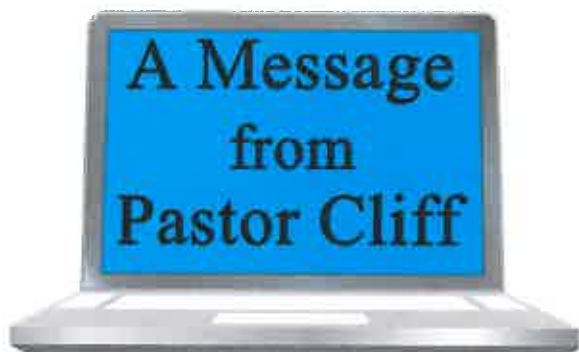




THE CENTRAL CONNECTION

Spring 2018



It's Friday....But Sunday is Comin

Tony Campolo tells a story of being present at what he called a "preach off" at his church where 6 pastors preach back to back to see who's best, though they would never say that they would say it "was for the glory of God." He tells of taking his turn, and not wanting to brag, but he was good. He said that the folks were 'Amen'ing and shouting "Keep going!" And he fed off it and it was one of the top sermons he felt he had given. When he finished he sat down and the elder pastor said, "Pretty good." Tony smiled

and said can you top that?" The old pastor smiled back and said "Son I'm about to do you in...."

The pastor slowly began to preach with a simple line. "It's Friday....but Sunday's comin." It was simple and it was calm and it was quiet but it built. "They said Jesus was dead. Well that was because it's Friday...but Sunday's comin!" The Amens began and built as he continued the phrase over and over growing in intensity and passion proclaiming how in the gospel it had indeed been Friday...but Sunday's comin! This line became not just something he said but broke down what we as Christians are called to proclaim in this world and in this life. That yes there are hardships and there are times when it would seem all is lost, but it's only Friday...but Sunday's comin.

We have had our share of Fridays at Central Presbyterian. We've had our share of Fridays in our own lives. We have faced illnesses, treatments, funerals, relocations, needing more intense care, the list could go on and on. But in these Fridays we have lifted one another up. We have worked to keep folks from feeling alone and we have reminded each other that "Sunday's comin". It does not mean that there isn't hardship. It doesn't mean that we should not mourn difficult times. But it does mean that whatever hardship or difficulty we face it will not be our final story. It will not be the conclusion of our journey. We may face a number of Fridays, my brothers and sisters in Christ, but we are promised...Sunday's comin.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 31, 2018

	ACTUAL YR TO DATE	BUDGETED YR TO DATE	YR TO DATE 8.3% of year
<u>INCOME</u>			
Loose	\$204	\$4000	5.1%
Pledges	15512	176040	8.8
Presby Foundation	0	5000	0
Non-Pledged Giving	686	4000	17.2
CPC Endowment	600	7200	8.3
CPC Housing Fund	1300	15600	8.3
Other	83	1000	8.3
TOTAL INCOME	\$18385	\$212840	8.6
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Administrative	\$799	\$18967	4.2
Maintenance	5314	29825	17.8
Mission	0	7865	0
Program	22	16750	.1
Pastor's Expense	6360	77229	8.2
Staff Salary	5498	70485	7.8
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17993	\$221098	7.9
NET BALANCE	\$392	-\$8258	



As we start a new year, Buildings and Grounds (B/G) is trying some new things. Steve Gagen and Laurel Hemmelgarn are co-chairing – Steve as the “action” person and Laurel as the “organization” person. Many thanks to those who have offered – in any form – to help with maintaining God's house on Lamme Road. We need and welcome support from all! Our primary goals are to improve communication, better utilize in-house skills, and respect volunteers time.

- B/G is now using a Google Doc to track all tasks. Karen, Cliff, and B/G folks will be able to add/edit in real time and anyone can view it to see what needs to be done around the church.
- Compiling a list of volunteer skills and abilities so we can use in-house volunteers when feasible. What skills do you have which might be beneficial?
- Creating a “preferred contractor” database. Can you recommend a contractor you've used? Do you have a contractor contact in a specific area? This information will help ensure quality work at a competitive price.
- Delegating specific jobs so those doing the work can meet at a time convenient to them.

Members continue to be the valuable eyes and ears as things need to be repaired. Please remember that ***unless it's an emergency, all tasks should be submitted in writing if you cannot resolve it yourself.***

Looking ahead – we're planning our spring work day(s) in early May and are considering multiple work times. Many hands make for quick work! So whether you can give an hour or a day, hold a ladder or clean a gutter, trim bushes or plant flowers – we need your help!

Two of the four special Presbyterian offerings are received each spring. “One Great Hour of Sharing” is received during Lent and the “Pentecost Offering” will be received in May through Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Please read on for more information on these two denominational offerings.



We will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering through Palm Sunday, March 25. This special denominational offering is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. When you make a gift to the offering, you are making a transformative impact on people's lives through the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (which works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural and human-caused disasters), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (which is sharing bread with the hungry and joining hands with them to alleviate hunger and address its causes) and Self-Development of People (working to loosen the bonds of injustice by partnering with communities as they seek to overcome oppression and poverty through initiatives they own and from which they directly benefit). A special offering envelope can be found in the Sanctuary pews and on hall tables.



Gifts to the *Pentecost Offering* provide nurture and hope to young members of God's family. Central Church keeps 40% of the gift to use for ministries that serve children at risk while the remaining 60% is used by the General Assembly for ministries with youth and young adults (25%), young adult volunteer opportunities (25%) and child advocacy (10%). Look for the special offering envelope in Sanctuary pews and on hall tables beginning April 29. Thank you for your generous support of the Pentecost Offering!

Parish Life Committee

We hosted the January 25th community dinner with a menu of sloppy joes, mac n' cheese, applesauce, and dessert.

We served our soup supper on Ash Wednesday with delicious chicken noodle, vegetable, and potato soups that were prepared by members of our congregation. The meal was followed by the Ash Wednesday disposition of ashes service led by Pastor Cliff.

On Palm Sunday, March 25, a continental breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall from 10:30 AM until the start of worship. Our indoor Pentecost Picnic follows the outdoor worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. All attending the picnic are asked to provide a side dish or dessert; Parish Life will provide the hotdogs/buns, drinks and table service

Just a gentle reminder, please put **Saturday, July 28th**, on your calendar because we have thirty (30) tickets reserved at Fifth Third Stadium to watch the Dayton Dragons take on the Lansing Lugnuts at 7 PM. The price of each ticket is \$15.00 which includes a hat, \$5 concession stand voucher, private raffle, and recognition on the scoreboard. This is always a fun time for all!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th, 10 a.m. if you would like to join us.

Submitted by: Barb Webner, Co-Chair

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



West Carrollton Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 17, 2018

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Corn Beef & Cabbage or Chicken & Noodles

Red Skin Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert & Beverage

Adults: \$10

Children: \$5

Memorial Methodist Church

26 North Locust Street

West Carrollton, OH 45449





Greetings! As the temperatures start moderating and the dreaded threat for a foot of snow wanes, our hearts and minds prepare for the Easter season. We celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and now we look toward the difficult yet glorious time of acknowledging Christ's offering of Himself for the sake of humanity. As we look toward spring with new growth and the earth renewing itself, we also look toward spiritual renewal with the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

So many elements play a part in our worship services. Could we imagine a church service without fellow believers next to us? Or the scripture being read? Could we have an effective service without prayer? Nope...don't think so. And, most of us couldn't imagine our worship services without music. Our church is blessed with talents that span all kinds of music. The choir sings everything from classical music to hymn arrangements to more contemporary selections and African spirituals. The band presents everything from the latest music on the Christian radio stations to classic contemporary Christian music and lovely worship songs. The bell choir has played tunes that everyone knows and loves. To all the musicians presenting all of this wonderful music, THANK YOU for your ministry and participation in making worship a fun and positive experience at Central Presbyterian Church. Our services would not be as rich and varied without YOU! My hope and prayer is always that each person attending a service hears music that directs their thoughts and minds to worship the Lord.

Music can promote healing. Music can lift our spirits. Music can soothe and relax us. And, music can bring us closer to our Lord and Savior. Listen to the beautiful lyrics of our anthems, hymns, and praise songs, and perhaps you will find that you feel yourself just a bit closer to understanding the beauty of our loving and forgiving God.

So, my note today is not so much a "what is going on in the music department" kind of article for the newsletter, but it is a "take a moment to recognize what music does for us all" message. And, it is a request to ask you to say a big thank you to a band member, or a choir member, or a bell choir member, or to Tom for his marvelous musicianship at the piano and organ. I think you'll agree that all of these folks bring us just a bit closer to the divine.

Blessings!

Leslie Stratton
Music Director

Spring Flowers



March 18 - **Don Henry**, in remembrance of Connie on her birthday, March 23

March 25 - **Bill & Maxine Gilman**, in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary

April 1 - **Betty Hurley**, in remembrance of Ione Savage on her birthday, March 30

April 15 - **Jim & Sarah Alverson**, in honor of Annabelle's first birthday

April 15 - **Miriam Beck**, in remembrance of Bob Beck, Sr.

April 22 - **Tom & Arline Schneider**, in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on April 26

May 6 - **Gail Birden**, in remembrance of her parents on their wedding anniversary

May 13 - **Nancy Watson**, in remembrance of Homer on his birthday, May 8

May 20 - **Jim & Sarah Alverson**, in honor of their wedding anniversary

The following dates are open if you wish to donate an arrangement for a 9:30 worship service: March 11; April 8 & 29; May 27; June 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August 19 & 26; September 2, 9, 23; October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18, 25; 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.



We are pleased to provide our facilities to the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio for their Spring Break 2018 Day Camp. Area Girl Scouts will enjoy two days of activities and fun on March 28 and 29 in our Fellowship Hall, and if weather permits, outside in the pavilion and grounds. This is our second year teaming up with the Girl Scouts to provide a safe space for their spring break day camp.

Communion Schedule

April 1st Servers (Easter Sunday) - one service at 9:30 AM

Bill Awsumb, Gail Birden, Don Henry, Tom Troxell, Melanie Tullis (*1 additional server is needed*)

May 20th Servers (Pentecost) - outdoor worship at 11:00 AM

Carol Evans (*3 additional servers are needed*)

June 10th Servers - outdoor worship at 9:30 AM

Carol Evans, Arline Schneider (*2 additional servers are needed*)

July 22nd Servers

9:30: Jim Brown, Nancy Watson (*3 additional servers are needed*)

11:30: *2 servers are needed*

August 19th Servers

9:30: *5 servers are needed*

11:30: *2 servers are needed*

September 16th Servers

9:30: *6 servers are needed*

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

October 7th Servers

9:30: *6 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 in 2018. Ordained Elders or Deacons wishing to serve should contact Karen in the church office (karen@centralpreschurch.com or 298-2864, ext. 0).



Easter Flowers

Again this year we are offering lilies and hyacinths for you to honor or remember someone special. The flowers will beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1, and may be taken home after worship.

The cost of each lily or hyacinth is \$10 and comes in a gold-covered pot. Please note we are unable to offer specific hyacinth colors, as we receive what grows best for the florist. In past years, we have received a mixture of purple, pink and white.

Please look for the order form in the yellow *Central Happenings* insert. The final day to place an order is Sunday, March 25.



Palm/Passion Sunday - March 25

- Continental breakfast at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall
- We will then process to the Sanctuary for 11:00 AM worship

Maundy Thursday - March 29

- Worship with Communion at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday - April 1

- A single worship service with Communion at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary



The church office will be closed on Friday, March 30, in observance of Good Friday.



Happy
Mother's
Day!

Sunday, May 13

Central Church wishes all mothers a happy and blessed day.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.



3 - Miriam Beck
 7 - Steve Ford
 9 - Morgan Espelage
 10 - Linda Moorhead
 13 - Marcy Wilson
 16 - Joe Espelage
 23 - Marsha Dues
 24 - Ada Long



3 - Leslie Bailey
 5 - Janet Myers
 7 - Rod Bluhm
 9 - Beulah Armstrong
 9 - Betty Ennis
 9 - Margaret Mowery
 10 - Carol Walker
 13 - Tamra Gengler
 21 - Theresa Ford
 22 - Herman Sergent
 28 - Ameer Espelage
 28 - Sue Labatzky



3 - Collin Troxell
 4 - Wanda Bundy
 6 - Brad Miller
 6 - Hayden Troxell
 12 - Joey Gengler
 15 - Gary Neeley
 19 - Sonya McGraw
 27 - Del Bower
 28 - Susan Lightcap
 29 - Marlene Murray
 31 - Andy Evans

***If you have a March, April or May 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.***

Assisting in our Spring Worship Services							
Date	9:30 Elder of the Day	9:30 Ushers	9:30 Liturgist	9:30 Sound	11:30 Elder of the Day	11:30 Hosts	11:30 Sound
Mar. 4	Bill Awsumb	Linda Moorhead Arline Schneider Marcy Wilson	Sheila Reynolds	Open	Pam Beck	Steve & Marlene Gagen	Rick Reams
Mar. 11	Bill Awsumb	Susan Sundermeyer Nancy Watson	Bill Awsumb	Jim Alverson	Steve Uphouse	Dave Gossett	Open
Mar. 18	Paula Reams	Don Henry Larry & Shirley Singleton	Paula Reams	Robert Beck	Paula Reams	Gary Neeley	Open
Mar. 25 <i>11:00 Worship Only</i>	Bob Westfall	Jim Brown Ron Bundy Joe Espelage Austin Hemmelgarn	Bob Westfall	Austin Hemmelgarn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apr. 1 <i>9:30 Worship Only</i>	Tom Troxell	Linda Moorhead Arline Schneider Marcy Wilson	Open	Open	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apr. 8	Open	Susan Sundermeyer Nancy Watson	Bill Awsumb	Jim Alverson	Pam Beck	Dave Gossett	Open
Apr. 15	Bob Westfall	Don Henry Larry & Shirley Singleton	Bob Westfall	Robert Beck	Bob Westfall	Gary Neeley	Open
Apr. 22	Bill Awsumb	Jim Brown Ron Bundy Joe Espelage Austin Hemmelgarn	Sheila Reynolds	Austin Hemmelgarn	Paula Reams	Pat Settles	Open
Apr. 29	Tom Troxell	Frank & Beulah Armstrong Bob & Marsha Dues	Sheila Reynolds	Austin Hemmelgarn	Cindy Miller	Pat Settles	Open
May 6	Open	Linda Moorhead Arline Schneider Marcy Wilson	Open	Open	Open	Steve & Marlene Gagen	Rick Reams
May 13	Open	Susan Sundermeyer Nancy Watson	Open	Jim Alverson	Open	Dave Gossett	Open
May 20 <i>11:00 Worship Only</i>	Open	Don Henry Larry & Shirley Singleton	Open	Robert Beck	N/A	N/A	N/A
May 27	Open	Jim Brown Ron Bundy Joe Espelage Austin Hemmelgarn	Open	Austin Hemmelgarn	Open	Pat Settles	Open

As of 2/27/18

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DAYTON OH 45439-3099

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Session: Sarah Alverson

Board of Deacons Moderator: Robert Beck

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: (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...

