



the Clarion

of Central Christian Church (DOC)

August 2016

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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

Serving...

GREETERS

Doug Sloan
Carol Sloan

PRAYER CARDS

Marsha McQueary

ATTENDANCE PADS

Carol Sloan

COUNTERS

August 7

Twyla Edinburgh
Richard Hunt
Melanie Hurst

August 14

Mary Jo Brown
David Rose

August 21

David Rose
Carroll Vasbinder

August 28

Carol Sloan
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.

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.

Harold Blackwood

Diana Chavis

Kevin & Kristen Crist & Family

Randy & Lillie Garloch & Raidon

Martha Gray

Christine Kennedy

Carol Mullen

Matt Mullen

Vic Mullen

Freida Nelson

Jane Ann & Eric Siepman

Sally Leonard & Kari Tharp

Dee Ugo

Penny Wilkinson

Cindy Wondra

Larry Zukokas

Paul & Laura Garverick

Diana Chavis

Richard Hunt

Connie Roquette & Jose

Trish Beadle

Sandra Lang

Ginger Monette

Letter from Linwood Christian Church

Dear Rev. Zelensky and Friends in Christ: Congratulations on celebrating your 175th Anniversary of Christian ministry in the Terre Haute area! What a tremendous milestone that is! We rejoice with you as you continue to serve God's people, and pray God's blessings upon you.

We shared your letter of May 29th with our congregation on the occasion of celebrating our 100th Anniversary. We lifted you in prayer, and continue to remember that we are not alone as we seek to share the love of Jesus Christ with the world.

We, too, feel a special connection with your congregation as we share family members with one another. In addition, I personally have been acquainted with two of Central's previous pastors (Rev. Thomas Russell and Rev. Dianne Mansfield) and have long felt a kinship with your church.

May the future of your service to God and Jesus Christ be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and may all people find welcome and rest with you.

*Sincerely,
Reverend Carolyn M. Watkins, Pastor*

Congregational Meeting Central Christian Church (DOC) will have a Congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 7**, immediately after worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the Holy Cow Drop report for 2016 and to determine if there is enough congregational support for this event in 2017.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

Your Koinonia Ministry team and CWF would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the dinner after our wonderful 175th anniversary celebration such a success! We greatly appreciate all of your donations of items needed for the meal, your help in preparing the food, quickly transforming the sanctuary into a lovely dining area and then putting away all of the tables and cleaning up after the dinner. We extend a special thanks to the Hines for their contribution of the delicious fried chicken from Baesler's and to Traci Tucker and Sarah Wilson for the beautiful cakes and cupcakes they created and donated. Words can't express what an outstanding day Sunday, June 12th was in the life of Central Christian Church. It was truly a day we'll all remember for years to come!

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 Church Family...

Central Christian Church (DOC), all our ministries, and all the events we are planning for the rest of our 175th anniversary year.

Jerusalem Christian Church (DOC), Lafayette, LA and all their ministries.

Bettie Davis, who is currently at Meadows Manor North.

Christine Kennedy as she offers support and care for her mother whose health is failing.

Rich Kennel as he continues to recover at home after several seizures.

Cari Krockenberger as she recovers from a motor cycle accident that resulted in a stay at Methodist Hospital in Indy. Please pray also for Cari's loved ones as they offer her care and support.

Debbie Gonthier asks for prayers for her mother, **Rosemary Libby**, who is in Sarasota, Florida. Rosemary's memory and health are declining.

Rachael Manning as she finishes her time and performances this summer with Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps International.

Phyllis and Paul Myers as Phyllis is now at home after two recent hospital stays and as Paul continues to receive treatments for his foot. Please pray as well for the Myers' granddaughter, **Stephanie Stewart**, as she continues treatment for cancer.

Kinsey Norman as she recovers from recent gall bladder surgery.

Doris Pell as she continues chemotherapy treatments.

Jo Anne Seybold and her family.

Sandy Wickware's brother, Robert, who is recovering from serious injury to his arm.

All the people who have been affected by the shootings in St. Paul, Baton Rouge, Dallas, and the terrorist attack in Nice, France.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the following:

Rick Dennis and his family at the death of Rick's aunt, Shelby Bowers. Rick asks for special prayers for his cousin, Tina Penwell, and his mother, Brenda Dennis, who were very close to Shelby.

Susan Edmondson, Shannon Aballi, and their extended family at the death of **Joann Morris**. Joann was a member of Central Christian since the 1960's.

Donna Hofmann and her family at the death of Donna's mother-in-law.

Zachariah Mathew, Ancy, Sara, Mathew and their extended family at the death of Zach's father. Please pray as well for safe travels as Zachariah and Sara will be in India until August.

Norma Plascak and her family at the death of Norma's 4 month-old-grandnephew, Elliott, who died of SIDS the first week of July.

Rev. Ashley Sherard and her three daughters in Lafayette, LA, at the death of Frank Sherard. Frank had violent seizures due to epilepsy. There will be a funeral in Missouri on July 23. We also pray for Jerusalem Christian Church as the whole congregation deals with this loss and offers their love and support to Ashley and the kids.

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.

CAN'T HEAR SUNDAY WORSHIP? If you struggle to hear the voices of our worship leaders, please speak with Jeff Zelensky. Jeff can give you headphones, so you need not miss anything as we worship God together.

HATS OFF to the VBS workers who all contributed to making 2016 a memorable and educational experience for our children.



ELDERS

August 7
Erica West
Dinah Vasbinder

August 14
Mary Jo Brown

August 21
Mary Jo Brown

August 28
YOUTH SUNDAY

DEACONS

August 7
Prep Beth Truax
Serve Beth Truax
Serve Vicky Clark
Serve Kelly Meyer
Cleanup Patrick Meyer

August 14
Prep
Serve
Serve
Serve
Cleanup Kelly Meyer

August 21
Prep
Serve
Serve
Serve
Cleanup

August 28
Prep Beth Truax
Serve Beth Truax
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Cleanup

Rebecca's Revelation

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. It is hard to process all the highs and lows I have witnessed in the past month. On one hand, it was my great privilege and honor to accompany our God Squad to Kentucky for Cane Ridge Day and various mission experiences. There isn't a word big enough to convey how proud I was of the ten youth as they served meals to the homeless and veterans/others transitioning out of homelessness, helped the hungry find food items at God's Pantry, cleaned up after a community meal in Midway, KY, made 70+ sandwiches for the Hope Mobile, hauled blessing bags from one place to another, and all else that they did! It wasn't just that they were eager to help (they absolutely were!); it was the way they interacted with each person with a smile, respect, and dignity.

On the other hand, so many lives have been lost in the past month – in places far away like Nice, France, and Turkey; but also in Dallas, Baton Rouge, St. Paul...Church, as much as we would like to think otherwise, our country continues to be steeped in racist practices and systems that proclaim that some lives matter and others...well, not so much. Our criminal justice system in America is broken, as are many of our schools, housing policies, and economic opportunities. Of course there are many, many incredibly good and faithful people who dedicate their lives to doing their best in spite of all the brokenness: teachers, police officers, social workers, parents, churches...but there is still brokenness.

In the summer of 2013, in the midst of violence at *that* time, an activist movement began called **Black Lives Matter**. This organization started as a result of the shooting death of African-American teen, Trayvon Martin, and the acquittal of the man who shot him, George Zimmerman. Almost from the beginning, however, people outside the African-American community have tried to distort the mission and message of this group. Recently, an online petition went so far as to call this movement a terrorist group! This is how those who are part of **Black Lives Matter** describe their goal -

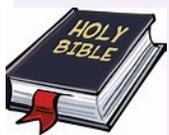
Our work remains undone until our lives are free of violence. That is the future we imagine. Until that day comes:

- We pledge togetherness—we will not allow ourselves to be divided.
- We pledge to allow our thinking and actions to be guided by love.
- We pledge to bring courage and power into our communities, and to stop their flow out.
- We pledge not to be controlled by fear, but instead by our dreams.

Good grief! This sounds a lot like what we read in the scriptures! As disciples of Jesus Christ, we stand in a long line of those who offer a prophetic witness against any and all injustice in the world. Perhaps we use different words or phrases, but the end result is the same – we are to continue to work together and with God until ALL have what they need, until ALL are valued as God values, and until the world is God's realm on earth for ALL of creation.

Rev. Rebecca

CCC BIG Read Continues..



First Samuel begins with Hannah, one of the wives of Elkanah, who desperately wants a child. In spite of those around her who do a lousy job of listening to and understanding her pain, Hannah eventually gives birth to a son, Samuel. The book of First Samuel focuses on this child, Samuel (who grows to be a great prophet), Israel's first king, Saul, and then Israel's second king, David.

First Samuel contains some wonderful stories: God calling the very young Samuel to prophetic service; the "battle" between David and Goliath; the friendship between David and Saul's son, Jonathan, to name a few.

One of the underlying issues throughout this book is the fact that the people of Israel very much want a king to rule them. They believe that if they have a king, they will be like the other nations around them. God, though, does not think this is wise. Why can't the Israelites be satisfied with God as the one who rules them? God, however, gives in and sends Samuel to choose a king for the people – Saul. You can read for yourself how this works out for the Israelites, God, and Saul.

Don't worry if you haven't finished reading the other biblical books we have covered with the BIG Read. One of the beautiful things about spiritual practices is that we can always begin again. Start anew with First Samuel...and send out an email with questions or thoughts once in a while!

First Samuel has 30 chapters, one for each day in August (with one to spare)!

Rev. Rebecca

**WORSHIP AT THE PARK &
CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
10:30 a.m.
AT DEMING PARK**

Three years ago we tried something new with our annual church picnic. Rather than just going to Deming Park for a picnic after worship, the Worship and Koinonia ministry teams decided to make it a day of prayer and play at the park by holding our worship service at Deming *before* the picnic. It was such a huge success (even with the rain that first year) that it was decided to continue this new tradition.

Our worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Lion's Shelter #1 with the picnic following (once the grilled food is ready)! It is the large shelter on the west side of the road just past the swimming pool.

Please dress in your picnic attire and join us for a great day at the park. Pulled BBQ pork and hot dogs/buns, condiments and iced tea and lemonade will be provided. We just ask that you bring a side dish, dessert, or etc. and your own table service. You might want to bring along a lawn chair if you would be more comfortable sitting in it rather than at one of the park picnic tables for worship.

Hope you can join us for this worshipful and fun day at the park!

Your Worship & Koinonia
Fellowship Ministry Teams at Central

**ACTIVE ADULTS
GROUP COOKOUT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH 6:30 p.m.**

Frank and Sharon Crist will host a cookout at their home for the August Active Adult Activity. Anyone is welcome to attend - it's an event for the entire family. Even if you don't normally attend the active adult dinners, we hope you'll join us. It has been a very busy year here in the life of Central Christian with everyone working so hard preparing for our wonderful 175th anniversary celebration, the Holy Cow drop, the God Squad mission trip and VBS. We can all use an evening where we can sit around a campfire after dinner and relax!

The Crist's will provide the meat, condiments, marshmallows, lemonade and iced tea. Persons just need to bring either a side dish, salad or dessert - and a lawn chair.

Please sign up at the information center so the Crist's will know how many people to plan for at the cook-out.

Sharon Crist

Invitation to Evangelism Team

The Sunday morning we elected church leaders for the coming year, there was no one for the evangelism team. I strongly felt God's push and volunteered, (just what I needed, 1 more thing to do). However, Evangelism is one of the most important things we do. How often do we say Central is the best kept secret in Terre Haute - and evangelism calls us to change that!! God calls us: to be examples of Christian faith and living, to continue doing the wonderful job we do of including everyone in our church family, and to "proclaim to all;" in other words, put in a good voice for God in our lives. I am not sure where the team is heading - I do know I need other folks to come work with me - so if you are feeling pushed by God, if you are feeling this is something our church needs to focus on, if you recognize how important this is - then contact me and become a part of this vital ministry of Central Christian Church. Thanks much, and I am waiting to hear from you.

Phil Ewoldsen

LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!

Choir rehearsals will begin August 31. We will sing in worship the first time on September 11. We would love to have you join us. We practice hard, sing loud, laugh lots and love to give Karen a hard time!! What could be better than that!! Come see for yourself. Rehearsals are at 6:30 on Wednesdays and last about an hour and a half. No experience necessary!



CENTRAL TO HOST ITS

25TH ANNUAL JONAH FISH FRY

Friday, September 9th

4:00-7:30 p.m.

Summer is passing by quickly and it's almost time for our annual Jonah Fish Fry. The display board of items needed and the sign-up sheets to help with this important event in the life of our church are located in the gathering area. If you are able to take a tag/s to purchase items to donate, please write your name next to the tag number/s you took and check off when you bring in the items. Non-perishable items can be brought in at any time.

Flyers are located at the sign-up table for you to put up at work, etc. We also have advance tickets ready for sale. Please see Sharon Crist or Mary Beth Ripple on Sunday mornings to pick up tickets to sell. Tickets prices will be the same as last year with the cost at the door being Adults- \$9.00, Children (4-12) - \$4.00 & Children 3 and under free. Advance tickets save persons \$1 per ticket. If you are selling an advance ticket for a child, simply circle "child" on the ticket. We also offer hot dogs for anyone who doesn't care for fish. Once again, Carry-Out will be available.

The Fellowship Ministry team is organizing this event, but they sincerely appreciate your support by your generous donations of canned goods and other supplies needed for the fish fry - along with your time each year!

This popular event is a great way to bring the community into our church, and provides financial support for the ministries here at Central with 10% of the proceeds donated to United Campus Ministries. People especially enjoy our fish fry because (1) we bring extra fish around (they don't have to get back in line) and (2) all of our seating is inside the air conditioned comfort of our church. Last year a gentleman attending told the servers in the line that our fish fry was the best in the area.

The evening always brings in lots of people to see our beautiful church and to meet many of us who are members/friends here at Central Christian working side by side that night. We may not be a large congregation, but we achieve great things here at Central! Thank you,

Your Fellowship Ministry Team

MENTORING AN ISU STUDENT



Over 15 years ago I began to mentor a graduate student at ISU. He was new to the U.S., had been in another university for a semester and transferred to ISU in January. There were no assistantships mid-year, and he was almost in dire straights. A colleague outside the library created an assistantship for him and one of the things he did was teach a yoga class, which I signed up for. I got to know him and was able to get him a job in the library as well. It didn't take long for me to feel like he was my "Indian son!" He began to attend our church, and my colleague and I helped him along the way with many things. He began to feel part of our families and called us his "Indiana Moms!" We celebrated his birthday and when he went home to India one summer, he met his future wife and sent us a picture with the caption, "How does she look for a daughter-in-law?" They married and she eventually came to Terre Haute. We all celebrated his graduation and they left for his job in New York. All along we corresponded and we kept up with them. When they had their first child, we were the first ones in the states to see pictures! Several years passed and they all came back to ISU for him to work on his PhD. We helped them find a house to buy and another child was born, so now we had 2 more grand-children! He finished his PhD with our support (some motherly nagging!) and now it is his wife's turn to finish her PhD. What a great future they have ahead of them!!

What did he get out of this? And what did I get out of this? Well, I feel that he got a family away from India that he could depend on to celebrate and commiserate with him; he got a family where he could feel comfortable and accepted. I got a chance to do for a stranger what I would hope my own sons could receive were they thousands of miles away in a foreign land; I got a chance to be immersed in another culture; I got a chance to make someone feel at home; I got a beautiful daughter-in-law and 2 beautiful grandchildren in Terre Haute. I like to think I "did unto another as I would have someone do unto me or mine." Who was more blessed? I'm not sure. You try and see what you think. I don't think you'll be sorry, rather I think you will be enriched beyond measure.

Betsy Hine

LOOKING FOR: Someone who wants to make a difference – then get involved!

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENT? That's up to you and your student

WHO TO CONTACT: Sharon Samsell, our Campus Minister 812-232-0186

WHEN DOES IT START? **August 28, 5 p.m. at a Meet & Greet Potluck**

United Campus Ministry, 321 N 7th Street

DETAILS: **Potluck Dinner**

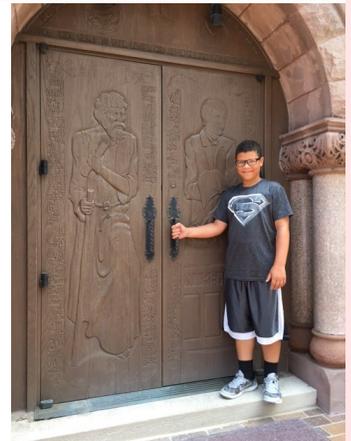


POTLUCK DINNER

Plates, etc. and beverage will be provided. Everyone brings food and a great attitude. Everyone gets acquainted. Out of that evening individuals/families and students will meet and decisions will be made about who fits with whom. Come and make a difference in the life of a student (either an international student or a student who graduated out of foster care).



Cane Ridge Meeting House



God Squad & Central Christian Church, Lexington, KY



Cane Ridge Meeting House Panorama



Vacation Bible School 2016



CCC at Cane Ridge Meeting House

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Central Christian Church couldn't be more proud of Darius Bobo. Darius is 12 yrs old and has enjoyed attending both Sarah Scott and Otter Creek Middle Schools. He will be a seventh grader at O.C. this year where he is an honor student. Darius volunteers as a junior counselor at Camp Rave located at the Booker T. Washington Community Center. Darius is the grandson of JoAnne Seybold and is big brother to Lavell and Jaiden Loftson. Darius loves basketball, especially the Golden State Warriors, the champion NBA team from California. Darius has always been a member of CCC. One thing he loves about this church is that "they let the kids do stuff," like participate regularly in worship and have fun activities. He feels that not all church's are like ours. Darius really enjoyed this year's mission trip to Kentucky. His favorite part of the trip was "feeding the homeless people." Darius, Central Christian Church is truly blessed by you.



Sherrie Mansfield

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Bethany Village Live VBS. The adults and children involved had a great time and learned more about Disciples history and values.



Brian Dooley took photos all week. If you would like to view the photos please visit

<http://s1297.photobucket.com/user/dooleyb1960/library/VBS%202016?sort=2&page=1>

Christian Education Ministry will meet on **Monday, August 1st at 6:30 pm**. We will be reviewing VBS and planning Sunday School and other activities for the new year. Everyone is welcome to join us. Sunday School for children and youth will resume on August 7th. The youth will begin working on Youth Sunday. The service will be held on August 28th. All youth who wish to be part of the service should plan to attend Sunday School on August 7, 14, and 21. Theresa Vaughn



VBS 2016

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Communion at Bethesda & Wyndmoor 6:30 PM Chr Ed Mtg	<i>2</i> 7:00 PM <i>Sit & Get Fit</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 5:30 PM <i>Active Adults Cookout at Crist home</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10:45 AM <i>Congregational Meeting</i> 12 noon <i>Elders Meeting</i>	<i>8</i> 9AM Bible Study	<i>9</i> 6:30 PM <i>Phoenix Hills Homeowners</i> 7:00 PM <i>Taize</i>	<i>10</i> 8:00 PM <i>Sit & Get Fit</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 4-9PM <i>Traci Tucker & Sarah Wilson celebration</i>
<i>14</i> 12 noon <i>Worship</i>	<i>15</i> 9AM Bible Study	<i>16</i> 7:00 PM <i>Sit & Get Fit</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 12 noon <i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>22</i> 9AM Bible Study	<i>23</i> 7:00 PM <i>Sit & Get Fit</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Koinonia Dinner Mtg at Crist home 6:30 PM</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 9AM Bible Study 7:30PM Holy Cow Mtg	<i>30</i> 7:00 PM <i>Sit & Get Fit</i>	<i>31</i>			

Happy Birthday

1- Mike Dawson	11-Rick Waltermire	22-Anna Moore
1- Rita Johnson	13-Kaylie Whitley	23-Bill McQueary
6- Andrea Stafford	17-Trish Beadle (Rogers)	24-Patti Willey
9- Larry Merkle	17-Jordon Klaeger	29-Karen Sagraves
10-JT Merkle	18-Jason Sloan	
10-Chuck Frost	19-Norma Plascak	

Happy Anniversary

2- Don & Kathy Iliff
6- James & Priscilla Hammons
7- Greg & Sherrie Mansfield
19-Joe & Alissa Williams
24-Will & Betsy Hine
25-Frank & Sharon Crist

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



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