



Central Scene

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

February 2011



Separate Checks for Special Gifts

When making special gifts to the church (memorials, honorariums, benevolent giving, etc.), **please write separate checks for each gift**

and designate what each gift is for on the memo line of the check. This makes posting and maintaining contribution records a much easier process.

2011 Committee Chairs Announced

Session Committee chairs for 2011 will be:

Budget & Finance - Al Glover

Buildings and Grounds - George Moseley

Education and Nurture - Bubba VonTungeln

Missions - Amanda Chandler

Worship and Music - Jane Judkins

Evangelism & Outreach - Zac Cosner

Al Glover was re-elected Clerk of the Session and Connie Detmers was re-elected Treasurer.

NAMI Classes to Be Held at Central

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program will begin Tuesday, February 8, at 7 p.m., in the Youth/Activities Building. This is a series of 12 weekly classes structured to help caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well being. There is no cost to participate, but registration is required. To register or for more information, contact Connie Detmers at 879-4514.

Souper Bowl Sunday: Get in the Game!

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 6, 2011. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2010, \$10 million was collected by Souper Bowl of Caring participants for local charities. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant - none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$71 million has gone to help people in need. All proceeds from Central will be donated to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 6.

We're Going to Fordyce!

Central's Presbyterian Women invite you to join them for a trip to Fordyce, AR, on February 9. We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. In Fordyce, we will visit Klappenbach Bakery and the Fordyce Museum. If you are interested in traveling with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

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Secretary: Erin Shaw

Treasurer: Connie Detmers

Clerk of the Session: Alvin Glover

Presbyterian Women Moderator: Kay
Cromwell

Nursery Attendant: Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors: Marty Shell
Rose Von Tungeln
Suzy Von Tungeln

SESSION

Class of 2011

Jane Judkins
Bubba VonTungeln
Amanda Chandler
George Mosley
Alvin Glover

Class of 2012

Zac Cosner
Laura Festa
Mike Kelley
Jemmie Moseley
John Parish

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

February is typically the month of hearts and flowers. We think of it as a rather modern holiday for lovers, but actually the celebration of St. Valentine's Day dates back to Pope Gelasius around 500 A.D. It remained a part of the Roman calendar until 1969, when it was removed as a religious holiday by Pope Paul VI.

The history behind which Father Valentine was being honored is somewhat fuzzy, but it does seem to have been related to a law preventing Roman soldiers from being married. This law was put in place to allow soldiers to remain in touch with their loved ones and wives while away on military campaigns and was championed by a Father Valentine. While this holiday initially became attached to religious celebrations and the idea of "love," it also had its roots in some of the early pagan fertility rites and rituals attempting to promote conception and the healthy delivery of children.

While certainly about "love" today, I believe Valentine's Day has really become both a celebration of love and an opportunity to say thanks to those who have loved us and stood beside us throughout the journey of our lives. Christ message of love, acceptance, nurture, and support certainly accompanies our understanding of the day set apart to honor those who love. After all, the entire message of the gospel is about loving the unlovable and caring for those in need in similar ways to those which God makes known to us through the message of love and hope.

May we each find a message of hope, unbounded love, acceptance, and grace through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our lives during this season set aside to express Love.

In Christ Service,

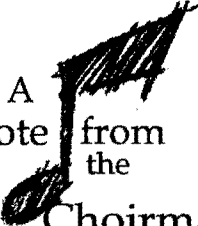
Dan



Financial Report for DECEMBER 2010

DECEMBER Revenue \$ 130,031.18
DECEMBER Expenses 19,641.61
DECEMBER Surplus 110,389.57

Year-to-Date Revenue \$ 290,054.47
Year-to-Date Expenses 207,754.44
Year-to-Date Surplus 82,297.03

A 
Note from
the
Choirmaster
Marty Shell

Once again, many thanks to all who made our Christmas Season so very special. We couldn't have done it with out each and everyone of you! We are currently looking at some new ideas for the Easter Season. Work is underway on several new pieces and selections to share during Lent. Don't miss our special services! Watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates.

Central Notes

- ▶ Thank you to Patsy and Al Glover for the furnishings for the Pastor's Study!
- ▶ Thanks to Bubba VonTungeln, George Mosley, Laura Festa, Zac Cosner, Marty Shell, and Tommy Dunlap for making the Blue Moon Chili Supper such a success!
- ▶ The Evening Circle will meet Monday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ The Men of the Church will have a breakfast meeting Saturday, February 12, at 8 a.m. in McElyea Hall. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ▶ The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon will be held Sunday, February 20, following morning worship.
- ▶ The Session will meet Sunday, February 20, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ The church office will be closed Monday, February 21, in observance of President's Day.

"The Firm Believers" Aerobics
Mon. & Wed. - 9 to 10 a.m.
Tues. & Thurs. - 3:45 to 4:45
p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
McElyea Hall

Weight Watchers
Mondays
12:00 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.
Youth Activities Building

Ballroom Dance Classes
Tuesdays
6:30 - 7:30
McElyea Hall

Al-Anon Parent's Group
Thursdays
6:30 p.m.
Perdue Library



John Thomas "J.T" Weaver, 81, died Sunday, January 9, 2011, at Davis West Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 11, in the Chapel of Ralph Robinson & Son with Dr. Dan Festa and Rev. Dave King officiating.

Born October 9, 1929, at Keo, AR, he was a son of Joseph Wheeler and Cora Alice Young Weaver.

J.T. was a farmer in Sherrill, AR, for his early life. He went to work at Central Maloney in 1956, and retired in 1995.

He was a member of Central Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed work days with the men of the church. During the building and relocation of both Dollarway Presbyterian and Central Presbyterian Churches, he worked tirelessly on the cleanup crew.

J.T. was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James W. Weaver and Daniel Eugene Weaver.

Mr. Weaver is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jo McCollum Weaver of Pine Bluff; brother and sister-in-law, William O. (Bill) Weaver and wife Jean of Pine Bluff; one niece, Missie Moore of White Hall.



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of J. T. Weaver

Carol and Emil Brown-Youth Trip
Robert Brown-Youth Trip
Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated
Mildred Gaunt-Choir
Patsy and Al Glover-Choir
Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Choir
Mary Kientz-Bldg & Grounds
Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated
Ann and Paul Woolley-Choir

Agnes Hughes-Choir
Patsy and Dave King-Undesignated
Claire Matthews-Undesignated
Marie and James Bennett-Undesignated
Bea and Grady Magee-Youth Trip
Sue and Buddy Cheshier-Undesignated
Marian and Martin Huber-Undesignated
Mr. and Mrs. Don Spharler-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of John Armer "Jack" Perdue, III

Patricia and Roy Ferrell-Undesignated
Ann & Goerge Pugh-Undesignated
Lloyd Sims, Jr.-Undesignated
The Lewis Family-Undesignated
Ann & Al White-Undesignated
Dr. and Mrs. Teryl Brooks, Jr.-Undesignated
Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated
Eugene "Kayo" Harris-Undesignated
MD Group, L.L.C.-Undesignated

C.M. Rittelmeyer, M.D.-Undesignated
Jean & Stanley McNulty-Undesignated
J.P. Walt-Undesignated
Craig Hunt-Undesignated
Jonnie & Kent Westbrook-Undesignated
Patsy & Dave King-Undesignated
Donna & Ross Rickels-Undesignated
Mary Curtis Browning-Undesignated
The Officers and Directors of SFNB-Undesignated

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Dear Friends,

Since the tragic shootings in Tuscon came to light, there have been stories of people called heroes. It has been interesting to me to listen to the news commentators on television and radio trying to get at the heart of what made these people heroes. When asked why they ran towards the shooting or didn't try to flee, each of the people involved has denied that they were acting heroically. I was amused to hear one woman say that her son said that the city needed heroes just then, so she would just say thank you. Almost everyone agrees these individuals were acting heroically. Yet, if you really listen to what the individuals called heroes in this case are really saying, they don't feel as if they did anything extraordinary.

I believe that we all have a chance to do the right thing by the grace of God. These people simply accepted the grace of God and did **the next right thing**. They didn't stop to consider the future, didn't ask what other people were doing, or what other people would think if they died as a result of their own actions. They just did the next right thing. So, if we need these people as role models to show us the way to accept God's grace when we need it in times of extraordinary stress, then we can accept them as heroes. But, do we have to wait for time of extreme danger and stress to be heroes ourselves? We all know the difference between right and wrong. What a place the world would be if we all stopped worrying about the future, accepted God's grace, and just did **the next right thing** everyday!

Just a thought.

Your friend in Christ,

Bill Detmers

Dear Friends:

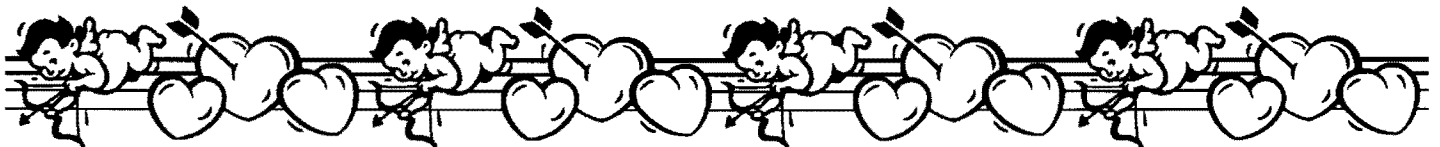
What a blessing your church has been to Neighbor to Neighbor. With your support, we were able to serve over 40,000 lunches in 2010 and provide 5,989 households with supplemental and holiday food baskets. Additionally, 1,907 households received clothing and financial assistance for utilities and prescription drugs.

In December, through the generosity of the churches in our community, 573 children received toys and gifts and their families were given a Christmas food basket. The Board of Directors, the staff, and I want to thank you for your generous donations throughout the year and particularly during the holiday season. Even though Christmas is behind us, I hope that the spirit of Christmas will continue throughout the New Year.

Happy New Year and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Charlotte England
Executive Director



Two New Special Projects Underway at Central

We have begun a "new" wheelchair accessible van fund. All contributions to this fund are welcomed and appreciated. As you may know, the air conditioning in our old van no longer works. It is also awkward for many of our older members to get in and out of, thus our determination to purchase a different mode of transportation for the church.

We are also seeking special funds to purchase and install some playground equipment to support our growing group of young people. Please give generously to these valuable parts of our continuing ministry. Thanks!



Gifts to the Church (cont.)



In Loving Memory of John Armer "Jack" Perdue, III

Patty and Patrick Boyd-Undesignated
Jane and David Judkins-Undesignated
Carol and Emil Brown-Youth Trip
Robert Brown-Youth Trip
Nell Horne-Undesignated
Jane and Fred Arnold-Undesignated
Agnes Hughes-Choir
Hollis Hughes, Jr.-Choir
Central Presbyterian Women-Undesignated

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Davis-Undesignated
Bonnie and Bob Fincher-Undesignated
Beth and Chris Roberts-Undesignated
Anne Stone-Undesignated
Charlotte and Richard Perdue-Undesignated
Mrs. Royce Johnson, Jr.-Undesignated
Mr. and Mrs. William Nuckolls-Undesignated
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Purnell-Undesignated
Mr. and Mrs. George Walker-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Lea Ann VonTungeln

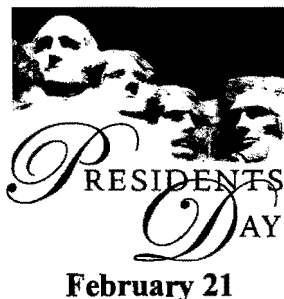
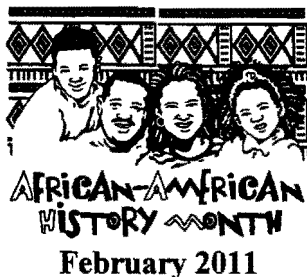
Bonnie Rauls-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Lucille Hartung

Agnes D. Hughes-Choir

In Honor of Sue and Frank Merritt

Mr. and Mrs. George Walker-Undesignated



Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the **March** issue of **Central Scene** is **Tuesday, February 22**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



Important Dates February

- 06 Souper Bowl of Caring - end of morning worship
- 07 Evening Circle - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 08 Morning Circle - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
NAMI Family-to-Family classes begin 7 p.m. - Youth/Activities Blds.
- 09 PW Trip: Fordyce, AR - 10:30 a.m.
- 11 Domino Group - 1-3 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 12 Men's Breakfast Meeting - 8 a.m. - McElyea Hall
- 13 Youth Valentine Banquet - following morning worship - McElyea Hall
- 20 3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon - following worship
Session - following luncheon - conference room
- 21 President's Day - Office Closed
- 18 Newsletter Deadline
- 25 Domino Group - 1-3 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Youth News

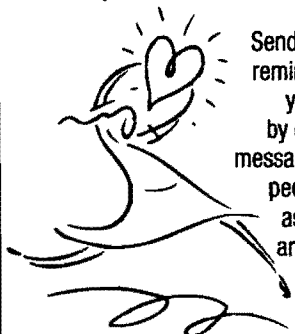
Mark your calendar for the Youth Valentine Banquet! On Sunday February 13, following morning worship all are invited to come and join us for Suzy's famous homemade lasagna with all the trimmings. We hope you will stay after worship for this special event. This is one Sunday you don't have to rush home and fix Sunday lunch!! Cost will be \$7.00 per person, kids eat free.

CPC Wish List

Kitchen: Nice Plastic Pitchers, Brown Mexican Chili Bowls
Nursery: Toy box

Education wing: Playground equipment
McElyea Hall: Data Screen

PIECES OF LOVE



Send special reminders of your love by creating messages that people can assemble and enjoy.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft sticks
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Zippered sandwich baggies

What you do:

1. Make a rectangle out of seven craft sticks by placing them next to one another, long side against long side.
2. Tape the sticks together.
3. Turn the sticks over and draw a special picture or message. You can include this Bible verse: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19; NIV).
4. Cut through the tape to separate each craft stick.
5. Put all the sticks in a baggie.
6. Give your special messages to family members, friends or teachers — along with directions for viewing them.



A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

DIRECTIONS: Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

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to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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12 Darren Reeves	23 Hollis Hughes
14 Mike Drewett	

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

01 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Detmers

Lectionary Readings for the Month of February

Sunday, February 6

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 58:1-9a (9b-12); Ps. 112:1-9 (10); 1 Cor. 2:1-12; (13-16); Matt. 5:13-20

Sunday, February 13

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut. 30:15-20; Ps. 119:1-8; 1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matt. 5:21-37

Sunday, February 20

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; Ps. 119:33-40; 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5:38-48

Sunday, February 27

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 49:8-16a; Ps. 131; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Matt. 6:24-34

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