

Central Scene

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

March 2016

Here is an article from the current Presbytery newsletter. Michael Vincent is a minister in our Presbytery who works with churches and pastors to help them discern and evaluate their mission. His thoughts this month are particularly helpful during Lent and we wanted to share them with you.

Dave

Navigating Change

We live in a time of rapid change. Jesus reminded us that He came to make all things new. And new things require change. As a Presbytery we are moving into the implementation phase of a new chapter of our life together and we will all be working through this time of change together. Here are some suggestions for navigating change as a presbytery, or a local congregation, or even in your own life.

1. Hold Steady. During transitions sometimes it's easy to want to panic. Change moves us out of our comfort zone and we are wired to do everything possible to be comfortable. Most of us have worked all our lives to get things just the way we want them and don't easily give up the order and routine of our lives. Also, during transitions, we sometimes get angry, afraid, and sad. All of these feelings are normal but hold steady. During the acute stage of change is not the time to make big important decisions. Decisions made while we are angry, afraid or really sad are not always to our advantage. Hold steady and work through your feelings.

2. Do What You Know to Do. During times of change and transition it is important to stay in touch with your center . . . whatever that is for you. This means sticking to your spiritual disciplines. As Presbyterians we are good at reading and studying our Scriptures and we are good at our prayers of petition and intercession. But especially during times of change it is important to include some silence -- whether this is sitting with our eyes closed or taking a walk in nature. Times of change need some silence to get in touch with the peace that

passes all understanding. So keep praying, reading, and listening.

3. Share Your Story. During times of change and transition it is easy to feel isolated. It is easy to think that you are the only person or congregation affected by this change in a very particular way. When you share these feelings with others you may very well find that you are not the only one to feel this way. When you share your story someone shares in the story with you and helps you carry your burdens. Sharing your story helps you discover new ways of looking at your situation and helps you move forward to something new.

4. Stay Open. We don't talk much about this in Presbyterian circles, but during change it is important to stay open to the new thing that God is doing in our lives collectively and as individuals. This is where your spiritual disciplines really come in handy. Sometimes to stay open we have to surrender. We have to surrender to the fact that things are beyond our control and we have to be open to the fact that God is working to make all things new and wants us to be a part of that.

5. Respect Your Guidance. During times of change, we all need someone who will tell us how it really is. We need someone to tell us to be careful, to get over ourselves, and to help us discern our way. In the Reformed tradition we believe this comes from God and our faith community. And we believe it comes through prayer. If you feel like God is speaking to you, share it with some faithful friends and see what they think. If you are the kind of person who asks God what to do, be sure you spend some time listening in silence, in Scripture, in worship, and in conversations with friends. God speaks to us in a multitude of ways. Be careful that you are open to a variety of ways God speaks. *(Continued page 2, See Navigating)*



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Nelson Buchanan	Denise Mosley
Tommy Dunlap	Laura Cosner
Jemmie Moseley	Betty Coles (clerk)
Benjamin Neal	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.

(Navigating, cont.)

Perhaps you have other way of navigating the transitions in life. We have all had to navigate change so all of us have varying degrees of experience. This is certainly not a comprehensive list. But hopefully it can help us all as we negotiate this particular change in our lives together. The church that most of us know and love is changing rapidly. If we don't exercise our discernment skills, we certainly have difficulty participating in God's plan to make all things new

If you are interested in a process for navigating change in your congregation or in your life personally feel free to contact me. [mailto:mvinson17@gmail.com]

Rev. Michael Vinson, Staff Resource

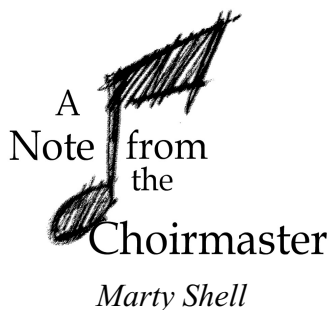
Place Your Order for Easter Lilies

The church office is now accepting orders for Easter lilies. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday (March 20) and will remain through Easter (March 27). The cost for the lilies is \$12.50 each. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead. Please fill out the enclosed order form and return it to the church office by March 20

Special Worship Opportunities for Lent

Our Church and First Presbyterian will be offering several opportunities to worship during Lent:

- ▶ **Palm Sunday, March 20**, both congregations will worship together at First. Our combined choirs, who presented such joyous music together at Christmas, will offer several pieces of special music during the worship.
- ▶ **Maundy Thursday evening, March 24**, each church will offer a solemn service including The Lord's Supper. We will worship around the tables following a meal at 6 p.m. in McElyea Hall.
- ▶ **On the afternoon of Good Friday, March 25**, we are invited to join First for their service in their Chapel at 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Then, on Easter Sunday, March 27**, we will begin the day with our Annual Easter breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for our youth. We then will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in our worship at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday.



We hope you took advantage of the special worship opportunities so far in the Lenten season. The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was yet another big hit, along with the Ash Wednesday services. Mark your calendars for the upcoming opportunities as

we prepare for Easter! Be sure to sign up for the Maundy Thursday service, which will be in McElyea Hall for a meal and communion. If you have never been, you are really missing a special time together with your Central family. **BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON MARCH 13** as we will spring forward for daylight savings time. We will observe Palm Sunday service, March 20 with our extended family at First Presbyterian, 10:30 a.m.. Come and enjoy the combined choirs and music we are planning for this celebration. Our Easter service will begin with breakfast (8:00 a.m.), followed by the annual Easter egg hunt (9:00 ish) and our worship service to begin at 10:00 am. Choir warm up will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Central Notes

- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, March 20. Since will be worshipping at First Presbyterian that morning, we will meet in a room at First following lunch.
- ▶ **The Deadline for the April Issue of the Central Scene** is Monday, March 21. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Lectionary Readings for Holy Week 2016

Monday, March 21

Monday of Holy Week

Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 36:5-11; Heb. 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 22

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 71:1-14; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, March 23

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 70; Heb. 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

Exod. 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Isa. 52:13-53:12; Ps. 22; Heb. 10:16-25 or Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:28

Saturday, March 26

Great Vigil of Easter

Gen. 1:10-2:4a; Ps. 136:1-9, 23-26; Gen. 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13; Ps. 46; Gen 22:1-18; Ps. 16; Exod. 14:10-31, 15:20-21; Exod. 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isa. 55:1-11; Isa. 12:2-6; Prov. 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6; Ps. 19; Ezek. 36:24-28; Ps. 42 and 43; Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 143; Zeph. 3:14-20; Ps. 98; Rom. 6:3-11; Ps. 114; Matt. 28:1-10



March 2016

Dear Central Family & Friends,

I will never forget your kindness. Thanks for all the calls, cards, visits, and care. Emil and I are so appreciative.

Carol (Brown)



Eugene Dee "Champ" Lackey, 83, of White Hall, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2016. Graveside Services were held February 25, 2016, at Memorial Park Cemetery with Pastor David King officiating.

Born July 12, 1932, at England, AR, he was a son of the late Dee Witt Lackey and Ollie Grable Lackey.

Gene was a member of Central Presbyterian Church and American Legion Post 32.

Gene was a United States Marine Veteran having served during the Korea Conflict. He retired in 1994 from the Cotton Belt Railroad after 41 years of service, and was also Owner/Operator of Princeton Pike Auto Sales.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sons, Jerry Lackey and Randy Lackey; brothers, Talmadge, Homer, Wadey & Dewight Lackey; and sisters, Faye Lefever and Juanita Jones.

Mr. Lackey is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Bernice Morris Lackey; sons, Tommy Shipman and Mark Lackey (Robin); five grandchildren, Jeremy Lackey, Whitney Lunsford, David Shipman II, Leslie Holland & Kristina Burks; 12 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson and many other loving family and friends.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Dr. Pine Buff, AR 71603.



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Gene Lackey

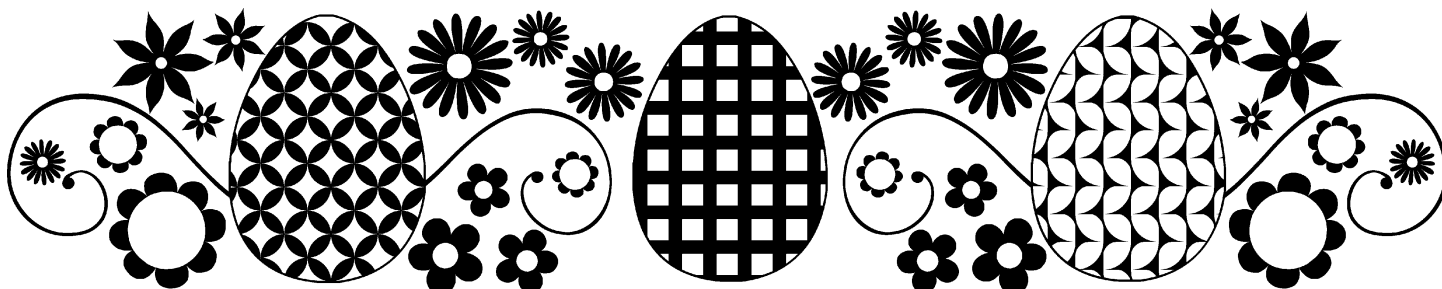
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Mildred Gaunt- Undesignated
Patsy & Dave King-Undesignated
Suzy VonTungeln-Youth Camp

In Loving Memory of Franklin Simpson

Sheila & Jimmy Horn-Undesignated
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In Loving Memory of Richard Perdue

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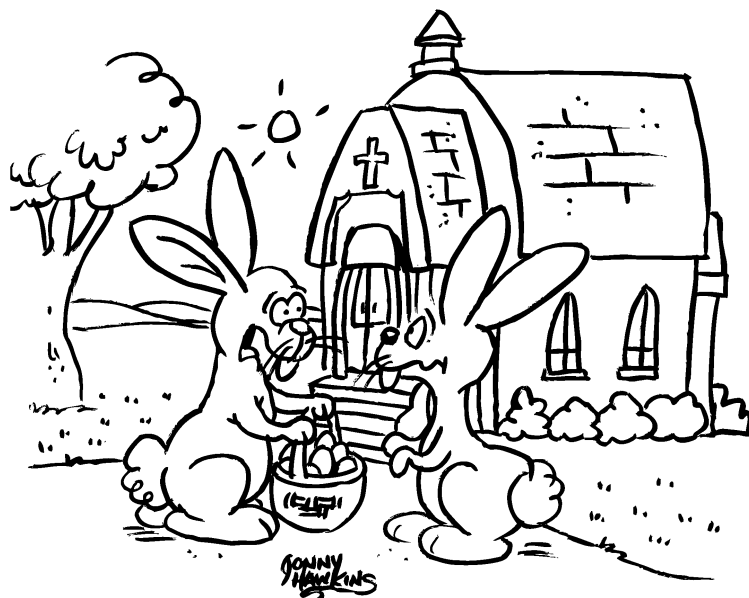




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Important Dates March

- 13** *Daylight Saving Time Begins*
- 14** **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 20** **Palm Sunday** - Worship at First Presbyterian - No services at Central
Session Meeting - 1 p.m. - Location to be announced
- 21** **Newsletter Deadline**
- 24** **Maundy Thursday** - Worship w/Meal & Communion at 6 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 25** **Good Friday** - Worship at 5 p.m. - First Presbyterian Hall - Chapel
- 27** **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Breakfast** - 8 a.m.
Egg Hunt - 9 a.m.
Worship - 10 a.m.



"Here at the church, I only use Resurrection Eggs."

Youth News

Thanks to everyone for your support of our youth activities and fundraisers. Our "Souper Bowl" Sunday collection was \$165.00 and 3 can goods which were donated to Neighbor to Neighbor. At our annual Valentine's Banquet, we profited a little over \$200.00 to help with our summer activities this summer. Join us on March 20, 4:00 p.m. in McElyea hall for our annual dying of the Easter eggs. It will be a fun time for all while helping to color and decorate the eggs.

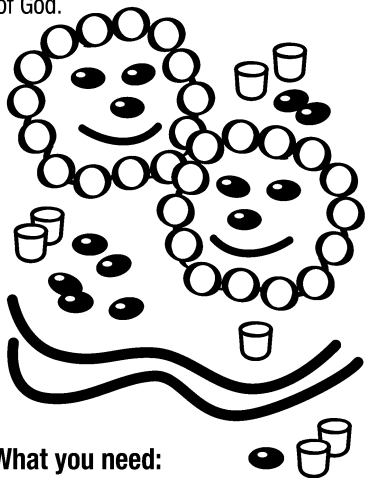


Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 12!

LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.



What you need:

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

What you do:

1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
5. Enjoy!



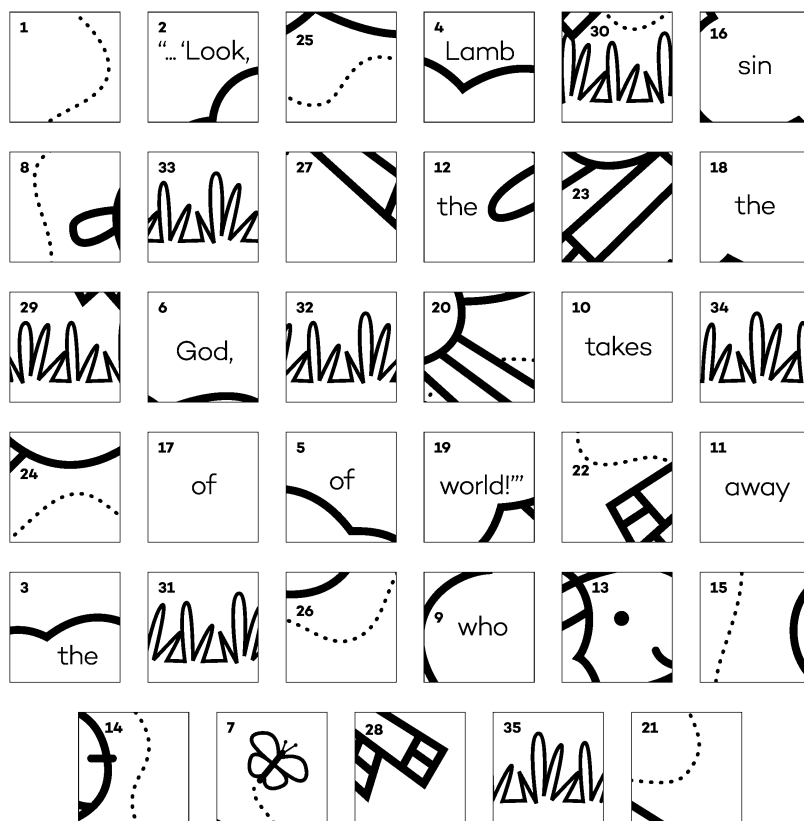
Lamb of God



John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.



Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.



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Lectionary Readings for the Month of March

Sunday, March 10

4th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Wednesday, March 17

5th Sunday in Lent

Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Sunday, March 24

Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Sunday, March 31

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Easter Evening: Isa 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

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: 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.

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

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.

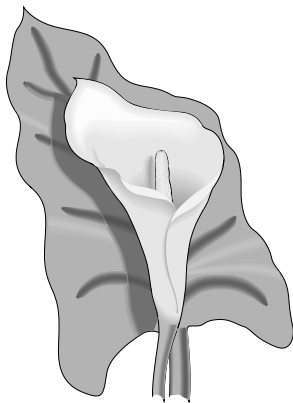
For more information on any of the activities listed, contact the church office at (870) 879-9074.

Highlights from the February 2016 Session Meeting

Meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 28, the Session:

- ▶ Reviewed the Financial Report for January.
- ▶ Authorized Laura Cosner to contact the roofer who agreed to fix the leaks around the steeple to make sure we are still on his calendar.
- ▶ Considered replacing one of the aging refrigerators in the kitchen that has developed problems.
- ▶ Heard a report from Laura Cosner that she has talked with two prospects for our Nursery Attendant position. She and Dave will work on revising the position description.
- ▶ Talked about this coming summer's Vacation Bible School. The CE Committee will be talking with last year's directors about curriculum sources, volunteers, dates, and other related planning.
- ▶ Agreed that Lenten Bible Study is being well-received.
- ▶ Decided that since the next month with five Sundays is May and the fifth Sunday will be part of Memorial Day weekend, we will have our Blue Moon Sunday fun on the fourth Sunday, May 24.
- ▶ Were reminded that we continue to need volunteers to serve as Communion Stewards, Ushers, and Lay Leaders. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen.
- ▶ Were also reminded about upcoming Lenten worship opportunities. Palm Sunday, March 20, morning worship will be at First Presbyterian, and Maundy Thursday, March 24, worship will be around the tables at 6:00 in McElyea Hall following a light dinner.
- ▶ We are invited to Good Friday Worship at First Pres., Friday, the 25th.
- ▶ We were also reminded that on Easter Sunday we will begin with breakfast at 8:00, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, and then worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00. Note that we worship an hour earlier on Easter Sunday.
- ▶ Learned that our Church will coordinate the quarterly birthday party at Trinity Village on Tuesday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ Heard Betty Coles tell about upcoming PW plans, including the election of new officers.
- ▶ Talked briefly about hopes and plans for the Men's Fellowship.
- ▶ Heard a brief report from Dave about the February 12 - 13 meeting of Arkansas Presbytery at Lyon College. He also reported on the restructuring of Presbytery committees.
- ▶ Heard that the joint committee of First Pres. and our church will be meeting this week.
- ▶ Heard a positive report from the Pastor Nominating Committee.

The meeting was closed with thanks and appreciation by the Moderator.



Easter Lilies

The church is now accepting orders for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$12.50 each. The Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, and will remain through Easter Sunday. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the enclosed form, and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is March 20.

Donor(s)

In Honor of:

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No. of Lilies _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

_____ Please check here if you prefer not to purchase a plant and would like your contribution to be donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.