



# the Clarion

of Central Christian Church (DOC)

November 2016

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Disciples of Christ



*“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**

*May peace prevail on earth!*  
**Peace Pole—See pages 5 & 10**

## Serving...

### GREETER

None scheduled

### PRAYER CARDS

Mary Beth Ripple

### ATTENDANCE PADS

None scheduled

### COUNTERS

#### **November 6**

Twyla Edinburgh  
Richard Hunt  
Melanie Hurst

#### **November 13**

None scheduled

#### **November 20**

None scheduled

#### **November 27**

Kathy Ocampo  
David Rose

**Prayer List:** It is time to update our *Prayer List*. You may submit names by filling out a *Prayer Request form* located in the *Pew Pads* and placing it in an offering plate or by contacting the church office.

### ACTIVE ADULT GROUP—NOVEMBER ACTIVITY

If you enjoy going out to dinner, great conversation and would like the opportunity to get to know more of the members/friends at Central Christian better, please join us for one of our monthly adult activities! Our November event will be a dinner held at 6:30 p.m. on **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Sunrise Family Restaurant** located at 2949 South 5<sup>th</sup> (corner of 5<sup>th</sup> street and Margaret Ave.) They offer a large menu of home cooked food at reasonable prices.

All are invited to join us for these fun monthly social activities. Please sign up at the church Information Center by November 6th so we can confirm the number for our reservation. Thanks.

Your Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Team



**THANKSGIVING OFFERING** NOVEMBER 2016

### ***Building God's Realm in our World*** ***Thanksgiving Special Offering***

The Thanksgiving Special Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending one of our fourteen undergraduate institutions and our seven seminaries or divinity houses.

Thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. Your financial gift provides scholarships and support for spiritual life offices. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are investing in our students and helping keep education costs down.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for those pursuing theological education at one of our seven seminaries or divinity houses. Consider the many generations of pastors, who, if not for the support of faithful congregations and individuals over the ages would not have flourished as our pastors, teachers and leaders. What impact has your pastor had in the life of your church, community or region? You can thank them by supporting the Thanksgiving Offering.

Attending a Disciples College or Theological School is possible through the scholarships and grants that are made available by generous individuals, the Disciples Mission Fund and your gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering. We will gather and dedicate our Thanksgiving Offering, Sunday, November 20.

## 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.

Please report items for Our Church Family to the church office, and please remember the following in your prayers:

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

**Jerusalem Christian Church (DOC)**, Lafayette, LA, all their ministries, and Rev. Ashley Sherard and her daughters as they continue to deal with the death of Frank Sherard.

All the people of the Caribbean and the US who continue to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

**Shana & Kevin James** as they await the birth of their baby. Shana is the daughter of Rick Dennis.

Dan Fehrenbach's daughter, **Jennifer Taylor**, as she is expecting twins; (Dan's son and his wife are also awaiting the birth of a child!)

**Tom & Debbie Gonthier** as Tom recovers from open heart surgery.

**Judy Hill**, Carol Sloan's mother, as she recovers from a recent fall. Please pray, also, for Judy, Carol, and Doug as they adjust to living together.

**Grace, Patty, and Harry McClintock** as Grace continues to recover from an extremely serious infection she contracted last summer.

Lisa Mankin's daughter, **Nikki**, that she will get the help she needs for her alcoholism.

**Kelly & Patrick Meyer** and **Allissa & Joe Williams** and their soon-to-be-born babies.

**Jo Anne Seybold and her family.**

**Jane Siebenmorgen** as she deals with the lingering effects of shingles.

We extend our deepest sympathies to:

**Paul Myers & family** at the death of **Phyllis Myers.**

**Lisa & Jimetta Mankin, Paige & Marie**, at the death of Lisa's stepfather, **James Pearman.**

**Connie Allen Roquette & Jose** at the death of Connie's mother, **Lynn.**

**Sarah Wilson & family** at the death of Sarah's brother, **Lee Wilson.**

*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.*

## ELDERS

**November 6**  
Doug Sloan  
Dianne Mansfield

**November 13**  
Mary Beth Ripple  
Dinah Vasbinder

**November 20**  
Phil Ewoldson

**November 27**  
Dianne Mansfield  
Susan Edmondsn

## DEACONS

**November 6**  
Prep M McQueary  
Serve  
Serve  
Serve  
Cleanup

**November 13**  
Prep M McQueary  
Serve  
Serve  
Serve  
Cleanup

**November 20**  
Prep M McQueary  
Serve Theresa Vaughn  
Serve Violet Vaughn  
Serve  
Cleanup

**November 27**  
Prep M McQueary  
Serve  
Serve  
Serve  
Cleanup



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**See back page of this publication for our recent results.**

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! For a number of years, at the annual Board retreat, Board members and I name what we believe are the strengths of our congregation. The following are the things that have been named most often (other than the first one, the others are in no particular order):

- We are accepting
- We have a commitment to mission in the larger community and our world
- We encourage our children/God Squad (youth) in their participation in ministry throughout the life of our congregation
- We have an excellent music ministry
- We do “events” well and try to include all generations of the church in them
- We are prayerful and intentional in creating liturgy/worship
- We are willing to try new things
- When things happen that require our attention (ex. recession), we take action
- We have great leadership and energy
- We have an outstanding, up-to-date web site

Pretty faithful list, right? Of course, we must be vigilant in making sure we continue to do these things well. I also think that God is calling us to work on other things that will help us grow spiritually as individuals and as a faith community; in particular:

- We need to be much more proactive in sharing our faith with others and in inviting people to visit and become a part of CCC
- We need to be more intentional about our congregation’s overall financial health

Our celebration of the church’s 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary will continue until December 31, 2016 – and we have SOOO much to celebrate! God’s call upon us to be faithful disciples and Christ’s body in the world, however, will be as strong and urgent on January 1, 2017 as it has been since June 28, 1841. What is God nudging or challenging us to do as far as the things we do well? What is God nudging or challenging us to do as far as the things we need to work on? What are you willing to do to make sure our congregation is as faithful as possible?

Peace and blessings to you,  
Rev. Rebecca

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***BIG Readers begin the book of 2 Kings***

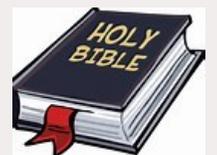
Can you believe how far we have read this first year of our BIG READ? In November we focus on the book of 2 Kings. After Solomon’s death, the united kingdom under his reign is split in two. Starting with the second half of 1 Kings and all through 2 Kings, we read of the (mostly very bad) monarchs of the now divided kingdoms of Israel in the north and Judah in the south. It is critical to understand that the writer or writers of these two books judge the rulers by how well they keep God’s laws and commandments.

The majority of the monarchs in both kingdoms come to violent ends. By the end of 2 Kings, the northern kingdom Israel is destroyed by Assyria and disappears forever, while the southern kingdom of Judah is eventually conquered by Babylon. The writer is clear that the reason these things happen is because the people are not faithful to God and God’s laws.

There are some interesting stories – and fascinating characters – in the book of 2 Kings. The prophets Elijah and Elisha are major “players,” and their relationships with God raise some great questions.

There are 25 chapters in 2 Kings. You can read one chapter a day and still have time at the end of November before we move onto 1 Chronicles.

Now, you know what I am going to tell you...even if you have not been keeping up prior to the start of 2 Kings, it is OK! Start fresh with this book.



God bless you as you continue the centuries-old spiritual discipline of daily scripture reading.

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

The end of a busy October includes

**October 29: An Evening of Music and Chocolate.** See the separate article in this Clarion.



**October 30: At 4:00 p.m. the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Musicale** series ends with the *Women of Erin*, a group of friends who all love Irish music. They sing Irish and Celtic songs, play on traditional instruments and have been performing in the region for about 15 years; they recorded an album 6 years ago. They very much like to have fun and play music together! The members of the group include: Louise Clark on Penny Whistle, Lisa Baer on guitar and voice, Ellen Hughes on Bodhran drum and Penny Whistle, Jonnee Western on Bodhran drum, Karen Romero on Fiddle, Cathie Laska on Fiddle, and Brenda Ramponi on Spoons. We know you will have fun listening to this group! Refreshments will be served afterwards and a free will offering will be taken.

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There are many things going on in November and the Worship Ministry hopes that you can all participate.

**November 6 is All Saints Sunday:** The Memorial book is out for names of loved ones who have died to be written. These names will be read on All Saints Sunday as candles are lit. Also on that Sunday we will welcome Enrique Ocasio from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Foundation to the pulpit.

November 13 is Veterans Sunday and *Higher Education Sunday* and we will be recognizing the veterans in our congregation. This year we ask that veterans and families of veterans bring pictures of themselves and/or their veterans, as well as mementos from those military times. Help us honor those who have served our country. Guest preacher on this Sunday will be Sharon Samsell, our United Campus Minister.

**November 20 is the last Sunday before Advent!** We will be preparing the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons on this Sunday afternoon starting with a snack supper at 4:00. We will then be ready for the Hanging of the Greens service on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27.

November 27-December 18: The Season of Advent

Betsy Hine, Worship Ministry Team

## Peace Pole

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A **Peace Pole** is a monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the language of the country where it has been placed, and usually 3 to 13 additional translations. The idea of Peace Poles was first suggested by Masahisa Goi in 1955 in Japan. The Peace Pole Project today is promoted by The World Peace Prayer Society as well as other groups and individuals. The first Peace Poles outside Japan were constructed in 1983. Since then, more than 100,000 have been placed around the world in over 180 countries.<sup>[2]</sup>

Peace Poles are made of many materials. Most are made of wood. Others are made of limestone or copper or plastic or stainless steel. The text might be painted, carved, etched, welded, pasted, or riveted on. In some cases it merely is a plastic plaque attached with screws. In other cases it is the careful work of an artist or sculptor.

Peace Poles have been placed in such notable locations as the North Magnetic Pole, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, and the site of the Egyptian Pyramids in Giza, the Aiki Shrine in Iwama, Japan, as well as numerous community parks. Frequently they are placed near the entrances of churches or schools. In one case, a garden, created for a wedding, was designed around the Peace Pole that was its center piece. The Republic of Molossia, a micronation, has a Peace Pole in eight languages. The University of California, Los Angeles has a limestone peace pole with 14 languages directly in front of Kerckhoff Hall.

Perhaps the world's largest Peace Pole, at 52 feet (16 m), is located in Janesville, Wisconsin at the site of a KKK rally. The initial inspiration for planting Peace Poles often is as a response to a local issue like a KKK rally. Another of the largest Peace Poles in the world, as measured in tons, is the granite Peace Pole in Beech Acres Park near Cincinnati, Ohio. The original inspiration for it was hate literature left in the driveways of Jewish residents.

# Veterans Day

We are honored to  
celebrate all the veterans  
who have touched our  
lives and kept our  
country safe.

## Air Force

1LT Ralph S. Brown (Korea)  
Nelda Frazier  
MSGT Richard Grimes  
SRA David M. Hurst 1952-54  
MSGT Raymond Ripple  
MSGT Charles Rogers  
SRA Henry Spillers  
Bob Wallace 1957-1999  
Jerry Waugh

## Army Air Corp

SGT Henry Edinburgh 1943-46  
Harry Wallace 1940-44

## Women's Army Auxillary Corps (WAACs)

1LT Helen Kennel (WWII)

## Coast Guard

CPT Jeff Hill 1968-1997

## Merchant Marines

William E. Rose

## Marines

Bobbi Jo Bertalan  
Jim Ewoldsen (Vietnam)  
Rich Ewoldsen (Vietnam)  
LCpl Daniel Hurst 1989-1993  
LCpl John Manning 1990-91  
Jeremy Skaggs

## Navy

Robert Beck  
Dee Coulter  
Douglas Coulter  
HN Lorianne Hurst Fite  
HM3 Hunter Fite  
ARM3C Richard Hunt  
1943-46  
Bob Jerry 1943-46  
ARM3C Vincent L. Kurtz  
1943-46  
Paul Myers 1943-1952  
William Ralph Stein 1965-69  
Paul Wense

## Army

Ronald W. Clark  
Walter Curtis  
SGT Tom Davis 1943-46  
SGT Joe Edinburgh  
SGT Twyla Edinburgh  
1987-1995  
1LT Gene Ewoldsen  
(WWII & Korea)  
Carroll C. Field (WWII)  
SGT Nelda Frazier  
(Desert Storm & Desert Shield)  
SP4 David Harden 1967-69  
Carl Hill 1975-79  
James Hill II 2002-08  
SGT Tedra Hughes  
SSG Melanie Hurst 1983-1992  
SGT William Hurst  
Major William Kennel (WWII)  
SP4 Sandra Lang 1975-78  
Raymond Neville  
Edward Ocampo  
James Pell  
Scott Pinkstaff  
CPL Martin Plascik 1952-1954  
Neil Polston  
CPT Carl M. Porter (WWII)  
Henry Clay Rose Sr.  
Henry Clay Rose Jr.  
William Douglas Rose  
CPT Paul Siebenmorgen, MD  
1943-47  
SP4 Merylyn Hurst Simpkins  
1963-66  
Michael Simpkins  
SP4 Carroll Vasbinder 1957-1962  
SP4 Bruce W Vaughn 1971-75  
PFC Adrian E Young 1951-53

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CWF) NEWS

### WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

CWF will have their annual Women's Christmas dinner 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 6th at Logan's Rib-Eye restaurant. All interested women are invited to attend this fun holiday event. A sign-up sheet is at the church Information Center so we can confirm the number for our reservation. Please sign up by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in our dirty Santa drawing, please to bring a \$5 gift. We draw numbers and people have up to two chances to take the gift of their choice if they like something someone else has already gotten. It's always a great time!



### COOKIE TRAYS

CWF will be selling cookie trays again this year to raise funds to provide the meat for bereavement dinners, the annual progressive dinner and the Every Daughter brunch. If you would like to help make cookies, please sign up at the church Information Center. Cookies will need to be at the church by 9 a.m. Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> when they will be assembled onto trays.

There will be various sizes of trays for sale on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. These are always a popular item persons enjoy purchasing for their holiday parties and gatherings.

CWF is also organizing the annual holiday progressive dinner that will begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. (See the separate article with more details on this special event).

### CHRISTMAS S PROGRESSIVE DINNER



A holiday favorite at Central Christian is our Christmas Progressive Dinner, organized by our Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). This year's dinner will begin at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

This special holiday event provides a wonderful fellowship opportunity for us as we travel to four different homes; we begin with appetizers at the first home, followed by salads at the second home, main course at the third, and desserts at the fourth. If you are interested in hosting the main course, but you don't have space in your home, you can host this course at church. CWF pays for the meat for the main course and persons who sign up under the main course will bring side dishes.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the church Information Center for further details. If you are willing to be a host/hostess, sign up for the course you'd like to have at your home. If you would like to join us for this special evening, please add your name to the sheet at the Information Center under the course you'd like to bring a dish to contribute for the meal.

If persons like, they can meet at church at 3:30 to carpool to the homes to reduce the number of parking spaces needed at each house. Directions from church to the first, second, third and final courses will be provided.

# THE 13 TH ANNUAL EVENING OF MUSIC AND CHOCOLATE

*Saturday, October 29, 7 PM*

*Advance tickets: \$18    At the door: \$20*

*It is an evening of sweet elegance and sublime musical entertainment. Dr. Jimmy Finnie with the ISU Steel Band and Percussion Ensemble will return for an encore performance after the enthusiastic reception they received several years ago. Dr. Finnie has presented solo and chamber concerts and clinics and master classes throughout the United States, Canada, China, Austria and Hungary. He performs regularly with Mojah Tuba (brass percussion and dance fusion); Cramped Spaces Ensemble (piano and percussion quartet); Caribbean Consort Steel Band and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. He is an Artist Clinician for the Zidjian Cymbal, and Innovative Percussion Mallet Companies. Dr. Finnie is the director of the ISU Percussion Department and is a master at entertaining the audience with music from the Caribbean as well as popular and classical music.*

*Before and after each musical set, guests may sample a variety of desserts which have been generously provided by area businesses and individuals. While the emphasis is on chocolate, there will be non-chocolate, sugar free and gluten free desserts as well. Admission includes drink and one full size dessert serving. Proceeds benefit the music ministry of Central Christian Church and United Campus Ministries.*

*Tickets are available from any choir member  
or by calling the church.*



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 2, 2016



PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
October 9, 2016



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

### Christmas Pageant

Our young people will present their Christmas Pageant during worship on Sunday, December 11. Carol Sloan has written and is directing the play. She has already met with several of the young people to present her draft and accept their suggestions. Practices are during Sunday School on October 30, November 6, November 13, November 20, and December 4. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 10. Regular attendance at the practices will be expected. There will be no practice or Sunday School on November 27. Members of the Christian Education Committee are working with Carol and the children.

### Healthy Boundaries

This summer a special committee reviewed and revised our Healthy Boundaries/Safe Kids Policy. As a result of the revised policy we are completing updated screening forms and background checks. All Board members, Christian Education Committee members, and others who work with the children or youth should complete a form. Although you may have had a background check for Central Christian or another agency you will still need to complete a new form for an updated background check. If you already have a form, please turn it in as soon as possible. If you need a form, please see me. Thank you for making the safety of our young people a priority.

Theresa Vaughn

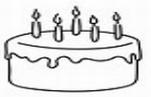
In memory of Hannah Crist, our young people purchased a **Peace Pole** to remind us all that we are to work for peace every day. It was dedicated in a special service on Sunday, October 23rd.



# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7PM Sit & Fit 8PM Evangelism	<b>2</b> 6:30PM Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Elders at noon Enrique Ocasio Preaches + Estate Seminar during SS Play practice 11 AM 2:30 PM-OES setup	<b>7</b> 9AM B Study 10:30 Communion at Bethesda & Wyndmoor 10AM-3PM OES 6:30PM Chr Ed	<b>8</b> 7PM Taizè	<b>9</b> 6:30PM Choir 8PM Sit & Fit	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Active Adults Dinner at Sunrise Restaurant	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Worship at noon 11AM Play Practice	<b>14</b> 9AM Bible Study	<b>15</b> 7PM Sit & Fit	<b>16</b> 6:30PM Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1:30 PM Kelly Meyer Baby Shower
<b>20</b> Board at noon 11AM Play Practice	<b>21</b> 9AM Bible Study	<b>22</b> 7PM Sit & Fit	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Mary Beth Ripple using church 10AM—3PM
<b>27</b> NO SS NO Play Practice  1st Sunday of Advent  <b>Hanging of the Greens</b>	<b>28</b> 9AM Bible Study	<b>29</b> 7PM Sit & Fit	<b>30</b> 6:30PM Choir			

## Happy Birthday



1-Lexi Zelensky  
1-Nelson Eddy  
1-Linda Cole

2-MaryBeth Mullen  
5-Joshua Vaughn  
6-Paul Myers  
8-Alanson Hammond  
9-Mollie McKee  
10-Bettie Davis

11-Joe Williams  
16-Marsha McQueary  
16-Susie Gumm  
17-Richard Hunt  
17-Courtland Jones  
19-John Manning

22-Destiny Michael  
25-Deb Herndon  
26-Eric Krockenberger  
28-Helen Rogers  
29-Amanda McColl  
30-Angel Rice

## Happy Anniversary

November 8th  
Paula & Jerry Johnson



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

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