



the Clarion

October 2015

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 (DOC),

Terre Haute, IN

October



Crispy air and azure skies,
High above, a white cloud flies,
Bright as newly fallen snow.
Oh the joy to those who know October!

Colors bright on bush and tree.
Over the weedy swamp, we see
A veil of purple and brown and gold.
Thy beauty words have never told. October!

Scolding sparrows on the lawn,
Rabbits frisking home at dawn,
Pheasants midst the sheaves of grain,
All in harmony acclaim, October!

Brown earth freshly turned by plow,
Apples shine on bended bough,
Bins o'erflowed with oats and wheat,
And satisfaction reigns complete. October!

Radiant joy is everywhere.
Spirits in tune to the spicy air,
Thrill in the glory of each day.
Life's worth living when we say, October!

Joseph Pullman Porter

Serving...

Greeters

Melanie Hurst
Twyla Edinburgh

Prayer Cards

Mary Beth Ripple

Attendance Pads

None scheduled

Counters

October 4

None scheduled

October 11

None scheduled

October 18

None scheduled

October 25

None scheduled

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.

Cindy Wondra
Harold Blackwood
Martha Gray
Willa Dickey
Carol Mullen
Shirley Britton
Diana Chavis
Kevin & Kristen
Crist & Family
Connie Rouquette

Mary Heller
Penny Wilkinson
Freida Nelson
Dori Marshall
Matt Mullen
Vic Mullen
Shirley Chavez
Randy & Lillie
Garloch & Raidon
Dee Ugo

Sally Leonard & Karie
Tharp
Christine Kennedy
Patrick & Rose Kennedy
Jane Ann & Eric
Siepman
The family of Dick Fox
Clyde & Leona Iliff

Jonah Fish Fry a Success!!!

We are happy to report that the final profit from our 24th annual fish fry was \$2,095.24 – this is after our 10% contribution to United Campus Ministries that we give from our proceeds each year. Although our crowds were down slightly this year (possibly due to rain and the first night of the Blues Festival), it was still our 2nd most profitable fish fry to date. The profit to support our ministries here at Central was just \$93.45 less than the \$2,188.69 which was our net last year. Over \$273 of the total profit was raised from the sale of the desserts you so generously donated.

Your Koinonia ministry team would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone. Whether you purchased and donated canned goods or other supplies or made monetary donations to help defray the cost of these items, created and printed tickets, helped set up tables and chairs, worked during the day and/or evening of the fish fry, donated dessert/s, sold advance tickets, promoted the event with public service announcements and newspaper articles, updated our web site with info on the fish fry, hung up flyers to advertise the event, put up the fish fry sign, stayed and helped clean up the kitchen, put away the tables/chairs, vacuumed, hauled away the trash, prayed for the success of the event, or etc. etc. etc. we thank you so very much.

We also extend a big thank you to our Communications ministry team for the wonderful flyer they prepared and for posting info on our web site about the fish fry. We have a wonderful website and by advertising it as part of our fish fry publicity, it gave the public an opportunity to view our website. Who knows? We may have more visitors at Central because they were impressed by our facility and our wonderful members/ friends working that night or because of our terrific web site that details everything Central has to offer.

The value of the canned goods, paper products, etc. you donated was \$600+ dollars. Your generous contributions greatly increased the profit to the church. The fish fry couldn't happen every year without the combined efforts of all the gracious people here at Central. We are blessed to have a congregation that always pitches in and helps. Even though it's always a busy evening, it is fun to work side by side with each other and to see so many faces from our community at our event. One gentleman told the ladies in our serving line that our fish fry was by far the best in the area.

Thanks again,

Your Koinonia Fellowship Ministry team

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.



Our sister congregation, **Jerusalem Christian Church (DOC), Lafayette, LA** and all its ministries.

Shirley Britton as she recovers from a recent round of chemotherapy.

Frank Crist (and Sharon!) as he recovers from a partial knee replacement.

Brock Gonthier as he finishes basic training with the US Air Force. Please pray for Brock's family as this is the first time Brock has been away from home.

Marsha McQueary's sister, **Judy Hadley**, as Judy recovers from two heart procedures.

David Harden who is recovering from a procedure on September 24 and will be having another in the near future.

Dori Marshall as she makes plans for her immediate future and searches for employment.

Sean Mullen and his father, **Vic**, as Vic makes decisions about ongoing treatments for cancer. Please continue to pray for Mary Beth as she deals with sporadic seizures.

Rev. Zelensky's nephew and his wife, **Charlie and Autumn Murphy**, as they deal with the loss of a baby.

Jo Anne Seybold will be moving from IU Methodist Hospital to a long-term care facility in Indianapolis (hopefully) before the end of September. Jo Anne has a number of very critical health issues. Please pray for Jo Anne, her daughters, Sarah and Emily, and her three grandsons who live with her, Darius, Lavell, and Jaiden.

Toni Johnson's mother, **Mary Heller**.

Karen Sagrave's mother, **Marian Richardson**, who has entered hospice care.

Sandy Lang's son, **Blake Walker**, as Blake goes through a difficult time.

Rev. Rebecca and **Laura Garverick** will be doing Mentored Ministry together as part of Laura's master of Divinity studies with Asbury Seminary.

Due to Patient Privacy Laws, hospitals are no longer able to contact 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.

Serving...

Elders

October 4

Mary Jo Brown
Betsy Hine

October 11

Dianne Mansfield
Kathy Ocampo

October 18

Erica West
Dianne Mansfield

October 25

Mary Jo Brown
Susan Edmondson

Deacons

October 4

Prep Marsh McQueary
Serve
Serve
Serve
Cleanup

October 11

Prep Marsh McQueary
Serve
Serve
Serve
Cleanup

October 18

Prep Marsh McQueary
Serve
Serve
Serve
Cleanup Kelly Meter

October 25

Prep Marsh McQueary
Serve
Serve
Serve
Cleanup Kelly Meyer

ACTIVE ADULTS OCTOBER ACTIVITY

Sunday, October 4th

4:00 p.m.

Frank and Sharon Crist will host a cook-out at their home for the October activity. They will provide the meat, buns, condiments, lemonade and iced tea. Persons just need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert and a lawn chair.

Anyone is invited to join us for these fun monthly dinners/ social activities. This is an event for the entire family. Please sign up at the information center if you'd like to attend so they'll know how many people will be coming. The Crist's live at 5099 N. Orchard Place, West Terre Haute (Lantern's West Subdivision on Bolton Road). If you haven't been to their home before, take St. Rd. 63 North 3 miles to Bolton Road. Turn left and go ½ mile to Lantern's West Subdivision (it's the second subdivision on the right side of Bolton Road). Their home is the last house on the right side of North Orchard Place where the street ends at their driveway. Hope you can join us for a fun evening of good food and fellowship. Thanks,



Your Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Team

Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! A large part of Central's Board meeting/retreat in August was spent discussing and planning for the congregation's 175th anniversary in 2016. Yes! You read that correctly! Central Christian Church has been an active faith community and a beacon of Christ's presence for almost 175 years! We have some wonderful things already scheduled and some others in the process of being planned to mark this important milestone.

One of the things the Board decided to do in honor of our anniversary is to have a formal relationship with Jerusalem Christian Church (DOC) in Lafayette, Louisiana. A number of our adults and youth met Rev. Ashley Sherard and her husband, Rev. Frank, in New Orleans back in 2013 during that church mission trip. Rev. Ashley is now the lead pastor and Church Planter of Jerusalem Christian Church, a new Disciples congregation.

During the 2015 General Assembly, Rev. Ashley and I visited for quite some time and we talked about the possibility of having a formal relationship between the two churches. Right now, we have pledged to keep the other's congregation in prayer, and if you have been in worship lately, you will have noticed that we now include Jerusalem and its ministries in our weekly Prayers of Intercession.

We do not know what things beyond prayer we may be able to do for each other in the future, but we are open to God's Spirit moving among us. One of the things that I find exciting about this relationship is how much we can learn from each other. Central has been around for 175 years and we have a long history and many experiences to share. As a newer congregation, Jerusalem is on the cutting edge of what many people are looking for in a faith community in 2015.

Jerusalem Christian highlights the following in its self-description:

Intentional Diversity Social Justice Love

Jerusalem is also a GLAD Alliance Welcoming Church.

I encourage you to check out the Jerusalem Christian Church web site to learn more about our sisters and brothers in Christ and to see what life-giving things God is doing in and through their congregation. (I particularly like their Wednesday evening schedule – cool stuff!) www.jccdoc.com.

May God bless our new sister congregation and may Central Christian be a blessing to Jerusalem Christian and to many others in our world.

Reverend Rebecca

Diabetes?

Are you a person with diabetes? Do you know someone with diabetes? Do you care for a diabetic? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Diabetes Self-Management class is for you! The Minority Health Coalition of Vigo County, Inc. is licensed by the Stanford University Medical School to teach this six week program. There is no cost for the classes. They meet once a week for about 2 hours. This is a holistic program focusing on living a healthy life with diabetes if a chronic disease. The sessions focus on diabetes, exercise, nutrition, food label reading, spirituality, and how and what to ask your health care provider and decision making regarding prescriptions....questions to ask.

Dinah Vasbinder is a Master Trainer, licensed by Stanford and will be one of the two instructors. The class can be taught at Central and can be taught during the day or in the evening. If you are interested in this valuable program, please either call Dinah at 812-870-1117 or email her at minorityhealthcoalition.vigo@gmail.com. It would be good to start a class in early October and end before Thanksgiving.

WHAT I LEARNED AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A Joyful Noise about General Assembly

As a member of Central Christian's Worship team I chose workshops and discussions that would provide ideas and thoughts that could be incorporated into our worship services here at home.

One of these sessions was led by a young pastor by the name of Caroline Hamilton-Arnold. It was titled "Worship that Forms Faith". She reminded us that the pinnacle of the worship service may be different for different people. *"Oh, I get it! We all come with different needs and thoughts that may be reached and met by different things."*

Worship is where we give people the tools to form their faith, to reach inside themselves and what they have experienced to form a relationship with God and other people. We experience God in the rituals of worship. *"Those same rituals often give us comfort in times of need."*

The worship space helps form the path to faith formation.

Everything we do teaches, just not always what we planned for it to teach. We need to be open to those moments. The spontaneous happenings can be the ones that touch us the most.

Faith formation in worship includes the where, when, why, how, and for whom. *"Sounds like an English/Language lesson from school doesn't it?"*

Worship should include areas that are visual, kinesthetic, oral, tactile, and interactive. *"That goes right back to the "pinnacle of worship may be different for different people". What touches us one Sunday may not be what we feel touched by the next Sunday."*

So, COME! Come open to the spirit. Come prepared for concrete experiences, reflective observations, and the abstract occurrences that come together to create worship.

Allow the words of the hymns we sing to be a part of the message. Allow the hand clasps and the hugs received warm you with the spirit. Taste God's goodness in the bread and cup of communion. Feel God's presence during the quiet times and through the music of the choir and pianist. Oh, it's OK to laugh during worship too!

Remember that those moments that touch us the most are often not the moments where we expect to find the answers.

Where have you seen God and felt his presence today?

With Songs of Joy,

Carol Sloan



My Volunteer Vacation to Pine Ridge, SD

This summer, I traveled to work with a non-profit organization called “Re-Member” on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, home to the Oglala Lakota Nation. Most Indian reservations around the country are economically devastated areas due to racial, historical, governmental, and systemic issues; the Pine Ridge Reservation is the MOST economically devastated in the country. There is an 80-90% unemployment rate on the reservation, and it is estimated that there is an 80% alcoholism rate as well. The life expectancy on “the Rez” is the second lowest in the Western Hemisphere—only Haiti has a lower life expectancy. The reasons for this devastation are numerous, but the simple fact is, most Americans ARE NOT AWARE that this level of poverty exists in our country. It is a travesty that the indigenous peoples of this land are subjected to such horrendous levels of poverty; after all, THEY were here first!



I decided to travel to work with Re-Member, which is a specifically non-evangelical organization, to learn more about the vibrant culture of the Lakota people and of course, to work. Many residents on the Rez live in trailers because they are the most affordable housing option—many of these homes have no running water or electricity, and 20+ family members often are living in one unit and sleeping on the floor. Re-Member helps build bunk beds, outhouses, decks and porches, and provides general maintenance for residents of the Rez.

Re-Member also serves as a learning exchange for the volunteers who come to work there. In addition to our three “work days,” we traveled to the Badlands, the Wounded Knee Massacre Site, Red Cloud Indian School, and the Oglala Lakota College. We heard from Lakota speakers each night who brought us different messages of hurt, sorrow, creation, beauty, hope, and prayer. Most importantly, the message was mostly that of reconciliation and forgiveness. We learned about the deep spirituality of the Lakota people that, from 1890 to 1978, was outlawed by our government—yes, you read that correctly—it was illegal to practice indigenous religions for any Indian tribes in the US as recently as 38 years ago. There is a spiritual revitalization occurring on many reservations at this time in history, and Pine Ridge is no exception to that newly kindled spiritual fire.

This experience was incredibly emotional, and incredibly life-changing; I have already signed



Patrick and myself up for our trip in 2016! Our Mother Father God tells us through the message of Jesus that we are to help all of our brothers and sisters on this beautiful *Unci Maka* (Grandmother Earth) who are persecuted and who do not have a voice. I believe that the indigenous peoples of this country need advocates to help magnify their voice and their cause, and we can be these advocates. All we need to do in order to advocate for natives is to educate ourselves on the issues, and to SPEAK UP. Everyone needs to know that this country was founded upon the genocide of an entire race of people, whether it is a pleasant conversation topic or not. We have much to learn from the indigenous peoples of this nation, and we HAVE to help make sure that they are still around for that learning to take place.



Please let me know if you have any questions about my trip—I’d be happy to share. You can find more information about Re-Member at www.re-member.org; I would highly recommend this organization to ANYONE looking for a volunteer vacation trip to Pine Ridge.

Kelly Meyer

Hello Central Christian Church Family!

I wanted to extend a warm hello and introduce myself! My name is Laura Garverick; I'm a registered nurse working full time at Union Hospital and I am currently in the second semester of the Masters of Divinity program at Asbury Theological Seminary. My husband, Paul, and I moved to the area last fall, and we found Central shortly thereafter.



Walking into a new church can be intimidating, but we knew right away that Central would be our church home because of the love and welcome we felt from everyone we met. There was an undeniable camaraderie and sense of inclusion felt as soon as we walked in, and we knew it could only stem from the love of Jesus.

For a few years now, I've felt the Lord calling me to vocational ministry and recently began seminary classes this past summer. As part of my seminary studies this fall semester, I'm taking a class called Mentored Ministry. The course partners seminary students with ministers so that students can follow in the footsteps of a minister, learn better the role of a minister, and have a chance to actively participate in the ministry of the church while having a mentor at hand.

After learning about the course, it was only natural that I would look to my church family at Central for this next chapter in my seminary studies! Reverend Rebecca has graciously agreed to take me under her wing as my mentor for this course, and I don't think I could have found a better role model to learn from.

I just wanted to say Thank You to my Central Church family for allowing me to learn and grow beside all of you, not only for the next few months as a seminary student in mentored ministry class, but also for allowing me to learn and grow beside you this past year as part of the Central family. Paul and I feel blessed to have a church we can call home.

I'm both nervous and excited for the journey ahead, but more so thankful that I get to do it with you all! I'd love to get to know you better, so come say hello, and don't be shy!

Blessings,

Laura Garverick

Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering



The 2015 Reconciliation Offering will be received on October 4th. The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing the tools experiential education (training), inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering, providing for programs of leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. The year 2015 has catapulted the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to

Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

CROP FOR MISSIONS

Saturday, October 24, 2015

9 am to 4 pm

Reservations can be made
by going online at
www.cccthdisciples.org

or call Susan Edmondson at
812-240-2717

or send payment to:
Crop for Missions,
Central Christian Church,
4950 Wabash Avenue
Terre Haute IN 47803



\$25 for a 4 foot section of table, snacks, lunch, door prizes, multiple 'make and take' projects. Bring your scrapbook or other paper projects and enjoy a day of being pampered while you scrap!

DOOR PRIZE

- You will get one ticket for a door prize with your registration.
- If you donate a non-perishable food item, you get another ticket .
- If you donate a snack item for the day you will receive another ticket.
- Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

The food will be donated to the United Campus Ministry Food Pantry (for students).

Funds raised will be used to support the Food Pantry and finance other church missions.

The building is accessible - you can pull up to the door and unload/load.

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Evening of Music and Chocolate

12th Annual

Featuring the ISU Faculty Brass Quintet

Eddie Ludema (trumpet), Blake Reynolds (trumpet), Randy Mitchell (trombone), Brian Kilp (horn) and Glen Dimick (tuba)

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2015 - 7:00 PM
at**

Central Christian Church

**(Disciples Of Christ)
4950 Wabash Avenue
Terre Haute, IN 47803**



Advance tickets are \$15, at the door, \$18.

To reserve your seat, please call the church office at (812) 877-9959, call (812)234-3690 or see any member of the Central Christian Church choir.

**Admission includes a drink and one full dessert serving.
(Non-chocolate and sugar-free desserts are also available.)
Desserts generously donated by area businesses and individuals.**

**Proceeds go to the music ministry of the church and
United Campus Ministries.**

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

October 3, 2015

1:00 —4:00 p.m.

Pioneer Days at Fowler Park

To learn more about the time when our congregation was established in 1841 we are visiting the Fowler Park 1840's Pioneer Village which features many log cabins a log barn, smoke-house, blacksmith shop and a covered bridge. Pioneer Village Folk will demonstrate the same tasks and activities of our ancestors, using the same methods and tools. Hands-on activities will be scattered throughout Pioneer Village to encourage visitor participation. Old-fashioned crafters demonstrate their talents, and their crafts will be available for purchase. We especially encourage our children and youth to attend, but anyone is welcome to join us. Depending on how many attend, we may meet in a southside parking lot to carpool to the event. In past years admission was free, but parking was \$5.00 per car.

November 10, 2015

7:00—8:00 p.m.

Taize Service

at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at St Mary-of-the-Woods

This hour-long service includes prayers, simple beautiful music, a time for silence, spoken and silent prayers. This quiet and reflective time is peaceful as well as joyful. Rev. Rebecca is on the planning team, and she is in charge of planning the November service on Gratitude. Many of us have had an opportunity to attend a service, but most of our youth and children have not been able to attend. Since there is no school the following day due to Veteran's Day, this is a good opportunity for our children and youth to attend. After we determine who is attending, we will figure out transportation for the children and youth. It would be wonderful to have a crowd from Central attend this special service planned by Rev. Rebecca.

If you plan to attend either of these events with us, please let me know.

Theresa Vaughn

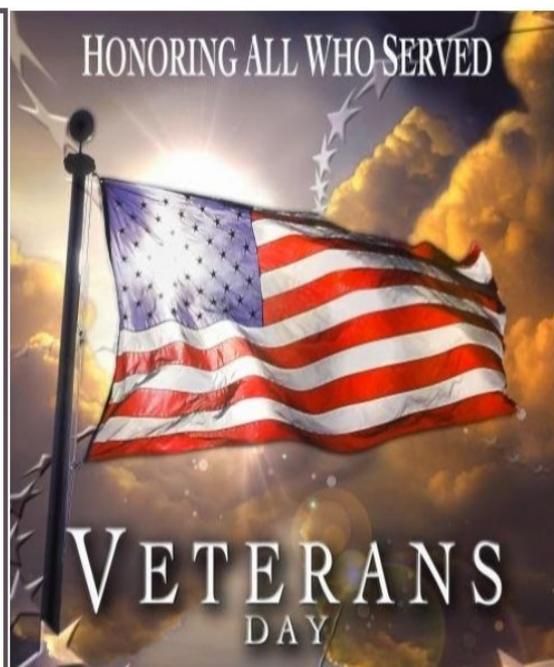
812-229-8089

Veteran's Day is coming soon. We want to celebrate the veterans in your life - living or deceased. They do not have to be members of our church. We want to recognize all veterans in our lives!

If you have someone you would like to add to the list for recognition, please send his\her name to Melanie Hurst at cccwebmaster001@gmail.com. Please include their branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard).

Also we are requesting photos of the veterans to further celebrate their service. If you have a photo of the veteran in uniform, please scan it and send it to the same email address as above. You may also bring the picture to the church. Melanie will scan it and return it safely back to you.

Names and pictures must be submitted by October 16 so they can be included in the Clarion.



October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 1-4 PM Pioneer Days at Fowler Park (Chr Ed)
4 Reconciliation Offering Blessing of Animals Noon—Elders 4pm Active Adults	5 9AM Bible Study 10:30 Communion at Bethesda & Wyndmoor	6	7 6:30 Choir	8	9	10
11 noon Worship Team	12 9AM Bible Study	13 7pm Taize at SMWC	14 6:30 Choir	15	16	17 CDM+ Conference—Madonna
18 Board-noon	19 9AM Bible Study	20 Christian Ed 5:45 PM Real Good Church Discussion 7PM	21 6:30 Choir	22	23	24 CROP for Missions 8AM—6PM 
25	26 9AM Bible Study	27	28 6:30 Choir	29	30	31 

Happy Birthday

1-Joy Clikeman
5-Maryssa Hill
5-Terri Cole
5-Richard Willey
8-Melissa Wilson
10-Kyle Volkers
10-Sandra Lang
17-Jane M Siebenmorgen

17-Tom Russell
18-Dalton Gonthier
19-Amanda Vaughn
19-Ray Ripple
20-Dinah Vasbinder
23-Rebecca Zelensky
23-Phil Beckelhymer
24-Brian Dooley

27-Frank Stewart Volkers
28-Brock Gonthier
30-Mary Jo Brown
30-Colton Minger

Happy Anniversary

Oct 7-Kathy Ocampo & Joe West
Oct 8-Ray & Mary Beth Ripple
Oct 9-Marsha & Bill McQueary
Oct 15-Sally Leonard & Karie Tharp



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We're On The Web
www.cccthdisciples.org

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



ONLINE GIVING

In today's digital world many people appreciate an online option which can help them be more consistent in the grace of giving. There is no cost to you to use this service. We provide you the option to safely and securely contribute to Central Christian Church using your debit or credit card.

On our church website www.cccthdisciples.org, click on the Support tab. Then click the Donate button, and you can pay by credit or debit card, or use your PayPal account!

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

By Mail: Send your check to our office at 4950 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47803.

In Person: You can bring your tithes and offerings to our Sunday services or drop them off at the church office between 9-2 during the week.

Through Your Bank: Most banks will allow you to set up recurring gifts through Bill-Pay, Epay or similar systems which send a regular check to Central Christian Church in the amount of your choosing. Visit your bank for more information on how to set this up.

Your financial support helps to continue our mission of service and outreach to the Terre Haute community. Thank you and peace be with you!