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# Central Scene

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The Monthly Newsletter of Central Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

April 2016

## Thank You!

- ▶ To those who made such beautiful music in the combined choir at First Presbyterian on Palm Sunday, and to Zac for helping lead the worship;
- ▶ To Marty for choosing and directing and playing the music that was so special at that service;
- ▶ To Marty and Tommy for spending so much of Maundy Thursday preparing such a great meal for us and our guests from First Presbyterian for our Maundy Thursday worship;
- ▶ To Benjimen and Dana for preparing and helping serve the Lord's Supper at our Maundy Thursday worship;
- ▶ To the Mosley family - Denise and George and Logan and Weston and Allie - for representing Central and having some pre-Easter fun with some of our members and other residents next door at Trinity Village on Good Friday;
- ▶ To all of you who attended the Good Friday service at First Presbyterian and particularly to Laura Cosner - with some help from Langston - for being one of the readers;
- ▶ And once again to our choir, whose music was solemn and joyful on Maundy Thursday and Easter morning.

## Arkansas Gives, April 7

From the Arkansas Community Foundation:

"Arkansans have a heart for giving. On April 7, 2016, let's join together to grow the love for our state's nonprofit organizations. Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., we're challenging all Arkansans to give to the charities of their choice. During this one-day event, each donation you give will help your favorite nonprofit organizations qualify for additional bonus dollars from Arkansas Community Foundation. All participating nonprofits will receive a portion of a pool of bonus dollars provided by Arkansas Community Foundation; the more a nonprofit raises, the more of the bonus dollars it will receive. Dozens of Arkansas charities will participate, and you can choose to give to the causes that mean the most to you. Imagine the impact of our entire state giving together! Arkansas Gives is one day, one easy way to make your charitable dollars stretch farther and shower your favorite nonprofits with support. Good things are happening in Arkansas, and you can help the good grow!"

For more information check their website at [arcf.org](http://arcf.org) or talk with Lawrence Fikes at the Pine Bluff Community Foundation

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## Celebrate Pink Hat Day at Vera Lloyd!

Celebrate the boys and girls at Vera Lloyd during the annual Donor Appreciation and Pink Hat Day event! Come to the Monticello campus for lunch, a tour and an opportunity to visit with youth. Congratulate recipients of our Servants' Heart and other volunteer awards. Help their youth have a great summer! Donate a summer game or activity (books, board games, etc) or make a gift to send youth to summer camp.

Registration opens at 11:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch provided by Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs Village. Casual attire. Remember to bring your embellished pink hat for the Pink Hat Parade.

Please RSVP to Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services at 501-666-8195 or [melissahendricks@veralloyd.org](mailto:melissahendricks@veralloyd.org) by April 18.

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**Choirmaster/Organist:** Marty Shell

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**Treasurer:** Connie Detmers

**Clerk of the Session:** Betty Coles

**Presbyterian Women Moderator:** Betty Coles

**Youth Advisory Team:**

Marty Shell  
Maggie Shell-Howsen  
Dana Neal

**SESSION**

**Class of 2016**

Nelson Buchanan  
Tommy Dunlap  
Jemmie Moseley  
Benjamin Neal

**Class of 2017**

Denise Mosley  
Laura Cosner  
Betty Coles (clerk)  
Marty Shell

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in Central Presbyterian Church is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. New members will be received upon baptism and profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer.

**CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

To celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith, and serve the needs of others.

## ***A Word from our Transitional Pastor***

Well, we got through another Easter. The weather was perfect, our worship was uplifting and inspiring, it was good to be with sisters and brothers in faith.

And how has your life been since then? Did that hopeful message of God's love, or the wonderful Easter music, or seeing friends and families we haven't seen for a while make any difference? Every time we are reminded that in raising Jesus from being dead, God also gives us the gift of new life, it renews us. Sometimes the more often we hear that message the more it sinks in, the more firmly it holds us.

But, sometimes I wish life would feel more different after Easter. Every Easter I promise myself that I'm going to make that good news more a part of my life, but it doesn't often seem to work that way. Some of you have said you have feelings like that, too. It's the old dilemma of trying to hear that old news with new ears.

How do we keep Easter from being just a glorious, once-a-year worship? How does it become more than Easter Egg hunts and new spring clothes and a great lunch with the family? How do we receive the news that Jesus lives? How do we receive it like those first disciples did?

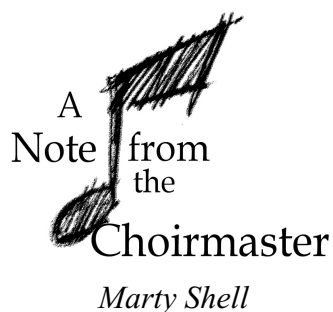
There is another story we hear right after Easter, the story of Thomas who wasn't there the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples. He didn't see Jesus or the proof of his wounds. He could not believe as the others did. But then Jesus came back a week later, and gave Thomas what he needed to believe. He showed Thomas his wounds and even offered to let Thomas touch them. The word "doubt" doesn't appear in the original Greek words of this story. He was not doubtful, he just couldn't believe. Jesus told him: "don't be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas was just blown away: "My Lord and my God!" And that's where we come in.

Jesus's words were for him and for all the rest of us through the centuries who weren't there: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

We are blessed. Rejoice!

See you Sunday,

Dave



Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work, dedication, and perseverance to help make this Lenten Season the best ever. What a wonderful joint service we had on Palm Sunday, with Central and First combining our efforts to celebrate at First

Presbyterian. It was a great kick-off for Holy Week, indeed.

On Maundy Thursday we again combined our efforts. A number of folks from First joined us for Central's traditional observance with food and fellowship followed by meditation and Communion. On Good Friday we worshiped together at First in their chapel for their solemn Tenebrae service, The Seven Last Words of Jesus. What a service and very powerful. If you did not attend, you certainly missed a moving and thought-provoking service.

On Easter morning, we celebrated around the table with our traditional Easter Breakfast, followed by the traditional egg hunt and then our Easter worship service in the sanctuary with Communion. Thanks to everyone who took part in preparing, arranging, supervising and participating in all the many events during this season. We are Blessed!



## *Gifts to the Church*

### *In Loving Memory of Gene Lackey*

Connie Detmers-Undesignated  
Bill VonTungeln-Vera Lloyd  
Hester Insley-Undesignated

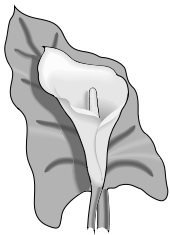
### *In Loving Memory of Joan Pierce*

Nelson Buchanan-Undesignated  
Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated  
Ann Woolley-Choir  
Patsy and Dave King-Undesignated  
Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Undesignated  
Rose VonTungeln-Choir

## Central Notes

- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **The Session Will Hold A Planning Meeting** Thursday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. Marty will prepare a light meal for us that evening.
- ▶ **The Men of the Church Will Meet** for breakfast and their regular meeting Saturday, April 16, at 8 a.m. The location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, April 17, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, April 17, following the Fellowship Luncheon, in the Conference Room.
- ▶ **The Deadline for the May Issue of the Central Scene** is Monday, April 18. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.
- ▶ **Patsy and Dave Will Be Gone on Vacation** the last two weeks of April. Our friend Bo Lewis will lead the worship on April 24 and May 1.





## ***Easter Lilies Placed in the Sanctuary***

***We would like to thank everyone who adorned the sanctuary with lilies this Lenten Season***

Marty Shell & Tommy Dunlap

*In memory of Marie & Lester Shell, Bob & Nell Dunlap, Georgia Diffey, and Randi Shell*

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes

*For the Glory of God*

Elise & Jim Argue and Family

*In honor of Dave King*

Zac, Laura, and Langston Cosner

*In memory of Ruby Orgain Carey and Oneida & Bob Orgain*

*In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner, Dora VonTungeln, Barbara & Franklin Simpson*

Nelson Buchanan, Jeff Buchanan  
and Spencer Buchanan

*In Honor of Audrey Brooks and Beatrice Magee*

*In memory of Judy Buchanan*

Karen & David Perdue

*For the Glory of God*

Jemmie Moseley & Family

*In honor of Suzy VonTungeln and Rose VonTungeln*

*In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Moseley, and Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis, Sr.*

W.D. "Bubba" VonTungeln III  
& Family

*In memory of Lea Ann VonTungeln, Dora VonTungeln, W. D. VonTungeln, Sr., and Danleigh J. Cosner*

Patsy & Dave King

*In memory of Loved Ones*

Lynda, Brady, & Adam Vick

Brianna Rodriquez, Kodee, Jacob,  
and Weston Vick

*In memory of Earl W Vick, Jr. and Nell Horne*

The Bill VonTungeln Family

*In memory of Nancy VonTungeln*

Donna & Marlin Shipman

and Valerie Reichen

*In memory of Murray Reichen*

B.J. & Janice Goodman

*In memory of Norma & Howard Adams*



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## Important Dates April

- 11** Evening Circle - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 14** Session Planning Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 16** Men's Breakfast Meeting - 8 am. - Location to be announced
- 17** Fellowship Luncheon - 12:15 - McElyea Hall  
Session Meeting - 1 p.m. - conference room
- 18** Newsletter Deadline  
Dave out for vacation
- 23** Lions Club Officer Training - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 24** Guest Pastor: Bo Lewis



## Youth News

Thanks to Rose and Suzie for helping again this year in the coloring of the eggs on Palm Sunday afternoon and for preparing the Egg hunt for the kids on Easter morning. Such a delight to see the kids actively involved! Many thanks to the Mosely Family for assisting at Trinity Village on their annual Good Friday egg hunt for the residents. All had a super time and enjoyed sharing and helping the residents at this annual event.



In the Mailbag

April 2016

church women and to get them guessing about who their secret pal is.

I have talked with several women who are participating in the secret pal program and everyone seems pleased especially when a thoughtful or uplifting card arrives in the mail. The givers are receiving as much joy out of their giving as when they are remembered. This is just a nice way to add a little ray of sunshine to our

If you have questions or comments about Secret Pals, please contact me at 870-267-1384

Kay Cromwell



# SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



## What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

## What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

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Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV



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**Return Service Requested**



01 Emil Brown	09 James Hayes
04 Karen Perdue	19 Connie Detmers
05 Ann Woolley	20 Hayley Chandler
05 Suzy VonTungeln	

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

20 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perdue

*If you or a family member has been omitted or would like to be added to the Birthday and Anniversary list, please contact the church office.*

### **Lectionary Readings for the Month of April**

#### **Sunday, April 3**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150; Rev. 1:4-8;  
John 20:1-19

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

#### **Sunday, April 17**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

#### **Sunday, April 24**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



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## Regular Group Activities at Central

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the work of the church or community? Maybe you would like to find a positive way to increase your social interaction with others? Are you in need of support for a personal issue with which you are dealing? Central offers, or is host to, many groups and activities that could help you do all of those things and more. Below is a list of group activities here at Central. We invite and encourage you to participate in as many of these activities as you would like. We hope you will join us!

**Ballroom Dance Classes:** Tuesday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Ballroom Dance Lesson:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 7:00 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Ballroom Dance:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 8 to 11 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Blue Moon Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 5 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Central Choir:** Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Room

**Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - 8 a.m.

**Monthly Fellowship Luncheon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 12:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Noon Bible Study:** Thursday - 12 p.m. - Perdue Library

**Presbyterian Women Evening Circle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library

**Regular Session Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 3 p.m. - Conference Room

**Square & Folk Dancing:** Monday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**“The Firm Believers” Aerobics:** Mon. & Wed. - 9 to 10 a.m., Tues. & Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Trinity Village Vespers:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall

**Youth Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

*For more information on any of the activities listed, contact the church office at (870) 879-9074.*

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## Memorial & Gift Opportunities

### Youth Trip Fund

Each summer, our Youth take a vacation trip. We have traveled to many different locations like Magic Springs, Silver Dollar City, Six Flags and even Disneyworld! Our youth really look forward to this trip each year, and work hard fund-raising year round to help cover the costs of the trip. However, the cost of travel, food and lodging can be expensive. Your gift would go a long way to help offset these costs!

### Landscape Fund

We have completed the first stages of our Landscaping Project, but there is still a lot to be done. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing project in memory or honor of a loved one, or just give a gift toward the completion of this project, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

### Playground Equipment

We are also seeking special funds to continue work on our playground to support our growing group of young people. If you would like to contribute to this effort in memory or honor of a loved one, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

### Music Department

In years past, one of the ways in which members and friends have remembered loved ones was to purchase new music for the choir as a memorial dedicated to that special someone. If you would like to remember or honor someone special with a memorial gift of music, please contact the church office for details on how you can underwrite the purchase of new material for our growing music program.

### Youth Program

Our Youth program is thriving! One way that you can support this growing ministry in our church is by providing a meal for one of the weekly youth group meetings. The average cost to feed the group is \$40, but any and all gifts are appreciated!

### Memorial Bricks

If you have thought about making a lasting memorial to someone dear, now is a wonderful time to purchase a memorial brick on the sidewalk leading to our North entrance with their name permanently inscribed. The cost for each brick is \$65. If you would like to buy a memorial brick, please call the church office to request an order form. Please submit the information you wish to appear on the memorial brick with your check. Text must not exceed three lines of more than 15 characters (including spaces) per line. Bricks can be given in honor of a loved one, as well.

