



The Central Visitor

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Central Youth & Friends Return from Heifer Ranch

Eric Harm and **Avery Martin** traveled with **Pastor Robert**, and youth and adults from St. John's Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church to the Heifer International Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas last week.

Sunny and humid weather greeted us every day as we participated in service learning projects. We spent an evening in the Global Gateway Village where we slept on the brick floor of an Urban Slum house and bartered for food and firewood. We participated in challenge course activities and worked with various livestock on the ranch. Central youth also presented Heifer International with a \$1650 gift from our congregation.

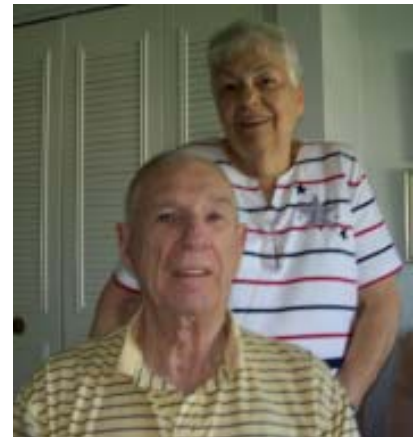
On the way to Arkansas, we stayed near Memphis, TN where we dined on their famous BBQ and visited the National Civil Rights Museum at the former Lorraine Motel where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968.

Take-Out Dinner for Miracle Day – Sunday, July 12th

The World Outreach Department is sponsoring a Take-Out Dinner on Sunday, July 12th as a fund-raiser for Miracle Day in August. Tickets are \$8 per meal and include ½ Broasted Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Bread & Butter (cooked by Nelson's Golden Glow Catering). Generous slices of both Chocolate and Vanilla Texas Sheet Cake will also be sold for an additional \$1 each. Tickets may be purchased in the Friendship Center this Sunday! Meals may be picked up in the West Entrance following 2nd service on Sunday, July 12. Drive-up service at the West Entrance will operate between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Help us reach our goal of selling at least 250 Chicken Dinners for Miracle Day by telling your friends and family. If you would like to sell tickets at your service organizations and workplaces, speak with **Pastor Gretchen**. Plan to purchase your tickets this Sunday!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009
WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00
**When Interruptions
Disrupt Life**
Text: Mark 5:21-43
Gretchen Barron

Welcome New Members



Robert & Eleanor Spracklen transferred their membership back to Central on Sunday, June 21st.



**General Assembly
of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
July 29—August 2, 2009
in Indianapolis**



Central Youth

Wednesday, July 1st
CCC Kids to
Knights Action Park
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Children grades 3-8 join us for a FREE showing of Madagascar 2 and the afternoon at Knights Action Park! We will enjoy a picnic lunch and the water park. Cost is \$15 for water park. Bring your own lunch. Sign up this Sunday, email **Pastor Robert** at rbushey@cccdisciples.org or RSVP on the CCC Kids Club Facebook Page.

Wednesday, July 1st
Central Youth
Grill & Chill

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to Pastor Robert's home from 6-8p.m. for Supper from the Grill, Swimming and Yard Games.

Miracle Day 2009

Central Youth will participate in Miracle Day activities on August 29th right here in Decatur. We will be painting, fixing porches, pulling weeds, etc. for folks who are unable to do the work themselves and live near Prairie Avenue Christian Church. Save the date on your calendar today!

Letters from Heifer Ranch Trip Youth

This week at Heifer, we were challenged to step out of our comfort zone and into our learning zone. Almost all of us took that step and now want to continue our learning. Some ways we learned were by doing service projects on the ranch, taking educational classes, or by doing challenging recreational courses. At first all of these were uncomfortable to do, but once you finished and can take a step back, it's such a good feeling to see what you've accomplished.

Avery Martin, Central Christian Church
Sophomore, MacArthur High School

"My week at Heifer Ranch has been an amazing experience. I have learned so much in just a few days. In the Heifer motto, ending hunger and taking care of the Earth," I never knew the 2nd part was part of their missions. It was so cool to see how much they want to improve their Earth by simply composting and recycling everything. I've never realized how much sustainable farming with animals and crops go hand in hand."

"Our night in the Global Village was a really eye-opening experience. Going into it, I was so nervous I would starve or be eaten alive by bugs. As the night progressed, though, I realized that I was going to survive. I quickly began to realize how hard it must be for people who are forever in a situation where they are forced to live in poverty. It was so easy for me to say, "Oh yeah, I'll make it through because I know I'll have a comfy bed, or a big tasty meal; but in reality people living in poverty can't say that. They don't know if they'll have a meal tomorrow, or if they could be forced out of their homes. The entire experience of the night was so cool and it gave me a better idea of what it is like to live in poverty. Heifer really empowers people to sustain themselves and better their quality of life."

Rachel Vandermyde, First United Methodist Church
Junior, Maroa-Forsyth High School

"During our week at Heifer, we were challenged to step out of our comfort zone and into our learning zone. The workers at the ranch helped us achieve this by letting do a variety of activities that were all really fun! All of those activities helped me learn many new skills and hobbies. We learned how to care for the environment and for insects/animals. Thank you for all of the support and donations we got for Heifer. This was an AMAZING experience I won't forget. I look forward to returning to Heifer in the future! Thanks!"

Emily Villarreal, First United Methodist
Junior, MacArthur High School

"My trip to Heifer was very eye-opening to see how people really live. I did have a lot of fun on the trip though. Being in the Global Village was terrible and tiring. I learned necessary survival skills needed to live in an urban slum. We had interesting people as leaders/facilitators. I was happy I decided to go on this trip."

Erik Harm, Central Christian Church
Junior, MacArthur High School

2009 Scholarships Presented

Our three named scholarships were presented at our monthly fellowship meal on Sunday, June 21st. The **Cocoa “Coke” & Lilabelle Traylor Scholarship** was presented to **Alex Harm** and **Andrew Rutherford**. Alex attends the University of Wisconsin in pursuit of a degree in architectural sciences. Andrew attends Culver-Stockton College with a major in graphic design.

The **Roy O. & Rachel R. Schilling Scholarship** was presented to **Alexandria Otis & Zach Martin**. Alexandria attends Truman State University majoring in vocal music and performance. Zach attends Culver-Stockton College majoring in theater education.

The **Walter & Inabelle Kirby Scholarship** was presented to **Kaylene Beal & Rachel West**. Kaylene attends the University of Alabama majoring in music performance and Rachel attends Illinois Wesleyan University pursuing a degree in Music. Congratulations to all of our award and scholarship recipients!

Mission Trip to Slidell, Louisiana – October 24-31!

Central Christian Church members and friends are making plans for a Mission Trip to Slidell, Louisiana this fall, October 24-31! We have been asked by **Johnny Wray**, former Director of Week of Compassion, to be part of a Blitz Build which will construct a new Community Center on the property of First Christian Church of Slidell. The new building will provide housing for continuing volunteers who come to the area to assist in the rebuilding following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and will assist the congregation in vital outreach and ministries to the community. Plan now to be a part of this exciting mission opportunity in October. See **Pastor Gretchen** for more information. You can read the story of this church's transformation and learn more about the mission trip, following the links on our website www.cccdisciples.org.

Notes of Thanks Received

We appreciate all of the care and support during our Dad's illness, and following his death.

We extend a sincere thank you to the Pastors and friends here at Central Christian Church. Blessings to all.

The Family of Eldon “Bud” Bissey

I wish to thank all my friends and members of the church who called me, sent birthday greetings and attended my party. It all helped me to have a perfect birthday. One of the special joys was the attendance of my 88 year old student, who I had not seen but twice in the last 73 years.

Thank you very kindly,
Roy O. Schilling



Sunday, June 28, 2009

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services
Music: 8:00 Offertory-Central Singers;
Marilyn Ward, Piano
10:00 Offertory-Lucien Smith, Baritone
10:00 Anthem-Chancel Choir; Organ
9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Clinic
9:00-Sunday School
9:00-CCF, Great Hall

Tuesday (30)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
5:30-Evangelism, Volunteer Room
6:30-Unbinding Task Force, Volunteer
Room

Wednesday (July 1)

9:00-Baby Talk, 240
9:00-5:00-CCC Kids Club, Knights
Action Park, Springfield
12:00-Central Singers
5:15-175th Anniversary Task Force,
Disciple Room
6:00-Young Adults Study, Great Hall
6:00-8:00-Youth, Robert & Teri
Bushey's house
7:00-Jubilee!, Choir Room

Thursday (2)

10:00-Alanon, 212
10:15-HSAC Executive Board,
Disciple Room
6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (3)

Church & Office Closed

Saturday (July 4th)

Counting On You

June 21

Worship Attendance 270
Sunday School Attendance 60

Serving Schedule—June 28, 2009

Elders:

8:00 & 10:00 - Keith Backes, Becky Johnston

Elders Serving Hospital Communion:

Elder Jane Watkins: St. Mary's Hospital
Elder Mike Holbrook: Decatur Memorial

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Gail Prince, Larry Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox

10:00 - Team 2 - Richard Ward, Capt., Cathy Ash, Jim Ash, Neil Baird, Debbie Bateman, Philip Bateman, Azalee Berner, Warren Berner, Dale Ford, Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Daniel Hinze, David Martin, Julie Martin, Ron Oliver, Aaron Osman, Betsy Osman, Dave Phillips, Nita Phillips, Brett Swallow, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarthout, Janet Thicksten, Kathy Thornton, Kent West, Lea West

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Jim Bednar, Pamela Bednar, Jarrett Bednar

10:00 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Katie Beal, Kaylene Beal, Sean Beal, Charlotte Lyon, Barb Tyler

Greeters:

8:00 - Betty Cox, Betty Roe

10:00 - Jim & Lois Whitaker, Barb Tyler, Mary Boyle

Acolytes:

8:00 - Brad Munos

10:00 - Rachel Ash

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Larry Pepper

10:00 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Ed & Joy Adams, Betty Chapman, Chloe & Robert Hoaglin

Van Drivers:

8:00 service and Sunday School - John Flanders

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Keith Backes

10:00 service only - Richard Ward

July 1 Visitor Mailing Crew: Joanne Gustin

Hosts:

June 29 9:00-12:30 - Sue Ann Cain
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

June 30 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

July 1 9:00-12:30 - Joan Smith
12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

July 2 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

July 3 Church & Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

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Pat Beals Administrative Assistant
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Trudy Garland Preschool Teacher
Wendy Jalley, Jennifer Van Dyke Preschool Teachers
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