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March 30, 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

Staff

David P. Turner
Senior Minister

Renita Lewis Whitaker
Office Manager

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



Jesus was all about giving. He gave of himself. He who was rich became poor that we might be rich. He gave until there was no more to give. He was all about goodness. The essential goodness of Jesus, unparalleled by anyone before him or after him, testifies to the life to which we are called. When He saw the crowds as sheep not having a shepherd, He was moved with compassion - He became almost physically sick, so great was his love. Let's give Jesus the palm branch treatment, but let's not make this a one-Sunday wonder. His grace, His giving and His goodness compel us to change our behavior, not just pat Him on the back, or complain behind His back. Central Christian invites you to join us on Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus.

"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 LASTS FOREVER

I ran across a tract the other day entitled, "Easter Lasts Forever." Easter lasts forever! Isn't that what we believe? This life is not always pleasant. In fact it can deal us some harsh blows — death, loss of job, divorce, war, rejection, financial difficulties, and the list goes on and on until it seems like Good Friday every day. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" But the believer in Christ looks forward. Yes, it may be Friday, but Sunday is coming! This is our eternal hope. The world may seem to be falling apart, but Jesus still reigns. His resurrection proves that he has conquered sin, death and the devil. It guarantees that those who have died in faith will be raised and will live forever with Jesus and all believers in heaven. When that is considered, all of our problems of this world pale in comparison to the glory to come. Yes, Easter lasts forever!

Serving In April

Deacon Captain: Lisa French
Deacons Serving: Jim King, Barbara King, Scot Burnett, Ann O'Diam, Claudia McCall, Tammy Turner, David French, Bill Wollenhaupt, Jenness Sigman and Mark Sigman.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Claudia McCall
Acolyte: Taylor French
Elders for Communion
Apr 5th James and Sara Bond
Apr 12th Rusty and Carole Clifford
Lay Leaders
Apr 5th Jane Bernard
Apr 12th Tammy Turner
Fellowship Hour
Apr 5th Worship
Apr 12th TBA

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, Apr 5th	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	
	12:15 pm	Pastor's Class	
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF	
	Monday, Apr 6th	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	Tuesday, Apr 7th	7:00 pm	Bible Study
7:00 pm		All Ministry Meetings Worship Ministry Naomi Group	
Wednesday, Apr 8th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class	
	1:30 pm	Joanna Group	
	7:00 pm	Unbinding the Gospel Kettering Toastmasters	
Thursday, Apr 9th	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	
Friday, Apr 11th	1:00 pm	Cheers	

Attention: Executive Board Chairs

Your annual report is due in the church office on Sunday, April 26th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, April 8th at 1:30 pm in the Meeting Room. Read: Matthew 28:16-80. Bring items for Health Kits and a can of food for our church food pantry.



Members & Friends

Hospice Care	- Richard Teare (Sunrise) 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
Lincoln Park Manor	- Kathy Anderson
Summersville	- Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
Spring Creek	- JoAnn Reichbauer
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Trinity	- Garnia Moses
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, March 29th were given by Rollin and Temple Ann Hanson in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary on April 2nd.

Please Pray for...

Richard Teare
 John Landess and family
 Rex Strine
 nation – employment- housing – loss sheep
 Jim's Robinson's brother in Georgia

Memorial Fund

General Fund
In Memory of Jim McNulty
 Jim and Marty Robinson

General Fund
In Memory of Ruby Kreider
 Patricia Hahn

Worshipping at Central

Sunday, March 30, 2009

Christian Education	19
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Nursery/Godly Play	10
Morning Watch	16
Traditional Service	<u>107</u>
Total Worship Attendance	133

Mission Fund Raiser - Webkinz

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. The drawing for this gift basket is this 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 or contact the church office for tickets. The proceeds from this fund raiser will go towards Central Christian's Outreach Ministry.

Attention Deacons!

If you have not yet returned your postcard confirming your intent to continue (or return) as a Deacon for the 2009-2010 church year, please do so by this Sunday, April 5. We need this information in order to determine the number of additional Deacons that need to be appointed. If you do not return your card, we will assume that you do not intend to continue as a Deacon. If you have misplaced your card, please call or email Melissa Moody (626-6503 or mmoody5409@yahoo.com) to let her know your plans for 2009-2010. In addition, if you have any questions, please contact Melissa.

Faith Finders/Seekers

The Faith Finders and Faith Seekers groups will not be meeting on Easter Sunday, April 12.

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.

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.



Thoughts for the Week...

Count that day lost in which you have not tried to do something for someone else.

God's presence far outweighs the proof of His absence.

The Last Word...

From the church office files...The Singing Brother

A Boy Singing To His Little Sister..... You are My Sunshine, My only Sunshine... Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sang to his sister in mommy's tummy. He was building a bond of love with his little sister before he even met her. The pregnancy progressed normally for Karen, an active member of the Panther Creek United Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee.

In time, the labor pains came. Soon it was every five minutes, every three, every minute. But serious complications arose during delivery and Karen found herself in hours of labor. Would a C-section be required? Finally, after a long struggle, Michael's little sister was born but she was in very serious condition. With a siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushed the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville Tennessee.

The days inched by and the little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents there is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst. Karen and her husband contacted a local cemetery about a burial plot. They had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby but now they found themselves having to plan for a funeral. Michael, however, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. I want to sing to her, he kept saying.

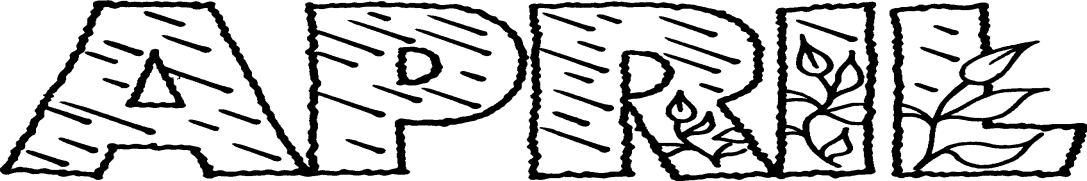
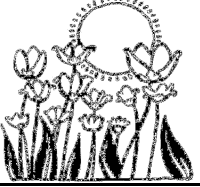



Week two in intensive care looked as if a funeral would come before the week was over. Michael kept nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care. Karen decided to take Michael whether they liked it or not. If he didn't see his sister right then, he may never see her alive.

She dressed him in an oversized scrub suit and marched him into ICU. He looked like a walking laundry basket. The head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, 'Get that kid out of here now. No children are allowed....' The mother rose up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. 'He is not leaving until he sings to his sister' she stated. Then Karen towed Michael to his sister's bedside.

He gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sang. 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine; you make me happy when skies are gray,' instantly the baby girl seemed to respond. The pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael,' encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes. 'You never know, dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away.'

As Michael sang to his sister, the baby's ragged, strained breathing became as smooth as a kitten's purr 'Keep on singing, sweetheart...' 'The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms Michael's little sister began to relax as rest, healing rest, seemed to sweep over her. 'Keep on singing, Michael.' Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed. 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away.'

The next day...the very next day. The little girl was well enough to go home. Woman's Day Magazine called it, The Miracle of a Brother's Song. The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love. Never give up on the people you love.

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