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Pastoral Musings:

As the season of Lent was coming to a close, people of our church put their hands to the transition to the season of Easter. After the Maundy Thursday evening service, the cloth on the Lord's Table was changed from purple to white, and sometime in the following days, so was the draping on the cross. The mere change of color is not all that important, but the act of changing them signifies a recognition that something important is happening.

Lent is behind us and Easter is upon us until the middle of May. This is a season in which we celebrate the victory of a present certainty and a future hope over a sinful past filled with doubt. To this celebration, we each bring our sense that the Lord has been working in our lives, and that we have been rescued from things we deeply regret. We let go of the fears that gripped us in the past, and head straight into the future confident that the Lord is and will continue to be with us.


What does it mean that we embrace this joyous good news? It means that we must allow ourselves to be transformed by it. We must go forward in a way different from the way that we were going, different from the way that we would still be going but for the love of our gracious Lord. We must leave behind the parts of our life that work toward death and embrace the way of our Lord which leads to life, and that way is love. "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death." (1 John 3.14)

We also must consider how this joyous good news should transform Central Congregational Church. We are proud of all this church has done in the past, but the transforming love of our Lord calls us to serving this community in new ways and to let go of anything which keeps us from sharing that love in a manner which transforms the community. We must let the Love that we have received flow through us and out to all of God's people. And let's be clear, there are no people who do not belong to the God of love.

Your fellow servant,

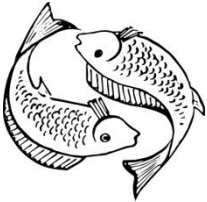
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CENTRAL PAST



Thank you to our growing group of singers who provided music for worship for Lent and Easter Sunday. Choir will be resuming again soon!

The 2nd Sunday Giving began in March 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 March contribution was \$370. Good job!!



Our Easter Offering gained \$895 to give to FISH. They will put this to good use for the families of need in our community.

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.” Philippians 4:6

AS REQUESTED BY THE CHURCH FAMILY

Darrell Phillips, Lori Cooper, Don White, Scott Dane, Sue Chase, Helen Lannholm, Mel and America

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 Pastor Jim 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. 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*****

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, April 3rd at 3:30 will be the installation service of our new minister Rev. Dr Sterrett Collins. We are his first call so this is a very important afternoon for him. There will be a number of his friends and family coming from as far away as Georgia. Let's have a good showing of support by attending.

Thank you,

Steve Murmann

Moderator Central Congregation Church



This concert should be very interesting and well worth attending. As you read below, this concert will provide additional funds for our endowment. Please invite friends and family to join you for an enjoyable evening of music and a look at the past.

Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association Concert-
Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

“Central Congregational Church & Carl Sandburg—Local Icons, National Treasures” Fundraiser Concert “Parallel Paths; The Poetry of Carl Sandburg, the Music of Chris Vallillo” of Gin Ridge Music.

This is a joint fund-raiser for the Historic Central Church Building Preservation Fund and Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association matching grant endowments with the Galesburg Community Foundation.

“Parallel Paths; The Poetry of Carl Sandburg, the Music of Chris Vallillo” was originally created for the 2012 Carl Sandburg Days Festival. Vallillo presents a combination of Sandburg’s poetry, commentary about Sandburg, some of his original songs and instrumentals as well as several of the songs Sandburg himself collected as a folklorist. Central Church Director of Music/Organist Gail Masinda will open the program with a brief performance on the Triumvirate Memorial organ.

Free and open to public. Free-will offerings may be made for the Historic Central Church Building Preservation Fund and Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association endowments. Checks may be made out to Galesburg Community Foundation. Proceeds will be split equally between the two endowments.



Carl Sandburg speaking at Central Congregational in 1953. Special Collections & Archives, Knox College Library, Galesburg, IL.



CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations should be extended to Tom and Gail Bullis on their 66th Wedding Anniversary. We hope you have a wonderful day with many more to follow.

April Birthdays

4 Lorie Larsen
 6 Tom Bullis
 13 Debbie Dalton
 13 Abby LeClere
 16 Marte Glass
 17 Jodi McMillan
 21 John Mikrut
 22- Elsie Paisley
 25- Maggie Goad
 28 Gail Bullis



April Anniversaries

7- John and Beverly Maddrell
 19- Scott and Krista Godsil
 29- Tom and Gail Bullis



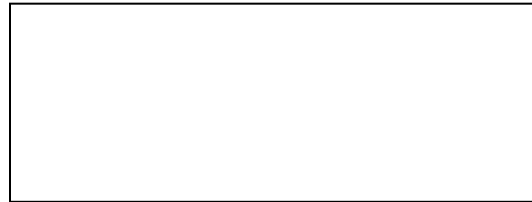
~April 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
USHERS Head Usher: Harold Griffith DJ Johnson, Clarence Sargeant, Jim Browning					1	2
3 10:30 Worship Service Greeter: Ann Ehler Worship Leader : Jodi Lafollette and communion Coffee 3:30 Installation service for Rev Collins	4 6:00 DCFS	5 6:30 Rock Church	6	9 5:30 KPCK free Community Meal	10	9
10 10:30 Worship Service Greeter: Griffiths Worship Leader: Craig Conolly Coffee Hour:	11 6:00 DCFS	12 6:30 Rock Church	13 6:00 Meeting Worship/Hospitality 6:30 Ministry Group meetings 7:30 Leadership Meeting	14	15	16
17 10:30 Worship Service Greeter: Elaine Clayton Worship Leader: Teresa Sanford-Shipplett Coffee Hour: Elaine Clayton	18 6:00 DCFS	19 6:30 Rock Church	20	21 5:30 KPCK free Community Meal	22	23
24 10:30 Worship Service: Greeter: Worship Leader: Tom Peters Coffee Hour: Quarterly Meeting	25 6:00 DCFS	26 6:30 Rock Church	27 6:30 Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association Concert	28	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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