

THE CENTRAL CRIER

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PASTORAL MUSINGS:

As I write this, the plane has come into Japanese airspace, with about 800 miles left to the Incheon airport outside Seoul. It has been a long day and when I arrive I will be in a country where I do not speak the language well enough to get by. I am trusting that my brother-in-law and I can rendezvous at the airport. If I think about what could go wrong, it is a bit intimidating, but I have faith that it will work out.

It occurs to me that this is somewhat apropos as a metaphor for life. We go forward into new situations, often with specific plans for how things are going to play out, but knowing also that a great number of things can happen which will change or frustrate those plans. We can react by being resistant to new things, or we can go forward, ready to face the challenges. I believe that life holds more potential for great things if we are bold and go forward. God calls us to go forward also. We are called to give ourselves to the advancement of the Kingdom of 'God. We can do this by extending the love of God further and further, day by day. We can be afraid of doing this, fearing the situation where we and the people we meet will be speaking different languages, or we can be bold and go forward, with confidence that, with God's help, we can figure out how to navigate the obstacles.

Your fellow servant,

Sterrett

Rev. Collins will be in Korea June 5 and 12. Pastor Rodney Grimes and Pastor Stephanie Grimes will graciously serve in his absence. We do thank them for their willingness to serve.

***** **CENTRAL PAST** *****

The 2nd Sunday Giving began in March 2016 and will be repeated each month. This allows an opportunity for our congregation to show our continued support of our building. We encourage everyone to go that extra mile of giving on that Sunday to help in our restoration. Our May contribution was \$377. Good job!! The Galesburg Community Foundation is able to keep a running total of monetary gifts throughout the year. After speaking with their representatives, it was decided that an end of the year thank you with the summary of giving would be sent to each contributor. If you prefer to receive a monthly statement from them, please let the office know of your desire and that can be arranged through the Foundation.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone whom contributed to the Bake Sale during Mother Bickerdyke Day. We couldn't do it without your homemade goodies! Thanks especially to David Griffith for setting up and tearing down in the south room and Brenda Sargeant, Gloria Siebken and Jean Browning for pricing, selling and working the Bake Sale. You are the best!

Rhonda Murmann

MOTHER BICKERDYKE DAY

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in this year's celebration of Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke. We've been hearing lots of compliments about the exceptional quality of the presentations, as well as the excellence of the baked goods! It is worth noting that of the 18 presenters, only 5 were from our Central folks. Everyone happily and willingly supported Bickerdyke's memory. Many people from our church and our community donated to the bake sale as well. Every presentation, every baked item, and all advertising was donated! What a wonderful event to be celebrated by the entire community!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF MAY 17, 2016

- For April and May, so far, activity has been:
- Paid for one tire for someone in need - \$77.16
- Paid a water bill - \$152
- Paid for 7 meals at Broadview Restaurant - \$49
- Paid for two gas tickets at Quick Sam's - \$35
- March's share of the offering was \$470
- April's share of the offering was \$532.60
- Easter offering – designated to go to FISH was \$895

The check for Easter Giving Garden money was written out to Missions by mistake. That money, \$285, was supposed to go for flowers for summer landscaping in front of the church with any left over money going to the Preservation Fund. Missions will hold this money and disperse to cover intended purposes when the time comes.

Checks reflecting 60% of February's and March's share of the offering were written to our three designated, regular missions – KPCK, Safe Harbor and Habitat for Humanity/Knox County. Each check was for \$179.81.

(Feb. off. \$429.04 + Mar. off. \$470 = \$899.04

\$899.04 x .60 = \$539.42 ÷ 3 = \$179.81)

A check for \$895 from the Easter offering was also written to FISH

Balance in account, not counting interest - \$1108.52

Cynthia Heather, member, Missions Committee

***** **CENTRAL PRESENT** *****

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philipians 4:6

AS REQUESTED BY THE CHURCH FAMILY

Darrell Phillips, Don White, Scott Dane, Sue Chase, Helen Lannholm, The Continued Prosperity of our Community

Pray also for Our Homebound Members and Friends: George and Barb Waldorf, Kay Coe, Tammy Dell, Maggie Goad, Maxine Pillsbury, and Arlene Safford.

Pray for all God's Children.

Please remember those listed here in your prayers. As a faith community we have been instructed to pray for one another and to bear one another's burdens and we are grateful for the opportunity to show love for one another in this way. In the same way, each of us is encouraged to let Reverend Collins or the church office know when we have need for the prayers of the congregation such as a hospitalization, loss or other life transition or circumstance.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Reverend Sterrett Collins is available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from noon to 2:00 and by appointment. On Thursday afternoons he will be at the Broadview from noon to 1:00pm to meet with any one who would like to share a meal or a cup of coffee. To set an appointment please call 343-5145.

Coffee Fellowship

If you would like to support our coffee fellowship, but prefer not to serve, you may donate financially to the Worship/Hospitality group and have others serve for you.

Child Care is available during the worship service

*****CENTRAL FUTURE*****

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS IN JUNE

"FRAN RILEY FEATURES..."

Fran Riley and his crew will return to Central on August 24 to tape a presentation by Gail Masinda as Mary Allen West. As soon as we find out, we will let you know the broadcast schedule.

PRESERVATION UPDATE

Now thru fall is going to be a very busy time for the building preservation effort. On June 21st and 22nd we will be having a series of community meetings asking for ideas on community need and how our building might fit those needs. There will be 5 meetings over the two days focusing on schools, NFP, government, business and general ideas. Please join and let your voice be heard. We will need helpers to be greeters and registration table people. Please call the church if you are willing to help.

Your Preservation Committee made up of both church members and community members have been working hard trying to find ways to preserve our wonderful building.

On June 20th and 21st we will be holding some round table discussions with community members looking at community needs and how our building might fill those needs. We need some people to act as greeters and help with registration. Sign up will be in the narthex or call the church office. Please help !!! It will show members of the preservation group the church is invested in this effort.

RAILROAD DAY EVENTS

What a great lineup of activities we have scheduled Railroad Days! While the event will be going on city-wide for several days, all activities at Central will be held on Saturday, June 25. Here's what's happening:

Presentation: The Origin of Illinois Railroads: From Failure to Triumph

Time: Part 1, 10:30AM; Part 2 1:30PM

Description: This presentation will be a rapid run through the colorful, surprising, and important history of the railroad industry in Illinois, from original failure to unprecedented success to near-extinction and then unexpected renaissance. Presented by Dr. Simon Cordery. Cordery is the author of *The Iron Road in the Prairie State: The Story of Illinois Railroading* (Indiana University Press, 2016) and chair of the nominations committee of the National Railroad Hall of Fame. He is a professor of History at Western Illinois University, where he chairs the History Department. A book signing of Dr. Cordery's newest book, "The Iron Road in the Prairie State: The Story of Illinois Railroading," will follow both presentations.

Building Tours

Time: 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 12:00PM, 12:30PM, 2:30PM

Description: Join us for a free guided tour of the beautiful Central Congregational Church, built in 1898 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours begin on the front steps of the church.

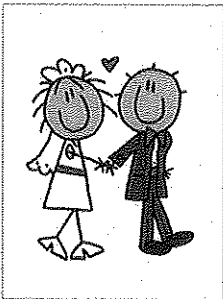
Lunch on the Lawn

Time 11:00AM to 2:00PM

Description: Have lunch with us! Seating provided. All proceeds go towards the preservation of our historic building.

Railroad Days Food Booth

One of the events Central will sponsor during Saturday, June 25 Railroad Days, is a food booth held from 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. Hamburgers, brats, chips and drink will be offered for \$6.00. If you can help that day, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Questions? See Rhonda Murmann.



CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations should be extended to Michael and Lori Larsen on their 30th Wedding Anniversary. We hope you enjoy many happy years ahead.

Jay and Kim Bullis should also be congratulated on their 35th Wedding Anniversary. Time to Celebrate!!!

June Birthdays

- 1 – Ivy Dale
- 4 – Chris Krei
- 7 – Eric Berg
- 10 – Mary Peters
Judy Singer
- 12 - Virginia Griffith
Emma Hankins
- 13 – Brenda Sargeant
- 18 – Beverly Maddrell
- 19 – Harold Griffith
Kelly LeClere
- 20 – Bettie Patterson
- 21 – Rhonda Murmann
Jill Carr
- 25 Maxine Pillsbury
- 29 – Nancy McCune
Diane Stickle

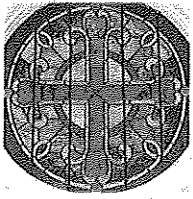


June Anniversaries

- 16- Tom and Mary Peters
George and Barb Waldorf
- 20- Jay and Kim Bullis
- 22- Al and Mary Ann Gieryna
- 28- Michael and Lorie Larsen



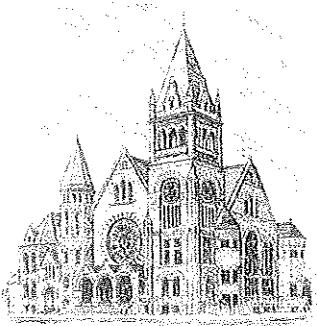
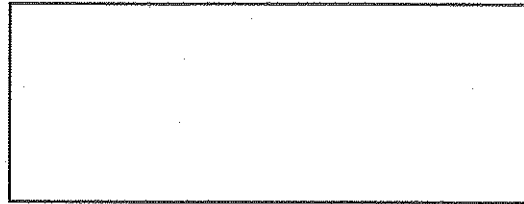
~June 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ushers: Head Usher: Harold Griffith Tom Peters, Craig Conolly			1	2	3	4
5 10:30 Worship Service Greeter: Worship Leader: Cynthia Heather & Communion Coffee Hour:	6	7 6:30: Rock church	8 6:00 Meeting Worship/Hospitality 6:30 Ministry Group meetings 7:30 Leadership Meeting	9	10	11
12 10:30 Worship Service Greeter: Worship Leader: Tom Peters Coffee Hour: t	13	14 6:30: Rock church	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 Worship Service: Greeter: Worship Leader: Karla Johnson Coffee Hour:	20	21 5:30 : Focus Group for Preservation 6:30: Rock church 7:30: Focus Group for Preservation	22 1:30 : Focus Group for Preservation 5:30 : Focus Group for Preservation 7:30 : Focus Group for Preservation	23 5:30 KPCK free Community Meal	24	25 Railroad Days
26 10:30 Worship Service: Greeter: Worship Leader: Craig Conolly Coffee Hour:	27	28 6:30: Rock church	29	30		



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GALESBURG STRIVES TO BE A WARM AND VIBRANT FAITH COMMUNITY THAT WELCOMES ALL, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EMBRACING AND LIVING OUT DAILY THE BIBLICAL IMPERATIVE TO LOVE GOD AND OTHERS

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