

Central's CONNECTIONS

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LOVE GOD. SERVE OTHERS. GROW DISCIPLES.

April 16, 2017

WELCOME...we are glad you are here! If you have young children, you are welcome to drop them off at the beginning of the service to our Children's Ministry Program, "Jesus And Me" (J.A.M.). All the rooms are located in the main hallway on the main floor. Infants to 2 years meet in the Nursery; children ages 2-4 years meet in the Barn Room; children ages 5-8 years meet in the Beginner's Room. A check-in and check-out system with name tags is in place.

Church News and Notes

Those needing prayer: (*Discharged from medical facility)
*Lauren Rieger – Einstein Montgomery

Congratulations to Guy A. and Patricia Zambella who are celebrating their 62nd anniversary today.

Sympathy is extended to Merrill Anders and family on the death of his brother Norris, who passed away on Sunday, April 9th.

My husband and I would like to thank the members of the congregation for presenting us with a beautiful floral arrangement brought for our 59th wedding anniversary. We also appreciate Frank and Mira Batson for delivering the arrangement. God Bless. **Marilyn and Richard Alderfer**

Thank you for the beautiful flowers from the Flower Committee. The flowers and visit from Joan Buchanan and minister really brightened my day. **Sincerely, Lois Flemming**

Prayer for Church Life

Pray for those taking on **new leadership** in the church. Ask God to give them direction as they seek the Lord's will for our congregation.

Prayer for Missions

Please pray for **Sarah Van Kai**** and her Bible School ministry around Myanmar as well as the kids summer English classes and the Love Preschool's children and faculty. Please pray for Sarah's health and safety as she travels this summer for her personal continuing education as well as wisdom in teaching women. Ask God to bless the medical ministry as they seek a van, more nurses and doctors as well as more medicine.

** These individuals and organizations are supported by our Board of Missions.



VISITORS COFFEE KLATCH

If you are visiting with us today, please join Pastor David for coffee and some treats in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. service. He will be available for a brief time and would love the chance to sit down with you, enjoy a cup of coffee and get to know you better. He is also willing to answer any questions you may have about Central Schwenkfelder Church.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 16 Rev. Dr. David McKinley – Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Easter Dawn Service - Pastor Julian Scavetti
8:00 a.m. Breakfast (FH)
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (SANC)
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)
2:00 p.m. Meadowood Service

Monday, April 17 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Lily Distribution (SANC)
7:00 p.m. SLHC Executive Committee (ACR)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Bells (PP)

Tuesday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Happy Days, reserved (LIB)
9:30 a.m. MOPS (CCC)
7:00 p.m. Schmooze, News, and Views (CCC)

Wednesday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Happy Days, reserved (LIB)
9:30 a.m. Lamps (FH)
11:00 a.m. Migrant Worker Kit Prep (FH)
11:15 a.m. WCF Attic Treasures (BETH)
5:30 p.m. Junior Choir (JR)
6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts (PRIM, MID, BLUE, MERE)
6:30 p.m. Celebration Brass (FH)
Awana (CCC)
7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. (PRAY)
Brasswind (FH)
Chancel Choir (SANC)

Thursday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Peter Wentz Spring Meeting (FH)
6:15 p.m. 363 Worship (CCC)
Bethel Bible (BETH)
7:00 p.m. Worship Band (CCC)
7:15 p.m. North Pennsmen (SANC)

Friday, April 21

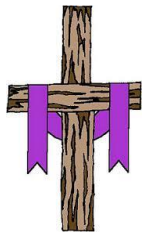
Saturday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (AYS)
9:30 a.m. Cemetery/Church Grounds Clean-Up
(FH side Parking Lot)

Sunday, April 23 Rev. Dr. David McKinley –

Mission Moment – Disciple Makers

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (SANC)
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)
5:45 p.m. Dorians (SANC)
6:30 p.m. Wired and Crave (AYS, CCC)
Christianity 101 (NEW MEM ROOM)



EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY AND PICK-UP



Assistance is requested from the congregation to deliver Easter flowers to shut-ins, hospitalized and other persons. Easter flowers will remain on the altar for everyone to enjoy until after the Traditional Service today. If you contributed an Easter flower that you want to take home, it can be claimed at that time or tomorrow, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please use the back entrance to the Sanctuary. Easter flowers not claimed by 12:00 p.m. will be taken to nursing homes in the area. Please contact Portia Potts or Joyce Rosenberry if you can assist in the delivery or have any questions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Central will hold its annual clean-up day to pick up sticks on the church grounds and cemeteries (Salford, Towamencin, Worsector) THIS COMING SATURDAY! All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this day of service for the church from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pizza provided for all helpers! Meet at the church parking lot on Fellowship Hall side. We will disperse from there.



SAFETY COMMITTEE

If you are in need of help, a Safety Committee member (identified with a brightly colored lanyard and badge) can be found in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall or Narthex Office.

ARE YOU CPR OR FIRST AID CERTIFIED?

If you are a medical professional or CPR or First Aid certified, the Safety Committee would appreciate having your name on record as someone to help in the event of a medical emergency before Emergency Personnel arrives. Please contact Leslie Reyburn-Shisler at the church office or lreyburn@cscfamily.org and let her know. Your service would be appreciated.

YOUTH NEWS

WIRED & CRAVE

Wired and Crave will NOT be meeting this evening. Have a very Happy Easter!

AWANA

Awana will have a regular meeting this week from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Community Center. Awana is open to all children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

THE HARDING G. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

If you are interested in applying for this award and scholarship, essays are due TODAY. You can read all about this new opportunity inspired by the benevolent life of Harding G. Williams on the flyer posted on the youth bulletin board in the main hallway of the church. The award will be presented on Senior Recognition Sunday.

30 HOUR FAMINE: APRIL 28th – 29th

In our effort to "Serve Others", Wired and Crave students will be raising money for hungry children in undeveloped countries by doing the 30 Hour Famine. 8,000 kids die each day from hunger and hunger related illness. \$35 provides food and sustenance for a child for an entire month. Students who participate will be finding people to sponsor their 30 hour fast. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of April 28th and sleep over in the church building where we will raise awareness and play some wild games. Saturday we will head out into the community to serve at various locations. We will conclude the famine at 6:00 p.m. by breaking our fast. We encourage students to participate and congregants and parents to support! For more information go to www.30hourfamine.org. Sign up on the youth board at church or CCC!

Women's Christian Fellowship **Mother/Daughter Banquet**

(sisters, cousins, nieces, friends included!)

Monday, May 15th

6:30pm

Fellowship Hall



A FASHION SHOW BY
FAMILY HERITAGE FEATURING
OUR OWN MEMBERS FROM CENTRAL!

Cost ~ \$6 per person

and bring a side dish or dessert to share (per family)

You can purchase your tickets in Fellowship Hall on

April 23rd, 30th, and May 7th

(after the first service or before the second service)

or through the church office.

(Checks or cash are accepted.) Hope to see you there!

HAVE YOU HEARD THE GLAD SOUNDS

We were blessed recently with a new carillon from Schulmerich Carillons to replace the old system that was no longer functioning. A generous, anonymous donor provided the funds to upgrade our carillon to a new system with, of course, great new technology. The carillon is programmed with hundreds of hymns and songs as well as with options for us to enjoy the beauty of the carillon and to offer thanks and praise to God for his blessing.



MUSIC AND MEMORY



Donate your old iPod or MP3

During the Mother Daughter Banquet

Several members of Central, including Heather Harris and Leslie Reyburn-Shisler, attended a recent screening of the documentary *Alive Inside* and witnessed firsthand the wonder and benefit of this program. **We encourage all of you, teenagers through senior citizens, to consider donating your old iPod, MP3 player or, if you would like to purchase new, that's wonderful, too. Headsets (not earbuds), too, are needed.** A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall and will be available through the Mother Daughter Banquet. We will be delivering your gifts to Kathy Kaneda Roberts, Director of Dementia Care Strategy at Living Branches (215-368-4438 or Kathleen.Roberts@livingbranches.org). If you have any questions, please see Heather or Leslie, they'd be happy to share with you more about the movie and program.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSET?

WE WANT YOUR SHOES!!!

Sam and Stephanie Dagger are sponsoring a shoe drive fundraiser in conjunction with the company, *Funds 2 Orgs*, to benefit their adoption fund as they complete the process of adopting their daughter from China. The shoes will be used to support micro-enterprise vendors in developing nations. They are collecting gently worn used and/or new shoes. Shoes can be any style, size, color, and for any occasion! Ski boots, roller skates, or ice skates cannot be accepted. Shoes cannot have any visible damage or mold and must be re-wearable. There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall and at the CCC. For more information, please contact Steph at 267-664-4363. You can also find more information on their adoption blog: www.pagingbabyd.blogspot.com Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

WELCOME TO JUMP'N JOY!

The Central Community Center is happy to welcome Jump'N Joy, a Christian-based, non-competitive gymnastics program, to the building! Jump'N Joy offers instructional classes which emphasize safety as well as progression of skills in a loving and encouraging environment. Check them out on Facebook or on their website at www.debsjumpnjoy.com.



SCHMOOZE, NEWS, AND VIEWS

"Shmooze, News, and Views" is a six-session small group gathering led by Rev. Roger L. Wambold, Director of Hebrew Christian Fellowship, one of Central's mission outreaches. "SNV" (as it is affectionately abbreviated) meets in the Central Community Center from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 4th, and continuing every other Tuesday night until June 13th.

These informal get-togethers will include chit-chat and fellowship ("shmooze") over "noshing" on Jewish goodies, "news" updates from Israel and the world of Jewish Gospel ministry, and "views" of the Scriptures through a Jewish lens, emphasizing their relevance for today and the future, focusing on Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

A cordial invitation is extended for everyone to attend. Each session is a stand-alone designed to benefit those able to attend only one, several, or all of the gatherings. It is not necessary to register or sign up; just show up!

For additional information, contact Roger at [717-556-0132](tel:717-556-0132) or by e-mail at RLWPMW@aol.com.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

For Your Great Name's Sake!

Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us!

Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God..."

"Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective, that our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray."
Save the date!



J.A.M.

Are you ready to share the love of Jesus with children at Central?

We have immediate openings for additional helpers for the J.A.M., or Jesus and Me, childcare ministry which takes place during the church services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This is an opportunity for you to nurture the little ones in our midst and show them the love of Christ. The 5-8 year old room has an easy-to-follow curriculum with a Bible Story on DVD. Clearances are required for all who work with children so please contact the church office if you are ready, willing and able to help with this important ministry!

CHRISTIANITY 101

The current session of Christianity 101 meets again next Sunday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pastor David McKinley will be leading the small group in the New Members Classroom, Rm 2-3, behind the balcony. All are welcome to attend. If you prefer to attend this class in the morning, it will be offered again in the fall during the Sunday School hour.

An Introduction to Central class will be offered beginning April 23rd during the Sunday School hour (10:10-11:10 a.m.) in the New Members Classroom as well. ~ *If you are interested in joining the church, these two classes are required!*

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If you would like more information, please contact the Church Office.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all of our Red Cross Blood donors who came out to support our drive on Thursday, March 30th. We are so very fortunate to have so many devoted and caring donors. Because of all of you the Red Cross was able to collect enough blood to help 144 people in need. Again we cannot thank our volunteer callers, office staff, and custodial staff enough for all of their behind the scenes work that is necessary to make the day of the drive run smoothly. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, May 30th in Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex in early May.



CSC IS PARTICIPATING IN WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY!

**May 13, 2017 from
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Rain date May 14th)**

Plan on coming out to Worcester Township's Community Day at Heebner Park on May 13th starting at 11:00! Volunteers from the church are needed to help set up, clean up and "man the booth" starting at 9:30 a.m. If you are able to help answer questions and talk to people about Central, please call the church office to sign up for a time slot! Check out all of the activities and vendors that will be participating at www.worcestertwp.com.

"CREATION"

ART SHOW & COFFEE HOUSE

On Saturday, April 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. members and friends of Olivet – Schwenkfelder UCC are invited to submit their art to a "Creation" – themed art show and coffee house event! Sketches, photography, needlepoint, poetry, musical performance are welcome as we spend an evening celebrating God's creation with our own inspired creations! All visual art submissions should be in the church office by Sunday, April 23rd. Spread the word to your friends and family, and join us in celebrating the beauty and splendor of God's creation.

Visual art questions and submissions – church office 610-539-7444. Coffee house performance art questions and volunteers – Sara Posen 610-584-6053.

This show is inspired by Integrity of Creation Sunday. It is an important reminder that protecting the earth is a religious value, and that environmental stewardship is a religious, moral responsibility.

"Creation Art Show" takes on special importance during this 20th anniversary year at OSUCC. In celebration, we are inviting other local congregations to join us in creating and submitting art and participating.

Spread the word to your friends, and family, and join us in celebrating the beauty and splendor of God's creation!

KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN MISSION**

They have been hit with some unfortunate events. A contractor incorrectly cut up and badly damaged the floor in the new kitchen, and now the floor needs to be repaired and resealed at the cost of thousands of dollars. A recent windstorm blew the roofs off buildings at Youth Haven Bible Camp. There was a retreat at YHBC this past weekend and another in two weeks. Camp starts the second week of June. Rev. William Owens stated that they would need about \$13,000 for the repairs. The insurance company is paying for all the repairs except for about \$3500. They will also need funds for new tables and chairs in the new dining room.

They are also in need of college-age counselors and lifeguards. Please pray for college-age students to choose to work at the camp this summer.

Pray that the new kitchen, the new dining room, and the new chapel will be ready for camp, which begins on June 12th, if you would like to make a donation, make your check payable to the church and designate it for "Kentucky Mountain Mission" on the memo line. If you make a cash gift, clearly indicate on the envelope that it is for "Kentucky Mountain Mission". There are plain white envelopes in the pews if you would like to make a donation today, just write KMM on the front. Thank you for your compassion and kindness.

Announcements and Connections information can be emailed to BulletinInfo@cscfamily.org. Please note that information is due Wednesdays by 10:00 a.m. Please avoid using text boxes in your message.

CD's of the 9:00 a.m. worship service are available for a \$1 donation and can be ordered through the church office. Sermons are also posted on the church's website under "Resources".

