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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

Senior Minister

Renita Lewis Whitaker

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Anthony Shackelford

Custodian

Sue Taylor

Music Director

Dan Oliver

*Bell Choir Director &
Director of Audio/Visual*

Lois Sutherland

Organist

Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday (April 5th) 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.

"THE LIVING TABLEAU"

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 9th at 7:30 p.m., with anthems performed by our Chancel Choir. Come see the fathers and sons of our church retell the words of the 12 disciples as they concerned themselves as to how anyone could betray our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Christian calendar. It's the day Christ proved He is Lord over sin and death. Let us heartily join together to celebrate and rejoice. We welcome you to join us on Easter Sunday 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 29th Lynn and Darlene Rogers

Apr 5th James and Sara Bond

Lay Leaders

Mar 29th Scot Burnett

Apr 5th Jane Bernard

Fellowship Hour

Mar 29th Deacons

Apr 5th Worship

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

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| Sunday, Mar 29th | 9:00 am | Morning Watch |
| | 9:15 am | Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado 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 |
| Monday, Mar 30th | 12:15 pm | Pastor's Class |
| | 9:00 am | Quilters |
| | 12:30 pm | Senior Fitness Class |
| Wednesday, Apr 1st | 7:00 pm | CWF Meeting |
| | 12:30 pm | Senior Fitness Class |
| | 7:00 pm | Unbinding the Gospel Inventors Council |
| Thursday, Apr 2nd | 9:30 am | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| | 6:30 pm | Laudate Ringer |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir |

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, March 22, 2009

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| Christian Education | 21 |
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| Nursery/Godly Play | 11 |
| Morning Watch | 20 |
| Traditional Service | <u>124</u> |
| Total Worship Attendance | 155 |

Members & Friends

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| Hospitalized | - Richard Teare (KMC) |
| Hospice Care | - Pat Farnsley (Home) |
| Home Care | 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 | - Eleanor McNulty |
| Liberty Retirement Home | - Ed Bausman |
| Lincoln Park | - William Warren Kathy Anderson |
| 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 James McNulty who passed away on Monday, March 23rd. A memorial service will be held at Central Christian on Thursday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m. A private viewing will be held for the family prior to the service. Everyone is invited to the dinner following the memorial service.

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, March 22th were given by Tammy Turner in celebration of David Turner's 47th birthday on Saturday, March 28th.

A Very Special Thank You...

"A very special thank you to Rev. David Turner for preparing the memorial service for our granddaughter, Anna Marie Bryan. The daughter of Joel and Maria Bryan, sister of Megan Bryan, and granddaughter of David and Margaret Lyon was born on March 8, 2009. Later that day she went home to her Heavenly Father. The memorial service was held in Medford, New Jersey, March 13th."

David and Margaret Lyon and family

A special thank you to everyone who made a contribution for Blanket Sunday. Your donation will provide warmth and shelter for individuals in need. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Phyllis Hagerty

Congratulations

Congratulations to Greg Knee who received his license to practice massage therapy. Greg is currently working for Hausfeld's Salon and Spa in the Settlers Walk Marketplace.



Attention: Chi Rho & CYF

Chi Rho and CYF will not meet this Sunday, March 29th due to many local school's spring break. Regular meetings will resume on Sunday, April 5th.

FREE Central Christian T-Shirt!

All who sign up to join the parade at the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival on Saturday, April 18th will receive a free t-shirt to wear that day. All ages are invited to participate and we are especially encouraging whole families to join in the fun. In addition to handing out candy and information about our church and Vacation Bible School, you can also stick around and enjoy the festival! A sign-up sheet will be available at the guest register on Sunday morning or you can call the church office at 254-2649 and reserve your t-shirt and your place in the parade any weekday. Come join the parade!

Wanted: Old Men's and Women's Hats

The theme for the parade at the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival (see just above) is "Once Upon a Time." In addition to t-shirts, we would also like for our parade walkers to have the opportunity to don an old-fashioned hat or cap if they choose. Hats can be left in the front hallway on the food pantry table. If you would like them returned, please leave a note. Otherwise, they will be donated to our upcoming CWF rummage sale.

Mission Fund Raiser

One of our members has donated a beautiful Webkinz Gift Basket. What is Webkinz? Webkinz are lovable plush pets. The gift basket includes: 10-Webkinz, mouse pad, trading cards, t-shirt, Webkinz of the month, and a carrier. This would be the perfect basket for your child and grandchild for Easter. There will be a drawing for this gift basket on Sunday, April 5th (Palm Sunday) in the Fellowship Hall following the Traditional Service. Tickets are \$2.00 or get 4 tickets for \$5. See Moniqua Suits for tickets. The proceeds from this fund raiser will go towards Central Christian's Outreach Ministry.

Chalice Car Magnets

The Evangelism Committee is selling Disciples Car Magnets in the Fellowship Hall 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. If you have any questions, please contact John Brown or Joan Norman



Women's Christian Fellowship Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation April 18th, 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 27th
\$50.00 Regular Registration till April 10th
\$60.00 Delayed Registration till April 18

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

Attention: Campers and Conferees!!!

Here are important dates for camps and conferences scheduled for this summer at Camp Christian:

Otter Camp for those who have finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades is scheduled for June 14 - 20, 2009. Several of Central's own serve as counselors so if you have questions or concerns about sending your child away for a whole week for the first time, please talk to Doug Pence who serves as a counselor and Matt Pence, Alexis Garybush, or Sean Green who serve as CIT's (counselors in training).

Wilmington Conference is scheduled for July 26th through August 1st. Students who have finished 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to go. Our own Monica Bentley will be serving as girl co-president this year. If you are unable to attend Wilmington Conference, please consider attending an alternate conference. Ask Sarah Wilhoit, Alexis Garybush, or Matt Pence who all attend other conferences.

Camp Miami Chi Rho Camp is August 2nd through 8th. Student who have finished 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are eligible to go.

Advanced Conference is August 9th through 16th. It is for college through 29 years of age young adults.

Applications for all camps may be downloaded from the Christian Church in Ohio website (www.cccinohio.org). Central will pay one half of each youth's application fee. If you don't have access to a computer, call the church office for a paper copy. All applications and a check made out to 'Central Christian Church' for your half of your fee are due to the church office by **MAY 8th**. If your check is not with your application, it will not be sent on to Columbus. Scholarships are available for financial assistance with your fees. Check the state website or call the church office for details. No one will be denied access to go to camp!!! Questions – please call either Renita in the church office or Mary Lou Pence (434-8157). Renita will assemble everything and send applications and payment on to Columbus.

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 12th. 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 29th.

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

I'm always glad to hear people are listening to my sermons. One reason I know this is happening is because every now and then my facts need to be corrected. Fortunately, it doesn't happen all the time, but occasionally in my sermon preparation a name, quote, historical fact, etc. comes to me and I insert it into the sermon. These sometimes glaring mistakes have taught me a few important lessons (the first of which being the importance of fact checking!).

Over the years I've been reminded that Franklin Delano Roosevelt said "We have nothing to fear but fear itself" and not Winston Churchill (I apologize to my High School History teacher for that one). I've also been reminded it was General William Tecumseh Sherman that marched to the sea during the Civil War, burning Atlanta in the process, and not Ulysses Grant (I've even been to the diorama in Atlanta depicting the battle and heard the boos and hisses whenever Sherman's name was mentioned!). And most recently, it was pointed out to me *Herman* Melville wrote *Moby Dick*, not *Henry*. Oops.

There are a number of things these lapses in memory (and research) has taught me, with humility probably being first among them. But perhaps even more significantly, it has reminded me that even when I'm sure I have the facts (sure enough to stand at the pulpit and speak them before

God and everybody), there is always the possibility that I'm either only partially in possession of the truth, or, worse yet, dead wrong.

If you have ever wondered why, when Peter answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" with the answer "The Messiah, the Son of God," and Jesus told him and the others to "tell no one," this human tendency to misinterpret and turn things around may have been at the front of Jesus' mind. Even though Peter had the right answer, neither he nor the other disciples understood fully what it meant for Jesus to be the Messiah. Just a few verses later, Jesus would explain to them about his suffering and the need for his disciples to pick up their crosses. Needless to say, that was a part of the story the disciples did NOT want to hear. The disciples would not fully understand what it meant for Jesus to be the Messiah until after the passion and the resurrection. Only then, would they be in full possession of the truth.

Likewise, we must also speak the truth we know, or think we know, with humility (as Paul says, "Now, we know only in part..." 1 Cor. 13). Even more importantly, we must remember that suffering and death do not have the last word in this life. As stark a fact as death seems to be, it is resurrection that finishes our story, just as it did for Jesus. And for us sinful, mistake-prone, mortal human beings – that is the promise of Easter.