



# the Clarion

of Central Christian Church (DOC)

September 2017

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### Charlottesville Solidarity Vigil Sunday, August 13, 2017



*"God calls Central Christian Church to be a welcoming and open faith community where Christian love, action, and discipleship unite."*

# Serving...

## GREETERS

September 3  
None Scheduled

September 10  
None Scheduled

September 17  
Betsy Wallace

September 24  
None Scheduled

## PRAYER CARDS

Mary Beth Ripple

## ATTENDANCE PADS

## COUNTERS

**September 3**  
Twyla Edinburgh  
Richard Hunt  
Melanie Hurst

**September 10**  
David Rose  
Carroll Vasbinder

September 17  
None Scheduled

September 24  
None Scheduled

## **Deadlines...**

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

**Deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday mornings at 10AM.**

## Prayer List:

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.

Brock Gonthier      Vic & Carol Mullen

**Donate to Week of Compassion** to support the communities that have been impacted by **Hurricane Harvey**. 100% of your gifts designated for Hurricane Harvey will provide immediate relief and long-term rebuilding in the days, weeks, and years ahead. Make check payable to CCC. Write "hurricane" on the memo line.

**KROGER REWARDS:** A \$76.45 check was received recently from Kroger representing donations made to CCC thru the **Kroger Rewards** program. Thank you for making Central Christian Church your choice charity.

**See information below to participate in the program.**



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## **TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

Simply register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number 39128. or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

# 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 for us.

**Diana Chavis** as she continues to deal with serious health issues.

**Jeanne Frost** as she continues to seek treatment for severe back pain.

**Angie Hammond** as she recovers from recent knee surgery.

**Don & Kathy Iliff** as Don takes a break from chemo in order to boost his blood counts and as Kathy experiences the challenges of caring for a sick loved one long term.

**Sandy Lang** as she undergoes a number of tests to determine the cause of her stomach issues.

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

**Ginger Monette** as she adjusts to her new home at Wyndmoor.

**Paul Myers** as he has treatment for his foot.

**Jo Anne Seybold** and family as Jo Anne recovers at home after a recent hospitalization.

**Betsy Wallace** as she recovers from a broken wrist.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of **Jane Ann Siepman**.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Traci Tucker & family** at the death of Traci's cousin, Kyle.

\*For the last few years, CCC has been praying for the congregation of Jerusalem Christian Church in Lafayette, LA and its pastor, Ashley Sherard, and her family. Ashley recently accepted a call to a Disciples church in French Lick, IN! We wish her and the congregations who have been blessed to have her leadership the very best in their continued Christian service!

*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

### **September 3**

Dinah Vasbinder  
Susan Edmondson

### **September 10**

Dinah Vasbinder  
Melanie Hurst

### **September 17**

David Rose  
Susan Edmondson

### **September 24**

Brenda Waltermire  
Shelly Manning

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## DEACONS

### **September 3**

None Scheduled

### **September 10**

None Scheduled

### **September 17**

None Scheduled

### **September 24**

None Scheduled

Baby Dedication—August 13, 2017  
Rory MacKinnon Meyer



Making mats for the homeless with Sisters of Providence



## **United Campus Ministries**

### **Cheap Yard Sale**

**September 30**

### **Donations Needed:**

#### **Items for Students**

**book shelves, winter coats, blankets, microwaves, table lamps, corner tables, pots and pans, etc.**



## **REBECCA'S REVELATION**

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Like many of you, I vividly remember particular details about the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our nation. At that time Jeff and I were gathering information on adoption agencies and trying to discern the best one for us. On that Tuesday and the days that followed, I recall wondering if I really wanted to raise a child in a world where human beings could do such things to one another. It did not take long, though, to conclude that people filled with hate and acting on religious extremism were not going to stop me from being a parent. Besides, who knows what amazing good my child might do in and for the world?

I had not felt such helplessness as I did on 9/11 until the recent events in Charlottesville, VA. Only this time it was other Americans spewing hate at other Americans. Only this time not all of our national leaders presented a unified front against prejudice, intolerance, and dangerous narrow-mindedness. Only this time, after all I have done to try and make the world a better place, even our little corner of it, I looked at my beautiful daughter and thought, "Is she even safe in her own country?"

As a person of faith, the issues raised because of Charlottesville have always been of great importance to me. As a parent of a black child, these issues are personal and affect the core of my soul. People yelling ugliness about Jews are yelling ugliness about my funny, generous college roommates; they are yelling ugliness about Jesus, the one I have committed my life to following. People "rallying" and claiming heritage and states' rights are not racist do not know history and are calling for a way of life that returns people of color to a sub-human status – this includes a number of CCC children and adults; this includes my trainer/friend Ivory who has kept me moving through RA, degenerative discs in my neck, and numerous injuries; this includes colleagues and many other people I have known and respected in my career; this includes my Lexi.

Thanks be to God for people like those in Boston the weekend after Charlottesville who counter-protested Nazi and KKK rhetoric. Thanks be to God for DOC leaders who refuse to be silenced when it comes to racism, justice, and what the good news of Jesus Christ has to say in response to violence and hatred. Thanks be to God for CCC's own Social Justice League who continue to study, dialogue, attend vigils, and build community bridges all grounded in our Christian faith.

Bottom line: I will continue to preach, teach, write, and study God's love and grace for all. I will continue to share my faith in the power of God's love to transform even the hardest hearts. I will hold tightly to my belief that love will ultimately triumph because the God I know is love. I just don't want my daughter, or someone else's child, to be sacrificed or martyred before love has the final word.

May God's love and peace prevail.

Rev. Rebecca

**CCC**

**BIG**

### **Read to continue with Isaiah**

In August our BIG Readers read Isaiah 1-39, the section of this prophetic book attributed to the writer/prophet known as First Isaiah. In September we will finish this book with chapters 40-66.

Deutero-Isaiah (or Second Isaiah) is how biblical scholars identify the writer of Isaiah chapters 40-55. The kingdom of Judah has been conquered (or is in the process of being conquered) and people have been exiled to the far-away land of Babylon. Deutero Isaiah differs from First Isaiah in his long, lyrical promise oracles, the idea of a "new" Exodus (from Babylon this time, not Egypt), and his emphasis on a new age justice that will follow the exile.

Trito- Isaiah (or Third Isaiah) is the name given to the author of Isaiah chapters 56-66. This prophet addresses those who have returned home from the exile. Trito-Isaiah warns the people that they are back-sliding when it comes to their relationship with God (isn't this what got them in trouble and exiled in the first place?). He also shares a vision of all nations of the world worshipping God together.

Read one chapter a day in September and you will finish with a few days to spare!

## **WORSHIP**

### **LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!**

Choir rehearsals began 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! There will be several vacancies this year so if music is an important part of your worship experience, join the group or encourage a friend to join. No auditions; just enthusiasm and faithful attendance needed!



**OCTOBER 1 IS A BIG DAY FOR CENTRAL!** Newly installed General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, the Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens will be here! We are so fortunate to be able to schedule her so early in her tenure. An added bonus is she is from and grew up right here in Terre Haute! She's a Terre Haute South graduate from the class of 1978! There will be a reception for Rev. Owens starting at 2:00 with a Question and Answer session following at 3:00. Don't miss this opportunity to meet her and let her know just what a great congregation Central Christian in her home town is! CWF and Koinonia Fellowship will be coordinating refreshments so consider helping them out by providing what they need.



**SPEAKING OF TRADITIONS!!** (You missed a great sermon on the 13<sup>th</sup> by the way!) We look forward to celebrating creation each fall during our Creation Sundays. Sept. 10 starts us off with Fire then Water will be the focus on the 17<sup>th</sup> (just before you head off to the annual United Campus Ministries Barbecue at Centenary United Methodist Church). During the Worship at the Park on Sept. 24 we'll celebrate Air and on World Communion Sunday October 1 we'll end the series with Earth. Why do we do this each year? Because God has entrusted the care of creation to our care and we remind ourselves that stewardship of these gifts is our responsibility.



**WORSHIP IN THE PARK ON SEPTEMBER 24.** We look forward to this service every year. We'll gather at the Lions Shelter in Deming Park at 10:30AM. Bring a comfy chair if you wish and a covered dish to pitch-in for the lunch afterward.

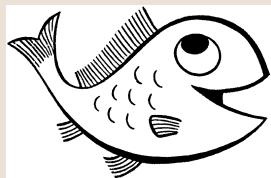
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** falls on October 1 this year which is going to be a big day for us with the Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens reception at 2. This is a special Sunday to us every year as we break bread and share the cup with Christians everywhere. Watch for more details about this day.



### **Mark your calendar:**

**October 29—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Musicale—St Mary-of-the Woods Madrigal Singers**

**November 11—Music & Chocolate**



## *Central to Host 26<sup>th</sup>* **ANNUAL JONAH FISH FRY**

**4:00–7:30 p.m. Friday, September 8th**

The Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Team thanks EVERYONE for all of your support of our 26th annual Jonah Fish Fry by donating food/supplies, volunteering to work, make desserts, sell tickets, provide publicity, put up flyers, praying for a great turnout, etc. etc.

We aren't a large congregation, but we work very well together each year in order to have this important fund raising event to help with the budgetary needs of our church. The Fish Fry also provides a great opportunity to bring the larger community into our church. There may be persons who attend our fish fry that are searching for a church; they may decide to attend a worship service here because of the kindness extended by all of you. We are a faithful, hospitable congregation who work hard to make people feel welcomed in our church whether it is on Sunday morning or at any of the events we host.

We are still in need of volunteers to help that night, so if you didn't get a chance to sign up to help and would like to do so, please call Sharon Crist (812) 535-3359.

Thanks again for all your prayers and support in making this event happen each year.

Our Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Team at Central

**Tickets are available in the church office.**



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**4950 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, IN**  
**812-877-9959**  
**[www.cccthdisciples.org](http://www.cccthdisciples.org)**

**26th Annual**

# **Jonah Fish Fry**

**Date: Friday, Sept. 8, 2017**

**Time: 4:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Cost: \$9.00 Adult**

**\$4.00 Child (4-12)**

**Children 3 & under eat FREE!**

**Advance Tickets - \$8.00 & \$3.00**

**Price includes "all you care to eat" of delicious Jonah fish plus bread, drink and sides  
(green beans, baked beans, corn, coleslaw or applesauce).**

**Hot dogs provided for those who don't eat fish.**

**Desserts available for purchase.**

**Carry-out available**



**Central Christian Church**

Disciples of Christ

**Proceeds will benefit the ministries - internal and external - of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).**

## **UPCOMING KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**



### **ACTIVE ADULT COOKOUT**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 5 P.M.**

REMINDER!!! 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 an event for the entire family. Even if you don't normally attend the Active Adult dinners, we hope you'll join us. We can all use an evening to sit around a campfire after dinner and relax!

The Crist's will provide the meat, condiments, lemonade and iced tea. Those attending need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert (and a lawn chair, if you prefer your own).

Please sign up at the Information Center by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> in order to plan for those who will be attending. The Crist's live at 5099 N. Orchard Place in Lantern's West Subdivision on Bolton Road between St. Rd. 63 and 150. Their number is 812-535-3359 if you have any questions.



### **WORSHIP AT THE PARK & CHURCH PICNIC**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 10:30 A.M. AT DEMING PARK**

You won't want to miss this special event in the life of our church! This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year to have a combined worship service followed by our annual picnic at Deming Park. We have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for here at Central and a good old fashion worship service and picnic in the park is a great opportunity to celebrate that it has been 176 years since Central Christian Church held their first worship service in June, 1841. Having our worship service at the park allows us to be outside enjoying the beauty and sounds of nature as we worship our Lord, sing, share communion - and who doesn't love going to a picnic? AND, it's a well-known fact that we have lots of great cooks in our congregation.

Central has lot of fun events every year and our Worship/Picnic in the Park has become another great tradition. **Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.** at Lion's Shelter #1 with the picnic following once the food is all set out. 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 and iced tea, lemonade and table service will be provided. If you can, please bring a side dish, dessert, or etc. You might also want to bring a lawn chair if you would be more comfortable sitting in a chair 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 Christian Church (DOC)





# Holypalooza Celebration and 27<sup>th</sup> 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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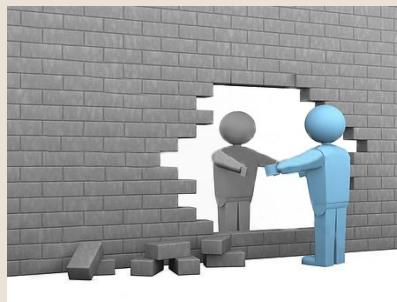
Vegetarian Options Available

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!!!

For information call (812)232-0186 or email  
[thunitedcampusministries@gmail.com](mailto:thunitedcampusministries@gmail.com)



*Central Christian Church  
Social Justice League  
Presents*



## ***STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES BY BREAKING BARRIERS:***

A Dialogue with members of the  
Terre Haute African-American Community  
(1<sup>st</sup> in a series of panel discussions)

**Saturday, October 28, 2017  
9:30 AM to 4:00 P.M.**

**Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
4950 Wabash Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47803**

Registration required: register by October 13 at  
[cccsocialjusticeleague@gmail.com](mailto:cccsocialjusticeleague@gmail.com)  
or by phone at 812-877-9959

Ages 12 through adult are welcome to attend.  
Lunch is provided.

### **Panelists include:**

Alia Blackburn	Dr. Samory Rashid
Pastor Bobbie DeBow	Mary Beth Seaward

After the panel discussion, we will hold a question and answer session and table discussions to determine where we go from here and to identify needs in our community.

*Central Christian Social Justice League  
... Loving the world through understanding  
Micah 6:8b ...God calls us "to do justice, and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with [our] God."*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** In 1964 the Civil Rights Act was signed into law. 1965 the Voting Rights Act was signed into law. Both of those guaranteed equal rights and unobstructed access to voting in this country. All is well, problem solved, now we can move on to other issues. Not by a long shot! Today we see neo-Nazis & white supremacists & the KKK marching in the streets of a small, peaceful American college town, spitting, beating & even killing a young woman.



These are the reasons we need dialogue with our brothers & sisters of color. We need to be able to talk with each other in safe places to get to know and understand each other. We need to revel in the richness of our cultures & celebrate our differences.

The Social Justice League at Central has been studying issues of race and the devastating impact of white privilege (nothing to do with economic or social status, but simply having white skin). Out of those discussions we decided to take action. We are hosting movie nights once a month to learn more and have discussion after the movie. The next movie September 21 at 6:30 is *The Talk*—those things parents of color and parents of children of color must discuss with their children that most white parents never have the need to discuss.

The big event is a one day "conference" on Saturday, October 28 from 9:30 to 4 at Central, entitled *Breaking Barriers*. We will have a panel of members of the Terre Haute African American community discuss life in this area...the good and the challenging. We will follow with a question & answer time, free

lunch, and table talks where we, hopefully, will speak freely about needs, challenges and fears and ways we all can come together. There will be music, prayer, spirited discussions, and we hope we all walk away with new friends. We hope to leave with the knowledge that we can count on each other for assistance, prayer, & social events. We want to begin to build relationships so that should a problem arise in Terre Haute, the bonds of trust are already strong in order to have peaceful resolutions. Look for more specifics in next month's Clarion.



CCC at the Diversity March 2017

[See the flyer on Page 8](#)

## FREE MOVIE!!

Central Christian Church (DOC) is proud to present our Social Justice Movie Night. We are showing a series of movies to promote community in Terre Haute. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The movie will start promptly at 6:30. Bring snacks and beverages (no alcoholic beverages please). A discussion will follow each movie.

**"THE TALK"** will be shown on Thursday, September 21. It is

### Movie Nights

Thursday

6:30 pm

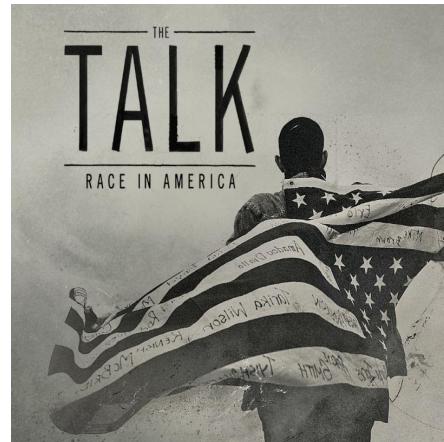
Sept 21

Oct 19

Nov 16

a documentary about the increasingly necessary conversation taking place in homes and communities across the country between parents of color and their children, especially sons, about how to behave if they are ever stopped by the police.

All are welcome to join us for the movie and discussion.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### God Squad at ISU Field Campus August 13, 2017



### Youth Sunday, August 27, 2017



# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9 AM–12 noon Making mats
3 11 AM All Counters Elders –Noon	4 Labor Day 10:30 AM Communion at Be- thesda & Wyndmoor	5	6 6:30 PM Choir	7 Active Adults 6PM Setup for Fish Fry then Eat at Charlies 1608 Crawford	8 <b>FISH FRY</b> <b>4–7:30</b>	9 9 AM–4 PM Crop for Missions (Scrapbooking)
						
10 Worship Ministry at noon	11 9AM Bible Study ---	12 7PM Taizè at SMWC 6:30PM Chr Ed	13 6:30 PM Choir	14 6:30PM Faith & Giving	15 CWF at home of Mary Beth Ripple	16 9 AM–12 noon Making mats 5 PM Active Adults Cookout at Crists'
17 Board at noon	18 9AM Bible Study	19 6:30 PM Social Justice Planning Mtg 7PM Sit & Get Fit	20 6:30 PM Choir <i>Clarion Deadline</i>	21 6:30PM Social Justice Movie	22	23 9 AM–12 noon Making mats
24 10:30AM Worship in the Park & Church Picnic	25 9AM Bible Study	26 7PM Sit & Get Fit	27 6:30 PM Choir	28	29	30 9 AM–12 noon Making mats

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

4-Moses Hamm	10-Michaela McKee	17-Frank Crist
5-Adam Crist	10-Violet Vaughn	20-Stacie Whitley
8-Jodee Barnes	11-Tom Gonthier	22-David McColl
8-Jacob Barnes	12-Phil Ewoldsen	22-Paige Jordan
8-Jarrett Barnes	14-Claire Willey	24-Tammy Beck
9-Susan Edmondson	15-Carroll Vasbinder	29-Kyle Wilson

September 10 John & Michelle Manning
September 17 Kelly & Patrick Meyer

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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 and is now one of the organizations listed.**

*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?*

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to: smile.amazon.com on your computer or smart phone. If you already have a designated charity, you can always change it to CCC. Log on to the site, go to the banner line, select account and lists, select from the drop down menu "your Amazon Smile" and you will then say you want to select a charity. Type in Central Christian Church Terre Haute and select it as your Amazon Smile charity. If this is your first time at Amazon Smile you simply click select a charity and type in Central Christian Church Terre Haute. That's all you need to do! Then, remember to shop from Amazon Smile.

*Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?*

Yes, if you are used to shopping on Amazon, you use the same account for AmazonSmile. Your Amazon credit card works the same as do your shopping cart, Wish List, registries, and other account settings.

*Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?*

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.