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Connecting friends and family of Central Christian Church with each other, the community, and beyond.

From the Pastor

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."
-John 11:25

Easter is not about brightly colored eggs, wearing pastels, or enjoying a big meal, although it could include these.

Easter is one of the greatest days of the year. No, that is not quite true. Easter is the greatest day of the year and the greatest day of all times.

Easter is about God. Easter is about our God who can do all things. Easter is the lived reality of our Savior Jesus, who came and lived among us, incarnate. Who taught great truths of the Kingdom. We called followers, often the unexpected; but qualified and empowered them for ministry. Easter is about the forgiveness of sins. Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This Easter, I would encourage you to do one thing. Be in worship. Not for the music or beautiful flowers and what we pray is usually a packed house. Be in worship to praise the God who made Easter - Easter.

We are people of the Easter faith. We are people who know and live in the power of God. We are people who strive for a life of discipleship in which all things are possible. No longer is our life at an end. Now life is about a new beginning. Life is a destiny of forever.

Easter is the promise of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may

die, he shall live" (John 11:25). Death is not the end. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves it.

If you have put your faith in Christ, then Easter means that you will live forever in the presence of God. Easter brings hope to the person who has been devastated by death.

I hope to see one and all, the faith family and all those whom God will call. I anticipate sharing Easter worship with you for the celebration of the greatest day ever. The day that commemorates the beginning of forever.

Easter Blessings,
Dr. L. Brent Cantrell

Building God's Kingdom Pledges

How exciting that BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM pledge payments are coming in! Since April 1, 2011, was chosen as the official start date for these payments to begin, payments are being received in the offering bags and in the Church Office.

If you have not yet made your 5-year pledge and/or cash contribution towards our approximate \$1.3 million dollar Capital Fundraising Campaign, you still have time to participate. We are moving positively towards our new Fellowship Hall, the new ADA-approved restrooms, the elevator, and the revitalization of ministry outreach.

As a family of believers, we trust God on this journey of faith. He is leading, and we are following. Please show your support and join us as we travel together.

With grateful hearts,
Faith Fund Task Group

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Events and Opportunities in April

Sunday, April 17, 2011

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship
Wiggly Worship
10:30 am Hospitality Hour

Monday, April 18, 2011

Meals on Wheels Delivery

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

10:30 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Elders Meeting - prepare for
Maundy Thursday Service

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

NO F.R.O.G. Pad - Holy Week

Thursday, April 21, 2011

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 24, 2011

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:30 am Worship
Wiggly Worship

Monday, April 25, 2011

Noon Connector Articles Due
6:00 pm Ministry Council
7:00 pm DOEs Group

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

10:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad (final for this
school year)

Thursday, April 28, 2011

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal



Food Bank Challenge

For the 14th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds this March and April. These donations can include cash, checks and pledges.

Simply, the more donations and pledges received by the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in March and April, the more of the Feinstein challenge money we will get! These donations can include cash, checks and pledges.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for.....

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| Effie Mather | Glen Casteel |
| Mary Canfield | Bev Donels |
| Buz Blake | Bob Donels |
| Allison Smalley | Ann Hewitt |
| Robin Thomas | Roy Longhorn |
| Gary Longhorn | Dorothy Mueller |
| Steve Yates | Violet Casteel |
| Ann Kirk | Dorothy Anderson |
| Sue Geisler | Donita Blood |
| Jan Mathys | Darrel Baker |
| Barb Rose | Michelle Richter |
| Scott Richter | Hunter Jungling |
| Ben Wellborn | Joleen Jungling |
| Rachel Kahn | Rev. Wil Dilsaver |
| Dean Jellings | Steve Papenthien |
| Russ Watson | Nicholas Brudevold |
| Damon Baker | Matt Soriede |
| Jared Brody | Matthew Helmke |
| Ryan Spurling | Ella Mae Pelton |
| Denny Paul | Shana Lair |
| Ledger Dalton | Larry Baker |

All military personnel
The Peosta Worship Center

Missionaries:

Dick & Sharon Mueller (missionaries,
Sharon is the daughter of John Loeb)
e-mail - Mueller @c.net.gt.

Terry & Carole Tufts & family (missionaries,
Terry is the brother of Judy Hughes)
e-mail - 103236.2645@compuserve.com

Retirement

The Central congregational is invited to a celebration in honor of Rev. Don Hiscox's Retirement on Saturday May 14, from 1 to 4 with a program at 2:00 pm. The event will take place at Capitol Hill Christian Church, 3322 E. 25th St., Des Moines, Iowa. Rev. Hiscox has been on staff at the Upper Midwest Region of the Disciples of Christ for 10, most recently as Regional Minister for Congregational and Clergy Care.

Guest Preacher and Special Worship

On Sunday, May 1st, Pastor Brent and Kim will be in Kentucky. Pastor Brent is officiating a wedding in Owensboro, Kentucky. Our Guest Preacher will again be Ginny Bass, Chaplain with the Cedar Valley Hospice. And a special part of worship will be a hymn sing. You will be invited to offer hymns you'd like to sing. It is going to be a great Sunday. So before you go out delivering your May Flowers, be in worship for God's power and presence.

Special Meeting of Regional Disciples

At a specially called meeting of the Congregations of the Upper Midwest on April 9th, a new design for the Region was adopted. Also, Rev. Bill Spangler Dunning was approved by a vote of the Assembly to be the next resident Regional Minister and President of the Upper Midwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Central's Website

"Does Central have a website?" you ask.

Absolutely! Type www.centralchristianwaterloo.org into your browser or go to your favorite search engine (perhaps Google, Yahoo!, or Bing) and search for "Central Christian Church Waterloo Iowa." Central's website should come right up!

The "Home Page" will provide links to several sets of photos, so you can click and see some pictures taken during the Worship Service on April 10, the Violin-Piano Recital on April 8, Julianne Kahn's baptism on April 2, and the Wednesday night F.R.O.G. Pad group singing on March 27. Also, this page will feature upcoming Holy Week services, such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and, of course, Easter.

Oh, yes, be certain to see Charlie Howard's photo on the "About Us / OUTREACH" page. Thank you, Charlie, for your dedication to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank!

Continual updates and more new features will be coming. In fact, one new page soon to be launched will focus entirely on the Small World Preschool. How neat will that be for the Preschool's students and parents!

Get acquainted with this wonderful resource for our Central family. Remember to check the site often. Your feedback is welcome, as well.

CCC's Webmaster,
Jane Griffith

Food Bank Update

Charlie Howard reports that he took just 11 pounds of food items to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank this month. Bring your food items and paper products to the church and put them in the new green barrel marked "Food Bank."

Church Camp

.....if you have not registered; contact the Church Office, 234-6231, for information or go online to the Regional Website, www.uppermidwestcc.org, to get forms, information about different camps, etc. Deadline for registration is May 1st. Remember, everyone who wants to go to camp, goes to camp. Central Christian provides a stipend to cover ½ of the camp fee. The Region has received monies to provide the remainder if there is need. This need will be communicated in a discreet way. No one will know but the Church Office and Burt Berns, Conference Center Director.

There are camps for all ages - beginning with 2nd grade (completed) through High School (some are week long, others are just one or two days)....there are Grandcamps, in which a grandparent and child/ren attend together, a family camp for the whole family, a post high camp for college and career age, hiking camp, equestrian camp, canoeing camp, and even a camp for those in retirement years.

Camp is one of the most spiritually rewarding experiences you will ever encounter. Make plans to attend camp this summer! Hey, bring a friend or the family to camp with you!

Congratulations

We congratulate Erin and Dan McGrane on the birth of a daughter, Dublin Grace, on Friday, April 8th. Erin is the director of Small World Preschool at Central Christian Church.

Congratulations to the whole family including big brother, Liam!

Graduating Seniors

All Seniors (High School, College), please contact the Church Office. We would like to honor you in worship on Sunday, May 15th. We would like to know the High School/College/Tech School you are graduating from, most meaningful part of this educational experience, major (College/Tech), future plans, names of parents. Also if you plan to attend on May 15th.

We will honor you in worship and include the above information in a future Connector.

Baby/Child Dedication

We have parents who have indicated a desire for their infant/child to be dedicated on Mother's Day. If you are interested in also doing so, please contact the Church Office ASAP - 234-6231.

Nominating Elders and Diaconate

The Ministry Council is in the process of Elders and Deacons for the 2011-2012 church year. If you have suggestions on who you would like to see in those positions, please contact Pastor Brent or leave names in the church office. If you are asked to accept one of these positions, please prayerfully accept the call!

Vacation Bible School - Hold the Dates

This year, like last, Central will join with First United Methodist, Bethel Presbyterian and Kimball Avenue Methodist for a cooperative Vacation Bible School. It will be held Sunday through Thursday, that last week of June [June 26-30]. It begins each night with dinner at 5:30. It concludes around 8 pm. Central will be fixing dinner one evening.

We also need persons to help as group leaders, class/project leaders or helpers. Older teens are needed to be assistants.

Contact the Church Office, 234-6231, or Sharon Longhorn, 233-1468, for more information.

F.R.O.G. Pad

F.R.O.G. Pad will not meet next Wednesday, April 20th because of a busy Holy Week. We will return one final time for this school-year session of F.R.O.G. Pad for a really hoppin', F.R.O.G. party and celebration on April 27th. We will also announce at that time summer F.R.O.G. Pad events. One and all are welcome....regularly F.R.O.G. Padders....as well as a special invite and encouragement for first time attenders as well. See you at the Pad on April 27th....for a F.R.O.G. hoppin' party and celebration.



Scholarship Fund

The clocks are turned forward, and signs of spring will soon start showing. Before we know it another school term will be coming to a close. This makes it time to be reminded of Central's Scholarship Program. We invite any graduating senior in the Central family thinking of the next step in your education to think about making an application. Forms are available in the church office.

The fund is now over \$16,000, thanks to the generous donations of many within the Central family. Additional donations are always welcome. The healthier we keep this fund the more help we can be to our young people as they prepare for their futures. Thank you for giving this some consideration.

Wendy Brudevold, Elder
Chair of
Scholarship Committee

Dear Friends,

Your recent gift of \$75 has arrived, and I am so grateful you've chosen to support The Salvation Army's life changing work.

We've had the privilege of caring for people overlooked by society ever since 1965. Thanks to generous friends like you, people with a heart for helping those who are suffering, the tradition began all those years ago is able to continue.

I pray that God will bless you as you continue such a life of compassion.

With gratitude,
Captain Robert Whitney
Corps Officer, Salvation Army

Ladies Day of Indulgence

House of Hope Fundraiser
Saturday May 14, 2011
10 am to 5 pm
Five Sullivan Brothers

Join us and 30 plus indulgences featuring jewelry, fitness and health, latest fashions, award winning wine, beauty, home, food, sweets and creative interests.

Keynote speakers Dr. Kyle Troyer, Dr. Marilyn Hines, Val Bullerman (Life Coach), and Dean Schillinger (Hy Vee Dietitian).

Mix 93.5 will be broadcasting live, we will have live music, great door prizes and hands on demonstrations. All proceeds will go to the House of Hope.

This is the day ladies! Celebrate Health & Wellness, pamper yourself and support area businesses.

Tickets are \$20 prior to the event and \$25 at the door. Contact Kim Cantrell at 610-1601 if you are interested in purchasing tickets. This would make a nice Mother's Day gift !

Thank You

Dear Friends of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank,

On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$125.00 to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Our mission is to provide nutritious food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations and individuals in Northeast Iowa, while offering hunger education programs to the community and those in need.

Your donation helps our neighbors and friends. One in eight residents in our 16 country service area seeks assistance from a Food Bank agency each year. Because of you, we have been able to meet a growing need throughout Northeast Iowa. Together, we are making a difference on a daily basis in people's lives.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Barbara Prather, Executive Director
Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Recital of Violin and Piano Music

We had a spectacular violin/piano concert performance by Dr. Alan Asher and Laurie Braaten-Reuter on Friday, April 8, 2011.

Alan and Laurie put many, many hours into their practice to bring you a performance worthy of God's praise.

Tickets were not sold, this was a good will donation to help in the process of Building God's Kingdom. As of April 10, 2011 we had donations totally \$1,200.00. These monies will go into the Building Fund set up at Central Christian Church to add to our already growing fund raising campaign.

We also thank MariLynn Pierce and her assistants as well as Larysa Asher for providing delicious treats during the 15 minute intermission. And thanks to the many volunteers who greeted at doors, operated the lights, provided childcare and promoted the recital through various publicity means. Thank you for being part of this wonderful event.

Keep watching for more exciting things to come - we want to make the Building of God's Kingdom a fruitful experience.

Submitted by,
Julianne Kahn