



**Join us on
Sundays!**

8:30 AM

Morning Watch

9:15 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Traditional Service

11:30 AM

Fellowship Hour

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Ujima - Collective Work and Responsibility

A message from Rev. Dr. Irvin Green.

The connecting theme for my preaching during this Lenten season has been “up”. I have moved away from the traditional consideration of what we might give up for Lent, to the engagement of ways of being, observing, or causing “up”, in the world. Of course, the previous sentence is not grammatically sound, but neither is our faith journey. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ can never be confined to the rules of grammar, church structure, historic behavior, or common sense.

If your theology makes sense to you, you have yet to put it to the test.

As we explore various expressions of “up”, we may note that the objects of our consideration will change. We want to be up, but we also want to help others to be up. We want to bring important subjects up, but also to lift our God up. In each case, up is better than before up. Whatever about you is “down” the answer must involve a healthy dose of “up”.

Even beyond the Lenten season, we share the task of

discovering and naming the “downs” of Central Christian Church. It will not and should not be a joyful exploration. We will draw joy from other aspects of our life together. Still, we must discover, as fully as possible, the ways and reasons that we have come to be down. Armed with this knowledge, we will be able to begin to get up. This will be a continuous and repetitive process, both for this congregation and for each of us. I am glad to travel this path with each of you.

Food Pantry - March Challenge

A message from Ann Bates, Outreach Chair.

A great big hug and thank you to all of you that are participating in the food pantry's weekly challenges. It has been so fun to see how many of you are contributing to our requests. We will continue to put the needs up weekly so you can help. Our goal is to have everyone participate to show that our congregation cares about

our neighbors that may not have as much as we do.

Because of everyone's help, we have been able to expand the pantry to include some clothing and other household needs such as blankets, dishes and pots and pans. Please continue to fill our shelves and remember we still need monetary donations to pay for our groceries from the Dayton Food Bank.

Here are the weekly challenges for **March**; but remember you can bring any of these items anytime. We always need them!

Mar. 4: **Toilet Paper & Canned Fruit**

Mar. 11: **Shampoo & Canned Meat**

Mar. 18: **Paper Towels & Canned Vegetables**

Mar. 25: **Dental Care & Pork and Beans**

Thanks a million!

Easter is Coming!

The Easter season is just a few short weeks away!

Join us on Sunday, March 25th for Palm Sunday where we celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem so long ago.

Then, on Mar. 29th, we will have a Tenebrae service for Maundy Thursday. This is a time of reflection for Jesus' dying on the cross for us. Join us at 7:00 p.m. as we express our mourning for the pain Jesus' endure while being grateful for his sacrifice.

Good Friday falls on Mar. 30th. The Sanctuary will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for all to

come and commemorate Jesus' crucifixion.

On Sunday, Apr. 1st, it is Easter Sunday! We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. We encourage the early risers to attend Carillon Park's Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. It is a truly magnificent experience, participating in worship as the sun breaks over the horizon.

Morning Watch will be held in the chapel Easter morning at 8:30 a.m. From 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the Youth will be serving a delicious breakfast for all. There is no cost but they will be taking

donations towards their trip to Lexington in the summer.

Traditional Service will be at 10:30 a.m.; there will be no Fellowship Hour following service as this is a time to celebrate with family and loved ones.

Join Central during this Easter season as we remember Jesus' life, death, and resurrection!



Meet the Ministry - Music



Handbells of Central

This month, rather than selecting a full ministry to focus on, we want to introduce you to the music ministry at Central. We are truly blessed, every Sunday morning, to have some amazing musicians as part of both our Morning Watch and our Traditional services. The Morning Watch service has music provided by Sue Taylor on the organ, with the recent addition of a bell to center everyone's attention on the start of worship.

Our Traditional Worship begins with beautiful prelude music played by Lois Sutherland on our organ. 2018 marks Lois' 60th year as our organist, and we have been truly blessed to

have her leading us each week, and appreciate her dedication to our church and its mission.

Central also boasts a 3-octave handbell choir that was started by Temple Ann Hanson when Anne Walters purchased the bells. Jean McCall (RIP) and her daughter Claudia have been instrumental in keeping the handbell group going, and their performances bring a beautiful depth to the services.

Our chancel choir consists of 10-15 adult vocalists and is open to anyone who loves to sing. As we move into 2018 and beyond, the music director, Sue Taylor, looks forward to expanding musical opportunities within our church and in

collaboration with others. Among the things she is looking into are new praise band opportunities as well as big band jazz at Central.

If you have always wanted to get involved with any of the musical offerings at Central, whether it's part of one of the organized groups, or as an occasional performer during the Offertory portion of our service, please contact Sue Taylor.

Falling Back to February

Though February was a short month, Central still had many moments to celebrate!

The Youth had their **Super Bowl Party** on February 4th. They had lots of fun with games and great food, all while enjoying the football game!

February 11th was a momentous occasion in Central's history. We held the **Installation Service** for Pastor Green as we officially accepted him as our pastor. Several

ministers from the Regional Office and the General Ministry were in attendance, along with local pastors from Cincinnati to Columbus! It was truly a time of celebration and joy as we begin this journey with Pastor Green.

This year, **Ash Wednesday** fell on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Central held a lovely evening service in the

chapel to receive the ashes as we began the Lenten season. The service reminded us of the journey Jesus took that led to his crucifixion and resurrection.

On February 25th, Central was excited to welcome **Raymonde Rougier** as our guest pianist during our morning services. It was pure joy to listen to her beautiful music!



Installation of Pastor Green with Rev. Stephen Bentley residing

March Motivations

“For I know the plans I have for you’, says the Lord, ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”
Jeremiah 29:11

March is an exciting month as we lead up to Easter!

On March 4th, the Youth will be hosting their annual **Baked Potato Lunch!** The cost is only \$5 per person; proceeds go towards funding the Youth's activities for the year. Come join us for good food and to support our Youth!

On March 18th during Traditional Service, Central

will be having two **Baby Dedications!** Join as we welcome to little ones to our church!

Palm Sunday is March 25th. Join Central as we wave the palm leaves and remember when Jesus walked into Jerusalem!

On March 29th, there will be a Tenebrae service in honor of **Maundy Thursday.**

The service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday falls on March 30th. The Sanctuary will be open to all from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a time of reflection before Easter.

Come and participate in these March activities right here at Central Christian Church!

True Hope

A devotional from “Our Daily Bread” by James Banks.

Not long ago I visited the Empire State Building with a friend. The line looked short—just down the block and around the corner. Yet as we entered the building, we discovered the line of people stretching through the lobby, up the stairs, and into another room. Every new turn revealed more distance to go.

Attractions and theme parks carefully route their crowds to make the lines

seem shorter. Yet disappointment can lurk “just around the bend.”

Sometimes life's disappointments are much more severe. The job we hoped for doesn't materialize; friends we counted on let us down; the romantic relationship we longed for fails to work out. But into these heartbreaks, God's Word speaks a refreshing truth about our hope in Him. The apostle Paul wrote, “Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put

us to shame [or disappoint us], because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us” (Romans 5:3-5).

As we place our trust in Him, through His Spirit, God whispers the truth that we are unconditionally loved and will one day be with Him—regardless of the obstacles we face. In a world that may often disappoint us, how good it is to know that God gives genuine hope.



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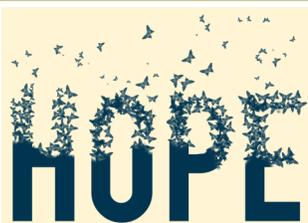
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Our Mission is to be a Christ-centered people:

LOVING one another because God is love.
FORGIVING one another as Christ forgives us
GROWING spiritually in prayer, worship, and study
SHARING our Faith Journey through stories
SERVING the needs of others using God's abundant blessings
to touch **ALL** through God's unconditional love.

Here Comes Central!

Look out! Central Christian Church is gaining a social media presence! Not only are we on Facebook, where we provide daily Bible verses and a Lenten devotional, but we also have Twitter and Instagram accounts as well! Our Twitter handle is @CCCKettering, and our Instagram name is also CCCKettering. Be sure to like and share both pages so you are always "in the know"!

To help build our online presence, we

are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to help manage these accounts. During services, we would ask you to tweet out some of the great things you see/hear during service, and post pictures of some of the happenings in the life of our church. Depending on the number of volunteers we get, you would be asked to help out one Sunday a month. If you are interested, contact Melissa Moody, Marketing & Public

Relations Chair, for more information.





March



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:30 a.m. Morning Watch 9:15 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour			1 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Laudate Ringers 7:00 p.m. Focus Photo Club 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 7:00 p.m. Group Interaction	3
4 12:00 p.m. Youth Baked Potato Lunch 1:30 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Drive-Thru	5 9:00 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Kettering Community Chorus 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	6	7 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group/ Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Inventor's Council	8 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Laudate Ringers 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 7:00 p.m. Group Interaction	10
11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i> 12:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting 12:00 p.m. Worship Meeting 1:30 p.m. Oakcreek Service 3:30 p.m. Walnut Creek Service 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	12 9:00 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Kettering Community Chorus 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	13	14 5:30 p.m. Toastmasters 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group/ Bible Study	15 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Laudate Ringers 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16 7:00 p.m. Group Interaction	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 1:00 p.m. Cheers
18 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	19 9:00 a.m. Quilters 12:00 p.m. District 8 Clergy 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Kettering Community Chorus	20 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	21 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group/ Bible Study	22 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Laudate Ringers 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	23 7:00 p.m. Group Interaction	24 8:00 a.m. Toastmasters Area Contest
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	26 9:00 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Kettering Community Chorus	27 1:30 p.m. Lydia Group	28 5:30 p.m. Toastmasters 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group/ Bible Study	29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Laudate Ringers 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Open to All for Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Group Interaction 7:00 p.m. Euchre & Dominoes	31