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**Central Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Austin, Texas  
December 2009

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Dr. James W. Van Meter, Jr.  
Heidi Bounds  
Ed Heenan  
Kirsten Van Meter  
Ed Heenan  
Robert Marcott  
Alton Taylor

**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
12:05 p.m. Special Prayer  
12:10 p.m. Fellowship

**Monday – Friday**  
New Beginnings (AA)  
12 Noon

*A Message from Our Pastor*



We are rapidly approaching the end of 2009. It is time to reflect over the past year and to contemplate the future. For CCC, the past year has been a difficult and challenging year. The deaths of Dan Richards and Mike Moore were significant losses for this community of faith and each of us individually. You have honored the memories and legacies of Dan and Mike by the magnificent manner in which you have responded in continuing the ministries in which they were involved.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the officers of the church for their exemplary leadership and service during this past year. Under the sure guidance of our board chair, Leticia Flores, our congregation has safely navigated the stormy waters of loss and change. Personally, I have appreciated her loyalty, thoughtful advice and encouragement. You have selected a new Director of Christian Education, Heidi Bounds, and we look forward to growing our Sunday School and Christian Education programs. The Pastoral Search Committee is beginning to find the minister whom God is already preparing to lead Central Christian Church into the future. We all need to pray for this committee as they do their work. While these are days of transition and change, we can look to the future with confidence because the spirit of God is at work in our midst.

Linda joins me in wishing for each one of you a blessed and holy Christmas season.

. . . Pastor Jim

**\*\*\*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING\*\*\***

**There will be a congregational meeting after the morning worship service on Sunday, December 20, 2009. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect the Board officers for 2010.**

**Introducing Our New Director of Christian Education!**

Central Christian Church is pleased to welcome Heidi Bounds as Christian Education Director!

Heidi is working with the Christian Education committee and Sunday School teachers to make plans for this busy holiday season and into 2010. She continues to teach her Sunday School class of middle schoolers and serve as chair of the Social & Fellowship Committee through this term. In addition, Heidi is leading Children's Church activities during the morning worship service. Central Christian is very lucky to have such a talented, dedicated, and tireless director for our children and youth.

There are many exciting opportunities for you and our children at CCC. We hope you will join us in our worship of the Lord.

Welcome Heidi!!



# BAZAAR

## Come One Come All to the Christmas Bazaar!

The Outlet Mall is a long, long drive,  
Come to our Bazaar and see what's inside!

Meet the artists and vendors who we welcome with cheer,  
Buy gifts not just for Christmas, but for the whole year!  
From hot pads to jewelry, purses, books and fine art,  
Help support our mission trip, let's all do our part!

Enjoy your favorites at the Candy Cane Cafe,  
With hot breakfast tacos to start your shopping day!  
BBQ and famous King Ranch Chicken,  
Homemade Pecan Pie is always lip lickin'!

Bring your credit card to the Silent Auction,  
Come on, be a sport,  
How about Spring Break at Horseshoe Bay Resort?  
A quilt for the raffle, a custom portrait to be drawn,  
The Salt Lick Steakhouse--we can go on and on.....

On Sunday, we welcome the School for the Performing Arts,  
Whose students share their talents and warm every heart.  
Bethany Food Pantry and the Magic Camp performers will give  
A chance to support the community in which we all live.

Supporting Christian Education is our tradition and reason,  
But fellowship, fun, and love are also in season!  
Whether or not you have money to spend,  
We want to see you, and maybe a friend!

Central Christian Church's Annual Christmas Bazaar  
Dec. 3-5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Dec. 6 noon – 3 p.m.



## Raffle

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. 1<sup>st</sup> prize will be a Quilt donated by the Tri-County Quilters Guild valued at \$225. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be a hand-painted wildflower platter valued at \$85. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize will be a coffee basket valued at \$40.



## Photographers Needed

We are in need of anyone who would be able to take candid pictures during the Bazaar. If you are interested, please contact Melody Thomson or Carey Taylor. We need photos of the entertainment on Sunday, vendors, cafe, etc. to use for advertising and website updates in following years.



## Poinsettia Orders

An order form for Christmas Poinsettias will be in the church bulletins during advent. The cost per plant is \$10.00. Colors available this year are red, white, pink, and just a few burgundy. After you have designated the "in honor of" or "in memory of", please leave the form and payment in the second floor office or in the offering plate.



## Our Next Senior Minister

As you read in the November newsletter, Pastor Jim has given his formal notice of resignation to the Board. In his statement last month, Pastor Jim wrote "Now it is time for this congregation to move into the future with pastoral leadership ... Somewhere God is preparing someone to come here, ..." I truly believe that to be true and am writing to let you know about the process of finding and selecting a new senior minister.

The first step is the formation of a Pastoral Search Committee. That has been done and the Board has approved my appointment as chair of that committee. At any time, if you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The next step for our Pastoral Search Committee is to listen and assess the needs and wants of the congregation. Our committee will do this by visiting small groups and listening. We are starting in December with three weeks of visiting Sunday School classes.

At some point in the future, the Pastoral Search Committee will make a recommendation to the Church Board. Then, the Church Board will bring that recommendation to the entire congregation. I tell you this so you are aware that everyone in the congregation has a voice in the selection of our next senior minister.

I feel honored to serve the congregation in this capacity and look forward to hearing from everyone.

- James McGuffee, Chair, Pastoral Search Committee



ASPVA



Austin School for the Performing and Visual Arts, a non-profit organization created to serve students in the Austin area gifted in the performing and visual arts, announces their downtown location at Central Christian Church, which will be opening fall 2010 for 6-12th grades.

**Pledges** – As the end of the year approaches, many people have been wondering about how to find out where they are in their contributions. If you are interested to know how much you have contributed this year, please feel free to call or e-mail the office, and the Treasurer or the Financial Secretary get back with you on this.

## Office Hours

During the week, CCC staff members can be found in the church office during the times listed below. Please keep in mind the senior minister and the director of music may also be at meetings, appointments or visitation during office hours.

### Pastor Jim

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### Friday: Off

### Heidi Bounds

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### Ed Heenan

Monday: Off, *appointment only*  
Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday: Off, *appointment only*  
Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Robert Marcott

Monday – Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Kirsten Van Meter

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## BAPTISM FOR YOUTH

Baptism Classes for CCC youth aged middle school and older will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, (skipping Valentine's Day) at 12:30 p.m. Class will last approximately one hour, and the youth should attend all six classes. Baptism will occur on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The six-week series titled "Prepare the Way" will be taught by Pastor Jim with the elders assisting. Please e-mail or call Pastor Jim, the church office, or Kathy Rodriguez to notify us of your child's registration for this class.

## Christian Women's Fellowship

### Christmas Celebration

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009



Place: The Town Room  
at the Village in the

Arboretum, 9303 Great Hills Dr.



We will be celebrating the birthdays of Jerry Jungmichel and Virgie Sorrells, both very special ladies. Guests will be welcome.

We hope Bonnie will be able to join us. We miss her.

Marolyn Robertson

The Central Christian Church Christmas Bazaar has been added to the City of Austin's events calendar online. You can check it out here:

[http://www.austintexas.org/now\\_playing/events/?search=&category=5998&date\\_begin=&date\\_end=&form\\_action.x=7&form\\_action.y=18](http://www.austintexas.org/now_playing/events/?search=&category=5998&date_begin=&date_end=&form_action.x=7&form_action.y=18)