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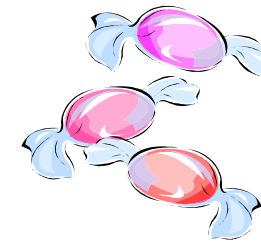
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Service Time Change

Starting Sunday, May 1st, our Sunday morning worship will start at 10:50 a.m. This change was approved by your administrative council in consultation with Rev. Edge. This change was based on feedback from many members of the congregation. We hope that this change is helpful, and we look forward to seeing you ten minutes earlier next Sunday morning! Or, even better, arrive to church by 9:45 a.m. and find a Sunday School class that's right for you. Sunday School will end in plenty of time to make it to the sanctuary by 10:50 a.m.



C.A.N.D.Y.



The next C.A.N.D.Y. (Capital Area Network of Disciples Youth) meeting will be at Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1st. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and a meaningful lesson.



VIEWS FROM THE EDGE

Now we've done it! Celebrating the highest day of the Christian year is exhilarating and invigorating for us because we are the Easter people! Like the earliest Christians we proclaim "Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!" We are most fortunate to get to live on this side of Easter again – that is the season of rejoicing in God's resurrection of Jesus. Our Lenten journey through the wilderness is over for now. How will we continue the celebration in Eastertide and beyond?

On Good Friday, I slipped away from the church for lunch to Schlotzsky's. Many were there with me. I enjoyed watching the children eat pizza and ice cream cones. Fathers and grandfathers at various tables were feeding toddlers and enjoying time with the kids. I took particular delight in watching the little girl who was so excited about having an iced cookie to eat. I could not help but relate their enthusiasm to that of millions of children who celebrate Easter by hunting candy-filled eggs, breaking piñatas, and adopting baby chicks. We do have a plethora of ways that we celebrate Easter.

What a joy it was to see the crowd gathered for the Easter Egg Hunt. The next generation of church leaders scurried around picking up plastic eggs. Some could not wait to see what was inside! Others were not yet noticing the eggs laying right at their feet. Yet everyone seemed pleased with the outcome of the event, and many photos were taken to tell stories in years to come.

Maybe, just maybe, the primary reason we celebrate Easter every year with such enthusiasm is because we need a good dose of hope. We need our faith rejuvenated. So the sweet aroma and beauty of the flowers, the angelic voices proclaiming Christ's resurrection, and the recounting of the biblical witness of God's raising the dead refuels us. Like mechanical toys that have been freshly wound up, we go about saying "Happy Easter" to friends and strangers alike. I'd like to think that God smiles on us for doing so!



I am reading Alan E. Lewis' book, Between Cross & Resurrection: A Theology of Holy Saturday. He was a professor of Constructive Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary when he died in 1994. His writing influenced my Lenten journey. He insists that if we live through not only Good Friday but Holy Saturday before getting to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, that it becomes much clearer to us just what God did in bringing Jesus back to life. What amazing power God has that brings about life out of death. God conquers the greatest obstacle of our earthly lives in Jesus' resurrection. It is good to be the Easter people of good news and hope.

Grace and peace,
Peggy

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas
May 2011



Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Fellowship



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

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News from the C.C.C. Outreach Committee:

C.C.C. is helping those in need right here in Austin! In March the Outreach Committee made two donations to local charity organizations. Project Transitions was given \$100 in food purchased and prepared by our own member, Kathy Cooke. Casa Marianella, an East Austin shelter, which offers temporary housing and food to the immigrant homeless population, received \$400. Jayne Prewitt represented the church at the annual Casa Marianella fund drive event on March 18th. All of these monies came out of the CCC 2011 operating budget funded by member's donations and church investments. Thank you so much!

CONGRATULATIONS



Gabriela Ortiz has been named to the All District 2nd team, District 16-5A for soccer. Gabi is a junior and starting midfielder at McNeil HS. She has played soccer for 11 years and is verbally committed to play at the University of North Texas.

Alex Ortiz and Gabi were both inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, national math honor society this year. Alex received this prestigious honor as a freshman. Gabi was also inducted into National Honor Society. Nico Ortiz has received his latest rank advancement in Boy Scouts. He received his First Class rank in the Scout Court of Honor ceremony this month.

If you have exciting news about your family members, please let the church office know. We'd love to be able to share it with the congregation in our next newsletter.

"Behind the Scenes"

Special Sunday School for all youth each Sunday in May. We will be exploring the true story of Bethany Hamilton. Upon completion of the four week sessions, we will see the movie Soul Surfer. All youth are encouraged to attend. We will be meeting on the 3rd floor. Bring a friend as we journey through this inspiring and true story.



From Behind the Wall

Some say Christmas is their favorite worship service, some say Easter. Both are about Jesus Christ, our Savior. Which is more meaningful?

As for church music, we can make more of a distinction. Christmas is sublime, perhaps more gentle, yet joyful. Easter, well, let's be realistic: Easter music is joyful and loud. And that's what we had this Easter. It was sheer luck that I found two trumpets and a French horn just one week before Easter Sunday. The brass added that special glory to the Resurrection. I hope the special music brought more meaning and joy to your Easter Sunday.

Four weeks ago, Jonathan Hill began practicing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and at rehearsal on Wednesday, April 20th, he was ready to herald in the processional hymn. Saturday evening I received a phone call from a disappointed father telling me that Jonathan had the flu. What a shame! Jonathan will be playing for another worship service in the future.

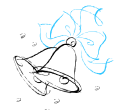
As your director of music, I want the youth to share their musical talents in the worship service. Our children, youth, and young adults are a vital part of the church family. They bring smiles to our faces. God certainly smiled Easter Sunday when the kids rang the bells, brought in the flowering cross, and sang Alleluia. It was a special occasion. Hey, Christ Is Risen. Pretty meaningful, right?

Dallas Edwin Heenan
Director of Music



Historical Exhibit

Central Christian Church has a very rich history. Our present church building dates back to 1929, but our congregation goes all the way back to 1847! To honor that history and the recent restoration project, an exhibit will be set up in the community room from Sunday, May 1st through Sunday, May 8th. It will include items pulled from our very own archives such as letters, sermon notes, contracts, original architect's drawings of our church, and photos all dating back as far as 1873! So come by the community room and step back in time to visit the 164 years of fellowship and worship here at Central Christian Church.



Weddings



Best wishes to Troy and Diana Cary, who were married here on April 2nd.

*Women's Ministry Luncheon
May 18, 2011*

The Women's Ministry will meet at 11:00 a.m. on May 18th at the home of Patricia and Preston James. They live in Circle C at 11224 South Bay Lane. Preston will make us a map so that we don't lose our way. Salads and desserts are to be shared as we celebrate another year of our fellowship – that's a total of 87 years of service and missions. That's something to celebrate!!

Marolyn

P.S. – Thank you, Marjorie, for your gift to our scholarship fund. We are delighted and grateful.

\$\$ TREASURY NOTES \$\$

Income and Expense for March and First Quarter.

	Mar	1 st Qtr.
Pledges	\$3,440	\$15,796
Offerings	\$3,713	\$18,182
Total Gifts	\$7,153	\$33,978
Endowment Interest (1)	\$0	\$17,339
From Reserve (2)	\$192	\$42,692
Total Operations Funding	\$7,345	\$94,009
Total Expenses		\$80,795
Balance Forward (3)		\$13,214

Notes:

First Quarter Pledges are at 74% of expected assuming even distribution over the four quarters of the year. General Offerings are at 98% of anticipated.

(1) Interest on the endowment funds received to General Budget Account. Next endowment income not expected until May 30th.

(2) Transfers from reserves to meet budget requirements. Reserves include accumulated income from Parking Lot and Building Rents and not from savings account funds.

(3) "Balance Forward" are funds available in the Operating Account at the end of the period and does not include Savings Account or Special/Designated Account Funds

Detailed Budget Report for Mar 2011 Year to Date is available in the CCC administrative office on request.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, May 1st – Mission Trip Meeting and Final Payment Due

All youth going on this summer's mission trip and their parents are encouraged to attend this Sunday's meeting after the worship service. We will be discussing more about our Week of Hope serving in the Greater Austin area. Final payments are due so that we can make our final payment to Group Cares.

Sunday, May 15th – Youth Camp Sign-Up Day

We will have a notary available so come ready to fill out your forms for this summer's camps. Remember, CCC will pay half of your camp fees.

Sunday, May 15th – CCC Café

Youth will be preparing sack lunches for all to purchase. All proceeds will benefit our 2011 Mission Trip.



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 minister, director of music, and the director of Christian education may also be at meetings, appointments, or visitation during office hours.

Rev. Peggy Edge

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon

Also available by appointment

Heidi Bounds

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dallas Edwin Heenan

Monday: Off, *appointment only*

Tuesday: Off, *appointment only*

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.



**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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On May 19th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, a special musical offering will take place at 6:30 p.m. Dodge McKay, an acoustic guitar player and singer/songwriter from Belfast, by way of Oxford, will perform in the sanctuary of Central Christian Church. The concert will be free of charge and publicized in the larger community. This event is a dream come true for many who believe that inviting the public to experience the inspiration and beauty of our sanctuary will open the door to newcomers in the fellowship of our community of faith. Thanks goes to Russell Ward for initiating the formation of the event-planning team. Other team members include Raymond McGlamery, Rod Bowser, Doug Alexander, Dallas Heenan, and Rev. Peggy Edge. Invite your friends and co-workers to come and enjoy great music and the hospitality of Central Christian Church.

Musings:

Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken" keeps popping up in my head. We are (at least I am) faced with road forks constantly. The first 3-forked road appeared at age 17 when I was too immature to project a future. My voice teacher was going to arrange a scholarship at Julliard, my neighbor (Admiral Clousten) wanted me to go to Annapolis, and I decided to join the Army. I have no idea where the other roads would have led, BUT the road I chose brought me a beautiful wife, a lovely child, three pretty granddaughters, two delightful great-granddaughters, and two handsome great-grandsons. It also led me to all your wonderful people at CCC. I am so happy that the road I took was the right one. I'm sure God nudged me in that direction. Isn't He wonderful?



Bob Marcott

CCC Welcomes 3 Baby Girls!



Congratulations to Brian and Cherie Bevil, who welcomed twin daughters, Mikaela Lynn and Makenzie Kay, on April 8th. Mikaela weighed 4lbs 15oz and was born at 7:02 p.m., followed by Makenzie, who was 4lbs 11oz. Lamar and Ethel Gordon are proud great-grandparents!



Congratulations also goes to Josh and Torre Dominguez, who welcomed their daughter, Glenda Madeline "Maddie" Dominguez, on April 21st. She weighed 4lbs 5 oz.



ASPVA PIZZA Party

CCC is helping ASPVA celebrate the end of their inaugural year by providing pizza, lunch, and dessert for ASPVA faculty, students, and parents on May 20th. What a wonderful year!

2011 YOUTH CAMP DATES

- CYF Conference – June 12-18
- Eigher's Camp – June 26 – July 2
- Beginner's Camp – July 6-9
- Chi Rho Camp – July 17-23
- Junior Camp – July 24-29

Save the Dates!

We will be hosting Terrific Tuesdays on June 7th, June 21st, and July 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Children and youth are invited to come for a bible lesson, fun, food, and outreach. More details to come!

Heidi Bounds
Director of Christian Education

Easter at CCC –

Here are some photos from our wonderful Easter Celebration! What a blessing to have so many here!

