



# C THE CENTRAL CONNECTION

Fall 2017



Only happens once in awhile.

I can remember the last big to-do of the solar eclipse. I can remember making a pinhole camera like the one I made for Madeline and I to see it. I remember all the build up and then it was over. My hometown was nowhere near the level of shadow expected in some parts of the country this time around. But it happened and I can remember the sliver of shadow blocking the sun in the small box I looked through and being reminded how small we all are in the grand scheme of our solar system, let alone the universe.

Now in past weeks, in addition to the darkness of the moon's shadow, we have seen another ugly darkness in our world; we've seen more overt racism and claims of superiority. Now I find this similar to the eclipse in that though the moon doesn't always come between the earth and the sun, it is always out there. And the problems of racism, though not always overt and in our headlines, are also always out there.

It doesn't take the moon passing in front of the sun for us to notice that it's there. We acknowledge its existence and see it on regular occasions. Jonah is always quick to point it out when he sees it no matter the day or what phase it is in. Yet we should take care to treat the issues around racism the same way. Many elements of it are not as overt and headline-grabbing as Nazi flag-carrying marchers in the street. We must take care to not only notice it when the most overt shadows are cast, but to recognize it in its many phases in our world as well as in ourselves. We cannot simply put on our rose colored glasses and proclaim the work done because we don't personally feel the issue. If we are to figure out the path, we must walk through all the difficult conversations and introspection and we must look directly at the Son.

*Pastor Cliff*

On Sunday, September 17, we return to our regular worship times:

9:30 AM - traditional worship

11:30 AM - praise worship



On this day, the choir returns to 9:30 worship and Christian Education for all ages returns at 10:45 AM.



Thank you to all who assisted in any way with the bluegrass concert and ice cream social on July 24<sup>th</sup> - from those that distributed flyers in the neighborhood to ice cream scoopers to members that helped to direct our guests that evening and took care of any other tasks that popped up - it was truly a group effort and we could not have done it without your help. Just under a hundred guests, many from the community, enjoyed a beautiful summer evening filled with fellowship, good music and ice cream.

Again, thank you...YOU made the night a success!

Worship & Music Committee



Join us at the  
**Church Picnic!**

Our annual church picnic follows the 11:00 outdoor worship on Sunday, September 10. Parish Life will provide the hotdogs & buns, drinks and tableware. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The picnic will be held in Fellowship Hall.



After much discussion and thought, the decision has been reached to discontinue the quarterly Lunch Bunch luncheons, due to dwindling attendance. The luncheons enjoyed a long run, with many varied programs over the years, from the history of Esther Price Candies to *Center Stage* performing Broadway show tunes and Christmas carols to the story of "Old Glory" presented by our own Jack & Susan Lightcap.

Although we will no longer gather quarterly, we leave open the possibility of meeting occasionally if there is interest.

Lunch Bunch Committee  
(Florence Corey, Tom & Pat Davis,  
Merv & Pat Hardman and Marcy Wilson)



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting has been called for the purpose of voting on a candidate to fill the open Class of 2019 Deacon position. The meeting will be held on Sunday, September 10, immediately following our 11:00 AM outdoor worship, before we go inside to Fellowship Hall for the church picnic.



## Church Directory

A new church directory was published in August...did you pick up a copy? If not, contact Karen in the church office to receive yours.



## Camperships for Kirkmont

On October 22, we will combine our services and gather at 11:00 AM to worship together followed by a luncheon to celebrate Kirkmont Center and the lives of Steve and Homer Watson, as we kick-off the Watson Memorial Fund for 2017. Please join us for this special occasion!

The Mission Committee will share details in upcoming bulletins as they are finalized.

### PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – FALL 2017

First of all, we are pleased to announce that Tom Oole has agreed to step into the role of Co-Chair of this committee.

We hope you have all seen the beautiful coffee cart in the lounge that was dedicated in Ann Bower's memory in July. Many thanks to Del Bower for making this for us.

We had a nice turnout for the Pentecost picnic on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Hot dogs, picnic items, and delicious salads and desserts were enjoyed by all.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> thirty church members, with family and friends, were entertained at the Dayton Dragons game. The weather cooperated and everyone had a good time. The committee voted to plan this event again in 2018.

Our committee will be preparing the community dinner for August 24<sup>th</sup>. We have chosen a picnic menu consisting of hamburgers, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, desserts, and drinks.

September 10<sup>th</sup> will be our last outdoor service followed by a carry-in luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Just a reminder – the Christmas cantata will be presented by the choir on December 10<sup>th</sup> and our luncheon will follow, so mark your calendars now.

Submitted by Barb Webner, Co-Chair

Committee Members: Marsha Dues, Betty Hurley, Tom Oole, Co-Chair, Diora Randolph, Randy Webner, Nancy Westfall, and Sue Labatzky (Session)



# *A Season of Peace*



A Season of Peace begins September 3 and concludes on October 1, World Communion Sunday. This four week pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace, as we acknowledge the violence and division in our community, our nation and around the world.

As we journey through the Season of Peace, we will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. As we offer our gifts, we gather with other worshipping communities in the United States to strengthen Christ's work for peace through our church. A special offering envelope can be found in the Sanctuary pews and on hall tables beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Join us on October 1<sup>st</sup> as we unite with Christians around the world in celebration of our oneness in Christ as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and close out A Season of Peace.



**Daylight Saving Time  
ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 5.**

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY - July 31, 2017

	ACTUAL YR TO DATE	BUDGETED YR TO DATE	YR TO DATE 58.3% of year
<u>INCOME</u>			
Loose	2,473	2,333	61.8
Pledges	99,475	98,098	59.2
Presby Foundation	1,537	2,250	51.2
Non-pledged giving	6,153	1,458	246.1
CPC Endowment	4,200	4,200	58.3
CPC Housing Fund	9,100	9,100	58.3
Other	583	583	58.3
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>123,522</b>	<b>118,023</b>	<b>61.3</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Administrative	9,990	11,498	49.8
Maintenance	16,133	14,833	54.7
Mission	3,750	4,958	44.1
Program	6,717	9,188	42.6
Pastor's Expense	43,616	43,649	58.3
Staff Salary	47,917	48,656	57.4
<b>TOT EXPENSES</b>	<b>128,123</b>	<b>132,582</b>	<b>55.2</b>
<b>NET BALANCE</b>	<b>-4,601</b>	<b>-14,559</b>	



September 3 - **Tom & Arline Schneider**, in remembrance of their son, John, on his birthday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

September 10 - **Dave & Sue Gossett**, in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

September 17 - **Bill & Maxine Gilman**, in honor of Maxine's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 18<sup>th</sup>  
and Bill's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 25<sup>th</sup>

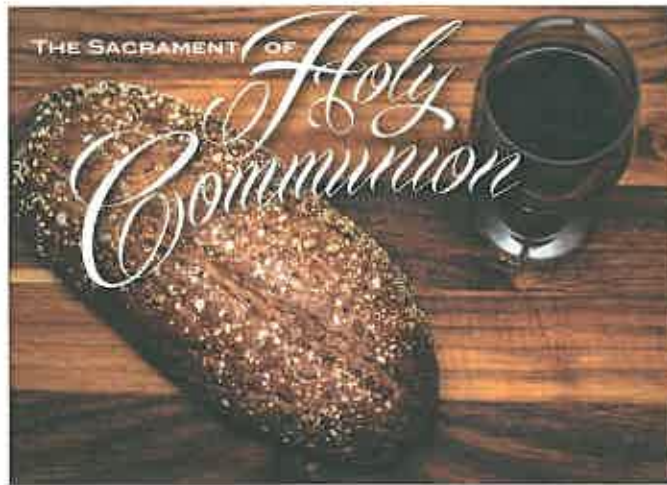
October 1 - **Jim & Sarah Alverson**, in remembrance of David Steele

October 8 - **Pat Settles**, in remembrance of Jack Settles

The following dates are open if you would like to make a floral donation for our 9:30 service:

September 24; October 15, 22 & 29; November 5, 12, 19 & 26; December 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.

Each arrangement is \$30. Please contact Karen in the church office at  
[karen@centralpreschurch.com](mailto:karen@centralpreschurch.com) or 298-2864, ext. 0, to place an order.



### September 17<sup>th</sup> Servers

9:30: Sandy Ayers, Diane Dutton, Laurel Hemmelgarn, Marge Houston, Sheila Reynolds, Nancy Watson

11:30: Carol Evans and Steve Uphouse

### October 1<sup>st</sup> Servers

9:30: Bill Awsumb (*5 additional servers are needed*)

11:30: Steve Donisi and Carol Evans

### Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Servers

9:30: Bill Awsumb, Gail Birden, Marge Houston (*3 additional servers are needed*)

11:30: Steve Donisi (*1 additional server is needed*)

### December 24<sup>th</sup> Servers - one service at 9:30 AM

Sandy Ayers, Gail Birden, Marge Houston (*3 additional servers are needed*)

Please note that Communion may be served at our Christmas Eve worship service. The service will begin at 7:30 PM, preceded by music at 7:00 PM. If it is decided to celebrate Communion that evening, servers will be needed. We will share the decision when it is made by the Worship & Music Committee (Session has already approved).

All ordained Elders and Deacons may serve Communion and are encouraged to do so at least once a year, if you are physically able to. If you would like to serve on one of the dates above that need servers, please contact Karen in the church office at [karen@centralpreschurch.com](mailto:karen@centralpreschurch.com) or 298-2864, ext. 0.

The 2018 Communion schedule, when approved by Session, will be shared in future bulletins and newsletters.



# MUSIC News



## Fall Approaches!

Most of you are aware that in my book, anytime you don't have to wear a jacket, the weather is TOO HOT. So, I always look forward to digging out the sweaters, and being able to see my breath on those nippy mornings. Condolences to the rest of you who prefer 90 degrees and humidity that makes breathing a chore.

As always, many thanks to all of you that have participated in providing music for Sundays during the summer. Variety is the spice of life, and we have been blessed with instrumental solos, vocal solos, and the band leading us on Spirituals Sunday. A special mention about our bluegrass concert with The Mule-skinner Band - wasn't that fun? Tom Troxell's incredible gift of organization put that one together, and I think we are all hoping that he'll have enough energy that we can do it again next summer! Tom had lots of willing helpers too - and we thank you for jumping in to help with details for that program.

Our official "back to work" time for the choir is Sunday, September 17 (with choir rehearsals beginning on Wednesday, September 6). If you have always wanted to join the choir (or if you've ever given it a passing thought), please come and give it a try. We are always thrilled to add to the amount of noise we can make. More bodies in the choir loft means more sound in the church. More sound in the church means more good vibrations surrounding all of you who listen. More good vibrations means more collective praise sent toward the heavens to glorify God.

Central Message, the band for the second service, is always thrilled to have extra voices and instruments too. If you enjoy a more contemporary style and like to sing / play an instrument / or stomp along, let's chat! We'll see how you might fit in with the group.

We will be continuing our Monday Music series - tentatively we have a harp and flute set for October, and I'm weighing some options for a December program. The bell choir will be back in action to play on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and our Christmas cantata, "The Winter Rose", will be presented on Sunday morning, December 10. As we enter the chillier months, just keep in mind that golf and gardening aren't so fun in the rain and snow....wouldn't you rather come to band, choir or bell choir practice? Let's continue to join our hearts and talents to give glory to our Lord!

Leslie (who is anxiously awaiting the first snowflakes...)

# Christian Education Corner

## WORKING MISSION STATEMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*As Christian Educators, our goal is to help young and seasoned believers gain wisdom and understanding through intentional, knowledgeable and teachable moments in the life of the congregation.*

### VBS 2017

Staff & students spent June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> delving into the theme, "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!" This year's program served thirteen youth from the ages of two to ten, who participated in a rotation of activity centers in Music, Mission & Crafts. Our primary Bible lesson was presented each night by our Storyteller-in-Residence, our own Pastor Cliff Haddox.

Many thanks go to our staff and volunteers for making each night's success possible. From the wonderful meals provided to the many trips up and down stairs to the many extra hands that helped "build" our hero city, we could not have done it without your help. THANK YOU!

### Comings & Goings

Christian Education officially welcomes Paula Reams and Beth Maxwell to our Christian Education Committee. Paula joined us as our Session Rep mid-year and Beth joined following Vacation Bible School. The passion and joy each brings is a wonderful addition to our team, and we're excited to see what's in store for us all.

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, we bid a fond farewell to our own Lisa Zupon as she moved permanently to China to teach English. Lisa has been instrumental in co-teaching our Youth Sunday School class as well as gifting us with her incredible talent in arts and crafts throughout the year. We will miss her, but send our joy and blessing to her as she pursues new opportunities.

# Christian Education Corner cont'd

## **CE Year 2017-2018 Kicks Off**

It's that time again – our Christian Education Year resumes September 17<sup>th</sup>! If you haven't considered how you're growing in God, allow this year to be a new year of opportunities discovered.

Our Sunday School program for children, youth and adults reboots as we step into a new year of continued discipleship together in God. Our primary teachers will be Pam Beck (Children), Sarah Alverson (Youth) and Karl Ayers (Adults). Beth Maxwell will be joining our teaching team once monthly in each of the Children & Youth classes. Austin Hemmelgarn continues to assist Pam Beck with our Children's class two Sundays a month. Additionally, Adult class teachers are being filled in for the entire year, so please connect with Rev. LaKendra Hardware to get plugged in if you have not already done so.

## **Adult Sunday School Topic**

Karl Ayers will be leading a discussion of the amazing book by C.S. Lewis entitled *Mere Christianity*. Each Sunday will be a stand-alone lesson, so you don't have to attend all in order to understand Lewis's move from being an atheist to becoming a devoted Christian and writer. Copies of his book will be available for attendees. And if you have never been to Adult Sunday School, we urge you to attend at least one of this series. Please join us in our Adult Education Room for this exciting study!

## **New CE Initiative: Congregational Study Sundays**

We are doing a new thing in 2017-2018! Join us on the following Sundays during our regular Sunday School as we share in a time of Congregational Study. All three classes (Children, Youth & Adults) will come together for a combined lesson and/or activity. Save the dates and get excited, because we're onto something new!

- Congregational Study #1 - October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Congregational Study #2 - December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Congregational Study #3 – February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Congregational Study #4 – April 29<sup>th</sup>

# Christian Education Corner cont'd

## New CE Regular Meeting Date

Our regular monthly Christian Education Meeting has moved to the third Monday from 7:30 to 8:45 PM. If you are interested in sharing with us on the Christian Education Committee, see Rev. LaKendra Hardware.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VISIONCAST 2017

<b>Session #1:</b>	<b>Session #2:</b>	<b>Session #3:</b>
<b><u>Who We Are:</u></b>	<b><u>What We Do:</u></b>	<b><u>Why We Do:</u></b>
Saturday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 1 PM	Saturday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> 10 AM to 1 PM	Saturday, November 18 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 1 PM

### ***CRITICAL RESPONSE NEEDED: CALLING ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CENTRAL CHURCH!***

We need to hear from you as we seek to meet the needs of church and community. Who is Central Presbyterian Church within the walls and within the community, and how are we called to grow in God?

**We are rolling out a three session VisionCast process, and YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL.**

As we move forward and consider how Central is called to evolve and be the church Christ calls us to be, we will spend these sessions listening and learning, discerning and deciding, being and becoming. So, save the dates listed above, and make some room in your schedule.

VisionCast Sessions Planned By  
Rev. LaKendra Hardware  
Christian Education Director  
[revlakendra@centralpreschurch.com](mailto:revlakendra@centralpreschurch.com)

*We know it may sound like it's all working smoothly, and with God's grace and wisdom, it will indeed. BUT!!! There's still room for more. So, if God's nudging is growing louder and you're ready to say, "YES! Sign me up to teach!" (Smile, but seriously...let us know!), see Rev. LaKendra Hardware, Christian Education Director, or email her at [revlakendra@centralpreschurch.com](mailto:revlakendra@centralpreschurch.com)!*

## Sew Faithful News



### Let's play Jeopardy!

The answer is: **Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, from 10:00 – 2:00.**

The question is: **When is Sew Faithful's annual sale?**

Did you get it? Then mark your calendar for the big event!

No, Alex Trebek won't be there, but once again you will see our sanctuary pews draped in quilts and our halls lined with handmade goods for all ages. The ladies and gentlemen of Sew Faithful have been busy all year creating quilts, blankets, teddy bears, hats, and more. We have filled the coffers of many local charities and again saved some of our wares to put out for sale.

As you know, this sale helps us to continue our mission work by providing funds that we use in a variety of ways, including the purchase of fabric, batting and yarn, as well as allowing us to make monetary donations to local causes such as purchasing shoes for needy kids. In addition we like to "give back" to Central Church for the generous use of the facilities. Last year we were able to donate money toward the new kitchen lighting. It is important to remember that **100%** of our sale profits are used for giving!

As in the past, most of our quilts will be only \$20 each. There will also be a few very special quilts you won't want to miss at slightly higher prices! All other items will be priced to sell!

But – the sale is a big endeavor! Last year we had several volunteers from Central step up and help with set-up, sales and take down. That help was invaluable. If you are interested, we would love to have some extras volunteers for any time you have available. See Janet or Ellen if you would like to help.

So...mark the dates, tell your friends and come out and see what's happening on **November 10-11 from 10:00 – 2:00.**

It's a daily double and everybody wins!



**September**

5 - Josh Uphouse 7 - Beth Maxwell 9 - Sheila Reynolds 13 - Kenny Beck  
15 - Becky Uphouse 18 - Maxine Gilman 22 - Melanie Tullis 25 - Bill Gilman  
26 - Emma Beck 27 - Louise Buker 29 - Tessa Beck

**October**

5 - Emily Haddox 7 - Tom Troxell 8 - Nancy Wilson  
13 - Jonah Haddox, Chuck Lantis, Susan Sundermeyer  
18 - Jammie Troxell 20 - Tom Oole 23 - Ellen Donisi 26 - Don Henry

**November**

1 - Austin Myers 3 - Maribeth Graham, Tommy McGraw, Lincoln Troxell  
4 - Larry Singleton 5 - Mike Troxell 7 - Frank Armstrong 8 - Sue Gossett  
14 - Ron Bundy 21 - Rob McGraw 22 - Steve Donisi 28 - Conner McGraw

*If you have a Fall birthday and are not listed above,  
then we do not have your birth date on file in the church office.  
Please contact Karen to update your membership file.*

### Assisting in our Fall Worship Services

Date	9:30 Elder of the Day	9:30 Ushers	9:30 Liturgist	9:30 Sound	11:00/11:30 Elder of the Day	11:00/ 11:30 Hosts	11:00/ 11:30 Sound
Sept. 3	Tom Troxell	Linda Moorhead Arline Schneider Marcy Wilson	Don Henry	Joe Lucas	Steve Uphouse	Steve & Marlene Gagen	Rick Reams
Sept. 10  <i>11:00 Outdoor Worship</i>	<b>Open</b>	Susan Sundermeyer Nancy Watson	N/A	Jim Alverson	N/A	Dave Gossett	N/A
Sept. 17	Bill Awsumb	Merv Hardman Don Henry Chuck Lantis	Jim Wilson	Robert Beck	Steve Uphouse	Gary Neeley	<b>Open</b>
Sept. 24	<b>Open</b>	Jim Brown Ron Bundy Joe Espelage Austin Hemmelgarn	Bill Awsumb	Austin Hemmelgarn	<b>Open</b>	Pat Settles	<b>Open</b>
Oct. 1	<b>Open</b>	Linda Moorhead Arline Schneider Marcy Wilson	<b>Open</b>	Joe Lucas	<b>Open</b>	Steve & Marlene Gagen	Rick Reams
Oct. 8	<b>Open</b>	Susan Sundermeyer Nancy Watson	<b>Open</b>	Jim Alverson	<b>Open</b>	Dave Gossett	Chuck Lantis
Oct. 15	<b>Open</b>	Merv Hardman Don Henry Chuck Lantis	<b>Open</b>	Robert Beck	<b>Open</b>	Gary Neeley	<b>Open</b>
Oct. 22  <i>11:00 Worship</i>	<b>Open</b>	Jim Brown Ron Bundy Joe Espelage Austin Hemmelgarn	<b>Open</b>	Austin Hemmelgarn	N/A	Pat Settles	<b>Open</b>
Oct. 29	<b>Open</b>	Frank & Beulah Armstrong Bob & Marsha Dues	<b>Open</b>	Austin Hemmelgarn	<b>Open</b>	Pat Settles	<b>Open</b>
Nov. 5	<b>Open</b>	Linda Moorhead Arline Schneider Marcy Wilson	<b>Open</b>	Joe Lucas	<b>Open</b>	Steve & Marlene Gagen	Rick Reams
Nov. 12	<b>Open</b>	Susan Sundermeyer Nancy Watson	<b>Open</b>	Jim Alverson	<b>Open</b>	Dave Gossett	Chuck Lantis
Nov. 19	<b>Open</b>	Merv Hardman Don Henry Chuck Lantis	<b>Open</b>	Robert Beck	<b>Open</b>	Gary Neeley	<b>Open</b>
Nov. 26	<b>Open</b>	Jim Brown Ron Bundy Joe Espelage Austin Hemmelgarn	<b>Open</b>	Austin Hemmelgarn	<b>Open</b>	Pat Settles	<b>Open</b>

As of 8/28/17

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**4699 LAMME ROAD**

**DAYTON OH 45439-3099**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Pastor:** Rev. Cliff Haddox (revncliffie@gmail.com)

**Clerk of Session:** Sarah Alverson

**Board of Deacons Moderator:** Susan Sundermeyer

**Director of Music:** Leslie Stratton (leslie@centralpreschurch.com)

**Organist:** Tom Guth

**Director of Christian Education:** Rev. Dr. LaKendra Hardware  
(revlakendra@centralpreschurch.com)

**Childcare Provider:** Suzie Harris

**Treasurers:** Joe Espelage and Marcy Wilson

**Custodian:** Kevin Duffy

**Church Secretary / Bookkeeper:** Karen Mitchell (karen@centralpreschurch.com)

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Church Office Phone:** (937) 298-2864, Ext. 0

**Church Email:** cpcoffice@centralpreschurch.com

**Church Website:** www.centralpreschurch.com

**Traditional Worship:** 9:30 AM (Sanctuary)

**Christian Education for All Ages:** 10:45 AM (returns September 17)

**Praise Worship:** 11:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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that **Christ** may be made  
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