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worship

**Word & Sacrament
Holy Communion**

Scripture

Genesis 37:1-5
Genesis 50:1-20

Sermon

A Timely Conversion

Hymns

What Wondrous Love is This
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Music

Prelude on "Wondrous Love"
by Craig Phillips
Michael Morgan, organ

Call to Remembrance
by Richard Farrant
Chancel Choir

Jesus, So Lowly
by Harold Friedell
Chancel Choir

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
by Albert Fedak
Michael Morgan, organ

fellowship

Sunday Lunch Menu

Shrimp & Angel Hair Pasta
Steamed Broccoli
Spinach Salad
Apple Cobbler

centraltopics

This Weekend is Storytime!

Leigh Campbell-Taylor

Among its boundless treasures, the Bible offers stories. Can someone tell me why "stories" connotes fare fit primarily for children? I consider stories to be among the absolutely most important tools humans are given. Stories enlighten and amuse and warn and inspire. They define us, granting us a shorthand by which to communicate with others who know the same stories. They connect us like manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, of course, was a fine storyteller. As far as I know, he did not sing any of the stories he told. Presumably, he didn't need to, what with audiences having a longer attention span back then...plus, he was Jesus. For the rest of us, there are musicals—stories that reach people in ways only music can.

This weekend, 2/27-3/1, Central's amazing youth will present the very musical story, *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Predating *Jesus Christ Superstar* (and other blockbusters by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice), "*Joseph*" truly is fun for the whole family. In two acts, each lasting roughly 35 minutes, the show is wall-to-wall music, featuring the work of talented actors, dancers, choreographers, comedians, techies and, of course, musicians.

At intermission, there will be a bake sale where you can purchase eat-on-the-spot treats as well as whole desserts to enjoy later. All proceeds support the youth mission trip to Iona, Scotland, so please plan accordingly. Oh, and it's not too late to contribute your own baked goodies—we'd appreciate any sweets, just alert Shirley Davis via shirleycdavis@comcast.net.

Performances are at 8:00 on Friday and Saturday nights and 2:00 on Sunday afternoon. (Insider info here: all performances will be loads of fun but the after-dark performances will look better.) Admission is free, though you're encouraged to make a donation in support of the Iona mission trip. The garage will be open. Bring friends—evangelism doesn't get any easier than this!

One more thought: As you watch the performers enter the performance space (a.k.a. the sanctuary), bear in mind that our youth come from many different schools and neighborhoods, teams and clubs. The only place they all have in common is Central Presbyterian Church. Here, they are all encouraged to contribute individual gifts to a shared story. And this weekend they need you to be their audience.

Please don't miss this,

Leigh Campbell-Taylor

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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 25
 12:15 p.m. Mid-day Service in
 Rand Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Service at
 Trinity United Methodist
 Church

Taizé Prayer Services

7:00 p.m. Tuesdays
 During the month of March
 & April 7
 in Rand Chapel

Lenten Mid-Week

Communion Services

12:15 p.m. Wednesdays
 March 4 through April 1
 in Rand Chapel

Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28
 9:30 a.m. at the Home of the
 Knight Family

More details can be found in The
 Weekly and at
www.cpcatlanta.org

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Carbon Fast

The world can change a lot in 40 days. Biblically, this period takes on huge significance as a time to repent, reflect, sacrifice and hear from God. This year the Care for Creation committee invites you to join a 40 day “carbon fast” as a wakeup call to consumption and an opportunity to rethink the way our lifestyles impact people living in poverty.

What you can do:

- Eat one less meal with beef each week for the sake of your health and the environment.
- Give up junk food, fast food, soft drinks and processed sugar one day a week.
- Buy five foods with just one ingredient on the label – a reminder that food is a gift from God.
- Make a decision to only buy Fair Trade Coffee and Tea. (sold the 3rd Sunday of each month in Tull Hall)
- Take note of the place of origin of the produce you buy – how many miles did it travel to the store? Make an effort to buy locally as much as possible.
- Unplug your cell phone charger – it uses electricity even when not charging. And like wise, unplug your TV and other small appliances when not in use.
- Have an embrace-the-silence Sunday. Turn off everything – no TV, no radio, no ring tones, no cars. It will be good for the soul.
- Re use an item you would have thrown away – jars, envelopes, zip lock bags.
- Skip the drive – thru. Turn off the car and go in.

A Wing and a Prayer

A prayer discipline including folding origami cranes for the sanctuary peace crane mobile.

Way of the Cross

Follow the path of the Art Exhibit in Tull Hall where each numbered watercolor includes scripture and a prayer.

Meditation Space

Quiet... prayer... self-guided meditation... reflection... all ages... anytime ...
 COME!

Brotherhood Room.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Daily Lenten Readings are available on the www.cpcatlanta.org website or in hardcopy available in the narthex.

PRAYER SERVICE
In the manner of the
Taizé Community

Every Tuesday
during the Lenten Season
(a service of songs, scripture, silence,
meditation prayer, and candles)

March 3—April 7
Rand Chapel
7:00 p.m.



Cancer Ministry Gathering

Sunday, March 1, 2009

5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Location: Parlor



Discussion will be:

Living In Faith: How Family & Friends Best Respond

Leaders: Nancy Paris and Lindsey Parrish

Each survivor is encouraged to bring a spouse, partner or family member.

Garage parking available

Questions: Call Ann Tumage or
Rod Hunter

ALL ARE WELCOME

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle, Millie Walling, Chairman, will meet on Monday, March 9, 11:00 a.m., at the home of Jo Alice Halsell. Janet Thompson will be co-hostess. Lynne Rea will lead us in our Bible Study and discussion of Lesson 6 in "Luke's Gospel for the Poor." Our service project for the month is to bring sewing material for the Freedom Quilting Bee and personal care items for the Outreach and Advocacy Center. Remember to bring a sandwich for lunch!



Session Highlights

The Session held its stated meeting on Monday, February 16, moderated by the Reverend Gary Charles. Following dinner and fellowship, the Session worshipped and received the sacrament of communion in Rand Chapel, in a service led by the Rev. Dr. Kim Long.

The Session welcomed the following new members:

- Wende Ballew and Erin Gerber by reaffirmation of faith
- Cindy Tarrant by Letter of Transfer from Central Congregational UCC Church, Atlanta
- John Tarrant, Member of Cherokee Presbytery, as a clergy affiliate

The Session conducted the following additional business, among other matters:

Directed the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Jane Fahey and Emmet Bondurant on the occasion of the commencement of Jane Fahey's service as pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church

- Approved the January financial statements
- Approved the communion schedule for the balance of 2009
- Approved the expenditure of \$1,750 to replace batteries for/and make repairs to emergency exit lights from the Campbell-Egan building
- Approved the expenditure of \$12,500 for an HVAC engineering study, with the remaining \$12,500 to be paid by an anonymous gift from a church member.
- Called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 22, to elect elders and deacons to the new class of 2012
- Approved forthcoming baptisms of Jordan Thomas Davis, Carys Elizabeth Barr, and Angela Long

The Session heard and viewed a report on the Presbytery from Elder Clark Simmons, Clerk of Session of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. Although the Greater Atlanta Presbytery is the largest and one of the most dynamic presbyteries in the PCUSA, it is being forced to suspend \$250,000 of already approved expenditures in its 2009 budget due to the current financial crisis.

The Session heard reports on infrastructure issues, including a report on major costs which will be associated with any build out of an accessible elevator, the replacement of the HVAC system now 25 years old, possible renovations to Rand Chapel and the need to replace windows in the Campbell-Egan building and the Sanctuary itself. Planning for these expenditures prudently as part of an overall capital budget will be challenging, especially in light of Central's current financial situation.

The Moderator announced receipt of a \$14,250 grant of fund half the cost of a new solar powered hot water system for the gym/night shelter area. Kudos to the Care for Creation Committee and to Bede Campbell in particular!

As agreed at the January Session meeting, the Pastor has selected Study Groups to work with the OAC and CDC to review future funding support by Central of these organizations in light of their needs, Central's capacities, and Central's strategic plan. It is anticipated that 2010 Central funding for the OAC and CDC will be decided at the September Session meeting. Members of the Study Groups are as follows:

Working with the OAC with Caroline Kelly as liaison:

- Tom Leslie
- Kathy Harben
- Amy Conlee

Working with the CDC with Lynn Turnage as liaison:

- Sandy Hoke
- Ann Hunter
- Marcia Crosland

Please contact the Pastor or Clerk of Session if you wish any additional information about items contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Huss, Jr., Clerk

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

(updated February 24)

Members

Receiving Hospice Care: Ernest Arnold

Hospital: Marshall Neil, Henry Hill, Ruth Windsor, Nancy Ireland, and Angela Long

Ill or Recovering from Illness or Surgery: Glen Cornell, Caye Oglesby, Nancy Wilkes, and Jerry Veldhuis

Home-bound: Leona Walker

Family and Friends

Connie Bozeman, Marci Bozeman's mother; **Ann Brown**, Becca and Karen Brown's mother; **Murphy Davis**; **Gabrella Gaines**, Claudette Gallman's mother; **Earl Gribble**, Kristi Wooten's grandfather; **Martha Haythorn**, Mary Stoops and Trace Haythorn's daughter; **June Holman**, Barb Palmer's mother; **Eleanor Jones**, Diane Terry's sister; **Thad Kelly**, Caroline Kelly and Mary Sidney Harbert's father; **Abby Lewis**, Grits Skinner's friend; **Joan Lilley**, Robin Costa's mother; **Tamara Lopata**; **Bobby Meadows**, Esther Meadows' brother; **Elysa Montgomery**, Margaret & Howard Montgomery's daughter-in-law; **Lati Perez**, Maureen Thompson Hunt's niece; **Frank Prebble**, Paul Prebble's father; **Bill Skinner**, Brittain Skinner's father; and **Heath Tuttle**, Carrie and Chris Tuttle's infant son

Serving in the Military

Robert Coker, friend of Emily and Jeff Hilimire; **Bryan Gerhardt**, friend of Ellen and Stephen Smith; **Tom Kelly**, friend of Bill Wilson; **Blake Leverett**, grandson of Frank and Sally Brown; **Erik Olson**, son of Chuck & Ann Veldhuis Olson and grandson of Jerry & Alice Veldhuis; **Connor Riley**, friend of Michael Richards; **Chaplain Jeff Ross**, friend of Central; and **Robert Starnes**, grandson of Betty Starnes.

The congregation extends our deepest sympathy to **Patricia Barmeyer** in the death of her mother, Margaret Thrower, on February 17; and to **Diane DeBarry**, **Winnie Daniell's** daughter, whose last remaining sibling, **Jenn Daniell**, died on February 20.



Congratulations to **Jan Swanson** on the birth of her granddaughter, **Julie Marie**, born February 16.



Celebrating March Birthdays

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| <p>1
Bill Crosland, Sr.
Bruce McKelvy
Audra Hawisher (14)</p> <p>2
Elinor Byington</p> <p>3
Christina Fuller (15)</p> <p>4
Corie Ferguson
Adelaide Kwarteng
David Palmer</p> <p>5
Trida Berrett
Chloe Devre (8)</p> <p>6
Rick Heggood
Mary Lou Romaine-Waymer
Don Richter
William Hearn</p> <p>7
Henry Lee</p> <p>8
Peg Richards
Kaye Carmichael</p> <p>9
Martha Crenshaw
Henry Hartfield
Scott Olson
William Olson</p> <p>10
Hazel Sims</p> <p>11
Lisa Armistead
Philip Covin
Christopher Reading
Jillian Embrey</p> <p>12
Lauren Melville (14)
Dale Ferguson
David Ennis
Chantel Poister Tusher</p> <p>13
Julie Benz-Pottie
Vernon Robbins
Patsy Calvin
Deb Robinson
Mary Amanda Leslie
Vashti Swinson (11)</p> <p>14
Florrie Palmer
Linda Lehfeldt
Gary Charles
Kathryn Ennis Lapolla</p> | <p>15
Debbie Miller
John Heidbreder (15)
James Sloop (8)</p> <p>16
Mary Caroline Lindsay
David Lower
Sophie Mei Li Hollowell (5)</p> <p>17
Bob Berrett
Mike Lloyd
Caroline Bray</p> <p>18
Bettye Russell
Isaac Lalloo
Peter Dillingier</p> <p>19
Stephen Anderson
Kim Long
Bruce Edenfield
Erik Olson
Kessler Catterall (13)
James Davis (3)</p> <p>20
William Godfrey
Virginia Wilson</p> <p>21
Anita Carwile
Forrest Palmer
Madeline Lowery (17)
William Wornat (7)</p> <p>22
Betty Franklin
Bill Cleveland
Florin Roorbach (13)</p> <p>24
Stan Jones
Beth Grashof
Anna Davis
Christopher Porter (16)</p> <p>25
Jim Irwin
Richard Hall
Robin Zamarripa
Ely Zarka (14)</p> <p>26
Josie Peters (8)</p> <p>28
Kristeen Sorrells
Alexandra Turner</p> <p>29
Allie Suazo
Rykie Belles
John Harrison</p> <p>30
Gary Rowe</p> |
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Open Door Needs T-Shirts

The Open Door Community is in desperate need of t-shirts, especially large, extra large and 2x sizes. Please contact Heather McVoy at 404-874-4906 if you can help.

Global Mission Trip to New Orleans

The Global Mission Committee is taking a mission trip to New Orleans. The dates are Saturday, March 7 - Friday, March 13. Contact Catherine Neely to learn more about the trip.



3rd Grade Student Answers Call to Service

Third grade student Tim, friend of Centralite Harry Ferguson, has answered President Obama's Call to Service by quenching the thirst of Atlanta's homeless community. He has set a goal to collect 500 sport water bottles and fill them with socks, face cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and soap, along with a bottle of fresh drinking water. The gift-filled water bottles can be refilled anywhere.

You may contribute by donating water bottles in the hallway outside the administrative offices. To view Tim's progress on MySpace: www.myspace.com/timspledge or email timspledge@yahoo.com

Central Pre-K Visits Outreach and Advocacy Center

The Pre-K and Preschool classes of the Child Development Center went to the Outreach Center to learn more about the work there. In the week prior to their visit the CDC children collected over 170 cans of food for the Center. The children were excited to see the shelves of food they had brought, but were surprised that what seemed like a great deal of food was, in fact, only a two-day supply.



Food for only two days.



Meeting Kimberly at the outreach center.

The children still talk about collecting food and their concern for people who are hungry. Said Douglas (age 5), "The homeless people was hungry because they don't have homes. They sleep on the ground and sometimes people give them food."

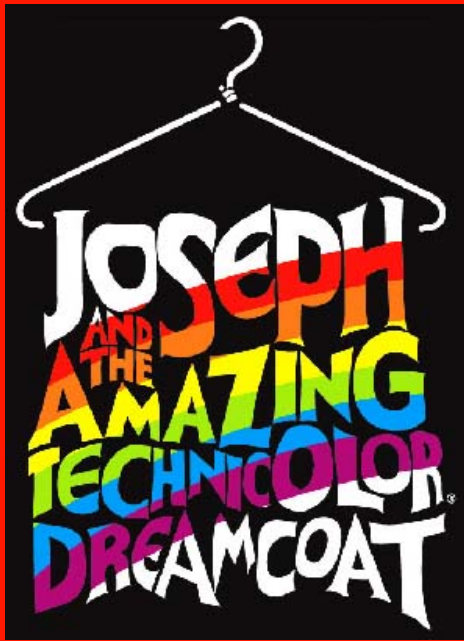


Global Mission Sponsors International Trip

In addition to the trip to New Orleans, the Global Mission Committee is sponsoring a trip to Merida, Mexico, where four Centralites will travel March 6-12 to visit with our partners at Hogar Mana, make some adjustments to the water purification system we installed in 2007, conduct some additional training in health and hygiene matters related to clean water and work with them on expanding marketing and fund development for their ministry.

Hogar Mana is formerly an orphanage for abused and neglected children and now a community center that ministers to children and their families in two locations in Merida. Central entered into a covenant with Hogar Mana and Living Waters for the World by which we partnered to install the water system, make it financially sustainable and supportive of their overall ministry to children and their families. Please pray for Jennell Charles, Vicki Hertzberg, Caroline Kelly and Jim Mooney during their trip to Merida.

To get daily reports and pictures of our trip, visit our blog at cpctomerida.blogspot.com.



Lyrics by Tim Rice

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

February 27 & 28 at 8 pm

March 1 at 2 p.m.

On Sunday childcare will be available for children 4 years and younger.

Featuring

Central Presbyterian Youth

For information call
404-601-3122

Admission is free:
(a love offering will be taken)

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Adult Classes

Spring Term, February 1 – May 17

- **Who (or What) Comes After the God of Metaphysics?**
John Huss, Convener. Issues in Theology Class, Room G-1, Oglesby
- **The New Christian Community and its Witness**
Brenda Spruell, Convener
Brotherhood/Study Class, Parlor, off Tull Hall

Early Spring, February 1 – March 15

- **Forgiveness: Key to the Creative Life: Its Power and Its Practice: Lessons from Brain Studies, Scripture and Experience**
Kelly Bray, Convener. Faith and Family Class, The Atrium, Ground floor Oglesby
- **Forming "Fearers of the LORD": A Study of Proverbs**
Christine Roy Yoder, Leader; Ed Carwile, Convener
Sojourners Class, Room G-10, Oglesby
- **God in the Silence: Stories of Comfort for Hard Times**
Jean Ellen Jones, Convener.
Keystone Class, Room G-4, Oglesby

April 17 & 18

More details soon!





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Central Presbyterian Church is a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who come together in central Atlanta to worship, serve, and be nurtured by God. We come as to a wellspring, bringing our thirst and emptiness, only to discover that our cup is filled by the living Word Who sends us to be with those in need, and to call forth God's justice in a chaotic world. We live out the ongoing story of "The Church that Stayed" joining generations of Central members and others who share this vision to proclaim the Gospel.