your support and prayer as they celebrated this special weekend in their lives.



## Easter Flowers



Order an Easter flower in memory or honor of a loved one this holiday season. Your flower will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Complete this form and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office with your payment. Make check payable to Central Christian Church. The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10)    Mums \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10)    Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9)  
Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9)    Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Last Word...**

**by David P. Turner**

My parents are returning from Florida soon to collect their Bichon Frise, Lacey, and make their way home. It has been an interesting week. Having another dog around – especially one that is a fraction of the size of the other two – brings its own set of challenges. For instance:

--How and where to feed her (she is accustomed to casually dining on her food while our dogs will gobble up anything put in front of them – or her)

--Preventing escapes (she's small enough to dart through the door when you're not looking)

--Grooming (Lacey has cottony white fur that quickly turns a dull grey after a few days in our back yard)

--Sleeping arrangements (Our two – Samson and Delilah – are used to sleeping in their own beds. Just as at her house, Lacey gets to sleep with mom and dad)

We've had our share of close calls over the past week. Once, I let Lacey out forgetting the back gate had been left open. I spent the next 10 minutes chasing her down the street, praying she wouldn't dart in front of a car. Of course, she thought it was great fun.

When you are caring for someone else's pet, you want to return them whole and healthy and clean. Lacey got a bath last night – and unless she gets a chance to roll in the dirt – we should be able to deliver her back to my folks just as they left her. As far as I'm concerned, that's the only acceptable option. I certainly hope someone would try to do the same for me.

In a sense, you might say we are Lacey's stewards in the absence of her owners. She doesn't belong to us, yet we have the responsibility to care for her. The parallel (or perhaps "parable") for this in our lives is that God has also called us to be stewards: of our money, our church, our environment, our very lives. God, the creator, is the owner – "it is he that made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." (Psalm 100:3) Even as God watches over us and provides for us, it is our job to care for all those things with which we have been entrusted.

I happen to know when my parents are returning, so I can be prepared. Jesus made it clear there is never a time when we should be anything less than prepared. In Mark 13, Jesus says, "It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Here are a few questions to think about as we make our Lenten journey toward the new beginnings of Easter: Are you a good steward? In what parts of your life might your stewardship be improved? Remember, there's no better time than now to do the right thing.