

# 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

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

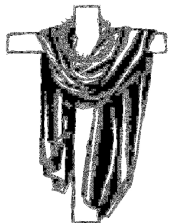


## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Let's remember that Christ gave us an order and an example for this special night. "This is my body," He said as he took the bread. "This is my blood," He said as he took the cup. "Do this in remembrance of me." Invite your family and friends to join us Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., as Central Christian present's "The Living Tableau." Let us come together to remember our Lord as we commune in worship and song.

## 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

In John 20:13-15, the same question is repeated twice. The angels ask Mary, "Woman, why are you weeping?" And then Jesus asks Mary, "Woman, why are you weeping?" On Easter Sunday, perhaps it's still the question before us: "Why are we weeping?" Why is there still such anguish in the world? Why are we laboring on, burdened and living as though there has been no resurrection? Weep no more! Christ has risen! Join us this Easter Sunday as we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise in bring to us all.

## EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

As a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a beacon of light in the darkest of times. The Easter offering, supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church as together, we bring the light of Christ to dark corners of the world. In 2008, the Office of Disciples Women coordinated with the Office of Disciples Volunteering an all women blitz-build thru Habitat for Humanity in Beaumont, Texas. Not only did they provide a family with a home, but they deepened their own spiritual journey and helped one young woman express her faith in Jesus and find a passion for justice. She was a participant in the build, brought along as a friend, and at the end of the trip she was a person reconciled with God and her family. Her candle of faith now burns bright. The Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries is working faithfully to rebuild the Bolenge hospital in partnership with the Community of the Disciples of Christ in the Congo. The hospital was first built by the Disciples in the 1920's and for over 80 years it stood as a beacon of light in a war torn region. The reopening of this portion of the hospital will be a beacon of light in the darkest of times. Your gift to the Easter offering is a beacon of light and together we LIGHT THE WORLD!

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>** Rusty and Carole Clifford  
**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** Joan Norman and Rex Strine  
**Lay Leaders**  
**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** Tammy Turner  
**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** Monica Bentley  
**Fellowship Hour**  
**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** Lydia Group  
**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** Trustees

## 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, Apr 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Watch
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education 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>1:30 pm</b>	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
	<b>Monday, Apr 13<sup>th</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, Apr 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Worship Ministry	
<b>Wednesday, Apr 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 pm</b> Senior Fitness Class	
<b>Thursday, Apr 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	<b>6:30 pm</b> Laudate Ringers	
	<b>7:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir	

## Mother's Day Rehearsal

This year, the Faith Finders group will be participating in the Mother's Day Worship Service on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> during Faith Finders from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Even if you've never been to Faith Finders before, and are in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you are welcome to join us as we prepare for the Mother's Day service. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or via email at mmoody5409@yahoo.com.

## Attention: Executive Board Chairs

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



## Members & Friends

<b>Hospice Care</b>	- Richard Teare (Sunrise) 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>	- Eleanor McNulty
<b>Liberty Retirement Home</b>	- Ed Bausman
<b>Lincoln Park</b>	- William Warren
<b>Lincoln Park Manor</b>	- Kathy Anderson
<b>Summersville</b>	- Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
<b>Spring Creek</b>	- JoAnn Reichbauer
<b>Sterling House</b>	- Elwood Byrckett
<b>Sycamore Glen</b>	- Anne Walters
<b>Trinity</b>	- Garnia Moses
<b>Waterford Retirement</b>	- Mary Rothenbuhler

## Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> were given by Veronica and Claudia in honor of David and Jean McCall's wedding anniversary.

## Memorial Fund

### General Fund

**In Memory of Ruby Kreider**  
Marguerite L. Bowden

### General Fund

**In Memory of Jim McNulty**

ARINC, Inc.

(Jennifer Keller and Catherine Pennington)

## Worshipping at Central

Sunday, April 5, 2009

<b>Christian Education</b>	19
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<b>Nursery/Godly Play</b>	16
<b>Morning Watch</b>	22
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<u>165</u>
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>203</b>



## We & Wii! Oui!! (Chi Rho Lock-In)

Chi Rho will be hosting a lock-in on Friday April 17th. It will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will end at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The theme for this year's lock-in is **We & Wii! Oui!!** This year's lock-in will be focused on community (WE) and will feature a sports tournament (Wii). Yes (OU!!!), it will be fun. Please bring your sleeping bag and come refreshed for a night of worship, movies, food and games. In the morning, we will be attending the Bellbrook parade and will return to the church about 1:00 in the afternoon, or feel free to join us at the parade and you can leave from there. If you have any questions please call David Turner at the church office. If anyone is adventuresome enough to stay up all night with a lively group of junior high kids, please contact Tammy Turner at 643-3011. There will be no Chi Rho meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Come Join the Parade!

All who sign up to join the parade at the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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. The theme for the parade 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.

## CWF Rummage & Bake Sale

CWF's Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Items you wish to donate may be brought in starting Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. **WE NEED HELP!** If you have some time during this week to volunteer, please call Jane Bernard 901-4788. To donate bake goods contact Velma Fansler 435-9254. There is a sign up sheet on the CWF bulletin board.

## Reza Aslan

### Author of *No god but God* and expert on Islam

In partnership with the Quest for Community: A Call to Action Conference The first young Muslim intellectual to come on the scene in years, Reza Aslan brings a new, passionate, and much-needed perspective to the national discussion regarding Islam. Aslan is a fellow at the University of Southern California's Center on Public Diplomacy and Middle East analyst for CBS News. In his internationally acclaimed book *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam*, as in his lectures and writings, Aslan explores the intricate interplay between faith and politics in the Muslim world, presenting Islam as an ever-evolving faith and culture currently in the midst of a cataclysmic internal battle for reform and modernization. Reza Aslan will speak at Wright State University on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public (no ticket required). For more information, contact Larry Merkle at [xphileprof@gmail.com](mailto:xphileprof@gmail.com).

## Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation

The Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation will be April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am. - 4:00 pm. Speakers: ACTS III – Dr. Diane Lobody, Professor of Church History, MTSO; Women's Leadership – LaTaunya Bynum; and Personal Finances in a Time of Crisis – Rev. Nancy Eichorn. Cost: \$50.00 regular registration till April 10<sup>th</sup> and \$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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who have finished 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Student who have finished 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to go.

**Advanced Conference** is August 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. It is for college through 29 years of age young adults. Our own Ryan Turner is serving as an advance officer this year and David Turner will be returning as facility

**Applications** for all camps may be downloaded from the Christian Church in Ohio website ([www.cccinohio.org](http://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 camp applications and a check made out to 'Central Christian Church' for your half of your fee are due to the church office by **MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**Adult Conference** is June 15- 19. Northwest Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio.

**General Assembly** is July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the Indiana Convention Center.

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## Thoughts for the Week...

*Someone in the dark needs you to bring them to the light.*

*God offers a feast. Will you accept the invitation?*



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

**by David P. Turner**

In 25 years of ministry, it seems like I have spent more time in church meetings talking about roofs than just about anything else. While I might prefer to focus on weightier matters, having a solid roof over our heads is a fundamental human need – right after food, water and clothing. It becomes all the more significant when we recognize the building in which we worship is indeed “our Father’s house.” Like so many other things, we are called to be good stewards of it.

This week, most of you have received a letter, pledge card and return envelope for “It’s Our Father’s House,” a capital campaign aimed at the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of our church building. The most immediate need is new shingles for our sanctuary and chapel. Due to the “great hurricane of 2008,” the Christian Education wing and fellowship hall have already been re-shingled at the expense of our property insurance. In order to have shingles that match and to take advantage of lower costs, we have made the commitment to move ahead with re-roofing the parts of our church building that are most holy to us.

Undoubtedly, with a building that is 50 years old, we are going to have additional capital expenses in the future. We want to be prepared when those needs arise. This time, we received an unexpected blessing when half the cost of a new roof was provided for us. Next time, that will almost certainly not be the case.

Your pledge/gift to “It’s Our Father’s House” is one way you can help us to be good stewards of the building that is the home of our worship, study, fellowship and so much more. It is also a way of investing in the future of Central Christian Church – of showing confidence in God’s ability to use us in serving his purposes and his people in the years ahead.

We are now in the midst of Holy Week. I’m reminded of Jesus’ words to his disciples in that final week when he said, “Destroy this temple, and I will rebuild it again in three days.” Of course, Jesus wasn’t saying that the temple wasn’t important. His parents took him there to be blessed as an infant, he went back again at the age of 12 to talk with the elders, and he returned other times in his life to that place that was the center of Israel’s worship. But Jesus’ words pointed beyond the kingdom of this world – even its holy places – to the resurrection that was coming. What happened on Easter created a new reality – a new life that transcends the supposed “reality” of this world – even death itself.

We have so much for which to be thankful – our beautiful church building included. However, we also know that it is all in the service of Jesus – who lived and died and was raised again that we might have life and have it abundantly, both now and forever. That is the Good News we are here to proclaim. Happy Easter!