

Central Scene

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

June 2016

Annual NAMIWalk Set for June

Mark your calendars now for the annual NAMIWalk -- Saturday, June 11, at 10 a.m., at Dickey Stephens ballpark in North Little Rock. Our church has been a long-time supporter of NAMI's programs and advocacy for individuals and families dealing with emotional problems, and we had a great turn-out last year. In addition, everyone who takes part will get a free ticket to that evening's ballgame against Northwest Arkansas Naturals. The game will begin at 5:30 and will be followed by a concert. Check with Dave for more information.



VBS 2016 Planning is Underway!

The dates have been set, and preparations are being made for Vacation Bible School 2016. This year's VBS will be held July 14, 15, & 16, and the curriculum is called *Cave Quest*. We are in need of volunteers to make this a success. If you would like to help, please let Laura Cosner or Denise Mosley know. For more details about needed volunteers, see this month's Youth News on page 5. Be sure to watch the monthly *Central Scene* and weekly bulletins for more details!



Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations and best wishes to our High School graduate, Brianna Rodriguez. She plans to begin at UAPB this fall to study nursing. You go, girl! We're proud of you!

Another graduate this spring is William Freeman, Debbie and Jim's son. Some of you remember him as an infant when they were our pastors. William graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio with a degree in Studio Art.

PNC Committee Update

Your committee has been very hard at work. We are in need of urgent prayer as we are continuing to discern the correct candidate for our church. It is an exciting time, however, and even a bit scary as we listen for God's hand in our lives to listen, look and pray for the next pastor to lead us at Central. While research and making calls on some of our candidates, we were recently matched with a few more possibilities. To give everyone a fair chance, we are investigating each and every possibility to be sure and not leave any stones untouched. We continue to ask your patience and understanding during this process as the work continues with vigor. Excitement is in the air. Continue to pray for the committee.



News from Our Presbyterian Women

- ▶ Jemmie Moseley, Betty Coles, and Kay Cromwell attended Pink Hat Day at Vera Lloyd on Saturday, April 30. We hope to take a bus next year.
- ▶ Kay Cromwell will serve as the new President of Presbyterian Women.
- ▶ Congratulations and a graduation gift card from PW were presented to Brianna Rodriguez at the Fellowship luncheon on Sunday, May 15.
- ▶ Trinity Village is inviting members of sponsoring churches to dine at noon on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. The price is \$10 and reservations must be made by the previous Thursday. Guests are welcome if accompanied by a church member.
- ▶ A Trinity Village Brunch will be held in June, date to be announced. Watch your weekly bulletins for more details.

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Marty Shell
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SESSION

Class of 2016

Nelson Buchanan
Tommy Dunlap
Jemmie Moseley
Benjimen 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

Some of you have been wondering lately about the "Minute for Mission" in worship each Sunday. Here is some of what I've heard:

- "Why do we have a Minute for Mission every Sunday?"
- "Why is it about people and places we don't know about?"
- "Why is it always a lot more than a minute?"

Those are the kinds of questions we pastor-types enjoy hearing. That means you're taking worship seriously.

One of the ways we Presbyterians have talked about worship over the centuries is that "through the Word and Sacrament the church is empowered to serve God in the world." Notice that last phrase: "to serve God in the world." When we come together to worship it isn't to hide out from a harsh world. We worship to give thanks for God's presence in our lives and to help us see more clearly that God is active in our world. Worship will give us more commitment and energy to serve God beyond the church walls.

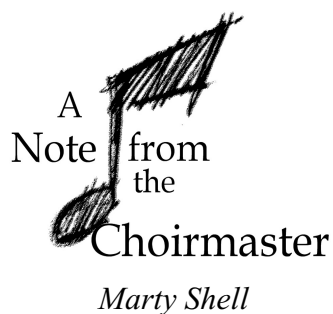
So, to make that part of our worship more clear and less boring, we're going to be doing some things differently:

- The Minute for Mission will be more focused, more clear, more condensed;
- It will include more information about church mission in our community, our state, and our region, as well as the rest of the world;
- It will help us learn more about how our mission dollars and other gifts are being used in the name of Jesus Christ to ease people's burdens and give them hope;
- It will challenge us to find ways to give thanks for God's blessings to us by making gifts that will help others also experience God's blessings.

See you Sunday,

Dave

P.S. We are once again making our best effort to make sharing the monthly newsletter, *The Central Scene*, as efficient as we can. In July, we will begin cutting our paper mailing list as much as possible and sending it mainly by email. Don't worry, though. If you don't have email, or simply prefer to receive a printed copy, we will still mail one to you. If you would like to receive it by email and are not already on our list, please send us your email address by the July newsletter deadline, June 20, so that we can make those updates. We appreciate each of you who reads this publication each month and look forward to continuing to share the Good News at Central with you through our monthly newsletter. Thank you.



Summer is here! School is out, and family vacations are being planned. Summer is also that time when we are a bit more relaxed with our anthems. If you have a favorite anthem, old hymn or even children's song that you would like to hear, just let us know. We want to

have fun during our time together this summer.

As always, if you would like to join us, please let one of the choir members know. We certainly have a chair or two we would like to fill!



Gifts to the Church

In Loving Memory of John Pickell

Patsy & Dave King-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Margaret Watson

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated

Sheila & Jimmy Horn-Undesignated

Ann Woolley-Choir Fund

Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated

Marty Shell-Choir Fund



Central Notes

- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Not Meet** during the summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.
- ▶ **The PW Birthday Offering Will Be Received** Sunday, June 12, during morning worship. The Birthday Offering is a PW offering received in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support.
- ▶ **The Men of the Church Will Not Meet** during the summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, June 19, following morning worship. We welcome our friends from First Presbyterian who will be joining us in worship and fellowship that day.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, June 19, following the Fellowship Luncheon, in the Conference Room.
- ▶ **The Deadline for the July Issue of the Central Scene** is Monday, June 20. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.
- ▶ **Central & Friends from First Presbyterian Will Be Making a Trip** to the Olive Garden in West Little Rock on Saturday June 25th . All are invited to join us for a great dinner and opportunity to fellowship together. Please contact Laura Cosner with any questions. We will take the church van and plan to leave the parking lot at 4:30 pm . A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. We hope that you will join us!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 2016 SESSION MEETING

Meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 16, the Session:

- ▶ Reviewed and approved the Financial Statements for the first four months of the year. They also approved moving funds from reserves to help cover current expenses when needed.
- ▶ Approved payment for roofing work done around the steeple. We will soon schedule the roofers to return to examine and fix other roof leaks that have developed in McElyea Hall.
- ▶ Began considering updated BUILDING USE POLICIES for outside groups.
- ▶ Heard an update on planning for this year's Vacation Bible School from Denise and Laura. We will meet the evenings of Thursday and Friday, July 14 and 15, and Saturday morning, July 16. They plan to advertise it broadly and are eager to have more volunteer teachers and helpers.
- ▶ At Laura's suggestion, agreed to have our May Blue Moon Sunday fun and fellowship on the fourth Sunday -- May 22 -- because the fifth Sunday falls during Memorial Day weekend. The committee is also tentatively planning a trip to Olive Garden for members and friends on Saturday, June 25. July's Blue Moon Sunday -- July 31 -- will be an Ice Cream Social. They are also considering a dinner trip in August.
- ▶ Considered a suggestion for changes in the Minute for Mission in Sunday Worship. Dave shared plans to make them more succinct and to include more local and familiar programs and services.
- ▶ Were pleased to learn that while Pastor Susie attends our denomination's General Assembly in June, our friends from First Presbyterian will worship and have lunch with us on Sunday, June 19.
- ▶ Heard an update from Marty for the Pastor Nominating Committee that they are seeking more information from a prospect with whom they might want to have further conversations.
- ▶ Heard a positive report from Betty about attending the annual Pink Hat Day at Vera Lloyd with Jemmie Moseley and Kay Cromwell. She also reported that the Presbyterian Women will have a gift for our upcoming graduate, Brianna, and that Kay has agreed to serve as PW President for the coming year.
- ▶ Also heard a report from Dave about a recent meeting of the Men's Fellowship. Zac challenged the men of the church to consider ways they could be of service to the church and to enjoy each other's fellowship. Zac is preparing a survey form to gather information about their interests and commitments.
- ▶ Entered into another one-year Covenant with Dave to be our Transitional Pastor.
- ▶ Approved a proposal to hire Zac and Laura to alternate as our Nursery Attendants for Sunday School and Sunday Worship. A contract will be drawn up for the Session to consider at their next meeting.
- ▶ Elected Betty Coles to represent Central at the meeting of Arkansas Presbytery on Saturday, June 4, at Pulaski Heights Presbyterian in Little Rock.



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Important Dates June

- 11 Annual NAMIWalk - 10 a.m. - Dickey Stephens Park, NLR
- 12 PW Birthday Offering received
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day Fellowship Luncheon - 12:15 - McElyea Hall
- Session Meeting - 1 p.m. - Conference room
- Trinity Village Vespers - 4 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall
- 20 Newsletter Deadline
- 25 Trip: Olive Garden - West Little Rock - 4:30 p.m.



Youth News

We are planning a Youth Sunday soon! We hope to have this service during our summer time together. Please watch our weekly bulletin for more details.

Also, planning is well underway for our VBS program in July. We really need our faithful congregation to volunteer and help us make this year's program a success! Each year we enjoy a wonderful time together teaching, sharing, leading, performing, and crafting with our kids. There are so many opportunities to get involved! Don't miss this opportunity because it is a perfect way to expand your horizons and share your faith with others. Please let Laura Cosner or Denise Mosley know where you are able to help out. All efforts are greatly appreciated!



In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

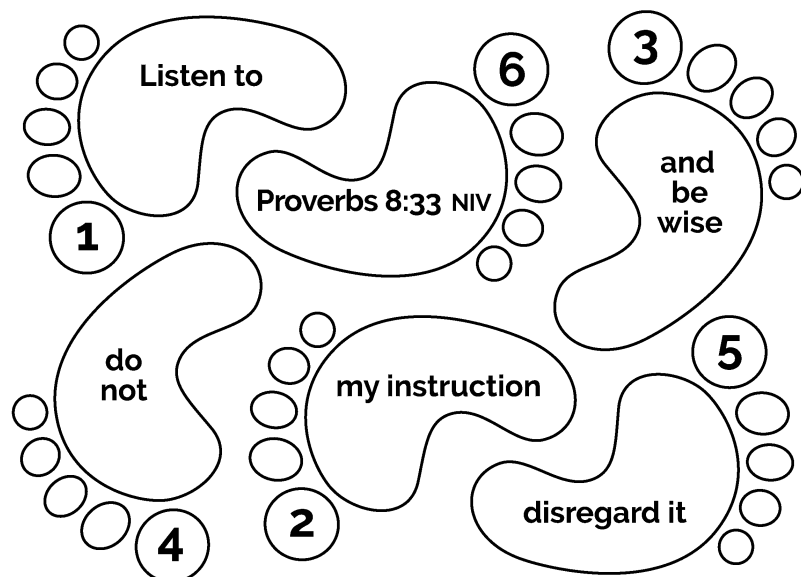
1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;

 _____ .”
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Answer: “Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it.”
 Proverbs 8:33, NIV

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15 Mary Ward	

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

16 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chandler
21 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fikes
27 Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cogburn

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 June

Sunday, June 5

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Ps. 146; Gal. 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

Sunday, June 12

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14), 15-21a; Ps. 5:1-8; Gal. 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

Sunday, June 19

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:1-4 (507) 8-15a; Ps. 42 and 43; Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20; Gal. 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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 Lesson: 2nd Saturday - 7:00 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Ballroom Dance: 2nd Saturday - 8 to 11 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Blue Moon Sunday: 5th Sunday - 5 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m. (Will Not Meet During the Summer)

Monthly Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Sunday - 12:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle: 2nd Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library (Will Not Meet During the Summer)

Regular Session Meeting: 3rd Sunday - 3 p.m. - Conference Room

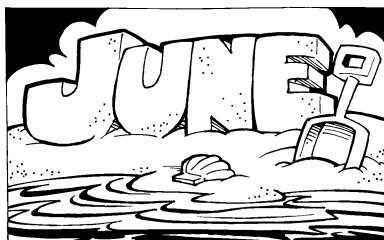
Square & Folk Dancing: Monday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

“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: 5th Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall

Youth Group: 2nd & 4th 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.



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.

