



the Clarion

of Central Christian Church (DOC)

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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
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Rebecca's Revelation

“God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

“The Spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of God's favor.”
(Jesus announcing his public ministry, Luke 4:18-19)

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Happy New Year to you and your loved ones. May 2015 be a year of good health, renewed devotion to God, and lots of love for you.

As I embrace this new year and try to discern what God may be calling me to do in 2015, I am experiencing a weight upon my heart as I think and pray about the images and reports coming from Ferguson, New York City, Cleveland...I do not know how anyone in our country can see and hear of these incidents and conclude that racism is a problem of the past for our nation. As an American, as a parent, and as a person of faith, I know there is still a great deal of work to be done before this is true.

When emotions and fear run rampant, I try to remember that although there are police officers who clearly need training in how to handle their authority, especially when it comes to particular segments of the population, there are many, many officers who deal with all kinds of people, in all kinds of situations, with dignity and compassion for *all* involved.

I also remember that those who are marching and protesting have good reason to do so. Slavery in this country lasted for at least 245 years. 245 years of abuse, torture, being treated as less than human, and losing loved ones at the whim of someone else who has power over you makes an indelible mark upon people. Saying people are “free” or “equal” does not mean that all hearts and minds are automatically transformed to recognize others as sisters and brothers.

The images and stories handed down through the generations continue to shape and influence people. The story of an African-American woman being denied the right to vote five separate times does not evoke the same kind of feeling the story of a Caucasian 18-year-old being welcomed to vote for the first time does. The image of a man being held down until he dies from lack of oxygen does not inspire confidence in the respect for diversity as does the image of a high school senior class who voted its only African-American female its prom queen and one of its gay students prom king.

I have no simple answers to the issues of race that continue to divide and hurt so many. (Personally, I thought all people were part of the *human* race, regardless of ethnicity.) I hope, though, that I will always speak for and stand with those who feel oppressed or held captive by inequality because of the color of one's skin. I pray that what I preach and teach as a servant of Jesus Christ will bring good news and perhaps even add to God's work of transformation in our little corner of the world.

Many blessings to you.
Rev. Rebecca



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.

Cindy Wondra
Harold Blackwood
Jordan & Devin
Klaeger
Joanne King
Judy Juhala
Ed Ocampo
Martha Gray
Willa Dickey
Lynn Gray & Family
Carol Mullen
Shirley Britton
Diana Chavis
Blake Walker

Chloe Hammond
Kevin & Kristen Crist
and Family
Connie Rouquette
Mary Heller
Rick Talens
Dawn McKillop
Dick & Dorothy Fox
Penny Wilkinson
Harry & Freida Nelson
Family of Chris
Evinger
Danny Bailey
Dori Marshall
Maria Dellarosa
Austin Spencer
Mason Spencer
Diane Manning
Matt Mullen
Vic Mullen
Rachael Manning
Shirley Chavez
Randy Garloch

Dee Ugo
Brant Blackwood
Family of Bob Jerry
Drew Bennett
Sally Leonard & Karie
Tharp
Loved Ones of Walter
Moore
Family of Norman
West
Christine Kennedy
Patrick & Rose
Kennedy
Judy Dunham
Phyllis Clenich
Lillie & Randy

Pictorial Directory

Time passes so quickly and this spring will mark three years since we had the last pictorial directory done for our church. We are so thankful for all of the new members and friends who are now with us and it's time for a new directory that will include everyone. There's no requirement that you have to be a member of our church to be included. The more people that have their pictures taken will give us more credit to have additional activity pages in the directory. There is no requirement to purchase any pictures but the way it's always worked in the past is that every family/individual that has their picture taken will get a free 8x10 and a copy of the directory. It will be wonderful to have a new directory so if you are interested in helping organize a temporary "Pictorial Directory Committee" or to help with it please let Sharon Crist (535-3359) know. The goal of the Koinonia Ministry team is to have new directory pictures taken this spring with a new directory ready to pass out before the end of summer.

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.

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.

Shirley Britton as she continues cycles of chemo and rest.

Diana Chavis as she returns to a neurologist early January for treatment of seizures.

Vicky Clark's great-niece, **Chloe Alexander**, as Chloe continues with treatments for cancer.

Mary Eileen Deal as she adjusts to living at Meadows Manor East.

Toni Johnson and her mother, **Mary Heller**.

Christine Kennedy as she recovers at home from injuries and recent surgery on both of her quadriceps.

Rachael Manning as she recovers from a fracture in her hand as a result of Winter Guard practice.

Dori Marshall as she begins her final semester at Christian Theological Seminary.

Sean and Mary Beth Mullen as they both offer a great deal of their time and support to the care of their parents and other family members.

Paul Myers as he continues to treat a wound on his foot.

David Rose as he waits for the results of recent health tests.

Carroll and Dinah Vasbinder as they both continue recovery from surgeries, and as Dinah prepares to begin another round of chemotherapy.

We extend our deepest Christian sympathies to **Beth Duley and Bonnie Wilson** at the death of Beth's Aunt Lois.

We extend our deepest Christian sympathies to **Joe and Allisa Williams** at the death of Joe's grandmother, Arlene Kiser.

Congratulations to **Eric and Lauren (Crist) Foster** as they celebrate their new home.



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.

Thank you!

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Thank you very much for the wonderful and generous gift at Christmas. Jeff, Lexi, and I always have vacation time together between Christmas and New Year's Day, and we put it to good use! Thank you, also, for another incredible year of ministry and service in Christ's name. Through life's ups and downs, sorrows and joys, I am very blessed and proud to serve as your pastor.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Rebecca
Zelensky

Mardi Gras Mystery Dinner

*4 p.m. Sunday,
February 8th at
the church*

This will be the first ever dinner and we hope to have a great turnout. We promise it will be an evening of great food and wonderful fellowship. More details will follow.

Active Adult Movie Night

*Friday
February 13th
at 6:30 p.m.*

Rather than going out to dinner this month we'll order pizzas and enjoy spending an evening together at church.

CKC Skating Event

CKC will be going skating on Sunday, January 11th from 2:00 to 4:00pm. We will try something different this time by going to the reopened Wigwam Skating Rink. Please meet at the rink at 2:00pm. Admission is \$4.00 and skate rental is \$3.00. You might want money for a drink or snack. We also invite the Youth Group, family members, and church friends to join us.

Theresa Vaughn 812-229-8089

Mission Trip

After reviewing Webster's definitions of **service** and **serve**, I am defining **service** as: **giving or doing something for someone who is in need**. As many of you know, our youth group has been planning to return to New Orleans to continue helping people who are trying to rebuild from hurricane Katrina. This summer, we will be able to serve one of our own. Connie Allen-Roquette used to be a member of Central Christian Church, and she moved to New Orleans to care for her mother. Their home was damaged by hurricane Katrina and as they were rebuilding, they were hit again by hurricane Rita. In the past few years, Connie has also been battling cancer. When we return to New Orleans, we will stay once again at Westside Christian Church's facility, but we will be traveling to Connie's home to do some of the work she can't do on her own.

At the lock-in our youth talked about service and they

have begun to look at what service means to them and how they currently serve. Our returning members shared their experiences and tried to paint a picture for our new members as to what they can expect. Our youth are excited to take on this service challenge, but want to encourage other church members to participate.

This trip is planned for June 12-19, 2015. Before we can put together an actual cost, we need a head count. Vehicle, fuel, and food costs will be determined by the number of people going. At this time, we are asking participants to pay a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 to hold their spot for the trip. This money will be due by February 1, 2015. In the past, we have had fundraisers and sponsors that have covered a huge portion of our expenses so that most everyone has been able to travel at little or no cost to them. Hopefully, that will be the case this year as well

We Draw Closer to God Through Educational Ministry

Pastor's Class to Start January 11

Pastor's Class is a special educational opportunity offered to young people and adults who have never made a confession of faith or been baptized but are considering this important step in their faith journey. This year, we are offering Pastor's Class during the Sunday school hour, 11:00am-Noon, starting January 11 and concluding March 22 or 29 (depending on participants in the class).

A few things to keep in mind about Pastor's Class:

1) Just because someone takes pastor's class does not mean they must make a confession of faith and be baptized. Some people take the class and decide that they are not ready to make such a big decision – and this is OK.

2) Some people who are new to the Disciples of Christ denomination or have taken Pastor's Class in the past would like to participate – and this is also OK!

If you or a young person in your family are interested in Pastor's Class, please contact Rev. Zelensky by January 4 at 812-877-9959 or revzelensky@frontier.com.

Evening at Central

Active Adults to set up for the Evening at Central and then go out to dinner – 6 p.m. Friday, March 6th

We'll meet at church at 6 to set up tables for the "Evening at Central" that will be the next evening and then go to dinner at MCL Cafeteria afterwards (approximately 6:45 p.m.)

Evening at Central – 5 p.m. Saturday March 7th

This will be a fun informative evening for all of our newer members and visitors (and anyone else who hasn't be able to attend one of these special evenings) which will begin with a meal prepared by the Koinonia Ministry team followed by an informative Power Point presentation about the history of the Disciples of Christ church and the lots of information about how our own Central Christian church was first established here in Terre Haute and information about the life and happenings here at Central. We thank Doug Sloan for his hard work in putting together and presenting the presentation. Rev. Rebecca will have current members share about how they came to be a part of Central Christian and there will be time for questions. It's always a great evening of information, good food and great fellowship.

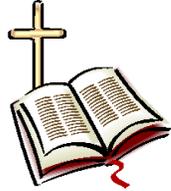
Koinonia Meeting

The Koinonia ministry team will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 30th for a carry-in dinner meeting at the home of Frank and Sharon Crist (5099 N. Orchard Place West Terre Haute; Phone: 535-3359). The Crist will provide the main course and everyone just brings a side dish or dessert to share.

They will be planning upcoming activities for the church.

Even if you didn't pledge to serve on this ministry team we always welcome anyone to our meetings. It's a fun relaxed time to complete work for the church but to also have fellowship with each other.



Daily Lectionary

January 2015

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
Thu.	Jan. 1	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	Matthew 9:14-17	Colossians 2:1-7
Fri.	Jan. 2	Genesis 12:1-7	John 6:35-42, 48-51	Hebrews 11:1-12
Sat.	Jan. 3	Genesis 28:10-22	John 10:7-17	Hebrews 11:13-22
*Sun.	Jan. 4	Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18	Ephesians 1:3-14
Mon.	Jan. 5	Joshua 1:1-9	John 15:1-16	Hebrews 11:32-12:2
Tue.	Jan. 6	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12	Ephesians 3:1-12
Wed.	Jan. 7	Isaiah 52:3-6	John 2:1-11	Revelation 2:1-7
Thu.	Jan. 8	Genesis 1:1-5	Mark 1:4-11	Acts 19:1-7
Fri.	Jan. 9	Isaiah 63:1-5	John 5:1-15	Revelation 2:18-29
Sat.	Jan. 10	Isaiah 65:1-9	John 6:1-14	Revelation 3:1-6
*Sun.	Jan. 11	Genesis 1:1-5	Mark 1:4-11	Acts 19:1-7
Mon.	Jan. 11	Isaiah 40:21-31	Mark 4:13-20	Revelation 3:14-22
Tue.	Jan. 12	Isaiah 45:1-8	Mark 4:21-31	Hebrews 1:1-11
Wed.	Jan. 13	Isaiah 45:9-17	Matthew 4:12-17	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Thu.	Jan. 14	Isaiah 45:18-25	Matthew 4:18-25	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Fri.	Jan. 15	Isaiah 46:1-13	John 1:1-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Sat.	Jan. 16	Isaiah 47:1-15	John 1:19-34	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
*Sun.	Jan. 18	1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)	John 1:43-51	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Mon.	Jan. 18	Isaiah 48:1-11	John 1:43-51	1 Corinthians 2:1-9
Tue.	Jan. 19	Isaiah 48:12-22	John 2:1-12	1 Corinthians 2:10-16
Wed.	Jan. 20	Isaiah 49:1-7	John 2:13-22	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Thu.	Jan. 21	Jonah 1:1-16	John 2:23-3:15	1 Corinthians 3:10-17
Fri.	Jan. 22	Jonah 1:17-2:10	John 3:16-21	1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Sat.	Jan. 23	Jonah 3:1-10	John 3:22-36	1 Corinthians 4:1-5
*Sun.	Jan. 25	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Mark 1:14-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mon.	Jan. 26	Jonah 3:10-4:11	John 4:1-15	1 Corinthians 4:6-13
Tue.	Jan. 27	Joshua 1:1-9	John 4:16-26	1 Corinthians 4:14-21
Wed.	Jan. 28	Joshua 1:10-18	John 4:27-42	1 Corinthians 5:1-5
Thu.	Jan. 29	Joshua 2:1-14	John 4:43-54	1 Corinthians 5:6-13
Fri.	Jan. 30	Joshua 2:15-24	John 5:1-18	1 Corinthians 6:1-8
Sat.	Jan. 31	Joshua 3:1-10	John 5:19-29	1 Corinthians 6:9-11

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Happy New Year!!!</i>				1	2	3
4 Epiphany Celebration 12N Elders Mtg	5 9AM Bible Study Communion at Bethesda and Wyndmoor	6 6PM Worship Meeting	7 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 2PM Wedding
11 2-4PM CKC & Youth Skating	12 9AM Bible Study	13 7PM Taize	14 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 12N General Board Mtg	19 9AM Bible Study	20	21 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
25	26 9AM Bible Study	27	28 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	29	30 6:30PM Koinonia Pitch In at the Crist's	31

Birthdays

1-Paige Tevlin
2-Will Hine, Sr
2-Erica West
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

Anniversaries

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

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

Youth Carol at Cannon Inn



Our youth took time out of their busy schedule to go Christmas caroling at Cannon Inn for Paul and Phyllis Myers as well as all the rest of the residents.

They also displayed their musical abilities for a very appreciative crowd. Thanks to all who visited Cannon Inn

Happy New Year !!!

