

CENTRAL CONNECTION

Upcoming Events

March 13
7pm -Board Meeting

March 14
7pm - Immerse Study @
Parsonage

March 17
10am - Sunday school
-Immerse Study
11am - Worship

UPCOMING

March 26
Central Hosts Holy
Week Lunch

March 28
Maundy Thursday
Worship at FUMC

March 29
Good Friday Worship
at Central

**Don't forget to check out
our website or Facebook
page to find worship
services, newsletters and
more!**



I have spent much of this past week (and will spend much of this coming week) working on my DMin project proposal. I've given myself a March 15th deadline to get the "final" draft copy to my professor.

It's a 35-40 page plan of what my project, or ministry act, - training lay people for preaching in times of church transition or pastoral absence - will include. It involves a lengthy description of the context (Nocona, Central, etc.; the theology, scripture, and historical frameworks that provide a foundation for the the entire process; and a detailed week-by-week plan for what will happen as the training program gets underway.

The next step is to put together the detailed teaching plan with all the resources, handouts and materials that participants will receive each week. This section will likely add 100-150 pages to the appendix of my final DMin project.

Why do I tell you all this? Because this is the front side of my sabbatical later in the year. The question or problem the project seeks to answer is: To what extent does training lay people for preaching benefit the rural church during times of pastoral absence/transition? Or, it could be put - To what extent does training lay people to use their gifts for proclamation enhance and sustain rural church ministry?

Not only will my sabbatical time be a traditional sabbatical time of renewal for me, it will also be an opportunity to put this training course into practice and see if this might be a way for us to then help small, rural churches across denominations sustain and renew ministry.

-Pastor Lory

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Nation & World, Tammy Brockman, Nancy Atkison, Madison Wardell, Charlotte Reagan, Brylie, Bob Miller, CASA Kids, Tony Barker, Vivian Contareas, Sharon Brown, Dieter Stratemann, Shirley Miller, Ken Backus, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Chad Brown, Joe Kalal, Morgan Heck, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Pam Kessler, Paula Whitfield, Steve McCoulaugh, Johnny Martin, Denise Chamberlain, Lynn Hanson, Molly Major, Jack & Shirley Roberts, Ben Hill, Margaret Centofanti, Nicole Rahmer, Dean Prine, Connie O'Neill, Chris Tettleton, Brenda Sutton, David Howard, Kal Luke, Barbara Saunders, Nicole Saunders, Sandy Major, Patrick Major, Crystal Shelton, Yvonne Mesler, LaQuita Hewitt, Scott Baker, Steve, Bruce Major, Hubbell Kabisch, Christy Mesler, Tommy and Debbie Moore, Jennifer Hallack, Bryan Booth, Bella Gann

Family of: Carolyn Crenshaw,

Worship This Week:

Elders: Lierly
 Deacons: Saunders
 Communion: Morrow
 Sermon Text: John 12:22-30
 Sun School: Immerse Wk 3

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NEXT Wednesday
March 13th
7pm
Fellowship Hall



Holy Week Lunches have been scheduled and **Central is hosting on TUESDAY (March 26)**. We will provide sandwiches, chips and dessert for around 100 of our neighbors and Matt Summers, Associate Pastor at Bethel Baptist will bring the message. A sign up sheet for food is on the podium in the sanctuary.

Current Sign Up Sheets

- 1. Lawn Care** - March, Oct and Nov are still open
- 2. Wednesday Youth Meals** - prepare a meal for 20 students at the ecumenical youth program hosted at FUMC. Serve the meal at 6-6:30pm and clean up the serving area after.
- 3. Wednesday Youth Helper** - One adult each week to help Pastor Lory with the older kids (JH/HS) during the teaching time at ecumenical youth hosted at FUMC. 6-7:30pm