



the Clarion

July 2017

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.”

Baptisms — June 18, 2017

Marie & Parker were baptized. Kolar & Paige assisted.

Serving...

GREETERS

July 2-Beth Truax
July 9-Jimetta & Lisa
July 16—Betsy Wallace
July 23-none
July 30-none

PRAYER CARDS

Marsha McQueary

ATTENDANCE PADS

Marsha McQueary

COUNTERS

July 2

None scheduled

July 9

None scheduled

July 16

None scheduled

July 23

None scheduled

July 30

None scheduled

Prayer List:

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.

Nicci Goldner

Marilyn Anders

Ginger Monette

Bettie Davis

Donna Dixon

Christine Kennedy

Paul Myers

Thank You!

As Shelly Manning ends her term as Moderator this month, I think it is more than appropriate to congratulate her on a job well done. While it seems that Central runs itself easily, that is certainly not the case. Many things go on in the background that not everyone is aware of. Meetings are held and discussions happen, but ultimately, Shelly has been the person to handle the hard decisions and has taken responsibility for them.



Shelly not only conducts the business of the church, but she is a very integral part of CWF, Koinonia Fellowship and the Holy Cow Team. Shelly teaches Literature full-time at Woodrow Wilson Middle School. She manages a family and a home and even succeeded in moving her family into a new house this past year, with John's help of course! At times Shelly's life has been a tight wire balancing act. Still she smiles and goes on. Serving the church is voluntary, but Shelly serves with dedication and commitment as if it were a paid position.

When you see Shelly, please join me in offering your appreciation. Thank you Shelly!

THANK YOU Andrea (and Dave) McColl for organizing, transporting, and running the Church Yard Sale, again, this year! Thanks to all who donated items and/or helped with the yard sale in any way. THANK YOU, God Squad, for your generous donation of the yard sale profits to the congregation's operating budget!

THANK YOU Lorri Ugo and the Holy Cow Committee for a fantastic 1st Annual Holy Cow Golf Scramble and 4th Annual Holy Cow Drop! Thank you, also, to everyone who was on hand to help with these events, to all who sold tickets, and to all else that was done to make these events great fun and successful!

Annual Deacons Training Meeting



Thank you to all Deacons who will be serving during the 2017-18 Ministry Year! Your willingness to be a part of this important ministry of the church is deeply appreciated. We will have a Deacons Meeting/Training session on **Sunday, July 30, 11:00AM**. At this session, we will review the duties and responsibilities of the deacons and give folks time to practice gathering the offering and serving communion.

Deadlines...

The deadline for the Clarion is the next-to-last Wednesday of the month at 10AM

Deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday mornings at 10AM.

Our Church Family.....

Serving...

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 God's blessing and wisdom as we strive to fulfill our vision. We pray also for our 2017-18 Elders, Deacons, and Board members.

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

Diana Chavis as she continues to deal with serious health problems (epilepsy, pancreatitis). Diana, however, always sends her love and prayers to everyone at CCC!

Terri Conneran, Madonna Nally's niece, as she continues her recovery and treatment with cancer.

Kim Faught as she recovers from a recent bout with the flu.

Jeanne Frost as she seeks treatment for severe back pain.

John Henderson & Rick Dennis as John recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Don & Kathy Iliff as Don – hopefully! – concludes his chemo and radiation treatments by this fall.

Sandy Lang as she is still not feeling well enough to be in worship – and misses her church family.

Marcia Maher, Sherrie Mansfield's mother, as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Vic & Carol Mullen, Sean's parents, as they are both home and continue to deal with cancer and other health concerns.

Jo Anne Seybold who has been a patient at Union Hospital for a number of weeks, fighting a MRSA infection.

Bobby & Emily Shipman as Bobby recovers from major surgery. We also rejoice with the Shipman's as Bobby's pathology report came back with no signs of cancer.

Dee Ugo, Lorri's mother, as she continues to have issues with balance.

Drew Waugh as he continues to recover from surgery and must not put weight on his leg/foot for a while yet.

We extend our concern and loving support to **Twyla Edin-burgh** at the recent death of her aunt.

Long overdue, the congregation of CCC voted on Sunday, June 4, 2017 to bestow the title Elder Emeritus on **Paul Myers!** We will have an official ceremony in honor of Paul later this summer.

We celebrate the recent baptisms of **Kim Faught, Marie Norman, & Parker Schodlatz!**

With great joy, we officially welcomed new members Hiawatha "Nuggy" Babb through transfer on June 4, 2017 and Steve Rogitz through confession of faith on June 25, 2017! Please make sure to let them know how pleased we are to have them in our faith community!

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.

Rev. Zelensky will be on vacation July 17 through July 23.

General Assembly 2017 in Indianapolis!

Every two years, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada gathers for worship, study, mission opportunities, business, and fellowship. The next General Assembly will be July 8-12, 2017 in Indianapolis! Even if you not registered to attend most of the events, all are invited to worship any evening of the Assembly.

If you would like to attend a worship service, Mary Beth Ripple plans to go to at least one and she is willing to drive!

We encourage all our new and returning deacons to attend. If need be, however, we will try to schedule another session in the fall.

ELDERS

July 2

Dinah Vasbinder
Susan Edmondson

July 9

Dinah Vasbinder

July 16

None scheduled

July 23

None scheduled

July 30

None scheduled

DEACONS

July 2

None scheduled

July 9

None scheduled

July 16

None scheduled

July 23

None scheduled

July 30

None scheduled

Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Like many American women (according to studies and statistics), there are things I do not like about my body. I definitely wish I was as thin as I was when Lexi was born; I so wish I didn't have RA; it feels so unfair that after hours and hours of dance I can no longer do even a simple leap or pirouette as elegantly as I once could. Still, I am very comfortable in my body and comfortable being a woman/female. This is who I am and I don't want to be anyone else.

I can't imagine how painful it must be to feel as if I were in the wrong body or to be identified as a gender I did not feel was my "real" self. For most of human history, if persons knew they were supposed to live as a different gender, they didn't have many options to do so. They also often did not have understanding or support to do so; this is not the case everywhere today. How blessed we are to live in an incredible time when scientific and medical advances can enhance not just the quantity of life, but the quality as well.

On Sunday, June 18, it was my great privilege to announce to our congregation that one of our own young people will now be female rather than male. I rejoice that this realization has occurred when she is a teenager and not in her 50's or 60's – although we would offer our love and support at any age! This is new territory for me and for many in our faith community. Although this family has been processing this transition on different levels for some time, it is new territory for them, too!

As far as what we can do, for right now, we will keep them in our prayers - as we do for all who are part of CCC. We will take direction from the family on what *they* need and want from us. If there is any congregation that can be loving and supportive in this situation, it is Central, and I have great confidence that we will. What an honor for all of us at CCC to be trusted to join this family as they embark on this new chapter in their lives!

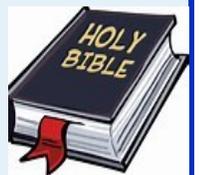
We give thanks to God and celebrate that Leila will now live the life God is leading her to live! May more and more people in our world find the courage and support necessary to live their lives as their authentic selves.

Blessings to you as you continue to serve our world in Christ's name.

Rev. Rebecca

CCC BIG Readers to Read Fascinating Books in July

July is going to be quite an interesting experience for our CCC BIG Readers! First, we will be reading *Ecclesiastes*, written by someone who could use a good therapist – seriously! The author's voice is one of pessimism, cynicism, and would probably be diagnosed with depression today. (I know – it makes you want to pick up your Bible and dive right in!) This short book, though, offers a rich opportunity for us to reflect on what things in this life are truly meaningful.



Second, we will also read the sexiest book in the Bible in July: *Song of Songs*! At some point in its history, *Song of Songs* was re-interpreted as an allegory of God's relationship with Israel and then Christ's relationship with the church; HOWEVER, it is actually eight chapters of sensuous and sexual love poems. (The fact that most of them are spoken by a woman makes it that much more delicious!) Actually, this lovely book is a clear example of how physical love and passion can be – should be – a gift from God.

Combining these two books we only have 20 chapters to read during the 31 days of July. In other words, you can handle it! Keep reading, my biblical students!

Rebecca

MAKING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

On Sunday, June 11, Kelly Fuller from Hamilton Center spoke to a large group from the congregation during the Sunday School hour. Kelly works to direct the homeless and those on the cusp of homelessness to the agencies which can help them get the services they need. We learned there may be as many as 2000 people in Vigo County who will fall into this category.

Every Saturday morning in July from 9 a.m. to 12, people are invited to meet in the Cornerstone room in order to learn how to make sleeping mats from plastic grocery sacks. We will set up an assembly line to do different tasks in order to make the plarn (plastic yarn) and we will need some people who can crochet, or who are willing to learn how to crochet, in order to finish each mat. It has been estimated to take about 100 hours and up to 1000 plastic bags to make one mat. If we combine forces, we should be able to make a number of mats for those in our community who need them. The mats are water proof, bug proof, light weight for carrying, and keep the plastic bags out of our landfills.

Here is a list of things you may bring with you on Saturday mornings:

Plastic grocery bags	Scissors	Measuring tape
Metal crochet hook size Q or larger/15 mm		A willing heart

Join us on Saturday mornings for some Christian fellowship and help our community as well.

Mary Jo Brown, Outreach Chair

WORSHIP

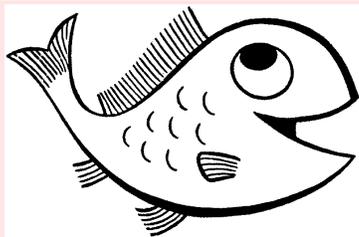
Guest preacher on July 9 will be David Livingston. David is a native Nebraskan (and roots big time for that other red and white team!). His father was also a Disciples minister and so moved around to several Midwest towns. He received his BA from Phillips University and graduated from the Graduate Seminary of Phillips. He was ordained at the Sharon Christian Church in Sharon, KS and has served churches in Goodland, KS, Cadillac/Manton, MI, Winterset, IA, Evansville and New Castle, IN. He retired in 2005. He served on Nurture and Certification Teams in Indiana for 23 years. He is married to Sharon Kussmann Livingston and this August 26 they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have one living son, Nick. His favorite pastime is trout fishing (good things come to those who wade!!) and he also enjoys gardening. We look forward to hearing David on July 9 and meeting Sharon.

5th Sunday Musicale will be July 30. We're excited to welcome the Academy of Dance as performers for this month's 5th Sunday Musicale! They will be performing excerpts from *The Wizard of Oz*. The performance starts at 4:00. There will be refreshments following as well as a free will offering. Don't miss this, especially since it involves several from our CCC family!



Have a favorite hymn? July 23 will be a Favorite Hymn Sing Sunday!! Now's your chance to sing your favorites. Look through our hymnbook and pick one or more. While Karen can play anything, it might be a good idea to let her know your picks ahead of time. Come and enjoy an old fashioned hymn sing!

Put on your calendars: October's 5th Sunday Musicale on **October 29** with the St. Mary-of-the-Woods Madrigal Singers; Music & Chocolate will be **November 11**.



26th Annual Jonah Fish Fry

4-7:30 p.m. Friday, September 8th

Our annual Jonah Fish Fry is a very popular event that brings the community into our church and provides financial support for the mission and ministries at Central. Every year we hear people comment how much they enjoy coming to our fish fry and that it's one of the best in the area. They especially enjoy the fact that we bring extra fish around so they don't have to get back in line, and all of our seating is inside the air conditioned comfort of our church building.

The ticket cost will be the same as last year: Adults- \$9.00, Children (4-12) - \$4.00 & Children 3 and under free. Advance tickets save persons \$1 per ticket and tickets will be available for you to pick up and sell later in July. We will also have flyers for you to post in your places of employment, etc. Once again, we will have hot dogs available as a meat option for those who don't care for fish.

The Fish Fry table will be set up at church mid-July. Check there for sign-up sheets for the donation of your time and desserts, along with a display board with tags for all the items needed for the fish fry. If you are able to take a tag/s to purchase items to donate, simply write your name next to the tag number/s on the list; check off the list when you bring in the items. We recycle the blue fish shape tags, so please put them on top of your donated items when you bring them to church. Non-perishable items can be brought in anytime and placed by the display board. Donated refrigerated/frozen items can be brought in and put in the refrigerator the Sunday before the fish fry. Bread and hot dog buns can be brought in a few days prior.

Active adults will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday Sept. 7th to set up for the fish fry and folks are welcome to drop off items that evening as well.

The Koinonia Fellowship Ministry team organizes this event, but they sincerely appreciate your support for our church by your generous donations of canned goods and other supplies needed for the fish fry along with your time each year. We obtain pricing for as many of the items as possible from GFS Market Place at 5000 S. 7th Street since they don't require a membership card to shop there AND they give credit for your purchases back to our church. If you don't already have a GFS non-profit tag for Central Christian on your key chain, simply tell GFS staff you want the credit for your purchase to go to Central Christian Church (DOC). (The items that aren't available at GFS, can be purchased at Sam's Club; they will be listed as such).

This event brings in lots of people from the community 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 as we do, makes a great impression on those watching us! We may not be a large congregation, but we accomplish great things here at Central!

Thank you,

Your Fellowship Ministry Team

UPCOMING KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Active Adult Group Cookout Planned

Saturday, September 16th

5:00 P.M.

Frank and Sharon Crist will host a cookout at their home for the September activity. Everyone is welcome to attend - it's an event for the entire family. Even if you don't normally attend the Active Adults dinners, we hope you'll join us.



It has been another busy year here in the life of Central Christian with two new events being added: Trivia Night and the Holy Cow Golf Scramble; these two join our other annual events: the Holy Cow Drop, VBS, 5th Sunday Musicales, and the upcoming 26th annual Jonah Fish Fry September 8th, Worship and Picnic in the Park September 24th, Question and Answer session and reception with Terri Hord Owens October 1st, a second Trivia Night October 6th and an Evening of Music and Chocolate November 11th.

It's really amazing that a congregation the size of ours is able to accomplish all that we do... so we can all use an evening of sitting around a campfire for dinner and relaxation!

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

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Information Center later this summer so the Crist's will know how many people to plan for at the cookout.

Worship at the Park & Church Picnic

Sunday, September 24th

10:30 A.M.

Lions Shelter #1 at Deming Park

We hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful annual event. Our worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Lion's Shelter #1 with the picnic to follow. (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. Grilled hot dogs/buns, condiments, table service, iced tea and lemonade will be provided. We just ask that you bring a side dish, dessert, or etc. to share. You may also want to bring a lawn chair if you would be more comfortable sitting in one rather than at a park picnic table for worship.



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

Your Worship & Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Teams at Central

Congratulations to our 2017 Holy Cow Drop Winner - Bonnie Boling!



VBS 2017



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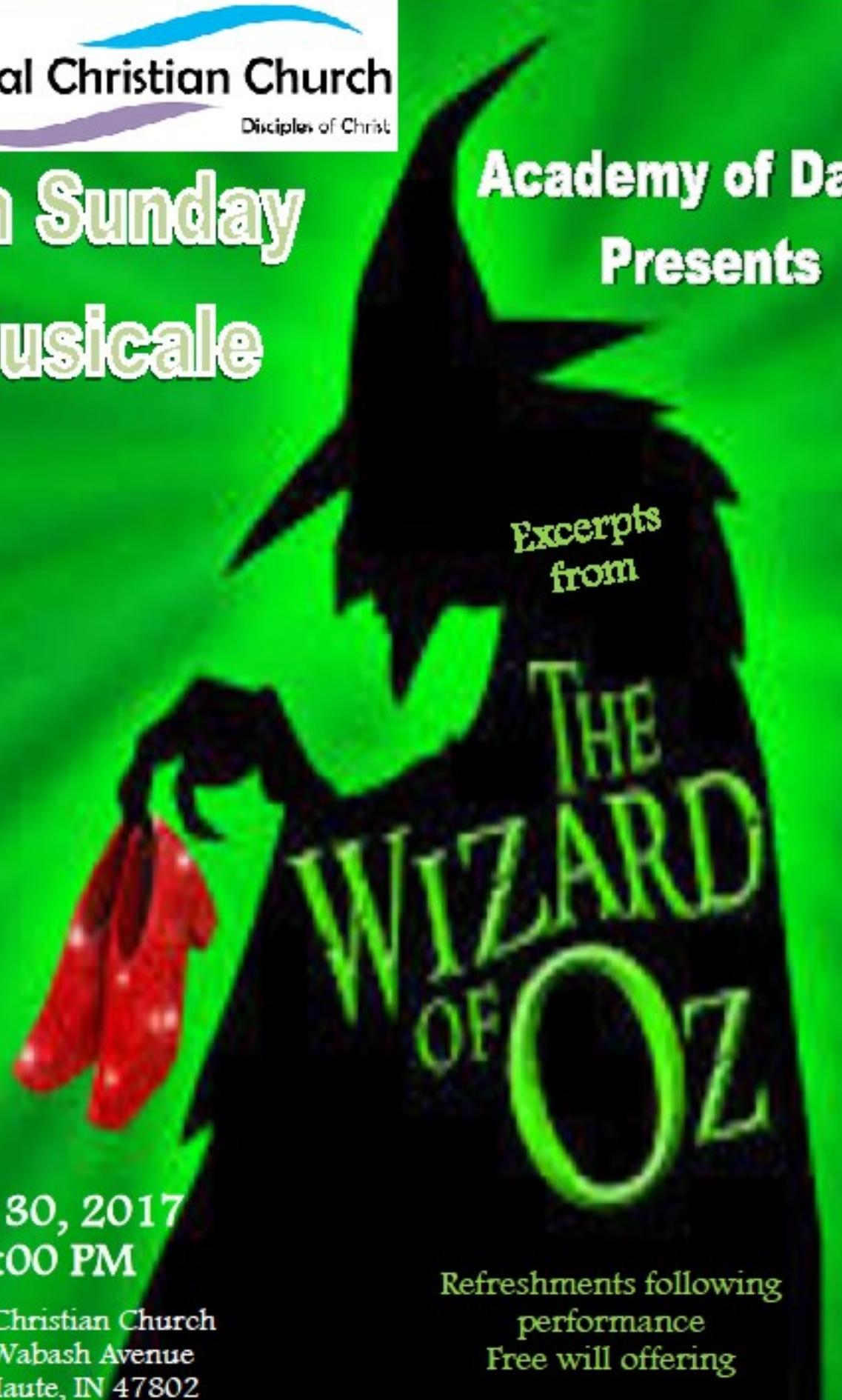
**Central Christian Church**
Disciples of Christ

5th Sunday Musicale

**Academy of Dance
Presents**

Excerpts
from

**THE
WIZARD
OF OZ**



**July 30, 2017
4:00 PM**

Central Christian Church
4950 Wabash Avenue
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Refreshments following
performance
Free will offering

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

In order to give our dedicated Sunday School teachers a much deserved break, classes for our children and youth will not meet in July. Sunday School will resume on August 6. At that time our youth will begin preparing for Youth Sunday on August 27.

Thank you to Andrea McColl for again chairing a very successful yard sale! Thanks to everyone who donated, purchased, baked, and worked the set-up or sale. We couldn't do it without you! Proceeds from the yard sale were \$1,243.35. Our God Squad generously donated the total proceeds to the Operating Budget.

Yard Sale



White Violet Center at St May of the Woods



Four God Squad youth and myself volunteered at the White Violet Center for the Sisters of Providence on June 9. The youth scooped alpaca poop, gathered eggs from chickens, and worked in the organic garden. We were treated to lunch with the Sisters in Providence Hall. It was a great experience for the youth.

The Sisters of Providence are starting a pilot program "Providence Teen Ministry" for boys and girls ages 13-17. This is a way to develop a relationship with the Sisters of Providence and further their mission through prayer and service. The program begins in July. If you are interested, please contact me for further information.

The God Squad had our annual trip to Holiday World on June 15. Eight youth and three chaperones had a great day. The weather was perfect, the lines were short, and the kids were wonderful!

Holiday World

Our next God Squad trip is Friday, July 14. We will be traveling to St. Louis to spend the day at the City Museum. We will be leaving from the church at 8:00 am, and returning at approximately 9:00 pm. Admission fees will be paid from our youth funds. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Theresa Vaughn

812-229-8089





July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM-noon Homeless Projects
2 Elders at noon	3 9AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Communion at Bethesda & Wyndmoor	4th of July Office Closed	5	6	7	8 9AM-noon Homeless Projects
9 David Livingston preaching	10 9AM Bible Study	11 7PM Taizè at SMWC	12	13	14 God Squad to City Museum in St Louis	15 9AM-noon Homeless Projects
16	17 9AM Bible Study	18 7PM Sit & Get Fit	19 Clarion Deadline	20	21	22 9AM-noon Homeless Projects
/----- - Reverend Zelensky on vacation July 17 - 23 -----						
23 Board at noon	24 9AM Bible Study	25 7PM Sit & Get Fit	26	27	28	29 9AM-noon Homeless Projects
30 4PM 5th Sunday Musical Wizard of Oz	31 9AM Bible Study					

Happy Birthday

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Sharon Crist | 11-Ancy Mathew | 17-Johnny Manning Jr | 27-Mary Beth Ripple |
| 2-Sam Willey | 11-Kolar Schodlatz | 18-Kevin Crist | 28-Barbara Hunt |
| 3-Will Hine, Jr | 13-Jerry Johnson | 18-Mallorie Wilson | 31-Dianne Mansfield |
| 6-Rick Dennis | 13-Melanie Hurst | 18-Sherrie Mansfield | 31-Randy Todd |
| 7-Mary Jo Brown | 15-Theron Strong | 20-Kent Waltermire | |
| 7-Lily Lawson Garloch | 16-Charley Hine | 24-Ava Hammond | |
| 9- Kristy Zukakas (Mansfield) | 16-Andrea Todd | 25-Greg Mansfield | |



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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



THE MONTH OF JULY

July was originally Quintilis, the fifth month of the year in the Roman calendar and always consisted of 31 days. It was changed around 450 BCE when January became the first month of the year. It was later changed to honor Julius Caesar during the Julian calendar reform in 44 BCE.

July is the seventh month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendar and is 31 days long. It is considered the warmest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and coldest month in the Southern hemisphere.

How Accurate Are Calendars?

The Julian calendar was abolished because it did not reflect the length of a year on Earth accurately. Today's Gregorian calendar does a better job, but is there such a thing as a perfect calendar? Earth's orbit around the Sun defines year length.

A Year is Not 365 Days Long

The [length of a year on Earth](#) is defined by the time it takes our planet to complete a full orbit around the Sun. Called a **tropical year**, **solar year**, **astronomical year** or **equinoctial year**, it is approximately 365.242189 days long on average. Its length changes slightly over time.

Because a [common year](#) has 365 days in today's [Gregorian calendar](#), a [leap day](#) is regularly added to bring it in sync with the tropical year.

Without leap days, our calendar would be off by 1 day approximately every 4 years, causing the [astronomical seasons](#) to occur at an increasingly later date as time goes by. In less than 50 years, the [March equinox](#) would be in April and the [June solstice](#) would occur in July.

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