

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
1110 GUADALUPE STREET  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

IEWS FROM THE EDGE



As the heat wave continues in central Texas, I am particularly thankful for the cacti that bloom in the desert. Succulents have an uncanny ability to store up water to supply the plant's need to bloom and grow. God's spirit of love and grace provides the sustenance for us to do the same. Being aware of the Spirit's presence is up to us. Making room for the holy and sacred experiences is our choice. And I would even say that those souls who lack a sense of God's love shrivel up and thirst for something more.

Spirituality is the word of the times that expresses ones openness to God. And spiritual needs are being met through so many different media. Some focus on Bible study, daily devotions, and prayer. Others not only find books to read, both fiction and non-fiction, television series built around spirit experiences, billboards, but also numerous ways to share faith on Facebook, and worship on the web, the TV audience or the radio. In addition to ministers, chaplains, pastoral counselors and other leaders of faith traditions, we now have Spiritual Directors available to guide us in life's journey with God. Still it is up to each one to decide how to let faith be an important part of life.

That's why I love the church. There is room for everyone to make the journey in community. With so many facets of church life, each one is able to find a comfortable place in the pew, to offer time and talents in service, and to step out of comfort zones to share in the ministry to which we are called. All of us are welcome at the Lord's table.

Though the land is parched and dry, the spirit quenches our thirst. Jesus likened it to a drink of living waters from the well that never runs dry. Invite your friends and neighbors to share in the fellowship of Central Christian Church.

Grace and peace,  
Peggy



Central Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas  
September 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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THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ADOPTS A  
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Central Christian Church has a new Child Protection Guidelines policy, which was approved at the last Administrative Council Meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like a copy, you can call the church office to have a copy e-mailed to you. Training for our volunteers will be offered soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Heidi Bounds, our Director of Christian Education, at [hbounds@ccaustin.org](mailto:hbounds@ccaustin.org).

Unbinding *your* HEART  
Begins September 18<sup>th</sup>!

Groups will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.  
or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

It is not too late to sign up to take part in *Unbinding Your Heart!* Several small groups will meet on Sunday mornings before worship and one on Wednesday evenings. Written by Martha Grace Reese, this six-week study helps ordinary people like you and me to become comfortable speaking of our faith and inviting those without a church home to join us for worship and fellowship. We ordered a few extra copies of the books which cost \$14.59 just in case some decide at the last minute to share in this experience. Join the church leaders in praying that this study will help us welcome newcomers into our community of faith at Central Christian Church. If you have any questions, you may ask Peggy Edge, Kathy Cooke, or James McGuffee.

## BBALRGVD WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2011

Our keynote speaker will be Sheila Spencer Program Director/Merger Staff in the Office of Disciple Women. The theme this year is "The Sweet Life". We will be in Gonzales at the DOC campgrounds.

It is not too late to register! There are several options for registration:

Package 1: Full event – \$115.00

Package 2: Friday night only 3 meals – \$100.00

Package 3: Saturday night only 3 meals – \$100.00

Package 4: Saturday only with 2 meals and no overnight – \$60.00

If you would like a T-shirt, also include the \$10 cost of the T-shirt with your registration.

The Bible Study on Saturday afternoon will be given by our own Peggy Edge.

Additional information can be found at [http://www.bluebonnetarea.org/files/Women's\\_Retreat\\_Registration\\_Form\\_-\\_2011.pdf](http://www.bluebonnetarea.org/files/Women's_Retreat_Registration_Form_-_2011.pdf)



### Weddings

Best wishes to Dylan and Suzy Acosta, who were married here on August 6<sup>th</sup>!

### Central Christian Church presents "Acoustic Sanctuary"



On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, a special musical offering will take place at 6:30 p.m. Our guest artists will be announced soon on Facebook and via e-mail. Invite your friends and co-workers to come and enjoy great music and the hospitality of Central Christian Church.

## From Behind the Wall

"Worship and Music", "Worship in Music", "Music in Worship". Anyway you say it, worship and music go together in many different ways and styles. Some services have more music than others. Some have more spoken word than music. We are most fortunate to have a flexible Senior Minister, who happens to be a musician and a great group of youth who want to take part in worship and share their musical talents.

The Chancel Choir has devoted volunteers, albeit a small number, who are sincere in the sharing of their love of music with God and the Central Christian Church family. And we have our lead singers who are a joy to work with; they offer the essential support in the Chancel Choir. I am truly thankful to have these four fine musicians who make it possible to have a variety of musical styles from early music through gospels and spirituals and contemporary Christian.

In our most recent rehearsal, we started on a Christmas Cantata by the baroque Italian composer Corelli. This delightful work will be "Music in Worship" during Advent. We hope to have strings to accompany our fine Chancel Choir. This promises to be a worshipful experience in anticipation and celebration of Christ's birth.

In July, I had a most rewarding musical experience being part of the Texas Choral Consort tour to South America. Beginning in June, through hours of rehearsal, I have to admit that I learned so much about musical performance and rehearsal techniques than ever expected. This was my educational sabbatical cum lauda. I thank Central Christian Church for giving me this opportunity to hone my musical skills; yes, even at my age I continue to hone.

Now, you know what else I'm going to ask: there is a seat for you in the Chancel, the best seat in the sanctuary. You can gaze at the awesome Ascension Window and truly experience "Worship and Music". Think about it – again. Stars in your crown, you know. Don't you think it's time you step up to the Chancel?

Dallas Edwin Heenan  
Director of Music



### Save the Date!

CYF Fall Rally will be held November 11-13 at the Disciples Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzales, Texas. Details will be passed along as soon as we receive them.



## CCC Together at Lunch

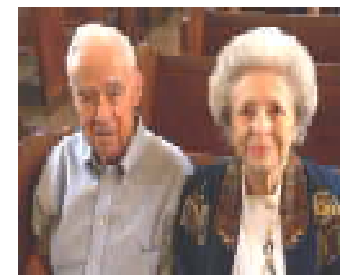
Everyone is invited to gather for lunch after church on  
Sunday, September 18, 2011,  
at  
Luby's  
on Oltorf (at IH-35).  
Leave church by 12:30 p.m.,  
meet about 1:00 p.m.

This is the fifth time CCC has gathered informally at a restaurant for lunch after church.  
Join us for the fun, food,  
and fellowship.  
All are welcome!



### Christmas Bazaar Vendor Booths Available

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. Would you or someone you know be interested in having a booth? For more information, please email [hbounds@ccaustin.org](mailto:hbounds@ccaustin.org). Booth spaces are filling up fast!



### New Members!

Please be sure to welcome our newest members, John and Margaret Rieger! John and Margaret are Sharon Hill's parents.

### Office Hours

During the week, CCC staff members can be found in the church office during the times listed below. Please keep in mind they 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.



### An Evensong for Peace to Commemorate September 11<sup>th</sup>



St. David's invites you, those in your congregation, and those in your organization to a come-and-go Prayer Vigil and an Evensong for Peace service, as our nation commemorates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. We invite the entire community to join us for prayer and a service of remembrance. The evensong will include hymns, prayers, and deeply moving choral and organ anthems- all of which speak to our deepest desires for peace and reconciliation among all of mankind.

"It is our desire to call our community together to remember our losses and the individual and corporate pain of the events of September 11, 2001," said the Rev. David Boyd, Rector. "As people of faith, we seek to hold up hope and pray for peace among all people."

Sunday, September 11  
St. David's Episcopal Church, 301 East 8<sup>th</sup> St.

12:30-5 p.m. Church Open for Prayer Vigil

5 p.m. Evensong

6-9 p.m. Church Open for Prayer Vigil

9 p.m. Compline

## Musings:

As far back as I can remember I've heard people speak of "Horse Sense". I had no clue as to the meaning until spending 30 years boarding, breeding, and training horses on my ranch. April was my first teacher. She thought I had no sense and so she supervised all my activity. When I was doing chores on crutches, she stayed between me and the other horses 'till I finished and then would go to her feed. And then there was/is Cody. He spent his time trying to find some way to upset me and usually succeeded. But Cody is the one who has initiative and clear thinking. I guess he's 30 now and at the Dreamtime Sanctuary in Elgin, Texas, which is a home for abused and unwanted farm animals (sheep, goats, mules, hogs plus dogs, cats, and horses). Nancy has brought in 2 blind horses, and Cody has taken upon himself the task of guiding them through the pasture to the feed and water troughs. He keeps his eyes on them as they graze so to intervene before they run into any obstacle. No one asked him to do it – he saw the need and volunteered. Now, that is "horse sense" and rising to a need. We can learn a lot from animals.



Bob Marcott

## College Nannies & Tutors®

We are really enjoying our new nanny service in the nursery. CCC members and friends have received a special offer from them. Please see the e-mail we received (below), and be sure to tell them you're from Central Christian Church!

Dear CCC,

Should any of your families wish to enroll in our On Call Service, their enrollment will be free (\$99 Value!). Once enrolled, they can call or email us anytime to request care! The hourly rate for an On Call Nanny starts at \$18.50/hour and can cover up to 3 children, depending on their exact ages.

Sincerely,  
Amy Norton  
Family Placement Manager  
College Nannies & Tutors  
Austin, Texas 78731  
Office: 512.372.8385  
Fax: 512.372.8546

## Women's Ministry Meeting

September 14, 2011  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Place: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Library

Summer still lingers, but we are looking forward to a fall full of opportunities.

We will welcome Patty Davis, recently retired, to our fellowship. We will remember Joye White on her birthday – September 13<sup>th</sup>. In August we celebrated the lives of Carey Taylor, Phyllis Diaz, Inez Gaines, and Sarah Holland.

Our new project this year is the Kentucky Appalachian Ministry. Rev. Ron Oliver of Berea, Kentucky is in touch with us. He says this is a very depressed area of our country, and these people need our help, our prayers, and our money. We have pledged \$200.00 for this first year. It's not much, but it says we really care about our mountain brothers and sisters. Bonnie wrote our check and it was mailed August 16<sup>th</sup> – just in time for school expenses. If you are interested in participating in this project, call me at 338-4838. I will be happy to share Ron Oliver's hopes for these children.

Marolyn Robertson

## \$\$ TREASURY NOTES \$\$

Income and Expense for July and  
First Seven Months of 2011

	June	1 <sup>st</sup> 7 mo.
Pledges	\$11,185	\$46,998
Offerings	\$4,732	\$44,295
Total Gifts	\$15,917	\$91,293
Endowment Interest (1)	\$8,670	\$26,009
From Reserve & Other Income (2)	\$2,005	\$78,832
Total Operations Funding	\$26,592	\$196,134
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$27,390</b>	<b>\$187,267</b>

First Seven Months Pledges are at 94% of expected, assuming even distribution over the four quarters of the year. July pledged support has been excellent. Thank you to all who have honored your pledge to date for 2011. Thanks to all for your generosity and continuing faith.

### Notes:

(1) Interest on the endowment funds received to General Budget Account. (2) Transfers from "Reserves & Other Income" to meet budget requirements. Reserves include accumulated income from Parking Lot and Building Rents and not from savings account or Special/Designated Funds. Detailed Budget Report for July 2011 Year to Date is available in the CCC administrative office on request.

## Interfaith Memorial Service recognizing The 10th Anniversary of 9/11



A Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Strangers

### Remembering 9/11 – An Interfaith Memorial Service

"Great perils have this beauty, that they bring to light the brotherhood of strangers."

- Victor Hugo

In recognition of the continued work that needs to be done to foster improved relationships between our region's diverse religious communities, Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) in collaboration with The City of Austin, The Catholic Diocese of Austin, Muslims for Peace and Unity, The Institute for Interfaith Dialogue, Congregation Beth Israel, First Baptist Church and other iACT member congregations will be holding a city-wide Memorial Service commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

The **Interfaith Memorial Service** will take place on **Sunday, September the 11<sup>th</sup>**, from **4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.** at First Baptist Church in downtown Austin - 901 Trinity Street.

The service will focus on the sacrifice of those who rushed to save strangers on 9/11 and the need to strengthen the bonds of our community today.

In addition to the Interfaith Memorial Service, Interfaith Action of Central Texas will also be hosting two of its "Red Bench" interfaith dialogue program to foster direct conversations between individuals of all faith traditions.

The first of these **Red Bench** conversations will take place on **Wednesday, September 7, at 6 p.m.** at the First Methodist Church Family Life Center at 1300 Lavaca Street. The focus of this conversation will be on the ways that 9/11 changed our individual lives. On **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, The **Red Bench** conversation will conclude its dialogues about the impact of 9/11 at **6 p.m.** at the same venue.

Sincerely,  
Tom Spencer  
C.E.O.  
Interfaith Action of Central Texas

## Happy Birthday!



We have several ladies who celebrated monumental birthdays (90 or above) in August. Congratulations to Gerry Schold, Margaret Rieger, and Sarah Holland.



It's that time of the year again to start practicing for the annual "Purple Stride", which is a 5K run/walk on Saturday, October, 22, 2011. This is the Pancreatic Cancer Action Awareness Network's annual fund raising event, and our team name is once again "Pastor Mike's Posse". I would like to encourage everyone to plan to participate, either by walking (or running) the event or by sponsoring our team. You can find information on the event by following this link:

<http://pancan.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?event=464801&lis=1&kntae464801=09E8E1FDE0FF4510AC97F7F4996ED019&login=0>

I look forward to seeing all of you there.  
Judy

