

## May Prayers of Peace Be Lifted to God

Soaring overhead in our sanctuary for the second year is a brilliantly hued representation of the prayers of the people. Each flash of color is an origami crane folded by someone in our church. And inside each bird is written the subject of a prayer. These include the name of each member of our congregation, prayed for as the crane was created. The cranes were hung for the first time in 2008. When they were taken down, some were set aside to send to Hiroshima to be a part of the memorial there. Then, during the season of Lent earlier this year, members of the congregation again folded cranes, and added prayers for families in the congregation, and others for whom they wished to pray. These new cranes have been added to those remaining from last year, and fly above us today.

The focus of this artwork, however, is really larger than any individual or congregation. The work - completed over the course of three years - was installed to mark September 21, the International Day of Peace. On this date, people around the globe are encouraged to participate in acts of peace.

Why origami cranes? Early in 1955, a twelve-year-old girl named Sadako Sasaki (佐々木 禎子) developed leukemia as a result of exposure to radiation from the nuclear bomb dropped on her hometown, Hiroshima, at the end of World War II. Visiting her in the hospital, Sadako's best friend reminded her of the Japanese legend that, if she could fold one thousand cranes, her wish to be made well might be granted. Stories differ as to whether Sadako was able to finish one thousand cranes before her death in October 1955, or whether her friends completed the task in her memory.

Regardless, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane now stands in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and, every day, cranes arrive from people all over the world who hope and pray and work for peace.

Like Sadako's cranes, the exact number of Central's cranes is unknown. We estimate it to be more than 2500. Many thanks to all who prayed these three-dimensional prayers and helped create our *A Wing and a Prayer* art installation that can now inspire us all to serve the Prince of Peace.

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, October 11

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Council of Ministries  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

### Monday, October 12

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions  
*Rand Chapel*  
2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

### Tuesday, October 13

10:30 a.m. Luke Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Genesis Handbell Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Decatur Parish Dinner

### Wednesday, October 14

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir  
6:15 p.m. Family Worship  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children  
10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Women's Studies  
7:00 p.m. Youth Parish Dinner

### Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children

### Saturday, October 17

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m.-  
8:30 p.m. *Shake, Rattle, and Roll* Dance  
Gym

### Sunday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs  
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Men's Gathering  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day  
Gary Charles preaching  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. AIDS Walk  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
5:00 p.m. Youth Parents' Gathering  
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

For more information about any of the above events,  
please call the Church Office - 404-659-0274.

## VISITORS

### WELCOME ALL

If you are a visitor and would like to know more about Central or about joining Central please contact Debbie Miller at [dmiller@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:dmiller@cpcatlanta.org) or talk to one of the Resident Pastors: Emily, Catherine or Erika.

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IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 11, 2009  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

MY GOD  
MY GOD  
WHY HAVE YOU  
FORSAKEN ME?  
my life is poured out  
like water  
THEY HAVE PIERCED  
MY HANDS AND FEET  
They divide my clothes  
among themselves  
and throw dice  
for my garment's

