



Central Scene

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

March 2013

Make Your Reservations for the 2nd Annual Central Men's Retreat

It is time to reserve your place for the 2nd Annual Central Men's Retreat. We will leave the church on May 3, and travel to Beaver Creek Cabins on the Buffalo River where we will enjoy fellowship, Bible Study, and time "re-creating" together in God's bountiful world. For those who are interested, there will be an opportunity to float the Buffalo River on Saturday and the option of a "Zipline" tour through the woods. Prior to our departure on Sunday, May 5, we will share worship and communion in God's great outdoors. There are a limited number of spaces available so be sure to reserve your spot with your \$50.00 deposit **no later than April 1**. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall, and checks may be given to the church office. The exact cost for the weekend will be dependent upon the number of those who sign-up for this event. For additional information, please talk to Steven Howsen or Dan Festa.

Chicken and Dumpling Dinner Set for March 16

The Men of the Church Will Host a Chicken & Dumpling fundraiser on Saturday, March 16 from 11 to 2:00. The cost is \$8 per person and \$20 for a family of 3 or more. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the Men of the Church Annual Retreat in May.

Place Your Order for Easter Lilies

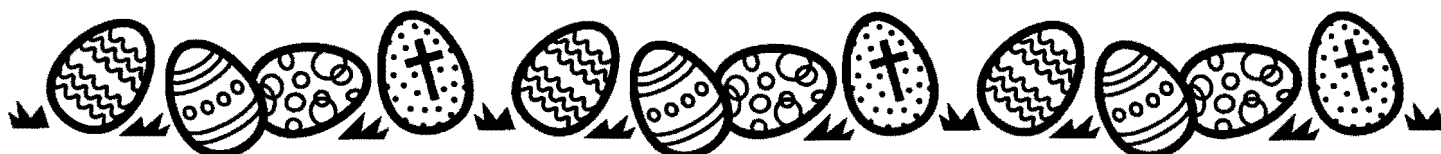
The church office is now accepting orders for Easter lilies. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday (March 24) and will remain through Easter (March 31). The cost for the lilies is \$12.50 each. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead. Please fill out the enclosed order form and return it to the church office by March 24.

Playground Dedication to be held on Palm Sunday

Dedication of the refurbished and outfitted playground will take place at the conclusion of the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24. At this time a plaque will be dedicated in remembrance of Danleigh Joyce Cosner.



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10, 2013



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George Mosley
Amber Poss

SESSION

Class of 2013

Lawrence Fikes
Steven Howsen
George Mosley
Dana Neal
Laura Pierce

Class of 2014

Bill Detmers
Jo Weaver
Pat Drewett
Lan Kelley
Tommy Dunlap

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,

With Spring approaching once again, it's wonderful to witness the full extent of God's glory displayed as the trees and flowers prepare to burst into bloom. Spring is the reminder of God's continuing presence in our lives always there to awaken and nudge us with the awareness of God's grace and goodness. As the days begin to lengthen it is tempting to become lethargic, but we've got still so far to go. Let us ever remain vigilant and press forward with invitations to those outside our congregation to come and join in the celebration of life. We are so blessed. Let us remember our opportunities to "be" a blessing to others, and through that blessing may Christ's love be shared with others.

Grace and Peace,

Dan

Couple's Enrichment Series

I have found some materials and am interested in conducting a Couple's Enrichment Series. If you and your partner are interested in learning to relate more effectively with one another, this would be a good opportunity for you. It will be most effective broken into four separate two-hour sessions. If we have sufficient interest, we may be able to hire a babysitter for this event. Please sign up on the bulletin board in fellowship hall expressing your interest, and indicate whether an evening meeting, a Saturday morning, or Sunday afternoon meeting would be most feasible.



A
Note from
the
Choirmaster
Marty Shell

As we welcome the season of Lent, we ask you to prepare your hearts and minds to receive the blessings of this season. The opportunity we have to serve a Risen Christ is a miracle within itself. Let us stay focused on this joyous occasion as we celebrate

Palm Sunday and Easter morning. Mark your calendars as we will celebrate on Easter morning with the traditional Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by our Easter Egg hunt for the kids (and young at heart). Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m., so don't miss it as we celebrate the resurrection!

We are looking to fill our choir loft with singers and musicians. If you have a desire to join our choir family, please let a member of the choir know. We are always looking for opportunities to share our faith journey.

Marty

Holy Week Schedule

- ▶ **Palm Sunday** is March 24. We hope all will join us for the beginning of our Holy Week observances and the dedication of our new playground which will take place that day at the end of worship.
- ▶ **Maundy Thursday** is March 28. A Last Supper meal will be celebrated in McElyea Hall at 6:00 p.m. The meal will include the communion elements.
- ▶ **Good Friday** is March 29. 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., March 31.
- ▶ **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.

Lectionary For Holy Week

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28, (Maundy Thursday)

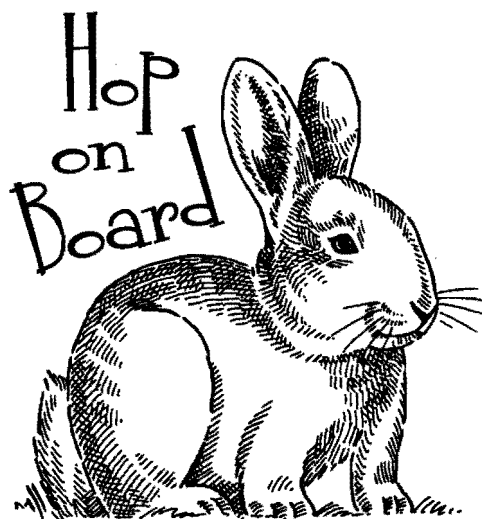
Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; *Psalm* 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, March 29, (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 30 (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





Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Michael Glen Drewett

Mildred Gaunt-Landscape Fund
Jane and David Judkins-Undesignated
Suzy VonTungeln-Playground Fund
Ann Woolley-Youth Trip
Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated
Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Undesignated
Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated
Jo Weaver-Undesignated
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ferrell-Undesignated
Dee, Lucy, & Matthew Mullikin-Undesignated
Wilda and Bitsy Chadick-Undesignated
Lyle Lovelace & Frank Williams, Jr.-Undesignated
Arkansas Printing Company-Undesignated
Donna Davis-Undesignated
Rita and Tom Spillyards-Undesignated
XPRESS, AlumaWeld, Inc.-Undesignated
Mary Earl and Steve Smith-Undesignated
Pine Bluff Heating & Air-Undesignated

Joseph Strode-Undesignated
Peggy Howard-Undesignated
Sue and Bobby Bradshaw-Undesignated
Karen and Glen McKinley & Family-Undesignated
Cecilia and Billy Riggins-Undesignated
Bea Robey-Undesignated
Martha and Ronnie Womack Undesignated
Betty Evans and Thelma (Rusty) Burks-Undesignated
Randy, Sue, & Matt Teale-Undesignated
Janie and Lindsay Smith-Undesignated
R. D. Callahan-Undesignated
Ann and Travis Creed-Undesignated
Ervin and Jan Rhodes-Undesignated
Leslie and Justin Rhodes-Undesignated
Pierce and Company-Undesignated
Mr. and Mrs. Ted McNulty-Undesignated
Kay Ball-Undesignated
Rose VonTungeln-Playground Fund

Trinity Village News

Hosts for the Residents Birthday Party at Trinity Village Lodge:

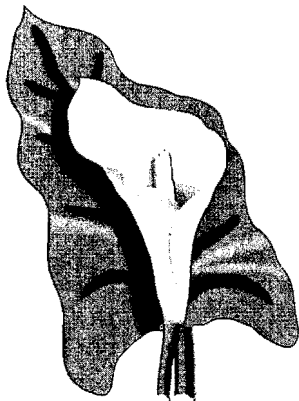
1 st quarter Host	Lakeside Methodist
2 nd quarter Host	First Methodist
3 rd quarter Host	Central Presbyterian**
4 th quarter Host	First Presbyterian

** We need volunteers. Please let Erin know if you can help plan the party. The exact date unknown at this time.



GOD IS GOOD

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 March 24.

Donor(s)

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

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.

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!

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

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

Dominos: 2nd and 4th Friday - 1 to 3 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Lions Club Dinner Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.

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

NAMI Meetings: 2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

Noon Bible Study: Thursday - 12 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle: 2nd Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle: 2nd Tuesday - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library

Presbyterian Women Weekend Circle: To Be Announced

Regular Session Meeting: 3rd Sunday - 1:30 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. - 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. *and* 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

Weight Watchers: Monday - 5:15 p.m. - Youth Activities Building

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.

Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the *April* issue of *Central Scene* is **Monday, March 18**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



Youth News

Our youth are continuing to meet regularly. Mark your calendars each month through May. Every second Sunday we will meet with our youth who are 13-years-old and above. Every fourth Sunday we will meet with our youth who are 12-years-old and younger. Currently, we are learning the famous story of Noah and the Ark. We are so grateful for those that are stepping up and helping provide meals for the youth. We are very thankful for the wonderful and tasty meals we are able to enjoy.

We are grateful also for your support of our youth program and its outreach. At the "Souper Bowl" Sunday collection, we received \$150.90 in donations which were given to Neighbor-to-Neighbor. At our recent Valentine's Banquet we raised \$348.00 to help cover the cost of our upcoming summer trip. We are very grateful for your support of our youth and its outreach!

Important Dates March

- 03 Begin accepting orders for Easter lilies
- 10 Daylight Saving Time begins
Theology on Tap: 7-9 p.m., The Festa's home
- 11 **Morning Circle** - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 12 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 16 **Men's Chicken & Dumpling Dinner** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 17 **Fellowship Luncheon** - following worship
- 18 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 24 **Palm/Passion Sunday**
Playground Dedication
Deadline to order lilies
Session - following worship - Conference Room
- 28 **Maundy Thursday**
Service w/Communion-6 p.m
- 29 **Good Friday**
- 30 **Great Vigil of Easter**
- 31 **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**
Easter Breakfast - 8 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt - 9 a.m.
Worship - 10 a.m.
One Great Hour of Sharing offering received during worship



HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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07 Laura Festa	23 Bea Magee
12 Nell Horne	23 Austin Graves
13 Ryan Shaw	25 Mary Shannon Fikes
16 Emma Massey	26 Sydney Hayes
16 Michael Chandler	28 Carol Brown

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Lectionary Readings for the Month of March

Sunday, March 3

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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