

Steeple Notes

Central Church, Huntington, NY
Where Jesus is Lord and all are loved!
February 2023 ~ March 2023

Central Church's Annual Service Sign-Up Day!



Happy New Year, everyone!

Two Big Announcements!

A. ANNUAL SERVICE SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Starting this year, I have asked the Session that we hold an Annual Service Sign-Up Sunday on the same day as our Annual Gathering (February 26 this year).

The purpose of Sign-Up Sunday is to:

1. make it easy for everyone to both hear about what is going on at Central...
2. as well as to encourage everyone to put their names down for one group!

I am planning to ask our various groups to prepare a short, spectacular take (3 minutes – think of micro-TED talks, if you know what I mean!) Then, afterwards, to encourage everyone to put your name down to see how you might get involved.

What does this do?

As we move forward, I want to make sure that our annual budget starts to look more like what our calling is as a church! This is why I want to tie this sign-up day with the presentation of our budget.

Furthermore, I want to reemphasize how Jesus is calling every one of us to get involved! This is especially critical now, as we all come out of our Covid-caves—we need to blink and see how we want to reengage our community for Jesus!

So keep your eyes open, and please join us on February 26th! Also, the Special Events Committee is planning to host a nice meal that day!

B. THE CHOSEN STARTING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AT 7:00 PM

Related to this, I want to invite everyone to join us for our showing of *The Chosen*, the short series about the life of Jesus. There will be pizza, as well as a chance for us to view the first episode and discuss afterwards!

For more information, please contact centch@optonline.net, or check our church's website!



Blessings,

Pastor Paul Lee

A graphic featuring two blue pen nibs at the top, with a yellow beam of light shining down from between them. The text "Spotlight on" is written in red, cursive font across the beam, and "Doral Hardy" is written in large, bold, blue font below it.

Spotlight on Doral Hardy

Doral L. Hardy was born in Huntington into the Hardy family consisting of Dad and Mom, Louvelle and Shirley Hardy, sister Debra, and brother Randal. The family has been attending Central Church since 1963.

Doral graduated from Huntington High School and then went to George Williams College in Illinois, graduating with a BS in Biology. After completing college, Doral returned to Long

Island and worked at Long Island Developmental Center in Melville. Sadly, a car accident ended her career and she was placed on disability.

Doral continues to reside in Huntington. She lives with Darin, their son Darin Randal, and her mom Shirley.

Doral remains an active member of Central where she has served in many roles. She was an Elder of Session and Deacon Liaison. She is a member of the WCC as a Circle Leader. Additionally, she served on the Discipleship Committee, VBS, taught Sunday School, and sang in the choir. Doral loves Central and her church family.

Jesus has been the center of her life since she was a little girl. Her relationship with the Lord strengthened further when she was diagnosed with Covid in March 2020 and placed on a ventilator. Doing the only thing she knew, and that was to pray, she reached out to God for reassurance. He was faithful and Doral was removed from the ventilator in just four days! She praises God for answering her prayers and for His faithfulness.

Doral's favorite hymn is "Because He Lives." Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We are blessed at Central to have Doral as part of our church family. We look forward to many more years of her faithful service to the Lord and are so grateful for the many contributions she has made at Central.



Bonnie Boettjer and Liz Stuyvesant
Central Deacons



It is January 17, 2023, and I feel blessed to have this opportunity to write an article for Steeple Notes, to share some of what was accomplished by your Deacon Board in 2022, and what we hope to accomplish in 2023.

As Treasurer of the Deacons, I would like to thank everyone who gives or has given to our Deacon Fund in the past. Your faithfulness enables me to write the checks that cover some of the most basic needs in our congregation and community.

Once again, for Thanksgiving 2022, we provided a delicious turkey dinner, furnished by Boston Market, to feed 130 people. For Christmas, we packed gift bags for our “mature” members and shut-ins, and gave gifts, or gift cards, to our Youth Group, college students, and the military.

Now that winter is here, we are participating in the HHI program again, which is run by the Family Service League. This year, 26 homeless men are being housed in a local motel, and the participating churches are providing bag lunches and personal care items for the rooms. We have asked the congregation to donate some of these items, which can be placed in a container at the back of the church. We are also responsible for purchasing, packing, and delivering the bag lunches for the men on February 21 and March 7.

In closing, I would like to remember Ethel Berge, Mary Lou Davies, and Don Engelhart, our three friends who were long-time members who passed away in 2022. Ethel faithfully played the piano every month for our Wednesday afternoon service at the Presbyterian Home in Syosset. Mary Lou was a businesswoman who served for many years on our church Stewardship Committee. Don was President of the Trustees and always available to take on the jobs that needed to be done around the church. I am comforted when I think of these dear people as our “Central Saints,” who are now fellowshiping with each other in heaven.

May God continue to bless and equip Central’s Board of Deacons to continue.

Mightily in His service,
Carolyn Thuro





A Special Message



February Birthdays

- 01 Lois Cowie
- 07 Gabriella Devine
- 10 Joe Garofola
- 13 Bill Russell
- 13 Aaliyah Gonzalez
- 13 Felipe Gonzalez
- 14 Shakayah Boyle
- 15 Janet Byler
- 16 Lynn Watkins
- 18 Jennifer Bradley
- 20 Jordan Rolle
- 24 Nancy Clous
- 28 Pastor Paul Lee



Congratulations to Central member Zach Grill and his wife Caroline, who are expecting their first child at the end of July!

February Anniversaries

- 05 Ethel & David Wilson
- 10 Annaliese & Ralph Lanza

March Birthdays

- 04 Ken Chin
- 06 Kevin Reilly
- 07 James Sutherland
- 09 Evelyn Brodbeck
- 11 Seth Lee
- 14 Ken Roman
- 15 Sophia Swanson
- 17 Doral Hardy
- 17 Kari Reilly
- 19 Henry Grill
- 19 Andrea Hines-Sterling
- 20 Cayden Fernandez
- 21 James D. Clous
- 24 Paige Pollaccia
- 25 Mariah Wilson
- 26 Kassidy Reilly
- 29 Beverly Vandergoot



ANNUAL GATHERING

After worship on Sunday, February 26th, please remain in the sanctuary for our Annual Gathering to review and discuss 2022's financials. The financial report will be distributed to attendees before the meeting begins. Written reports from Central's boards and committees will be emailed, and a few paper copies will be available on the courtyard credenza on the 26th.

After the Annual Gathering, the Special Events Committee will provide a lovely light lunch in the fellowship hall. If you have questions about this day, please let the office know at 631-421-3663 or at centch@optonline.net.



On Sundays, please leave the back four rows of the sanctuary open for new- and late-comers. Thanks!



February at a Glance

Tuesday – February 7

10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

Tuesday – February 14

10:00 a.m. – Circle Meeting. Watch for more details in the Sunday Bulletins

Looking Ahead to March

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This season’s Kids Central started on Thursday, January 12, and we will be meeting on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00. Our last spring meeting will be May 18. After summer break, we will start up again in September, the same day and time.

The children’s lessons will be about God’s creations bringing him glory. The lessons right now are from Genesis and Psalms.

Thanks for your prayers and thank you to the Kids Central volunteers who encourage the kids through prayer, teaching, music, set-up, games, and food.

Yours in Christ,
Jeanine Stuyvesant
Director of Children’s Ministries



We have after-worship prayer time immediately following our worship service. The Pastor or an Elder will be at the bottom

of the chancel steps in the Sanctuary for anyone who would like prayer and anointing with oil.

e-m@il prayer.chain



Articles for the April-May Steeple Notes are due on Friday, March 10th. There are no strict length limits – one

paragraph to well over a full page all work well. Story recommendations and ideas are also welcome. Thank you!

Our email prayer ministry is going strong! If you have prayer concerns that you would like Central members and friends to pray for, contact Linda Tengelsen, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at lteng@optonline.net, and she will be happy to send your requests to the group. We would also love to receive any updates on your concerns.

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 NA Group 9:00 am
5 Morning Worship 10:00 am Adult CE Class 10:30 am NA Group 7:00 pm	6 Office Closed	7 WCC Board Mtg 10 am Moms in Prayer 4:30 Deacons Mtg. 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:30 pm	8 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	9 Kids Central 4:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm	10	11 NA Group 9:00 am
12 Morning Worship 10:00 am Adult CE Class 11:30 am NA Group 7:00 pm	13 Office Closed Trustees Mtg. 7:30	14 WCC Circle 10:00 am Moms in Prayer 4:30 Youth Group 7:30 pm Worship Comm 7:30	15 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Staff Mtg. 12:00 pm	16 Kids Central 4:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm	17	18 NA Group 9:00 am
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26 Worship 10:00 am Annual Gathering, Officer Installation, Sign-Up Day & Lunch NA Group 7:00 pm	27 Office Closed	28 Youth Group 7:30 pm Session Mtg. 7:30 pm			Office Hours Tues-Fri 8am to 1pm	



March

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