

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Austin, Texas
February 2010

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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



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News from the Pulpit Committee

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Herbert L. Lynskey has affirmed our call and will be joining Central Christian Church as our full-time intentional interim minister starting February 28, 2010. For the past eight years, Herb has served as the minister for the Coastal Plains Area of the Christian Church in the Southwest. When Rev. Lynskey visited with us in person on January 10th, he told many people that he felt specifically called to serve as an intentional interim minister. We are delighted that the Lord has brought Herb to Central so that over the next year we can work together to prepare to receive and enter into partnership with a new installed permanent senior minister. We are also happy to welcome Herb's wife, Suzy Stanfield Lynskey, and look forward to seeing them both in church starting February 28th.



Prior to Rev. Lynskey's arrival in Austin, the pulpit committee has invited several guest ministers to preach for us during our Sunday worship services. We invite you to continue to be faithful in your worship attendance during this time of transition. We ask that you continue to be in prayer as we prepare for the journey ahead.

We also ask that you keep the members of the pulpit committee in your prayers as we continue the work of searching for our next permanent senior minister for Central Christian Church. Remember, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the pastoral search process, please talk to one of the members of the pulpit committee.

- James McGuffee,
Chair CCC Pulpit Committee

Pastor Jim Retired and Will be Missed

Central Christian Church is in an exciting, but challenging, stage of transition. We bid welcome to our new Interim Minister, Rev. Herb Lynskey, but we also bid farewell to our beloved Senior Pastor, Dr. James W. Van Meter, Jr., whom we all refer to affectionately as Pastor Jim.

Pastor Jim came to our church six years ago, as his last stop in a remarkable 50-year journey of ministry. As an Army Chaplain, that journey took him to various postings throughout the United States, as well as to postings in Okinawa and Germany, and a decorated combat tour in Vietnam. Along the way, Pastor Jim became only the fourth Chaplain in the history of the Army to graduate from the rigorous Special Forces Qualification Course, qualifying him to wear the Green Beret. And he also managed to successfully parachute out of airplanes a remarkable 350 times!

We never learned about these (and numerous other) harrowing achievements, until Pastor Jim was honored for his 50 years in ministry last November. This is because throughout his service with our church, Pastor Jim has always displayed his underlying strength with genuine humility. We gratefully witnessed these qualities during this past year, when Pastor Jim carried us all on his shoulders in the wake of the untimely deaths of the twin pillars of our church, Dan Richards and Pastor Mike Moore.

We are sad to see Pastor Jim go, but are cheered by the fact that he and his lovely wife Linda will finally get to enjoy a well-earned retirement. We are also assured that they will come back and see us because our congregation still includes his son, Trey, his grandson, Austin, and his beautiful and talented daughter-in-law, Kirsten. So, this is not so much a goodbye, as it is "we look forward to seeing you and Linda again soon and often!"

- Doug Alexander, Board Chair

From Behind the Wall

In the last few weeks, music has been filling the air, or more exactly, the parlor, community room, and sanctuary. I happen to believe that this is what God expects of Central Christian Church - creating a joyful noise of praise and happiness.

A wonderful twenty year old Yamaha is gracing the parlor now. We hope the Cable-Nelson grand piano the Reed family gave in 1930 will be restored and placed in the community room, where it originally was according to a picture I found a few weeks ago.

Music is part of the restoration at Central Christian Church. The choir is being restored after the holiday break. We are searching for a bass lead singer who will support our faith "Roberts" (Marcott and Heard). Slowly the choir will be restored to 16 singers, which has always been a magical and musical number. The Chancel Choir has a truly rich and warm sound when we have 16 singers. Need I say we have a place for you in the chancel?

The Chancel Choir has a new rehearsal schedule: Wednesdays (1st, 3rd, and 5th) from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., with the fourth Wednesday being a long rehearsal, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On all Sundays, we will meet at 10:30 a.m. All rehearsals are in the Library/Choir Room on the second floor. This rehearsal schedule should allow for more people to join our choir. You can see that there is a place for you in the chancel from where you see the outstanding Ascension Window, which is so magnificent with the sun shining through it on Sunday mornings.

I know there are good singers in the congregation; I hear them every Sunday. I can't see who is singing so joyfully because I'm behind the wall. Maybe someday I'll take a peek while the congregation is singing a cappella.

- Dallas Edwin Heenan



Musings:

I hope you had a Merry Christmas full of joy and cheer and stayed up late to celebrate the fresh unsullied new year.



I'm thankful for a poor memory and it's easy to leave the past behind. Looking forward is exciting and filled with wonderment. There is some of the past that lingers, no less.

What do we do for the defenseless, the hungry, and the homeless? The working poor who are struggling with bills, bills, bills? We should all, those of us who are not helping in some aggressive form, feel a little guilty. I know, especially sitting in my warm comfortable home, that I had a twinge of guilt. I did supply food, water, and warm beds for the neighborhood strays (cats) and emptied my closet of clothes I was going to wear "someday". Yet, I think we, all of us, should find a way to do at least a little bit for both the homeless people and stray animals. Think about it - that is what Christmas is all about.

- Bob Marcott



Week of Compassion Special Offering February 21-28, 2010

Through the largest global alliance of Christian humanitarian agencies, Action by Churches Together (ACT), Week of Compassion is already on the ground in Haiti. In the chaos of aid distribution, they are managing to get food, temporary shelter, water, cleaning materials and expertise to the Haitian capital.

There will be envelopes for the Week of Compassion special offering, February 21-28, 2010. The first such offering took place in 1944. Since then, Week of Compassion has operated as the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Please join with Christians throughout North America during this week and give from your heart, from your love for Jesus and your desire to feed his sheep. Thank you for helping to change lives through this ministry we all share as Disciples. Blessings be upon you.

(Adapted from weekofcompassion.org)

Men's Retreat

2010 BBA/LRGV and CPA Annual Men's Retreat "Brothers in Christ"

Romans: 12

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Nelson Torres

February 19-20, 2010

Disciples Oaks Retreat Center, Gonzalez, TX

GREAT NEWS FOR THE WOMEN OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION!

What a blessing we have coming to the Southwest Region in February! Adonna Bowman, Executive Director, Disciples Women's Ministries, will lead the Women's Visioning Event at Community Christian Church in Richardson on February 26-27. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door, and this will cover both the Friday evening meal, and lunch on Saturday.

Disciples Women across the Region are invited to attend the FIRST Vision Gathering for Disciples Women's Ministries. Adonna will lead us through a discovery process. It will involve lots of conversation, study, listening, and worship. A hotel has been secured at a discounted rate—but in order to get that information, you must call and register with Andrea Gantz at 817-926-4687.

We will begin Friday evening at 6:30 PM with dinner and end Saturday afternoon by 4 PM. Dinner and Lunch will be provided at Community Christian Church in Richardson.

We are grateful that Adonna can be with us and share from her knowledge to help us get CCSW Disciples Women's Ministries pumped up for 2010!

ATTENTION TO ALL CHURCH WOMEN

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- ❖ in your life?
- ❖ in your church?
- ❖ in the world?

LET'S TALK!....

WITH ADONNA BOWMAN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISCIPLES WOMEN,
ABOUT EVERYTHING DISCIPLES WOMEN

- ❖ programs and resources
- ❖ history and visioning for the future
- ❖ your questions and input
- ❖ connection with other women in our cluster

LET'S MEET!

- ❖ Capital Cluster - March 10, 2010 at Central Christian Church, Austin at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.



Christian Women's Fellowship



Date: February 10, 2010

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Library on 2nd Floor

We will be studying Lesson #5 "Dancing Our Moments with Joy". What an intriguing topic! Learn what it takes to bask in the joy of God's glory and God's presence in our lives.

The CWF will be planning, along with Jolie Johnson, the Capital Cluster Coordinator, to welcome Donna Bowman, the Executive Director of Disciples Women's Ministry. Donna will conduct a workshop on March 10th here at Central Christian. All church women are invited to this all day workshop. We are 16 churches in the Capital Cluster, all gathering to learn more about the breath of our church's involvement here and in the world at large. We need your support to make this workshop a success.

This month we will recognize 3 women who have contributed so much to the life of our church family. They are: Patricia, Ethel, and Bonnie. These are very, very special people.

- Marolyn Robertson, CWF

Ash Wednesday



Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17th as we begin our Lenten journey with our annual Ash Wednesday service.

This year, our service will be jointly led by the elders of Central Christian Church and the ministry team of Lake Hills Church. All are welcome.