



the Clarion

August 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.”

Serving...

GREETERS

August 6 Lisa & Jimetta
August 13 Betsy Wallace
August 20 Lisa & Jimetta
August 27 Lisa & Jimetta

PRAYER CARDS

Jimetta Mankin

ATTENDANCE PADS

Jimetta Mankin

COUNTERS

August 6

Twyla Edinburgh
Melanie Hurst
Richard Hunt

August 13

David Rose
Carroll Vasbonder

August 20

None scheduled

August 27

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

Christine Kennedy

Donna Dixon

Brook Gonthier

Rev Larry & Peggy Veach

Paul Myers

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Recently, Andrea Todd shared the following poem with the Adult Sunday School Class. It was written by her son, Jason:

These words are mine and I hope u are willing to read them....my only hope is to help us as mankind; regardless of race, gender, religion, political affiliation, sexual preference, and personal belief.

From: me

To: all

*Hate is disease,
It runs through our veins
Its racist and sexist,
The root of our pains*

*Why can't we let go,
and undo social chains?
Use our hearts for decisions -
along with our brains...
To look deep within, To find resolution,
That there is No Peace brought
Throughout persecution,
So expand your emotions...open your
mind
Look past the surface and see what u
find.*

*Hate brings upon anger; it poisons our
lives*

*It will tarnish pure hearts...from which
it's derived
It drives us in war. It ends us in love,
And friendships ARE broke when a push
turns to shove
-so what is it for?...and...
Why is it there????
Is it just one more reason why life isn't
fair?
I mean why can't we help it....and learn
how to share?
Let go of hate,....and hold on to care.*

*-Well, perhaps its a challenge;
To open our eyes
To look past the surface/see thru the dis-
guise.
For the person who "loves"....
Is the person who "flies"
...and failure - is learning for someone
who tries!
For find it u will, and that is the prize;
Which is to look in your soul which is
where the truth lies-
Which is NEVER to judge, and not to
offend....
.....just LOVE...and your "hate"....would
then vanish my friend.*

Jason Todd

Peace is the way.

Deadlines...

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

**Deadline for the
bulletin is Tues-
day mornings at
10AM.**

Our Church Family.....

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 efforts to live God's vision upon us.

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

Diana Chavis as she continues to deal with epilepsy, pancreatitis, and leukemia.

Jeanne Frost as she deals with severe back pain.

Priscilla Hammons as she seeks treatment for issues with her kidneys.

Don & Kathy Iliff as Don continues with treatments for cancer.

Sandy Lang as she finally gets to see a specialist for the stomach issues she has had for months.

Zachariah Mathew, Ancy, Sara, & Mathew as they deal with concerns for extended family.

Vic & Carol Mullen, Sean's parents, as they receive cancer treatments.

Jo Anne Seybold and family as Jo Anne tries to regain strength.

Dee Ugo as she recovers from a broken hip.

With great joy, we officially welcomed **Steve Rogitz** through confession of faith on June 25, 2017!

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

August 6
Dinah Vasbinder
Susan Edmondson

August 13
Erica West

August 20
Mary Jo Brown
Brenda Waltermire

August 27
Youth Sunday

THANK YOU!

Church Family,

I want to thank you for all the prayers and support for me and my family over the past 3 years. Losing my Mom was most difficult for us; but I find such comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering, and is at peace with her Heavenly Father! Your calls and texts meant more to me than you know. Thank you for being so thoughtful!

Beth Lee

Dear Church Family, I have seen the love of God many times in the last three weeks. Thank you Central Christian for loving and welcoming Leila.

Deb Herndon

Central Christian Church,

Thank you so much for being the amazing, accepting inspiring people you are. I am so grateful that you all give me a safe place.

Love, Leila



Holypalooza Celebration and 27th Annual Barbecue for UCM

Sunday, September 17, 2017

11:30-3:00

Centenary United Methodist Church
301 N 7th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807

Cost: \$10 per person

\$5.00 per child under six or college student with valid ID

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DEACONS

August 6
None scheduled

August 13
None scheduled

August 20
None scheduled

August 27
None scheduled

Rebecca's Revelation

“Perhaps you have come to royal dignity **for just such a time as this.**”
(Esther 4:14c)

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Are you enjoying our summer? I hope you and your loved ones are experiencing many of the wonderful blessings that only come to us at this time of year.

I was extremely blessed to be present at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) in the United States and Canada July 8-12, 2017. At this historic Assembly, The Rev. Dr. Teresa Hord Owens was elected General Minister and President of our denomination, becoming the first African-American woman installed as head of a denomination.

I am proud to be part of a faith community that not only recognizes the gifts and dedication of a person like Rev. Owens, but also has what it takes to discern God's call upon her for all of us – regardless of whether others outside our communion approve or not. Rev. Owens knows all too well what it is like to NOT be welcomed in certain congregations because she is female and because she is black. Clearly, this has not stopped the plans GOD has had in mind for her!

As one pastor and leader of the church explained, “Terri has been called for just such a time as this in the life of our church and the world.” I think this is absolutely true – just as I think Sharon Watkins was called for the particular period of time *she* served as GMP.

To give you an idea of how Rev. Owens is framing her new leadership role, here is some of what she shared at the Assembly: "This is about God's work in the church we all love— the church universal. So I need you to show up. You've been prepared. You have tremendous gifts. Show up for justice. Show up with your local congregations. Be who you know you can be. I cannot do this job alone. ... I need my family (all of us who are part of the Christian Church) to show up and I know you will."

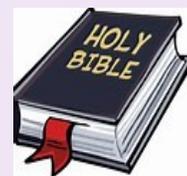
In addition to her long and accomplished resume in the business and academic arenas, Rev. Owens was born and raised in Terre Haute! Her grandfather was the long-time pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church and she is a graduate of South High School! Central Christian Church will be hosting a reception for Rev. Owens on Sunday, October 1. Please mark your calendar and make a point of coming to meet our new General Minister and President. Also, please keep her and her family in prayer as they begin this new chapter in their faith journeys.

Peace!

Rev. Rebecca

CCC BIG Read Begins the Writings of Poet/Prophet Isaiah

In August the CCC BIG Read embarks on a literary journey with the one known as First Isaiah or Isaiah of Jerusalem. The scroll of Isaiah contains 66 chapters and includes the writings of the first prophet Isaiah as well as those who followed him; the entire book covers about 200 years of Israelite history: before, during, and after the Babylonian exile.



First Isaiah was a prophet – one who speaks for God – in the southern kingdom of Judah. First Isaiah’s writings are filled with both dire warning and overflowing hope. They remind the people of the holiness of God and the understanding that the most beautiful prayers and worship mean nothing to God if the people are not doing the work of social justice.

Isaiah is the most quoted Hebrew Scriptures book by New Testament writers. It contains some of the most recognized images in the Bible and some of the most eloquent poetry.

First Isaiah covers chapters 1-39; as August has 31 days, read 2 chapters on August 1-8, and then one chapter a day the rest of the month.

WORSHIP

Let us make a joyful noise!!

Choir rehearsals will begin August 23. We will sing in worship the first time on September 10. 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!

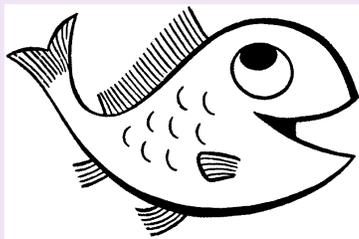


Youth Sunday — August 27

Mark your calendars:

5th Sunday Musicale on **October 29** —St. Mary-of-the Woods Madrigal Singers;

Music & Chocolate on **November 11**.



Central to Host 26th
ANNUAL JONAH FISH FRY
4:00–7:30 p.m. Friday, September 8th

Summer is passing by quickly and we are only weeks away from our annual Jonah Fish Fry which is held every year on the Friday after Labor Day. The red display board of needed items and the sign-up sheets to help with this important church event 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 take and check them off the list when you bring the items to the church. Non-perishable items can be brought in at any time. If you return the fish tags when you bring in your items we recycle them to use the next year.

Advance tickets are ready! Please see Mary Beth Ripple, Sharon Crist or Susan Edmondson on Sunday mornings to pick up tickets. There is a list at the sign-up table for persons to sign for the tickets they take to sell. The tickets are bundled in groups of 10 but unsold tickets can be returned. Ticket prices are the same as last year (at the door): 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 offer hot dogs for those who do not care for fish. Carry-out is also available.

The Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Team is responsible for organizing this event each year, but they sincerely appreciate your support for our church through your generous donations of canned goods and other supplies along with the donation of your time to help work the Fish Fry.

This popular event is a great way to bring the community into our church building and provides financial support for the missions and ministries here at Central. People comment they especially enjoy our Fish Fry because we bring extra fish around so attendees don't have to get back in line AND all of our seating is inside the air conditioned comfort of our church!

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 Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Team

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CCC

Volunteer to be a Sunday morning **GREETER** or **FELLOWSHIP HOST**.— Both are great ways to get better acquainted with members of the congregation, AND are important services to your church. Sign-Up sheets are on the bulletin board at the Information Center.

UPCOMING KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

ACTIVE ADULT COOKOUT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 5 P.M.



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

Our congregation works very hard on all of the many wonderful events we host throughout the year, and by the time of the cookout we'll have just finished our 26th annual Jonah Fish Fry. It's really amazing that a congregation the size of ours is able to accomplish all that we do. Therefore, we deserve an evening of good food and fellowship where we can sit around a campfire and relax!!!

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 to share 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. If you haven't been to their home before, the address is 5099 N. Orchard Place West Terre Haute. Their house is located in Lantern's West subdivision on Bolton Road. Take State Road 63 North by Maple Ave. 3 miles and turn left on Bolton Rd. The subdivision is the second one on the right side of the road, about 1/2 mile after you turn on Bolton Rd.

WORSHIP AT THE PARK AND CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 10:30 A.M. AT DEMING PARK

Four years ago CCC decided to try something new with our annual church picnic. Rather than go to Deming Park for a picnic after worship, the Worship and Koinonia Ministry Teams planned a day of prayer, praise and play at the park by holding our worship service at the park prior to the picnic. It was such a huge success (even with the rain that first year) that we have continued this as a new tradition.

Our worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Lion's Shelter #1 with the picnic following (once the food is set up)! 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 as well as iced tea and lemonade will be provided. We just ask that you bring either a main dish, side dish, dessert, etc. to share. You may also want to bring a lawn chair if you would be more comfortable sitting in that rather than at one of the park picnic tables.



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

Your Worship & Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Teams at Central



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Task Force is pleased to announce a new program: ***Social Justice Movie Series***. The movies will take place at Central Christian Church. Dates are listed below. Start time is 6:30 p.m. A discussion will follow each movie. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Movie nights: August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16

The first movie on August 17 will be *13th*. “*13th* is a 2016 American documentary by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States; it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which freed the slaves and prohibited slavery (unless as punishment for a crime).”

We will be inviting other Terre Haute churches (particularly African-American congregations) and activist organizations to attend. Please join us and invite your friends, neighbors and colleagues.

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS (Reprinted from WTHI TV)

Central Christian Church in Terre Haute is a place of worship but on Saturdays the church serves as a meeting place. The goal is to help the less fortunate. Every weekend women get together to make mats for the homeless. The mats are made from recycled grocery bags. It’s a project that started with the churches outreach chair, Mary Jo Brown.

"It takes anywhere between 700 and 1,000 grocery bags to make just one mat," said Brown. "And it takes about one hundred hours total manpower to get one made. So it is a lengthy process."

Each weekend these women collect, sort, cut and weave these bags together. When completed it creates a mat that someone in need can sleep on. It can be a long process to put together one of these mats. For women like Beth Duley, it's about getting the community together as well as making a difference in someone's life.

"We want to build that bridge," said Duley who is also part of the social justice task force. "We want to be able to help those people make their life better till they can get back on their feet. And maybe give them a bridge to help them get back into the mainstream of society."

These women are not just from the church but from all over the valley. Their goal is to get twenty made by January to be given out to homeless at that point in time. It’s an event to count and help homeless in the area.

It is group efforts like this that the church feels strong about. Especially when it's for the greater good of the community.

"That's what it's all about. You know, all of us a community working together to make our community better," said Brown.

This group is open to anyone who would like to help out and join. They are also looking for recycled grocery bag donations. If you would like to help or donate your grocery bags please check out their [website](#) or call the church at (812) 887-9959.



5th Sunday Musicale

Academy of Dance
Presents

July 30
4:00 PM

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

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday School will resume on August 6th. Our God Squad will begin working on their Youth Sunday service to be held on August 27. All youth who wish to be a part of the service should plan to attend each Sunday during August.

Phil Ewoldsen and Dianne Mansfield will continue to teach Sunday School this year. We are in need of a teacher for the younger children. If you are interested in helping with this class please let me know. Until we have a teacher for the class they will meet in the nursery with Paula during Sunday School.

Seven God Squad youth, Phil Ewoldsen and I went to the City Museum in St. Louis on July 14. It was a great day with lots of fun and Christian fellowship. The youth are looking forward to a return visit in the future. Photos are from that trip.



God Squad in St Louis, MO

Christian Education will meet on Monday, August 7 at 6:30. We will be planning for the new school year. We always welcome anyone interested in Christian Education or your suggestions.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

All school-aged children/youth are invited to attend our Back to School Event. Zachariah Mathew has arranged for us to visit the ISU Field Campus near Brazil, IN. We will leave from church after Sunday School on August 13. We will return to the church about 4:30pm. Please bring a picnic lunch and drink. The campus offers activities such as hiking, canoeing, and fishing. If you want to fish you must bring your own equipment. No license required. Zach and I will be going, but we will need a couple of other adults to drive and supervise activities. If you wish to go, please let me know. Each child must have a signed permission form to attend.

Theresa Vaughn, 812-229-8089



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7PM Sit & Get Fit	2	3 6:30PM Social Justice	4	5 9AM-noon Homeless Projects
6 Elders –Retreat Noon—3 PM	7 9AM Bible Study — 10:30 AM Communion at Bethesda & Wyndmoor — 6:30 PM Christian Ed	8 7PM Taizè at SMWC	9	10 6:30PM Faith & Giving	11	12 9AM-noon Homeless Projects
13 12 noon Worship Ministry — 12-4:30 PM God Squad ISU Field Campus	14 9AM Bible Study	15 7PM Sit & Get Fit	16	17 6:30PM Social Justice Movie	18	19 CWF Luncheon at Gathering Place
20	21 9AM Bible Study	22 7PM Sit & Get Fit 7PM Holy Cow	23 Clarion Deadline 6:30 PM Choir	24	25	26 9AM—4PM Board Retreat & Meeting
27 Youth Sunday	28 9AM Bible Study	29 7PM Sit & Get Fit	30 6:30 PM Choir	31		

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

1- Mike Dawson
1- Rita Johnson
9- Larry Merkle
9.-Darius Bobo
10-John Merkle
10-Chuck Frost
11-Rick Waltermire

13-Kaylie Whitley
17-Trish Beadle (Rogers)
18-Jason Sloan
19-Norma Plascak
21.-Lavell Loftson
22-Anna Moore
23-Jimetta Mankin

23-Bill McQueary
24-Patti Willey
29-Karen Sagraves



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

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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

Central Christian Church joins AmazonSmile program



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. You can now select Central Christian Church. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. However, Amazon will donate a portion .05% of the purchase price to CCC.

How do I select and shop at AmazonSmile?

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No, because you are not making the donation. The donations are made to the charity (CCC) by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.