

Central Scene

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

April 2011

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 (April 17) and will remain through Easter (April 24). 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 (it's really in here this time) and return it to the church office by April 10.

Faith and Fun Flourish at Ferncliff

Ferncliff Summer Camp registration is open and brochures are available at our church or printable from www.ferncliff.org or can be mailed to you with a call to camp (501-821-3063). Last year 800 campers had a blast at Ferncliff and a number of camps had waiting lists. Register early and enjoy the early registration discount!

The research is clear on the fact that children and youth who participate in summer camp are far more likely to stay active in their faith and connected with the church throughout their lives. When 5000 Presbyterian elders were asked where they had "their most formative spiritual experience," the number one response was "at a camp or retreat center."

There are more waking hours in a week of camp than in a year of Sunday School. At camp, children get close to nature, make new friends, meet great role models, experience creative worship, and are accepted/encouraged spiritually by people other than their immediate family. Children thrive on this kind of affirmation and for many, camp becomes the place their faith becomes their own.

Go to Ferncliff's website (www.ferncliff.org) and look at summer camp options for your family. The session has authorized the payment of 50% of the registration fee for any child active at Central who would like the experience of attending a summer camp. Come one, come all, and get your registrations in early.

Come and Dance with Elgie Goss!

He will be teaching folk & square dancing in McElyea Hall on Monday nights beginning April 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We hope you will join us for this wonderful chance to exercise your body & mind and have fun!

All Hands on Deck for a Church Wide Clean up Day!

The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, April 9, 2011, for breakfast at 8:00 am (cost \$5) and an outside clean-up project work day from 9:00 - 11:00 am. All are welcome to join the men for breakfast and this work day event. Please call the church for breakfast reservations.

Celebrating Survivors at Jefferson County Relay for Life

Survivorship is a major part of Relay for Life, an opportunity to celebrate the courage of cancer survivors and to give hope to those still battling the disease. If you are a cancer survivor or if you know of any cancer survivors, please send your name, address and phone number to callawayd@uapb.edu. You are invited to a Survivors Dinner on April 28, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at Good Faith Carr United Methodist, 3703 Ryburn Road, located in Watson Chapel across the street from McDonalds.

Survivors are honored guests at the Relay, and a full program of activities is available throughout the event. All cancer survivors, young and old, are invited to take part in the inspirational Survivor Victory lap, during the relay on Friday, April 30, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a day long program of activities just for survivors.

To participate as a Survivor or get more information regarding Survivor activities at the Relay for Life, please contact Letsie Bass, Event Chair at 870-575-7105 or Dana Callaway, Team Development Chair at 870-575-7269.

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George Mosley	Jemmie Moseley
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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.



Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, I am pondering this month's coming events, particularly Easter. Many times we tend to become very somber as we think about the events of Easter, but actually, this is a time to celebrate. Easter is not only about the death of Christ on the cross, but more importantly, it is about the Empty Tomb, the resurrection.

Such much of our culture places an inordinate emphasis on the cross and its meaning, but really our emphasis as Christians needs to be on the emptiness of the tomb. It is from that "emptiness" that our whole Christian faith draws its meaning. In Christ's death, death could no longer be contained in a cave, but in fact, through his resurrection we have each been given the gift of eternal life through his death. And what an incredible gift it is! How extraordinary it is to know that we, and all those that we love and care about, will never die, but through this special "Gift" death has been defeated and we will continue to live throughout eternity cradled in God's tender loving care.

So this coming Eastertide, let us remember to keep our focus on the things of importance and to lay aside the gore and the horror of the crucifixion itself. Let us keep our focus instead on the wonder and awe of a God who cares for us enough to make it possible for us to live on in eternity in the presence of God. Thanks be to God! Happy Easter to all!

Peace,

Dan

CPC Wish List

Nursery: Toy box

Education wing: Playground equipment

McElyea Hall: Data Screen

Financial Report	February	2011	Year	2011
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Pledges & Contributions	\$8,778	\$10,329	\$19,816	\$10,329
Texas Foundation Interest	\$0	\$1,333	\$3,353	\$1,333
Busick Trust Interest	\$0	\$2,000	\$3,445	\$2,000
Operating Revenue	\$8,778	\$13,662	\$26,614	\$13,662
Expenses	<u>\$19,019</u>	<u>\$17,532</u>	<u>\$35,854</u>	<u>\$17,532</u>
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	<u>-\$10,241</u>	<u>-\$3,870</u>	<u>-\$9,240</u>	<u>-\$3,870</u>

A
Note from
the
Choirmaster
Marty Shell

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, April 17! The choir has been working especially hard on another Cantata. We have chosen to take a slightly different look at the Lenten season and are preparing to bring you *The Lenten Sketches* by Joseph Martin. This incredible work is a series of tableaux illustrating the pivotal final days of Christ's earthly ministry: the triumphal entry; the Last Supper; the garden of Gethsemane; and the crucifixion. These events have inspired artists through the ages, and their wonderful creations in turn are the inspiration for this Lenten cantata.

This will prepare us as we journey during Lent, leading us to Maundy Thursday, and yes, even to the resurrection on Easter Sunday!! Don't miss this very special presentation.

Holy Week Schedule

- ▶ **On Palm Sunday**, April 17 the choir will present *The Lenten Sketches*, by Joseph Martin
- ▶ **On Maundy Thursday**, April 21, a Last Supper meal will be celebrated in McElyea Hall at 6:00 p.m. The meal will include the communion elements.
- ▶ **On Good Friday**, April 22, the sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation from noon until 3 p.m.
- ▶ **An Easter Morning Breakfast**, will begin at 8:00 a.m., April 24.
- ▶ **An Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at about 9:00 a.m. Easter morning, in front of the Youth Activities building. Sunday School will not meet Easter morning.
- ▶ **Easter/Resurrection of the Lord** worship will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Please note this one-time change in worship time.

"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



Gifts to the Church



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

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Townsend, Jr.-Undesignated
Diane Ayers-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Anemone "Ann" Smedley

James Smedley-Choir Fund

Memorial Opportunities

Memorial Bricks

There have been a number of recent requests for memorial bricks on the sidewalk leading to our North entrance. If you have thought about making a lasting memorial to someone dear, now is a wonderful time to purchase a memorial brick 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. Memorial text must not exceed three lines of more than 15 characters (including spaces) per line.

Landscape Memorials

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, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attached a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

New Van Fund

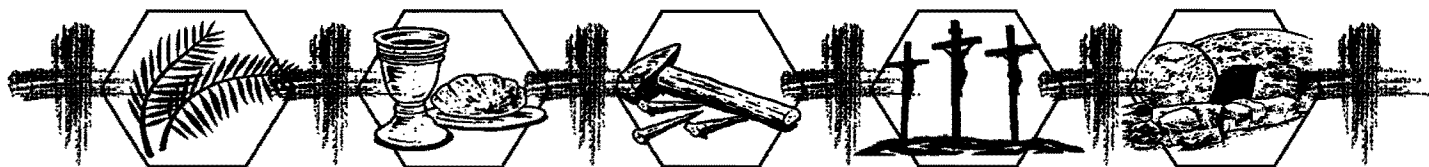
We have begun a "new" van fund. All contributions to this fund are welcomed and appreciated. Gifts may also be made in memory or honor of a loved one. As you may know, the air conditioning in the old van we have no longer works and it is awkward for many of our older members to get in and out of, thus our determination to purchase a different mode of transportation for the church.

Playground Equipment

We are also seeking special funds to purchase and install some playground equipment 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 attached a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

Music Memorials

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 someone special with a memorial gift of music, please contact the church office for details on how you could underwrite the purchase of new material for our growing music program.



Lectionary For Holy Week

Monday, March 17

Isaiah 42:1-9; *Psalm 36:5-11*; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 18

Isaiah 49:1-7; *Psalm 71:1-14*; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, March 19

Isaiah 50:4-9a; *Psalm 70*; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, March 20, (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; *Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*; 1

Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, March 21, (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; *Psalm 22*; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, March 22 (Great Vigil of Easter)

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; *Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26*; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; *Psalm 46*; Genesis 22:1-18; *Psalm 16*; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; *Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18*; Isaiah 55:1-11; *Isaiah 12:2-6*; Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6; *Psalm 19*; Ezekiel 36:24-28; *Psalm 42 and 43*; Ezekiel 37:1-14; *Psalm 143*; Zephaniah 3:14-20; *Psalm 98*; Romans 6:3-11; *Psalm 114*; Matthew 28:1-10

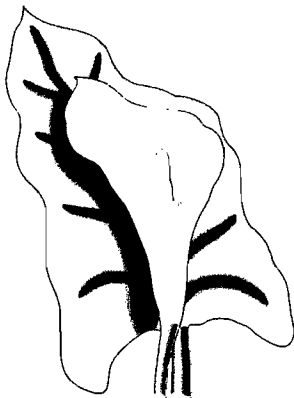
Neighbor to Neighbor Annual Fish Fry and Silent Auction to be Held in April

Neighbor to Neighbor's Annual Fish Fry and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, April 29, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. It will be catered by the Knights of Columbus. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12, and carry-outs are available for lunch and dinner. Delivery will be available for lunch orders of 10 or more plates to the same location.

All proceeds from the Fish Fry and Auction will go toward maintaining our food programs, utility assistance and prescriptions for our clients. All are invited to participate in this annual event and help Neighbor to Neighbor to continue to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community.

If you have questions or would like to purchase tickets, you may call Neighbor to Neighbor at 870-534-2883.





Easter Lilies

The church office is accepting orders for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$12.50 each. Please fill out the form below, and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is April 10.

Donor(s)

In Honor of:

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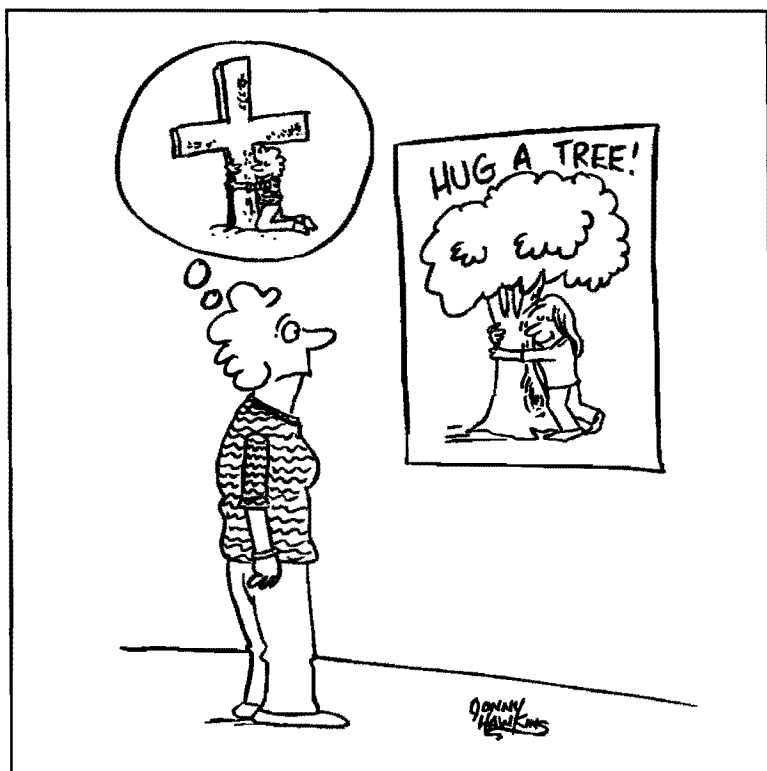
No. of Lilies _____

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.



The newsletter deadline for the *May* issue of *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.



Youth News

Join us on Easter Sunday (April 24) for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 a.m. Our pre-schoolers will go first followed by our grade school age kids. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be moved indoors. Come and join us for a fun filled morning beginning with breakfast!!

Important Dates April

- 03 **Communion**
Stewards: Sheila Horn and Zac Cosner
- 04 **Square & Folk Dancing w/Elgie Goss begins** - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 08 **Domino Group** - 1-3 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 09 **Men's Breakfast Meeting & Outside Clean up Day** - 8 a.m. - McElyea Hall
- 10 **Deadline to order Easter Lilies**
- 11 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 12 **Morning Circle** - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 17 **Palm Sunday**
Cantata: *The Lenten Sketches* - during morning worship
3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon - following worship
Session - following luncheon - conference room
- 18 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 21 **Maundy Thursday**
Service w/Last Supper meal & communion - 6 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 22 **Good Friday**
Sanctuary will be open from 1-3 for meditation
Domino Group - 1-3 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 23 **Great Vigil of Easter**
- 24 **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**
Easter Breakfast - 8 a.m. - McElyea Hall
Easter Egg Hunt - 9 a.m. - in front of Youth/Activities bldg.
Morning Worship - 10 a.m. - Sanctuary
One Great Hour of Sharing offering received
- 29 **N to N Fish Fry & Silent Auction**
Lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / Dinner 5-7 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church



HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.

























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Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

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01 Emil Brown	09 James Hayes
04 Karen Perdue	15 Ruby Carey
05 Ann Woolley	18 Bettie Joe Isbell
05 Suzy VonTungeln	19 Connie Detmers

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

04 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mebane
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

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Sunday, April 10

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezek. 37:1-4; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday

Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29

Sunday, April 24

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt. 28:1-10; Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

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