

## A Message From The Pastor

There is a feeling of anticipation in the air—a sense of readiness! Central Christian is poised for some serious action. We have spent the winter months huddled indoors, taking comfort in gathering at ‘Etowah,’ sharing our dreams, discussing our ideas and shaping plans that will define who we are called to be as a community of faith.

Our mission statement is based on John 3:16: **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have everlasting life.”** I wonder what this means to you, and how you may be preparing for **everlasting life**. By combining our time, energy and financial resources we feel that we are ready to give priority to the welcoming, teaching, and nurturing of God’s little ones in our community. We have been blessed in the past with a lively ministry to children. We’ve had wonderful teachers who have given a lifetime of dedication to this ministry. We’ve been successful in raising remarkable people through their work. And they in turn have raised their own remarkable children and grandchildren!

It’s time to sound the *shofar* (Yiddish for ram’s horn). It’s time to call upon all who are equipped to help! Can you see yourself spending time with children; playing and teaching, watching them grow up at Central Christian, understanding the teachings of Jesus Christ? Do you know children in your neighborhoods or schools who have need for such care? Can you invite families who need a break once a week to come to worship in a safe and peaceful sanctuary? You have the power to help the community and at the same time help Central Christian accomplish what God has called it to do! Be that helping hand!

It’s not too late to sign up for the Pastor’s Class. We plan to celebrate baptisms on Mother’s Day. New classes will be offered as needed with baptisms to follow. Our children can expect to walk in confidence as God’s children, led by Jesus Christ, and nurtured by those who walk with them in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) tradition.

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## THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN APRIL

ELDERS:	April	7	Sheryl Reeve	Dorothy Frye
		14	Dorothy Frye	Sheryl Reeve
		21	Janice Middaugh	Dorothy Frye
		28	Brenda Reish	Ken Mishler

DEACONS:	Dick Barnhart	Susan Braumiller
	Mary Brady	Lisa Camm
	Scott Braumiller	

CHILDREN’S TALK:	April	7	Lisa Camm
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## CHANCEL FLOWERS



Chancel flowers during April are being provided by:

April	7	Available
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	21	“
	28	“

**Sunday, April 7, 2013**

**VALET PARKING** is offered by Kathie Sizemore at 8:30 a.m.

**COFFEE HOUR** starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the first, second and third Sunday of this month. At 8:00 a.m. a community breakfast is offered the last Sunday of this month.

**FOOD PANTRY** - offers a chance for you to help feed the area's hungry. Please bring food staples to help us continue our support of this community-at-large ministry.

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**Ruth Group**

Thursday, April 4; 1:30 p.m. in the Social Room  
Study leader is Dorothy Frye and hostess is Eileen Stephenson.

**Gazette Deadline**

Tuesday, April 16; 11 a.m.  
Anything received in the office AFTER this deadline will be included in the NEXT month's newsletter.

**CMF Breakfast**

Saturday, April 20; 7:30 a.m. at Marion Diner

**Ohio Women's Ministries Spring Convocation**

Saturday, April 13, 2013  
Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester.  
For more details and to register go to [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org)

**Thursday Evening Sharing**

Evening Sharing starts at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Bring your family and friends and share your concerns.

**Coupons**

A coupon drop-off box is on the Information Station table in the Fellowship Hall. Pick up coupons from the box in the kitchenette.

**Children/Youth Ministry**

We are pleased to announce that Pamela Denzer and Sandra Guilfoyle have accepted the positions of Co-Chairs of the combined Children/Youth Ministry Committee. We are blessed to have two individuals who so perfectly fit the needs of this ministry by virtue not only of the gifts they have to offer, but also by their respective careers.

Pam and Sandra relocated to Marion from Tucson, Arizona about two years ago. They became members of Central Christian Church shortly thereafter and have been actively involved in church life here at Central Christian. Currently Pam serves as Elder and Sandra is active in our music ministry, offering her talents by playing the piano and singing whenever needed.

Pam is currently a full-time student at Methodist Theological Seminary, Delaware, preparing for the ministry with emphasis on youth/young adult ministry. She has 20 years of experience teaching Junior High and High School in the Tucson area. She has also coached all ages in baseball, soccer and basketball. In addition, Pam has supervised student mentoring programs. She has a Masters Degree in Education from Southern Illinois University.

Sandra was the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. She is currently employed as a Senior Enrollment Advisor for the University of Phoenix at their Columbus Branch. Sandra has her Bachelors Degree from Michigan State and a Masters in Counseling from Phoenix University. She is a licensed Counselor.

Pam and Sandra will begin their ministry by concentrating their efforts on developing a Christian Education Program for the infant through 12-year-old age group first, followed by programs for other age groups as well.

Please join us in welcoming and supporting Pam and Sandra in their new ministry. Central Christian feels blessed to celebrate this announcement by hosting a Meet and Greet Reception with refreshments on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. Please mark your calendars!

Tom Files

### **Update on Sanctuary Roof From the Trustees**

The sanctuary was built in 1954 and 1955 with a rubber roof which was covered with 46 tons of stone for ballast.

In approximately 1992, Pete Miller Roofing Company replaced this rubber roof, by moving the stones around.

This spring when Quality Masonry replaces this roof, the 46 tons of stone will be removed as the new roof does not require stone.

The new roof will be, Durolast PVC Roof System fully adhered. The roof is 58' x 161' which is 94 squares.

Money wise, we are at the half way mark toward the \$36,000 cost.

Most of the above information is from Bill Bowers, President of Quality Masonry.

### **Prayer Concerns Lists**

Just a reminder of our policy regarding printed prayer concerns lists - in the bulletin and in the *Gazette*. On May 1 all names will be removed from our prayer concerns lists and will begin again. If you would like to keep your name or the name of someone you have placed on these lists, all you have to do is notify the church office of your wish by April 16. Of course, anyone can be added at any time.

### **UCC Care Closet**

We are asking for donations for the monthly Care Closet that UCC supports. People are referred by Job and Family Services, Turning Point, or any church. These donations provide products they are unable to purchase with food stamps. Items such as toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, tissues, paper towel, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and laundry items are needed. Donations may be placed in the marked box under the Information Station table in the Fellowship Hall.

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### **Utilities for February, 2013**

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| Ohio Edison  | \$ 437.00               |
| Columbia Gas | \$1236.17               |
| Aqua Ohio    | \$ 121.01               |
| Trash/Sewer  | \$ 247.30               |
| Frontier     | \$ 196.24               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b><u>\$2237.72</u></b> |

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### **LOOKING AHEAD . . .**

#### **May 2, 2013**

“**RUTH GROUP**” is inviting everyone in the congregation to join us Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. for a special program presented by our own BRENDA REISH. For those of you who attended Brenda’s “Then Sings My Soul” now is your chance to hear Brenda tell us about a couple of hymns and how they originated. We will be enjoying a video sing-a-long and refreshments. No reservations needed.

**PET BLESSING DAY** - Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 3:00 p.m. Save the date and plan to be on hand for some exciting fun with our pets. This is a public event so invite your friends to bring their pets and come join us.

**CAMP DATES** - Chi Rho is July 14-20 at Maumee and CYF Conference is July 21-27 at Lakeside. Registration forms are on the Information Station table in the Fellowship Hall.

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### **Thank You To . . .**

- **Patsy Krider** and **Diane Tidd** for helping in the office.

### **Thank You Note . . .**

Dear Friends at Central Christian,  
Words can not ever express how grateful I am for each of you!  
Thank you so much for all your kindness and care. The meal was fantastic, and the hospitality was unmatched!  
Thank you for honoring my mom!

**In Christ, Susie Noland & Family**

## CELEBRATE

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK -- April 14-20

This is a national observance that began in 1958 and is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. Today, more than ever, libraries provide resources to help people of all ages read, learn and connect with information they need for school, work, or personal fulfillment. A good time to visit our Memorial Library.

### NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

When did you last read or recite a poem? What a great way to spend a little time on a rainy April day. We have a good selection of poetry books in both our libraries. You will find old favorites that will bring back memories and many that are new--some funny, some sad, and some inspirational. When you look in the poetry section - 811 you will also find books by poets some of you know, Rev. C. Edward Weber and Carlton Cook.

### NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH

This holiday was founded in 1976 by Larry Wilde. He felt that using humor could improve health, boost morale, increase communication skills and enrich the quality of lives. Yes, our library has some very good books that will make you laugh so check out some of those.

### A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

We have a collection of Church School record books (minutes of meetings etc.), Church Board minutes, and many photographs. These aren't to be checked out but you can enjoy looking through them while relaxing in one of our comfortable chairs as you reminisce or learn of past activities at Central Christian.



## *Prayer Concerns*

### Members

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Dorothy Besch           | Betty Leib  |
| Libby Davis             | Gene Miller |
| Dorsel and Betty Denney | Joel Reeve  |
| Paul & Olga Geissler    | Barb West   |
| Roger & Esther Kingsley | Millie Zug  |

### Non-members

|                                      |                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Paul Bender ( <i>Shirk</i> )         | Michael Meeks ( <i>Owen</i> )          |
| Roxanne Bisel ( <i>Schmalz</i> )     | Debbie Melvin ( <i>Reish</i> )         |
| Kathy Bradshaw ( <i>Lusch</i> )      | David Merrick ( <i>Reeve</i> )         |
| Vickie Camm ( <i>Camm</i> )          | Jim Missler ( <i>Camm</i> )            |
| Brad Campbell ( <i>Miller</i> )      | Michael Moody ( <i>Winters</i> )       |
| Michelle Cole ( <i>Holliday</i> )    | Melissa Morehart ( <i>Green</i> )      |
| Dave Doss ( <i>Tidd</i> )            | Paul Pezley ( <i>Schertzer</i> )       |
| Ken Ellinwood ( <i>Tidd</i> )        | John Probst ( <i>Schertzer</i> )       |
| Mary Fazara ( <i>Kirk</i> )          | Marcia Riggelman ( <i>Davis</i> )      |
| Robert Hilborn, Sr. ( <i>Tidd</i> )  | Elaine Scarlett ( <i>Reeve</i> )       |
| Rick Huddle ( <i>Schertzer</i> )     | Carl Schmidt ( <i>Reeve</i> )          |
| Lori Hoover Hudson ( <i>Lusch</i> )  | Almon Somerlot ( <i>Anonymous</i> )    |
| Eric Kean ( <i>Manley</i> )          | Natalie Spears ( <i>Camm</i> )         |
| Chuck Klingel ( <i>Tidd</i> )        | Keith Stamper ( <i>Owen</i> )          |
| Jeanie Kuchenbecker ( <i>Reeve</i> ) | Marg Swauger ( <i>Reeve</i> )          |
| Sheila Leibold ( <i>Snyder</i> )     | Helen Swinehart ( <i>Frye</i> )        |
| Morgan Magers ( <i>Reeve</i> )       | Rosemary Utley ( <i>Camm</i> )         |
| Linda Mahan ( <i>Middaugh</i> )      | Johnda Webb-Crowe ( <i>Middaugh</i> )  |
| Ruth Manier ( <i>Kingsley</i> )      | Dave & Randi Woessner ( <i>Reish</i> ) |
| Courtney McKinney ( <i>Manley</i> )  | Baby Alex Zornes ( <i>Nolan</i> )      |
| Jean McVicker ( <i>Krider</i> )      |                                        |

### **Military:**

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Michael Dunfee ( <i>Winters</i> )      | Jason Knotts ( <i>Owen</i> )   |
| Sabastian Fortney ( <i>Middaugh</i> )  | Isaac Ryan ( <i>Ryan</i> )     |
| Erin Kirk & Kevin Kirk ( <i>Kirk</i> ) | Alex Sayre ( <i>Holliday</i> ) |

**CCC CELEBRATES  
APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Anniversary!*

- 7 Fred & Sharon Evans
- 12 Bill & Debbie Bowers
- 21 Dana & Anndalene Queen
- 22 Tony & Lisa Burke
- 29 Andy & Sarah Shirk

*Happy Birthday!*

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Bev Cole         | 20 | Nancy Snyder    |
|    | Jacob Reynolds   | 22 | Jayden Burke    |
| 2  | Tiffany Butler   | 29 | Mark Kingsley   |
| 3  | Maria Ford       |    | Genevieve Beers |
| 5  | Cyd DeGood       | 30 | Alyson Baughman |
| 7  | Renee Miracle    |    |                 |
| 8  | Arlue Holliday   |    |                 |
| 9  | Brenda Schertzer |    |                 |
| 10 | JoEllen Field    |    |                 |
|    | Alex Large       |    |                 |
| 12 | Shannon Davis    |    |                 |
| 13 | Sarah Bushatz    |    |                 |
| 14 | Eva Reiff        |    |                 |

*If you have a birthday and/or an anniversary in April and it does not appear on the list above or if the information printed is incorrect, please contact the church office immediately so we may update our files and include it in the future. Thanks!*