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(Nursery for Infants & Tod-
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Sunday School for All Ages
11 AM



Moral Injury and "American Sniper"

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by Rev. Susan Gonzales-Dewey, Co-regional Minister, Pacific Southwest

Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children! – Matthew 5:9

Last week the PSWR supported a conference on Moral Injury/Soul Repair. This was a gathering of pastors, VA Chaplains, leaders of non-profits who work with veterans, Navy Chaplains and other interested parties to talk about how we address the needs of our veterans, those who have been back home for many years and those who are just returning. As the speakers talked about the reality of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and described Moral Injury and how these things affect veterans and their families, I knew they were describing my father and my family. Moral injury has been defined as "perpetrating, failing to prevent, bearing witness to, or learning about acts that transgress deeply held moral beliefs and expectations" where the response is often sorrow, grief, regret, shame, and alienation. In 1941 my father enlisted in the army to fly planes during WW2. He was shot down over Germany in 1944 and spent a year in a German prisoner of war camp. He always lifted up General McArthur because the general liberated his war camp.

One morning, after he came home, my mother woke up with his hands on her neck and he was choking her in his sleep. He spent the next year in a hospital to recover for what was then called "shell shock". After that, he tried for a year to make his way in the home place, but finally went back into the military service.

People who are struggling with Moral Injury are struggling with profound moral questions, concerns on how to reclaim a moral compass, and asking, "Do I have any ability to tell right from wrong?" Like those suffering with PTSD symptoms, they often have anger, depression, anxiety, insomnia, nightmares, and self-medicate with drugs/alcohol. Is this someone you know? I think this is an area of ministry that is in our midst and surrounding us in our communities and I think that this is a place where we as congregations in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) can make a huge difference with a hurting and broken segment of the population in our communities as we give witness to the love and grace of God. We are after all "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world".....How do we, as people of God, help bring hope and healing to those who suffer from the effects of war while at the same time honor their service and seek peaceful solutions for the future?

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"The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.
When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here."
- Author Unknown

"Spring is when you feel like whistling
even with a shoe full of slush."
- Doug Larson

***"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



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
Joanne King
Judy Juhala
Martha Gray
Willa Dickey
Lynn Gray & Family
Carol Mullen
Shirley Britton
Diana Chavis
Chloe Hammond

Kevin & Kristen Crist and Family
Connie Rouquette
Mary Heller
Dawn McKillop
Dick & Dorothy Fox
Penny Wilkinson
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
Lillie Lawson
Dee Ugo
Brant Blackwood
Sally Leonard & Karie Tharp
Christine Kennedy
Patrick & Rose Kennedy

Serving...

Greeter:
Will Hine

Prayer Cards:
Kathy Ocampo

Attendance Pads:
Kathy Ocampo

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.

Upcoming Activities 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). It will begin with a meal prepared by the Koinonia Ministry Team followed by a Power Point presentation about the history of the Disciples of Christ and our own Central Christian Church.. We thank Doug Sloan for his hard work in putting together 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. Invitations will be sent to our visitors and new members, but if you are a current member who hasn't been able to attend one of these events in the past and would like to join us, please contact Sharon Crist (535-3359) by March 1st so we'll know how much food to prepare.

Mark your calendars:

May 31, 11:00 a.m.

following worship

David Rose & Philip Ewoldsen are getting married.

More details to follow

ANNUAL CHILI-FEST

Sunday, March 1

4:00—7:00 PM

St Mark United Church of Christ

To benefit

United Campus Ministries



Admission \$10

Children 10 & under \$5

March 2015

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8th "Spring Forward" Set your clocks ahead on Saturday night, March 7th.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Elders Mtg At noon UCM Chili-Fest 4-7PM At St Mark's	2 9AM Bible Study 10AM-3PM Carol Sloan OES Luncheon	3	4 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	5	6 Active Adults 6:30 PM Sunrise Family Restaurant	7 5:00 PM Evening at Central <i>Turn Clocks forward</i>
8 12 noon Worship Committee CKC & Youth Will Hine leads Tour of Shrine at SMWC	9 9AM Bible Study Faith & Giving Mtg at Sloans 6:30PM	10 Taizè 7 PM	11 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 Board Mtg At noon	16 9AM Bible Study	17 	18 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	19	20 <i>Spring Begins</i>	21
22 CKC & Youth to Children's Theater	23 9AM Bible Study	24 5:30 PM Education Committee	25 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt At noon	30 9AM Bible Study	31				

March Birthdays

1 Shannon Aballi
2 Kelly Barrett
3 Jaelyn Strong
3 Carrie Sears
5 Nathan Cole

6 Chrissy McKee
8 Joanne Seybold
8 Bruce Vaughn
9 Sean Mullen
13 David Harden

13 Karie Tharp
15 Shannon Overby
19 Theresa Adler
21 Nick Aballi
25 Joshua Johnson

Christian Education has several activities planned during March. We will have a Lenten Tour of the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin on Saint Mary of the Woods campus. Will Hine served as a tour guide for the open house of the shrine and has generously offered to lead a tour for our church. We will meet at Providence Center at 1:30pm on Sunday, March 8th. The tour should last about an hour. Weather permitting, we might tour some of the beautiful campus with its many grottos, statues, and other sacred places.

On Sunday, March 22 CKC, youth, friends and family will attend the Children's Theatre of Terre Haute performance of *Aladdin Jr.* The performance begins at 3:00pm at University Hall on the ISU campus. Kathy Ocampo is once again arranging reserved seating and advance sale tickets for our group. Erica West and Liam Herndon are among the cast. Please let Theresa Vaughn know if you plan to attend.

We are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the young church on Palm Sunday, March 29. The hunt will begin immediately following Sunday School. We are asking for contributions of individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs. A box will be at church for your donations. Please have your donations at church by Sunday, March 22 as we will be filling the eggs during the Sunday School hour. We need volunteers of youth and adults to help fill the eggs. On Palm Sunday we will need youth and adults to help hide the eggs and supervise the children during the hunt. We appreciate all the donations and help in this special event for our children.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings or join our committee.

Mark your calendars for VBS! *Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus was a Kid* will be held 6:30 to 8:15pm on the evenings of July 12-16. The celebration will be during worship on Sunday, July 19. Volunteers are needed to help with this important ministry. If you are able to help please see Mary Beth Mullen or Theresa Vaughn.

Theresa Vaughn, Christian Education Chair, 812-229-8089

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Harrison Campbell McClintock is 12 years old and was born on April 2, 2002 - two minutes *after* his sister, Grace, having spent the previous nine months "standing on her head while she was folded in half like a taco", as he is happy to report... He wasn't specifically named after anyone; his mom just really liked the name Harry and Campbell is an old family name.

Harry and his family began attending Central Christian shortly after his birth and they were the last family to become church members during Verity Jones' tenure as pastor. He is in the 7th grade GT program at Otter Creek Middle School, where his favorite subjects are math and geography. He plays the violin and is on the math and geography bowl teams.

His hobbies include playing games of any kind – board/card/video and learning about animals. He enjoys baking, cooking, bowling, roller skating, and reading books like *The Maze Runner* and *Okay for Now*.

His best friends are Ruben, Abby, Conor, and Anastasia, who are also in the GT program. He loves animals of all kinds (especially his dog, Bella) and when he grows up he wants to be a veterinarian.



MISSION TRIP

So far, about 20 persons, youth and adults, have signed up for the mission trip to New Orleans scheduled June 12-19, 2015.

Vehicle, fuel, and food costs will be determined by the number of people going.

We hope to have some fundraisers and sponsors to cover a good portion of our expenses.

Everyone planning to attend this trip needs to pay the \$75.00 ASAP or let Shelly know for sure if you are going. An informational meeting will soon be set.

Our Church Family

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



Chloe Alexander, Vicky Clark's great-niece, as she continues to receive treatment for cancer.

Shirley Britton as she continues treatment.

Diana Chavis who is working with a neurologist to find the right medication after being diagnosed with epileptic seizures.

Mary Heller, Toni Johnson's mother, as Mary receives treatment for cancer.

Sandy Lang as she waits for repairs to be made to her apartment after a burst

sprinkler system, and as she deals with pain from vein treatments in her legs.

Diane Manning, John's mother, as she has been diagnosed with cancer.

Don McBride, friend of Karen Moore, as he deals with diabetes and an injury to his Achilles tendon.

Doug Meyer, Patrick's uncle, as he recovers from serious blood glucose issues.

Sean & Mary Beth Mullen as they offer care and support to extended family members who are ill.

Norma Plascak as she receives a pacemaker on March 4.

Stefan Ritter, Sara's brother, as he recovers from a serious fall and subsequent surgery.

Jane Ann & Eric Siepman, Mary Jo Brown's son and daughter-in-law, as Jane Ann continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

Dinah & Carroll Vasbinder as Dinah recovers from a recent surgery and hospital stay.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Kathy Ocampo and Joe & Erica West** at the death of Kathy's father, Ed Ocampo.

THANK YOU! After many years of contributing weekly information on behalf of Central Christian to the Tribune-Star, we give thanks to this ministry generously given by **Theresa Vaughn!** The paper has decided to no longer publish the "Church Briefs" section in its current format. God bless you, Theresa, for your faithful work!

What Kind of a Legacy Will You Leave?

We all have a desire for significance. For many of us, significance comes through creating a legacy during our lives - something for which we will be remembered in the future. A Bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to leave a lasting legacy to the people and charitable organizations that mean the most to us.

A bequest is a gift made through your will. There are several ways to make a bequest:

- Specific dollar amount
- Percentage of your estate
- Specific asset
- Residue of your estate

Religious organizations today are under great stress in developing the financial resources to do their mission. Annual fund raising initiatives have been the backbone of giving and will continue to be. However, for the long-term success and financial stability of the religious organizations in today's world. A simple Planned/Deferred Giving initiative can be done to start the organization efforts in this important area.

Prepared by:
Dr. William C. Hine

Elders...

March 1

Erica West
Phil Ewoldson

March 8

Dianne Mansfield
Sherrie Mansfield

March 15

David Rose
Betsy Hine

March 22

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Deacons...

March 1

Prep-Beth Truax
Serve-Susan Edmonson
Serve-Carol Sloan
Serve-Beth Truax
Serve-Patrick Meyer
Cleanup-Kelly Meyer

March 8

Prep-Melanie & Twyla
Serve-Carol Sloan
Serve-Kathy Ocampo

March 15

Prep-Beth Truax
Serve-Susan Edmondson
Serve-Brian Dooley
Serve Beth Truax
Cleanup-Kelly Meyer

March 22

Prep-?
Serve-Carol Sloan
Serve-Melanie Hurst
Serve-Twyla

Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. We are now in the season of Lent, the 40-day time of prayer and deep reflection as we repent (turn to God) and prepare for the glories of Easter. One spiritual discipline often practiced during this season is that of alms-giving. "Alms" are money or services given to those in need, and the word in Greek is often translated "mercy;" so when we give alms, we are dispensing mercy.

One of the many things I appreciate and truly love about Central Christian is that we always have some kind of outreach project/ ministry we are working on or highlighting. For example, we just gathered and dedicated our Week of Compassion special offering, we are collecting items for the Woodrow Wilson Backpack Program, we maintain a table of Fair Trade items for sale on behalf of farmers in other parts of the world trying to make a living wage, and we will soon have our Easter Special Offering. This list just taps the surface, however, of all the things church members and friends give to others in the world.

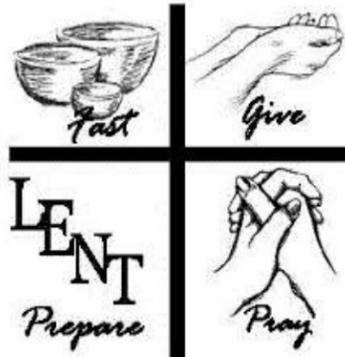
People stopping by the church looking for financial help is a common occurrence. We do not keep cash on hand at the church, but have found other ways to help those in need. Still, it is not possible to give money to everyone - nor should we, as many people prey on the faithful for less than honorable reasons. I would like to think that I have a good sense of what "sounds" legitimate and what doesn't. But who am I kidding?

Recently, a family came to church and a number of members reached into their wallets and gave all that they could to help people in desperate need. These folks *were* in desperate need - just not the kind we *thought* at the time!

And you know, looking back on that day, I'm not sure what I would have done differently. Those who were involved did the very best they could under the circumstances. The generosity and heartfelt concern I witnessed on the part of our congregation impacted me in a powerful way. Faithful people who have their own concerns, their own troubles and heartaches, responded without hesitation out of their love for God and their compassion for other human beings. I learn so much from all of you and I am humbled to be your pastor and walk with you on this journey of life.

So, we will continue to do the best we can, and not let cynicism get the better of us. We will strive to live the vision and call God has placed upon us. We will trust that God is at work even when we cannot see it.

Blessings and peace to you,
Rev. Rebecca



Worship Ministry News

MOVING FROM LENT TO EASTER 2015

We will be in the second week of Lent by the time of this Clarion. Looking ahead we focus on preparing for the time in March and April which will lead us to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. There will soon be information about and order forms for flowers for Easter in memory and in honor of the special people in your lives so watch the CCC webpage and the weekly emails for that information. We will try to have 2 Sundays of order form inserts in the Sunday bulletins before the deadline.

Palm Sunday will be March 29; Passover this year begins the evening of April 3 and ends the evening of April 11. Holy Week services will be Maundy Thursday (April 2) and Good Friday (April 3). This year the Maundy Thursday service will be at St. Mark UCC on Fruitridge and the Good Friday service will be at Central Christian. Both services start at 7:00 p.m. We will have a sunrise service on Easter morning April 5; the time for that will be announced later.

Be in church during Lenten as the worship service guides us through this time of reflection and preparation through the scriptures and prayers of the service, the spoken word of Rev. Rebecca's sermons, scriptures and music that will help us focus on the theme of "Carried by the River." All these are carefully planned to help lead us along the path to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

Columbus, Ohio, is the site for the 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) July 18-22. Early registration discounts are available through April 1, 2015, but don't wait to register then! You will also want to reserve your hotel online. Go to the GA webpage at <http://ga.disciples.org/> for speaker, schedule, housing and registration information and keep up-to-date on the latest news and information about the 2015 General Assembly by subscribing to the email newsletter. And don't forget to follow on Twitter [@DisciplesGA](https://twitter.com/DisciplesGA) and [join our Facebook group](#). Keep up-to-date on the latest news and information about the 2015 General Assembly by subscribing to our email newsletter.



March 2015 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

March 1	—	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38
March 8	—	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
March 15	—	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
March 22	—	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10
March 29	—	Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]
March 30	—	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11
March 31	—	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36

The Beatitudes

Happy are they who live in the presence of God, for they will never walk alone

Blessed are they who do not worship the dollar, for heaven cannot be bought.

Happy are they who build bridges among people, for they will bring peace to the world.

Blessed are they who die to self, for they shall be filled with God.

Happy are they who laugh at their own mistakes, for they shall lead merry lives.

Blessed are the Joyful Noisemakers, for they contribute to the happiness of the world.

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