



THE CENTRAL CONNECTION

Fall 2018

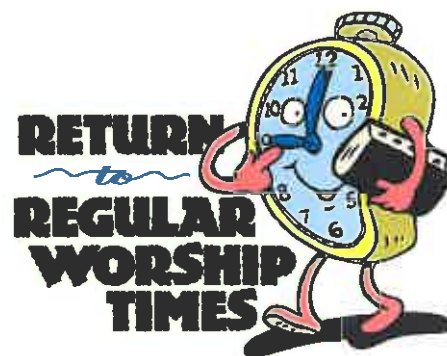


Homework?

Madeline came home the first day of school to say “We don’t have any homework this month!” I asked if she was sure and she said “Well we might start at the end of the month.” It’s now the end of the month and her homework has begun and she’s learning it’s a big step up from 2nd grade. It’s taking her more time and it’s more specific. She has some choices in which assignments she does, but she isn’t breezing through like she was last year. But we keep reinforcing that by doing the work at home, you learn it and you’ll perform better and it will become second nature to you. She’s no longer just doing school at school and then going home until it’s time for school again.

How often do we do the same thing with the homework that keeps our faith second nature? How many times do we open the Bible in a week? How many times do we pray? How often do we open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit when it comes to making difficult decisions? Do we instead come in on Sunday morning like a kid blitzing through their assignments in Home Room before class starts and hoping we’re able to keep up in class?

Much like the Armor of God discussed in the sermon on August 26, there’s a lot of little things that come together in our faith. It takes many things coming together for our overall spiritual health. We are called to put these things into practice and more and more they will become second nature to us. So as summer fades to fall and you see all the kids headed back to school, ask yourself the question you may have asked little ones in the past. “Is the homework done for today?”



On Sunday, September 16, 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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - Quarter 3 2018

	BUDGETED YR TO DATE	ACTUAL YR TO DATE	YR TO DATE 58.3% of year
<u>INCOME</u>			
Loose	\$2333	\$1667	41.7%
Pledges	102690	95105	54.0
Presby Foundation	2917	2348	47.0
Non-Pledged Giving	2333	5239	131.0
CPC Endowment	4200	4200	58.3
CPC Housing Fund	9100	9100	58.3
Other	583	583	58.3
TOTAL INCOME	\$124157	\$118242	55.6
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Administrative	\$10247	\$9501	50.1%
Maintenance	17398	24230	81.2
Mission	4588	2433	28.6
Program	9771	4361	26.0
Pastor's Expense	45037	45561	59.0
Staff Salary	41103	40255	57.1
TOT EXPENSES	\$128144	\$126340	57.0%
NET BALANCE	-\$3987	-\$8099	58.3%



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on a candidate to fill the late Bob Beck's unexpired Class of 2021 Deacon position. The meeting will be held on Sunday, September 2, in the Sanctuary immediately following our 9:30 service. All members of Central Presbyterian Church are encouraged to attend.



The fall program for Christian Education starts on September 16 with an inter-generational session for all ages together at 10:45 AM. This session will have the youth and adults interacting together and is meant for the adults to get to know the youth and vice versa. You are invited and encouraged to attend even if you do not normally participate in any of the CE classes. These special sessions are also scheduled for October 21 and November 25.

Upcoming after the September 16 kickoff will be separate classes for several ages of youth and the adult class, which will be led by Bob Westfall for sessions on September 23 and 30 and October 7.

The rest of the adult Sunday School schedule:

From October 14 through December 23, the adult class will be led by Karl Ayers except for three (3) Sundays when the church will have other events and there will be no Sunday School: October 28 and December 9 and 30.

While adult classes are meeting at 10:45, there are also youth and children programs occurring as well every Sunday except those listed.

Again, please consider attending Sunday School every Sunday at 10:45 AM except those Sundays noted above.

We would love to have you join us.

Christian Education Committee

Inter-generational Class Dates

- September 16
- October 21
- November 25

Separate Youth/Children and Adult Class Dates

- September 23 & 30
- October 7 & 14
- November 4, 11 & 18
- December 2, 16 & 23

No Sunday School Dates

- October 28
- December 9
- December 30



Join us at the
**Church
Picnic!**

Our church picnic follows the 11:00 outdoor worship on Sunday, September 9. 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.



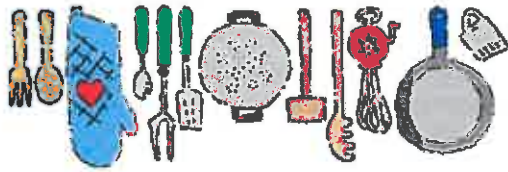
The Building & Grounds Committee thanks all who have stepped up to serve or help in any capacity. Your efforts are very much appreciated!



Camperships for Kirkmont

On October 28, 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 2018. Please join us for this special occasion!

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

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

On July 28th thirty church members with family and friends attended the Dayton Dragons game at Fifth Third Field. The weather cooperated and everyone had a good time. The committee voted to plan this event again in 2019.

Our last outdoor service will take place on Sunday, September 9th, followed by a picnic in the Fellowship Hall. We will furnish the hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. Church members will be asked to bring a dish to share so please come and join us.

On November 10th we will host the Presbytery for a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following their meeting. Approximately 85-100 people will be in attendance. We have chosen a menu consisting of three different soups, salad, and sandwiches which will be prepared in the kitchen. Since this will be a large number to serve, we will be asking for some assistance from our church members that day.

The choir will present their Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 9th, followed by our annual holiday dinner. More details will be announced closer to that event.

Submitted by: Barb Webner, Co-Chair

Committee Members: Tom Oole, Co-Chair, Marsha Dues, Betty Hurley, Diora Randolph, Randy Webner, Nancy Westfall, and Tom Troxell, Session Rep



Central Church will be forming a team to participate in this year's CROP Walk on Sunday, October 7. The walk is an annual event to raise funds to end hunger in our local community and around the world; 25% of the funds raised will be donated to the Dayton Food Bank.

This year's walk starts and ends at the Island MetroPark band shell and goes along the Stillwater River Trail to Triangle MetroPark with turn around under the Siebenthaler Avenue bridge. Registration begins at 1:00 PM and the walk is at 1:30 PM.

If you would like to be part of Central's team of walkers, there will be a brief informational meeting under the pavilion on September 9, before we move inside for the church picnic. If you cannot walk but would like to make a donation, please contact the church office. On behalf of the congregation, the Session has donated \$104 to the walk, Central's 40% share of this year's Pentecost Offering.



What a summer! I'm sure you have appreciated all of the special music we've experienced this summer as much as I have! It is so enjoyable to hear everything from fabulous singers to bells and flutes and guitars and cello. Thanks to all of you who so willingly prepared music to share with the church for our worship services. And a huge thank to Tom Troxell for again organizing our outdoor concert in July. Tom had a great group of volunteers helping, but his expertise in pulling everything together and organizing makes the whole concert and food preparation really work.

Here we go again with choir and our busy fall season! Please know that any and all of you are invited to join the choir and band. We always welcome newcomers and hope that you will use those musical talents to help us out. Band rehearsals are ongoing, and are held on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, and the choir meets Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The choir begins rehearsals on September 5th, and I've got a lot of great music already on the docket for both services. We have wonderful musicians lined up for Monday Music programs throughout the fall, and you won't want to miss any of the concerts. The date for the first program is still pending, but the second one is Monday, November 12, and features Amanda Roberts, an award-winning hammered dulcimer player. The third fall program will be Monday, December 17, and features Kathleen Miguel and yours truly performing our Christmas harp duet program. All concerts are from 1:00-2:00 PM in our Sanctuary at Central Presbyterian Church and are free to attend. Speaking of Christmas...the cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, and we will have our usual fabulous Christmas Eve service full of a variety of musical selections.

So - be prepared for a wonderful fall filled with music from your dedicated Central musicians. Lord, help us praise you through this wonderful art called MUSIC!

Leslie Stratton



Central Church will host the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, November 10. We have a need for many volunteers to help out that day: parking lot attendants, registration, money collectors (for lunch fees and a hunger offering), meal ticket distributors, greeters, child care, etc. We will also need help in the days ahead of the meeting with set up. If you wish to help out in any way, please contact the church office.

Parish Life will be serving light refreshments as the commissioners arrive and then a luncheon following the conclusion of the meeting. The committee, too, will need some extra hands in the kitchen that day - please contact co-chairs Tom Oole or Barb Webner to volunteer.

Sew Faithful Sale and News

Central Friends,

The ladies (and gentlemen) of *Sew Faithful* have been busy again this year. They not only work on Monday mornings in the fellowship hall, but use their time and talents at home to create beautiful and practical items for those in need.

We have already donated hundreds of items this year: infant wear, afghans, quilts, blankets, dog beds, pillow cases and more. And now we are gearing up for our annual fall sale where you will find many of these same items as well as a large raffle quilt, a large silent auction quilt and other special treasures!

So...mark your calendars for **Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17, 10:00 to 2:00 each day**. If you are interested in helping out with set up, sales, or takedown, please let either Janet, Ellen or Susan know. We would be thrilled to have you join us.

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending or working with Sew Faithful, we'd like to remind you that we meet every **Monday morning from 9:30 to 12:00** in the Fellowship Hall at Central. We continue to have new friends join us and learn that the fun and fellowship, not to mention the satisfaction of knowing you have brought a little joy into someone's life, can't be beat!

Looking forward to seeing you at the sale!

Your friends at Sew Faithful



Remembered in Love

On Sunday, November 4, in observance of All Saints' Day during our 9:30 worship service, we will remember and honor members of our church family who have passed since last All Saints' Day.

Members will also have the opportunity during the service to remember friends and loved ones who were not members of Central and who have passed away since November 2017. More information will be shared in the weekly bulletin closer to the date.

A Season of Peace

A Season of Peace begins September 2 and concludes on October 7, World Communion Sunday. This five-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 2nd.

Join us on October 7th 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*.



Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of the Animals will take place on our front lawn on Wednesday, October 3, at 6:00 PM. All animals are welcome. Please have pets on a leash or in a carrier or cage. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.



**Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 AM
on Sunday, November 4.**



September 16 - **Bill Gilman**,
in remembrance of Maxine on her 86th birthday on September 18th
and in honor of Bill's 88th birthday on September 25th

September 30 - **Pat Settles**, in remembrance of Jack Settles

October 7 - **Jim & Sarah Alverson**, in remembrance of David Steele on his birthday

November 25 - **Rob McGraw, Deb McGraw and Cindy Wettle**,
in remembrance of Chuck & Norma Lantis on what would have been their 40th wedding anniversary

The following dates are open if you wish to donate an arrangement for a 9:30 service:

September 9 & 23

October 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Please contact Karen in the church office (karen@centralpreschurch.com or 298-2864, ext. 0) to place an order. Each arrangement, provided by Furst Florist, is \$30.

Furst designers create our arrangements using in-season flowers; however, Furst is happy to work with us to create an arrangement of flowers and colors to suit your desires (please note that some flowers and colors may increase the cost above \$30). Since the flowers are displayed in our Sanctuary, all special requests must be respectful of that environment.



Communion Schedule

September 16th Servers

9:30: Bill Awsumb, Jim Brown, Larry Singleton (*3 additional servers are needed*)

11:30: Carol Evans (*1 additional server is needed*)

October 7th Servers

9:30: Bill Awsumb, Tom Troxell (*4 additional servers are needed*)

11:30: Carol Evans (*1 additional server is needed*)

November 25th Servers

9:30: Melanie Tullis (*5 additional servers are needed*)

11:30: *2 servers are needed*

December 23rd Servers

9:30: Melanie Tullis (*5 additional servers are needed*)

11:30: *2 servers are needed*

As you can see, we have many needs for Communion servers through the end of the year. The Worship & Music Committee will be presenting the proposed 2019 Communion schedule to Session for approval sometime this fall; we will need servers for those dates as well - the dates will be shared when the schedule is approved.

Ordained Elders or Deacons wishing to serve should contact Karen in the church office (karen@centralpreschurch.com or 298-2864, ext. 0).



September

5 - Josh Uphouse 7 - Beth Maxwell 9 - Sheila Reynolds
 13 - Kenny Beck 15 - Becky Uphouse 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, Susan Sundermeyer 18 - Jammie Troxell
 20 - Tom Oole 23 - Ellen Donisi 26 - Don Henry

November

1 - Austin Myers 3 - Maribeth Graham, 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 in the church office to update your membership file.*

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

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

Organist: Tom Guth

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 Number: (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

Praise Worship: 11:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

...to **glorify** God through



**WORSHIPING
LOVING
TEACHING
MINISTERING**

that **Christ** may be made
known...



The Newsletter of Central Presbyterian Church