



# The Messenger

February 2017



A new way to be church.

Sundays 10:35 a.m.

A large, artistic graphic of a chocolate fountain. It shows a pool of dark chocolate with several streams of chocolate splashing upwards and outwards in various directions, resembling liquid chocolate. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

## LOVE IS FLOWING AT CENTRAL!



### Love Sunday

February 12, 2017

Traditional Service 9:15 am

Chocolate Fountain & Meaningful Message

The Kindling Casual Service 10:35 am

Chocolate Fountain, Contemporary Music & Message of Hope

Parents' Night Out 5-8 pm

Free Babysitting with a donation of any size



300 Mary Street  
near Deaconess Downtown

## PASTOR'S CORNER

"But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have each concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. You are the body of Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:24b-27a.

In the movie *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, the main character asks, "Why do nice people choose the wrong people to date?" The response is simple, but powerful: "We accept the love we think we deserve." But this statement extends far beyond the concept of romantic love because love is so much bigger than romance.

Like many, I am appalled by the way people talk about each other in our culture. It's probably been going on for a long time, but the rise of bullying in the national spotlight in recent years and the vitriolic tone of the most recent election cycles have exposed a dangerous undercurrent in our social fabric. The effect is toxic.

There are people in my life whom I respect who cast their vote for Donald Trump last November. There are people in my life whom I respect who cast their vote for Hillary Clinton last November. There are very thoughtful people whom I respect who understand the world in a very different way than I do. And while they may be wrong (or possibly I am), many of them call themselves Christians and are actively engaged in growing closer to God and helping others around them do the same.

What's amazing to me is how many "Christians" there are in my life who sing songs and study scriptures about the loving nature of God and can say demeaning, hateful, and intentionally degrading things about others who also proudly wear the same moniker. Sure, much of it is directed at incoming or outgoing political figures, people they have never met. Such a pattern would not necessarily make it better, but the caustic attacks and generalizations have hardly been limited to public figures.

Paul tells us that we are one body in Christ. We should have love, concern, and care for all members of the body, "so that there should be no division." That doesn't mean that one part of the body cannot be bothered or upset by another. Anyone who has twisted an ankle or broken a bone knows just how frustrating a part of the body not fully doing its job can hamper the others. But it would never occur to us to actually cut off the ankle or remove the bone, just because it will not do what we want it to.

Sometimes we are willing to accept the abuse, hate, and scorn thrown our way. Sometimes we are broken by the pain that others throw at us. And that is unacceptable. It is unacceptable for us as Christians to seek to destroy or belittle others. It is unacceptable for us to allow others to do so either. As followers of Jesus, it is our job to point others toward love, most importantly to the one who is Love. God did not create us so that we might destroy others.

To encourage you in your practice of loving, you are invited to join us Sunday, February 12 to celebrate love. Both in the sanctuary (9:15 a.m.) and the Kindling (10:35 a.m.), we will celebrate the love of God. The worship party will involve singing, sharing, and, of course, chocolate. In the spirit of love make sure you bring a friend. That evening we will offer a safe and fun space for children to be loved through games, food, and crafts. This will also be a create opportunity for parents to rekindle their own love for each other.

These may be small steps, but small steps echo loudly in empty places.

*Pastor Keren*

## YOUTH

Central Youth, Families, and Volunteers,

We have had three youth group sessions so far, and all have been fantastic. The youth of this church are AWESOME! We have a lot of fun things coming up and lots of opportunities for spiritual growth. I want to thank the amazing people who have volunteered! Veteran youth volunteers Bruce Armstrong and Kim White have been kind enough to come and hang out with the youth, and new volunteers Mark Hanson and Maddie Jones have lent their musical talents for worship, as well as game skills. If you don't know him yet, Mark is also the worship leader of The Kindling, our 10:35 casual and contemporary service. Maddie is my daughter! Both are 20-somethings who love the Lord--and teenagers. I think the youth like having them around because they've been asking about them whenever one or the other is not able to come. So far it has worked out that Mark was able to come when Maddie had to work, and Maddie came when Mark was not able to. But we could always use a standby musician for the occasional time they are both unavailable. Any guitar players out there? Drummers? Keyboardists?

We are also SO thankful for the church members who have volunteered to bring meals to feed the kids each week! Thanks to Linda Eggleston, Steve & Gloria Millay, David Henzman and Josh Barron, the youth meal calendar is full through February 12 and we have two volunteer drivers ready to roll when we need them! If you would like to sign up for a future meal, just text or email me any time. Also, Jane Dillow has offered to help us get some lamps for the Youth Center. I am overwhelmed at the response from one request, one week in the bulletin --Central rocks!

Love in Christ,

Cynthia (812) 499-7446

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

To my new Central church family,

I am so thankful for the warm reception you have given me and my family! I can't tell you how many people have come up to me and told me how glad they are that I am here, and that really makes me feel welcome!

The first Family Ministries event we have coming up will involve Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Central Childcare. It is a free night out for parents and a fun Valentine's party for kids and youth on Sunday, February 12. Cont'd

## Family Ministries (Continued)

We do ask families to RSVP by Friday, Feb. 10. This is important, so that we can have enough adult supervision, along with the youth who will be helping with the event. You can either text me at the number below, email me or call the church office to sign up. Kids of all ages are welcome, including babies! The event is free with a donation of ANY size. We will provide supper in the form of pizza, fruit and drinks, plus candy, prizes, games, crafts and play tunnels--should be a fun night for your kids and a great excuse for you to get out for date night, shopping, or just a kid-free break!

Cynthia (812) 499-7446



Recently we added some new and exciting items to our indoor play areas. Through the gracious donation by Steve and Gloria Millay we were able to purchase a Little Tike castle and a caterpillar for the toddlers to enjoy. The older children received two new trikes to ride during indoor play. We also replaced the large balls in the tunnel area. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Steve and Gloria!

We are enrolling new infants in February and re-opening room 102 for children that move up from room 305. The children moving to new rooms will have a Meet & Greet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. February also brings a field trip to the Inflatable Fun Factory, a visit from Timmy Tooth, and a lot of hopping to support Easter Seals during the Hop-N-ing. We will be closed February 20 for staff development. Teachers will have trainings of various topics.

Our thanks to Bob Dillow for his guidance, support and dedication to child care. Bob has been the president of the management team for the past 9 years. He has graciously agreed to continue in an advisory capacity for our new management team president, Brandon Willis. We are excited to welcome Brandon to our team and appreciate his willingness to share his knowledge with us.

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 26 Deloris Gibson  
     Barbara Johnson  
 27 Kevin Reed  
 28 Eric Millay  
     Andrew O'Bryan Sr.

**FEBRUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE**

5—Karen Renner, Hope Hartmann  
 12—Kay Conder, Hope Hartmann  
 19—Jennifer Willis, Hope Hartmann  
 26—Linda Eggleston, Hope Hartmann



**CONDOLENCES**

**Linda and Larry Whicker** on the death of Linda's mother, Helen Eggers on January 2.  
**Family and caregiver, Jenny Redman**, of Dorothy Zapp who passed away January 10.  
**Janet Duncan and Family** on the death of her Uncle Orville "Buddy" Huber, January 15  
**Connie and John Maglinger** on the death of their son, Matthew Davis, January 19.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Chuck and Karen Renner** are the very proud grandparents of Ruth Abigail Renner. She was born January 11 and was 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 19 inches. She is welcomed by 4 brothers and 1 sister.  
**Betty Jo Adams** is the proud great-grandparent and **Joy Juliano** the proud grandparent of Gia Lucille Mitsopoulos. She was born January 4 and was 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches. She is welcomed by her older brother.

**THANKS**

John and I would like to thank everyone at Central for their cards, prayers, hugs and words of encouragement in the unexpected passing of our son Matt Davis. We also want to thank the people involved in **preparing the meal**. (Food was delicious). Our son Matt was very loved by many people and it really showed by all the support. We would also like to thank Pastor Kevin for the beautiful service. As someone reminded me at Boone, there was another mother, whose name is Mary, who lost her son at the age of 33.  
 John and Connie Maglinger

Volunteer to work in the Rack Shack! Call 812-867-3684 or the church 812-424-3574 and leave your name. We need you!

**MISSION NEEDS**

**FOOD PANTRY**

Canned Fruit  
 (pears, peaches,  
 fruit cocktail)

**FLOOD  
BUCKET**

Liquid Dish  
 Soap, any  
 brand, 16-28 oz.

No Soap  
 Scouring Pads

**MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE**

For online giving : Visit the church website at [www.central-church.org](http://www.central-church.org); click on the **Donate!** button; click on the **Create Profile** button; then follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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 Wednesday Morning Sermon preparation  
 Friday Pastor Kevin's day off

# CENTRAL CALENDAR

# FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
			<b>1</b> 1:00 pm CC Dept. Head Meeting - Library 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm WSYB 6:30 pm Hand Bells	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 am Rack Shack 5:30 pm Zumba 6:00 pm Child Care Meet & Greet - Infants 7:00 pm The Kindling Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11-1 Complete Game - FLC 8:00 pm N A Meeting			
<b>5</b> <b>Communion</b> 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service 10:35 am Sunday School 10:35 am The Kindling 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 am Rack Shack 6:00 pm Zumba	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm PIYO Exercise 6:30 pm Open Basketball	<b>8</b> 10:00 am C Care Bk Mobile 1:00 pm CC Dept. Head Meeting - Library 4:30 pm Trad. Worship Team 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm WSYB 6:30 pm Hand Bells	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 am Rack Shack 5:30 pm Zumba 7:00 pm The Kindling Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11-1 Complete Game - FLC 8:00 pm N A Meeting			
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			<b>19</b> 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service 10:35 am Sunday School 10:35 am The Kindling 5:00 pm Parent's Night Out Kid's Valentine's Party	<b>20</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 am Rack Shack 12:00 pm UMW Circles (Brown Bag) 6:00 pm Zumba	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Literary Ladies 5:00 pm Evangelism Team 5:30 pm PIYO Exercise 6:30 pm Open Basketball	<b>22</b> 1:00 pm CC Dept. Head Meeting - Library 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm WSYB 6:30 pm Hand Bells	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 am Rack Shack 5:30 pm Zumba 7:00 pm The Kindling Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4:00 pm Smith Party—Garden 8:00 pm N A Meeting
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CENTRAL CHILD CARE

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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.**

**Sunday School 10:35 a.m.**

**The Kindling 10:35 a.m.**