



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Lenten/Easter Plan's Announced

The calendar of events for this Holy Season has been established and the outlined times set aside for our congregational friends.

Ash Wednesday – February 17, 6:00 pm

A brief, solemn service of preparation for our spiritual 40-day journey. Scriptures – Prayer- and affirmations of faith will lead us to the moment of personal re-dedication to our walk with Jesus. The outward sign will include the Imposition of Ashes. Placed on the forehead to mark our personal re-initiation into the disciplined and mystical journey of spiritual discipleship.

Palm Sunday – March 28, 9:30 am

“Procession of the Palms” to call us to worship; our youth - (ages up to 18 years). The joy of celebration marks the “Triumphal Entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday – April 1, 7:00 pm

A candlelight gathering to share the Lord’s Supper. Special music and guest musicians will accompany our corporate worship. Holy Communion offers the Supreme invitation to express thanksgiving and personal remembrance of Christianity’s table of Sacrifice and Grace. Our observance is open to all followers and the invitations is “open” without distinction.

Good Friday Devotions – April 2, 6:00 pm

A quiet, meditative remembrance of the event of Christ’s arrest, and crucifixion. Scriptures and prayer direct our attention to the last seven utterances of Christ from the cross. We witness to his ignominious and vicarious death; - are inner experiences to lead us unto the dark hours of Jesus’ sacrifice for the sins of the world.

Prayer Vigil – Begins Friday – April 2, 7:00 pm

Following Good Friday devotions. We prepare with prayers in expectation of our Easter Sunday celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. Our entire family is invited and encouraged to join in this period of spiritual power.

Easter Celebration of Worship – April 4, 9:30 am

Choral Cantata “Journey to the Cross”

Presented by Central’s Chancel Choir, directed by Candace French
“...a poignant declaration of our Lord’s love, sacrifice, and ultimate victory over death”

Eggstravaganza – A multi-generational event in the Fellowship hall, following worship. All children and youth in the midst of our Fellowship refreshments.

Coming... **THIS WEEK!**

Wednesday, February 10

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 11

- 3:00 pm Culture Club

Sunday, February 14

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Sunday School

Monday, February 15

- 9:00 am Men’s Fellowship
- 1:00 pm Domino’s & More
- 6:00 pm Executive Board
- 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 16

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 9:30 am CWF Service Day
- 3:00 pm Culture Club

Wednesday, February 17

- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

February 14, 2010

Luke 9:37-43

“How Long”

Meeting: February 15

6:00 pm

**Executive
Committee**



Meeting: February 15

7:00 pm



BOARD MEETING

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Compassion Update!



Last Sunday we collected \$320.00 for Haiti. That brings our total to \$2672.00.

Thank you for all you have donated. We will keep you updated each week on how much we have raised for

Congregational Concerns

- Charlie Lynch
- Jean Hagerman
- Cal Wise
- Debra Gleghorn
- Sue Brown
- Bonnie Montgomery
- Will Brown



*Please keep the office informed of those who need our prayers.
Thank you!*



In preparation of printing an updated Church directory, if you have moved recently or have any new phone numbers please notify the church office.



Please wish the following people will be celebrating a birthday in February.

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| 1-John Letterman | 1-Roy Montgomery |
| 5-Gloria Brown | 5-Mary Jane Cross |
| 6-Alta Fox | 9-Junior Bond |
| 9-Marilyn West | 19-Nancy Farthing |
| 20-Lela Robinson | 21-Priscilla McKown |
| 22-Clio Lynch | 24-Sharon Martin |
| 25-Jacques Sachs | 25-Patty Thurman |
| 27-Angela Miller | 28-Rosa Lee Butts |
| 28-David Ferguson | 28-Kim Schultz |
| 28-Patty Soukup | |

CWF would like to say a big thank you to the congregation. By receiving 1000 Best Choice labels, they were able to double their amount this year.



Scholarships Available



Two \$600 scholarships will be awarded from the Memorial Fund. This year's scholarships will be funded from contributions given in memory of Don Fesperman. If you are a student who will be continuing your education in the at a college, university, trade or technical school, you may fill out an application. Applications may be picked up in the church office and must be returned by May 15..

The Season of Lent

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Lent is a period of 40 days climaxing with Easter Sunday. It corresponds to the days that Christ fasted in the wilderness following his baptism. It marked the beginning of his public ministry. For his followers, it is a time for penitence and reflection about our ministry as his disciples.

The Origins of Lent

The name “Lent” is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning “Lengthen”, referring to the coming of Spring and the days becoming longer with the spring full moon. The earliest Christians recognized the important steps in Jesus’ life that occurred in the crucial events that climaxed with Holy Week; included were his entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), his Passover meal with his disciples (Maundy Thursday), the trial and crucifixion (Good Friday), and the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

Since the earliest days, it has been observed as a period for study, meditation, and fasting in preparation for candidates to be baptized. The emphasis during the forty days of Lent remains, for all followers, a time for repentance, prayer, and commitment. It offers an opportunity for disciples to look into their hearts and lives to ensure that Christ dwells within to guide, enrich, and strengthen the spiritual walk with master Jesus.

Rev. Don Brown

ELDER'S INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION

9:30 A.M., Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010

On February 21st, during the worship service, we will install and recognize all of our Elders. Both serving and on furlough will be recognized and celebrated.

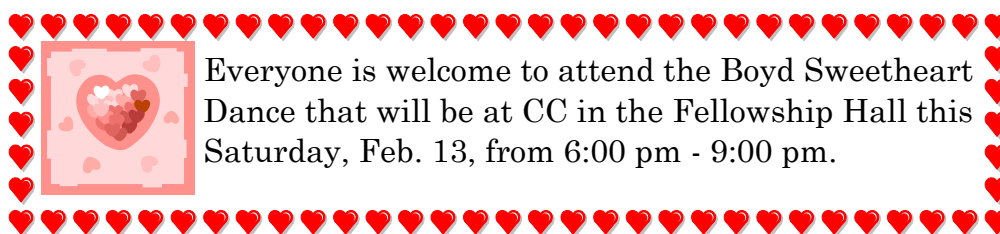
The Eldership is a vital part of the ministry of Central Christian and we are blessed by the presence of such leaders. Be a part of this important event.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Diversity and Economic Development: Building Springfield's Future

Please join church leaders, minority business owners and civic/government officials from 9 am to 1 pm, Sat., Feb. 27, to discuss why a lack of economic opportunities makes Springfield unattractive to some minorities, why lack of diversity is hurting our area economy, and how we can move forward as a community.

The conference, which is free, will be at Missouri State University's Meyer Library Auditorium, Room 101. Free parking is available in the parking garage at Holland and Grand on the MSU campus. For more information, call (417) 868-8520.



Everyone is welcome to attend the Boyd Sweetheart Dance that will be at CC in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, Feb. 13, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

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Sunday School
Bilshan: 10
Loyal Workers: 17
Builders: 14

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General Fund
Contributions:
\$6,942.00
Attendance:
163

Ministry Team

John Bermond, Board Chair
Rev. John Andrews, Senior Pastor
Rev. Don Brown, Parish Minister
Candy French, Music Director
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Darrell Zweerink

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Helen Gunther
Patty Soukup

Communion Preparation:

John & Mary Bermond

Fellowship Preparation:

John & Mary Bermond

Greeters:

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