



Central Scene

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

April 2013

We're Going to Murry's!

All are invited to join us for what promises to be two fun-filled trips to Murry's Dinner Playhouse. The cost is \$35 per person. We will leave the church at 5 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. Continue reading for more details!

See How They Run (May 11)

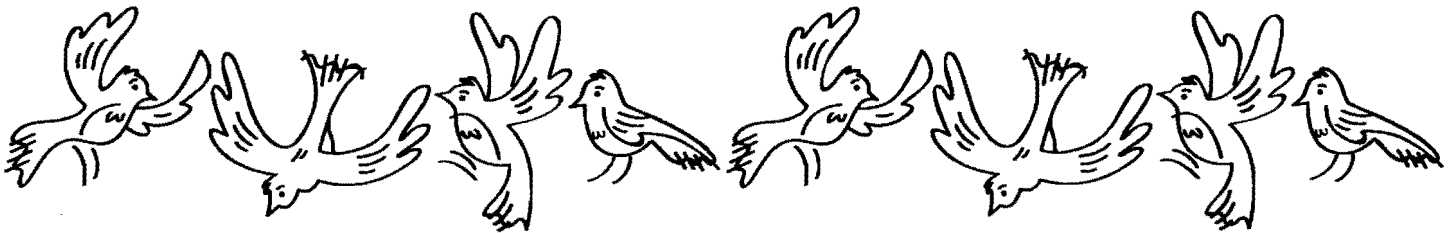
In the vicarage of a sleepy English village, a new addition to the community - Penelope Toop, former American actress and the new wife of the Vicar - shakes things up by wearing pants in public. When Penelope is visited by former acting partner, Clive, they sneak out to the local theatre, with Clive wearing the Vicar's second-best suit. This begins a night of confusion and mistaken identity which ends up with five men in clerical garb, plus a host of crazy characters, including a Russian convict, a cockney amid, and a teetotaling church lady. You don't want to miss this wild, door-slamming romp that will leave you breathless with laughter. The deadline for reservations is **April 28**.

Steel Magnolias (June 8)

Familiar to many, this presentation is a humorous, yet poignant look at six Southern women and their eccentricities, who meet at a local beauty parlor to discuss men, love, and each other. It is full of laughs, tears and hair spray! "A Superb, Funny, Deeply Moving Play." - Daily News. *Steel Magnolias* is one of Murry's most popular shows, and it inspired the money making gem of a film that introduced the wonderful Julia Roberts! The deadline for reservations is **May 26**.

Central Notes

- ▶ **Congratulations to Robert Brown and Fara Faubus** on their recent wedding. The couple exchanged vows February 2, 2013, at the Graceland Chapel in Las Vegas, NV.
- ▶ **Join Us for a Blue Moon Hymn Sing** on Sunday, April 14, at 5 p.m. in McElyea Hall. See you weekly bulletin and the bulletin board in McElyea Hall for more details.
- ▶ **Theology on Tap** will not meet this month.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, April 21, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, April 21, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ **We're Going to See *The Hobbit*** on Sunday, April 28. This trip will be our youth activity and youth of all ages are invited to attend. Chaperones are also needed. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to travel with us.



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SESSION

<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Lawrence Fikes	Bill Detmers
Steven Howsen	Jo Weaver
George Mosley	Pat Drewett
Dana Neal	Lan Kelley
Laura Pierce	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,

What a glorious Easter Celebration we had! It was such a delight to have all of you present for the resurrection of our Lord. To have present our seniors saints along with the joy of our youth was a great gift! In the faces of the youth, we could see the joy of the children as they searched for eggs and reveled in the delight associated with finding so many wonderful treats while being at church.

Every time our children gather, I remember that they are indeed the future of the church. Yes, in all of their exuberance and joyful laughter, their inability to control their delight is a gift of abundant joy as they celebrate another glorious day of living. There is boundless possibility in their inability to silence their pleasure at seeing dear friends and experiencing all things new and fresh again.

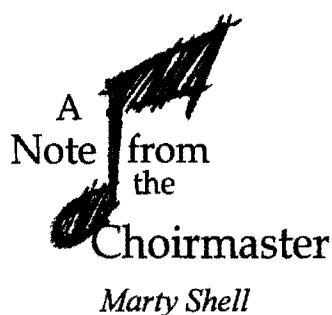
The sense of wonder and awe in our young people, I believe, is what Easter is all about. Every once in a while, I think many of us can forget the gift of their unbridled joy when they take "too many rolls," or when they in their elation spill a glass of milk, or get under our feet as they run through the halls shouting at their friends. But, oh my, that truly is what the joy of Easter is all about. Shouting to the top of our lungs that Christ is risen and through Him we can live into eternity wrapped in the arms of Christ our savior.

So, every time we raise our voices to complain about this or that action taken by our young members, let us delight in the sense of true joy that without these young lives the church will surely die. Let us remember and celebrate together Christ' words; "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs, Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Thanks be to God that we are gifted with so many children; through their eyes may we experience once again the joy of this Eastertide.

Grace and Peace,

Dan



Thanks to the choir for all of their hard work on our Lent and Easter selections. We hope you have received a blessing from our musical choices. We are so blessed to serve a risen Lord! Thanks to our many soloists who shared with us! Thanks to all for a great job!

Our choir is always looking for additional talent. If you or someone you know would like to share their musical talents with us, please let a member of the choir know!

Marty

Couples Enrichment Series

Dan has found some materials and is 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 call the church office if you are interested, and indicate whether an evening meeting, a Saturday morning, or Sunday afternoon meeting would be most feasible.

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Earth Day - April 22



April 2013

Dearest Central Presbyterian members and friends,

There are not enough words to express how much my family and I deeply appreciate the many gestures of kindness and love bestowed upon us during our loss. The wonderful food, cards, memorials, flowers, phone calls, hugs, and prayers,

all shared so thoughtfully and generously, will always be remembered by the Drewett family. The Lord's loving presence and healing hands were felt in our hearts during our sadness! Thank you, dear friends, for offering us comfort and love in so many ways!

Love you all,

Pat, Lee, Leslie, Lainey, Luke, and Derik Drewett, Wanda Vining, and Betty Seymore

Dear Friends,

We have a new opportunity:

When the piano tuner was here at the church a couple of weeks ago; he discovered that the piano in the choir room has a cracked bridge in the upper keys and a crack in the soundboard in the bass range. As he and I talked it was made clear that while these repairs could be made, to sink more than a \$1000 into a piano that really is not a terrific instrument to begin with probably doesn't make much sense.

That being said, we are looking for a piano that is in good condition for use in the choir room. If anyone has one available that you would like to donate for the work of the choir and in glory to God, please let me know!

Gratefully,

Dan



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Michael Glen Drewett

Ginger and Randy Crowder-Undesignated

Denny and Bob Jordan-Undesignated

John Walker-Undesignated

Beulah McCain-Undesignated

J.W. Walker & Sons Softball Team-Undesignated

Marion McCollum-Undesignated

DeMoss Paint Company-Undesignated

Melba and Bobby Breithaupt-Undesignated

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!

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.

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!

Landscape Fund

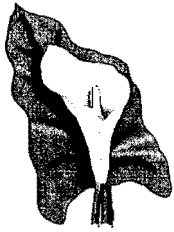
We have completed the first stages of our Landscaping Project, but there is still a lot to be done. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing project in memory or honor of a loved one, or just give a gift toward the completion of this project, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

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.

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.



Easter Lilies Placed in the Sanctuary

*We would like to thank everyone who adorned the
sanctuary with lilies this Lenten Season*

Jemmie Moseley & Family

In honor of Nell Horne

In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Moseley, and Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis, Sr.

Jo Weaver

In appreciation of Roxanne Malgarejo, caregiver

In memory of J.T. Weaver

Lynda Vick and Family
and Nell Horne

In memory of Earl Wayne Vick, Jr. and Leon Horne

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes

For the Glory of God

Pat, Lee, Leslie, Lainey, Luke,
and Derik Drewett

In memory of Mike Drewett

Billy R. VonTungeln &
The VonTungeln Family
Sue & Frank Merritt

In memory of Nancy VonTungeln

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William D. Merritt, Mr. & Mrs. John R. Kitchens,
Sr., John R. Kitchens, Jr., and Peggy Wilson*

Gary Johnson

In honor of Drs. Laura and Dan Festa and Cynthia, Matt & Anna Johnson

Marty Shell & Tommy Dunlap

*In memory of Lester Shell, Margie Watson, Bob & Nell Dunlap, Georgia
Diffey, and Randi Shell*

Valerie Reichen and
Donna & Marlin Shipman
Laura & Zachary Cosner

In memory of Murray Reichen

*In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner, John & Janet Reeves, Kay Reeves,
Charles E. Moore, Sonny & Joyce Boshers, John & Mary Cosner, Dona
Graumann, Dora VonTungeln, and Nancy VonTungeln*

Erin Shaw and Ryan

*In honor of the Shaw, Hall & Coleman Families; in remembrance of
Cleashindra Hall; and in memory of Freddie Johnson*

*In honor of the Johnson, Faucette, Versey, & Kincade Families and Ruby
Carey; and in memory of Eric B. Faucette*

Marie Bennet
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan

In memory of James (Red) Bennett

In honor of Beatrice Magee

In memory of Grady Magee

Diane and Jim Key

In memory of The Hercher families: Emil & Agnes and Ernest & Elizabeth



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

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 - 8:00 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.



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



Important Dates April

- 14 **Blue Moon Hymn Sing** - 5 p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 21 **Fellowship Luncheon** - following worship
Session - following luncheon - Conference Room
- 22 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 28 **Deadline for *See How They Run***
Youth Trip: The Hobbit



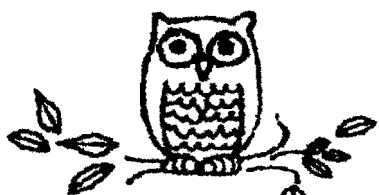
Youth News

Our youth continue 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.

This month, our schedule will be slightly different. On the second Sunday, April 14, all are invited to join us for a Blue Moon Hymn Sing. On the fourth Sunday, April 28, we will travel to the Arts & Science Center to see their presentation of *The Hobbit* featuring our very own Nevada Mills! Members of all ages are invited to join us for both of these events. For more details, see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall

Be sure to watch your weekly bulletin and upcoming issues of the *Central Scene* for more information about more fun, summer youth activities that we have planned. Also, watch for details on this year's vacation bible school in August.

As always, we are very grateful for your support of our youth and their outreach!



A WISE SNACK

Believing in the message of the cross makes you wise. This treat is a great reminder to be wise in God's ways.

What you need:

- Slice of whole wheat bread
- Circle cookie cutter (or jar lid)
- Butter knife
- Nut butter (peanut, hazelnut, etc.)
- Toasted oat cereal
- 2 banana slices
- 1 cashew
- 2 chocolate chips

What you do:

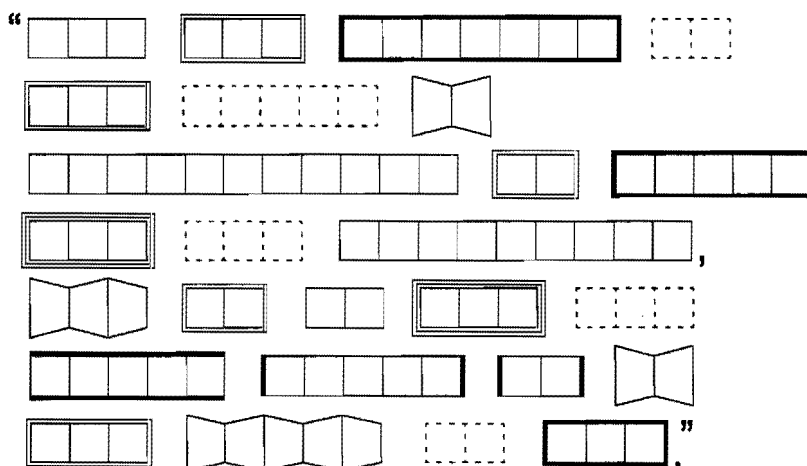
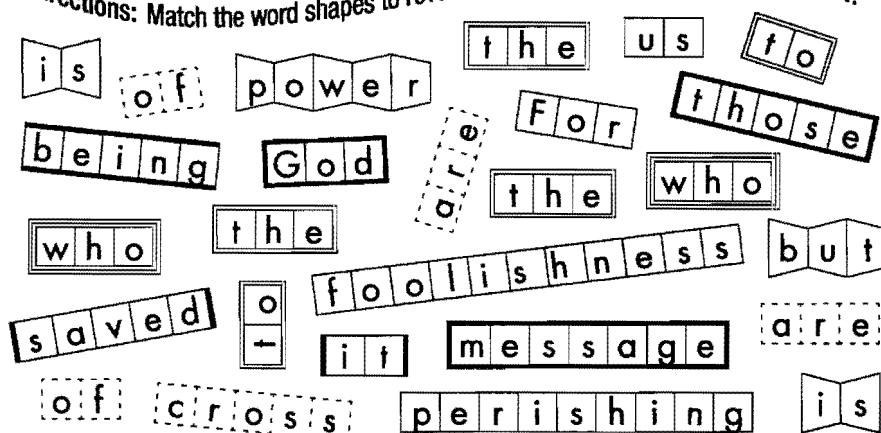
1. Cut a circle from the bread to be the owl's head. Then cut out a small semi-circle atop that bread circle to resemble pointy ears.
2. With a knife, spread the nut butter on the bread.
3. Place cereal along the top of head, from ear to ear.
4. Place banana slices for eyes.
5. Dip the chocolate chips in nut butter and place them in the middle of the banana slices.
6. Place a cashew for the nose between the bananas.
7. Enjoy – and be wise to God's message!



To BE FOOLISH -OR- WISE

On April Fools' Day, people like to play fun jokes, but there's nothing foolish about God's gift of salvation.

Directions: Match the word shapes to reveal the message of 1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV.



1 CORINTHIANS 1:18, NIV

Answer: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV

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

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150; Rev. 1:4-8;
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 10

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 17

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Sunday, April 24

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35