



the Clarion

of Central Christian Church (DOC)

January 2014

Sunday School, CWF, Outreach, Joyful People or Baesler's Donuts

Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ and Happy 2014! I love the start of a new year with all its potential and possibilities. A new year can be a fresh beginning, a clean slate, another chance to experience new and abundant life with our loving, surprising God.

When people are excited about something in their lives, you can tell. Their demeanor and attitude reflect their enthusiasm and it doesn't take much encouragement to get them to tell you all about it. One of the things experts say about churches that consistently grow is that they are passionate and excited about their ministry and life together; they are passionate and excited about how they experience God moving in their midst. You can tell when you walk through the doors of a church if that congregation is excited and passionate. You can tell when you meet a member of a particular congregation if he or she is excited and passionate about being a part of ministry in a faith community.

Recently, I noticed something about myself that I hadn't before. Whenever friends outside the church ask me what I've been doing, or when I send emails to church members who are not able to be with us on Sunday mornings, I almost always convey something about worship. Sometimes I talk about how amazing the choir sounded, or I brag about some image or video Doug Sloan is preparing to incorporate into a service, or I write about how much I enjoyed the process of creating and then delivering a particular sermon. I am excited about our worship together. I am passionate about the time I get to spend each week praising and focusing my attention on God.

I truly believe that God delights in our worship; God loves spending time with us. I also believe that over the course of time, weekly worship shapes who we are as individuals and as a faith community. God's spirit has a way of working in us and through us during worship that may not be apparent immediately, but over time has a huge impact.

As we begin 2014 together, I strongly encourage you to be in worship as often as possible. I also encourage you to invite others who are not active in a church to come to worship at Central Christian. Do not be timid when it comes to what excites you about being a part of our congregation. Whatever excites you about our church, whether it is worship or Sunday school, CWF or outreach, joyful people or Baesler's donuts, share your enthusiasm and passion with others.

May God bless Central Christian Church throughout 2014 and may we grow in Christian love, discipleship, service, and members!

Rev. Rebecca



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"God calls Central Christian Church to be a welcoming and open faith community where Christian love, action, and discipleship unite."

Vision Statement of Central Christian Church (DOC),

Terre Haute, IN

Budget...

Amount Needed
to Meet Budget:
\$14,547.00

Total Monthly
Offering:
\$11,484.21

Unified Budget:
\$ 9,470.00

Serving...

Greeter: None
Noted

Prayer Cards:
None Noted

Attendance Pads:
None Noted

Deadlines...

The deadline for
the Clarion is the
next-to-last
Wednesday of the
month at 10AM

Deadline for the
bulletin is Tuesday
mornings at 10AM.

Prayer List

A new Prayer List is started on a quarterly basis. You may submit names for the Prayer List by filling out a Prayer Request form located in the Pew Pads and placing it in an offering plate.

Nannette Kaiser
Molly Kaiser
Walter Moore
Helen McGee
David Ewoldsen & his son Jonathan
Victor & Carol Mullen
Cindy Wondra
Melissa Bertalan
Harold Blackwood

Grady & Marissa Hill
Family & Friends of
Hannah Crist
Father Bernard Head
Jo & Ramon DeLaCruz
Rick & Brenda Barnett
Family of Margaret
Maher
Dick & Dorothy Fox
Kara Kisner & Boys
Jordan & Devin Klaeger
Connie Norman
All youth facing tough
Decisions
Shirley Britton
Joanne King
Judy Juhala
Norman West
Ed Ocampo
Diana Chavis

Jason Renn
Brittney Perez & Family
Jo Catterson
Tammy Mundy
Connie Rouquette
Bonnie Narvid
Kathleen Golden &
Her Sisters
Pam Elliott
Julianne Huey
Vernice Rogers

THANKS FROM CWF

The Christian Women's group here at Central would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who baked and donated cookies for our annual cookie tray sale and for all of you who purchased trays. We filled the 32 trays we'd purchased for cookies and then began filling small plates of cookies when we gathered on Saturday December 14th. We are happy to report that all (32) trays plus another donated tray that was brought in Sunday (due to Saturday's bad weather) and all the small plates of cookies were sold (thanks to Chuck Bruegeman for getting that last large tray and 3 small plates sold during the progressive dinner – you might want to check the web site for pic-

tures of Chuck displaying the trays at church that night which prompted their quick sale).

The group would also like to extend a big thank you to everyone who joined us to help make the annual Christmas progressive dinner such a wonderful night and especially to those persons who hosted the courses for the meal. It was a fun evening filled with delicious food, great conversations and a special event that allowed us all to relax and enjoy the time together. This fun event has been a favorite annual tradition here at Central for over 20 years ago. It certainly helps us all get into that special spirit of Christmas.

Our Church Family

Please report items for Our Church Family to the church office. In addition to the prayer list on page 2, please remember the following in your prayers.

Central Christian Church's ministries and witness.

Diana Chavis as she has been very ill in recent weeks.



The family and friends of **Hannah Crist**.

Joan Dart as she prepares to see a pain specialist after the first of the year.

Twyla Edinburgh and her family as they grieve the death of her uncle, General Taylor, Jr.



Bob and Jan Jerry

Sean Mullen as he grieves the loss of his beloved dog, Scooby-Doo.

Betsy Wallace's sister, **Danny Bailey**, as she deals with loss of strength after a heart attack.

Sarah Wilson as she recovers from knee surgery.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Jerry Mans-**



field who died on November 24.

Congratulations to **Vicky Clark** who officially retired on December 20!



Thank you, Central Christian for allowing my piano students to play their recital in this beautiful sanctuary. They, and the audience, were impressed by the beautiful piano and its history.

Doris Pell

More Thank You's

On behalf of the entire family I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits, cards, calls, and kindnesses both during the long months of Jerry's illness and the days since his passing. Simply saying thank you really doesn't express how important our church family has been through all of this. God was very wise in giving us one another. We could not have made it this far without our church family. Thank you each and all.

Peace, Dianne

Thank you to all our friends at Central Christian Church for your cards, thoughts, prayers, and concerns. We miss sharing worship with you all. Bless you and have a healthy, happy, New Year.



Paul & Phyllis Myers

Thanks to everyone who helped with our children's Christmas Pageant - and most importantly thanks to our children who did such an excellent job being in the pageant.

The Christian Education Team



Due to Patient Privacy Laws, hospitals are no longer able to contact congregations or pastors if a church member is admitted for treatment. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please call the church office or Rev. Rebecca.

Elders...

Jan 5- Betsy Hine, David Rose

Jan 12- Doug Sloan, Will Hine

Jan 19- None Noted

Jan26- David Rose, No #2

Deacons...

Jan 5- Twyla Edinburgh, Carol Sloan, Melanie Hurst

Jan 12- Twyla Edinburgh, Carol Sloan, Melanie Hurst

Jan 19- Twyla Edinburgh, Carol Sloan, Melanie

Jan26- Chuck Brueggeman, Nikki Brueggeman, Twyla Edinburgh, Carol Sloan, Melanie

Counters...

Jan 5- Richard Hunt, Kathy Ocampo, Erica West

Jan 12- Nikki Brueggeman, Melanie Hurst

Jan 19- David Rose, Twyla Edinburgh

Jan26- Kathy Ocampo, Carroll Vasbinder

Watkins Chair-Elect of NCC...



Watkins installed as Chair-Elect of the NCC Governing Board Chicago, November 25, 2013 – The Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, has been installed as Chair-elect of the National Council of Churches Governing Board.

In accordance with the NCC bylaws, Dr. Watkins will assume the office of chair after two years, succeeding the current chair, the Rev. A. Roy Medley, general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA.

As General Minister and President

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Watkins is responsible for representing the wholeness of the church, for reconciling differences, and for helping the church retain its clarity of mission and identity. She was the first female head of communion for a mainline denomination upon her election in 2005. In addition to her current duties with the Disciples, Watkins was re-elected to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at the 10th Assembly in November 2013. -See more at:

<http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/news/>

Christian Kids Club



Christian Kids Club will meet at Terre Haute Skate World on Sunday, January 12, 2014. Skating begins at 2:00pm. The cost for skating is \$3.00 and skate rental is \$2.00. You might want to send money for a drink or snack. Families are invited to join the skating. There is no charge for adults who are not skating. If you do not plan to stay, please pick up your child at 4:00pm.

Theresa Vaughn
812-229-8089

Active Adult Dinner

The group didn't meet for dinner in December due to everyone's busy schedules of Christmas activities but has planned another fun evening out for January. Any interested persons are invited to join us for a relaxing evening of good food and fellowship. Please sign up at the information center if you'd like to attend so we can confirm reservations.

Gerhardt's Bierstube Restaurant
1724 Lafayette Ave.
Friday, January 17th
6:30 p.m.



Wible Leaves CCC a Large Bequest

In the 1960s Mr. and Mrs. Darrell E. Wible were active members of Central Christian Church. Though they moved away, they kept up with the activities and ministries of our church. In September the Faith and Giving committee received a letter informing us that the church had been given an unspecified bequest from Mr. Wible's estate. After filling out some necessary legal forms, we were sent a check for \$74,150.

The Board made several recommendations concerning how this bequest should be used, and asked the committee to come up with a plan both for this bequest and for any future unspecified bequests of over \$5,000.

The Board has approved this plan for the Wible bequest: We will send 10% of our church income for the year 2013 to Disciple Mission Fund and 1% of our income to United Campus Ministries. Our savings account will be reimbursed \$10,150. for withdrawals to pay bills this past year. Each of our hard working, dedicated staff members will receive a one time salary stipend of 2%. Because Rev. Rebecca's old computer is to the point of being unusable for her work, she is to get a new computer for her office. The remainder of this gener-

ous gift is to go into a maintenance fund already established at the Indianapolis office. We are aware that the church roof will need replacing and one wall upstairs needs to be fixed. Our kitchen is long overdue for an upgrade as well. The \$40,000 plus will certainly help us toward realizing these goals.

In the future all unspecified gifts and bequests will be dispersed as follows:

- 10% to Disciples Mission Fund
- 1% to United Campus Ministries
- 25% for Building Maintenance
- 20% for Outreach Projects
- 4% for Savings
- 20% Uncommitted (allowing for flexibility)

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child this year, we are renewed and refreshed. We have so much for which to be thankful. This gift given to us will help so many others both here and around the world through Disciples Mission Fund.

Your friend in Christ,
Mary Jo Brown
Faith and Giving Chair



Koinonia Meeting

The Koinonia ministry team will hold its next carry-in dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday January 31st at the home of Frank and Sharon Crist. Any persons interested in joining this group are always welcome to attend. Koinonia is responsible for membership, fellowship and evangelistic outreach for our church. If you'd like to attend and need directions, please see the Crist's at church or you can call them at 535-3359.

Daily Lectionary

January 2014

*These lectionary readings are from A Daily Lectionary-Scripture readings for Every Day based on the New Common Lectionary. Please share this resource with members of your church. *The readings listed for Sundays are from the UCC Desk Calendar and are not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Epistle
Wed.	Jan. 1	Deut. 8:1-10	Matt. 25:31-46	Rev. 21:1-6a
Thu.	Jan. 2	2 Kings 4:42-44	John 6:35-42	Eph. 4:1-16
Fri.	Jan. 3	Isa. 49:8-13	John 6:41-51	Eph. 4:17-32
Sat.	Jan. 4	Exod. 3:1-15	John 14:6-14	Heb. 11:23-31
*Sun.	Jan. 5	Jer. 31:7-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18	Eph. 1:3-14
Mon.	Jan. 6	Isa. 60:1-6	Matt. 2:1-12	Eph. 3:1-12
Tue.	Jan. 7	Isa. 52:3-6	Matt. 12:14-21	Rev. 2:1-7
Wed.	Jan. 8	Isa. 60:1-7	John 4:46-54	Rev. 21:22-27
Thu.	Jan. 9	Isa. 63:1-5	John 5:1-18	Rev. 2:8-17
Fri.	Jan. 10	Jer. 23:1-8	John 6:1-14	Rom. 3:21-26
Sat.	Jan. 11	Isa. 55:3-9	John 6:15-27	Rev. 3:1-6
*Sun.	Jan. 12	Isa. 42:1-9	Matt. 3:13-17	Acts 10:34-43
Mon.	Jan. 13	Isa. 40:1-11	John 2:1-12	Heb. 1: 1-14
Tue.	Jan. 14	Isa. 40:12-23	John 2:13-22	Heb. 2:1-10
Wed.	Jan. 15	Isa. 40:25-31	John 2:23-3:15	Acts 18:5-10
Thu.	Jan. 16	Isa. 41:1-16	John 4:31-45	1 Tim. 2:1-7
Fri.	Jan. 17	Isa. 41:17-29	Matt. 10:34-42	Rom. 8:1-8
Sat.	Jan. 18	Isa. 43:1-13	Matt. 11:25-30	Eph. 3:14-21
*Sun.	Jan. 19	Isa. 49:1-7	John 1:29-42	1 Cor. 1:1-9
Mon.	Jan. 20	Isa. 43:14-44:5	Luke 3:15-22	1 Cor. 1:10-17
Tue.	Jan. 21	Isa. 44:6-8, 21-23	Luke 7:18-23	1 Cor. 1:18-25
Wed.	Jan. 22	Isa. 44:9-20	Matt. 8:18-27	1 Cor. 1:26-31
Thu.	Jan. 23	Isa. 44:24-45:7	John 1:43-51	1 Cor. 2:1-9
Fri.	Jan. 24	Isa. 45:5-17	Luke 5:1-11	1 Cor. 2:10-16
Sat.	Jan. 25	Isa. 45:18-25	Matt. 4:1-11	1 Cor. 3:1-9
*Sun.	Jan. 26	Isa. 9:1-4	Matt. 4:12-23	1 Cor. 1:10-18
Mon.	Jan. 27	Isa. 46:1-13	Luke 3:1-14	1 Cor. 3:10-17
Tue.	Jan. 28	Isa. 47:1-15	Luke 3:15-22	1 Cor. 3:18-23
Wed.	Jan. 29	Isa. 48:1-11	Luke 4:1-13	1 Cor. 4:1-5
Thu.	Jan. 30	Isa. 48:12-21	Luke 4:14-30	1 Cor. 4:6-13
Fri.	Jan. 31	Isa. 49:1-12	Luke 4:31-37	1 Cor. 4:14-21

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Happy New Year!!!</i>						
5 Epiphany Celebration 12N Elders Mtg	6 9AM Bible Study Communion at Bethesda and Wynd- moor	7 5:30PM Edu- cation Mtg 6PM Worship Mtg	8 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 9AM-2PM UCM Retreat (using church)
12 2PM CKC Skating @ TH Skate World	13 9AM Bible Study	14	15 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	16	17 6:30PM Active Adults at Bierstube	18
19 12N General Board Mtg	20 9AM Bible Study	21	22 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26	27 9AM Bible Study	28	29 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	30	31 6:30PM Koinonia Din- ner at Crist's	

Birthdays

1-Paige Tevlin
2-Will Hine, Sr
2-Erica West
2-Sandra Roberts
3-David Rose
7-Tyler Keller

11-Wally Arnold
13-Toni Johnson
14-Verity Jones
16-Bonnie Wilson
21-Michelle Manning
21-Leatha Myles
25-Sally Leonard

26-Debbie Gonthier
26-Ed Johnson
28-Edna Drake

Anniversaries

2-Terry & Patti Brownson
13-David & Margaret
Harden
15-Stacie & Brian Whitley
20-David & Sandra Roberts

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Worship Services
9:30 AM
(Nursery for Infants &
Toddlers Open 9 AM -
12Noon)
Sunday School for All Ages
11 AM



Santa Visits CCC !!!



Santa Claus took time out of his busy holiday season to visit Central Christian Church and talk with youth of all ages.



Santa encouraged the youth to be good, pointing to Doug Sloan and saying, "Many a lump of coal I left in his stocking!" before returning to the North Pole.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!