



the Clarion

October 2017

of Central Christian Church (DOC)

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DISPLAY BOARDS

Created by Bonnie Wilson & Dinah Vasbinder

**Making Mats
for the
Homeless
in our
Community**

If interested in participating, see Mary Jo Brown.



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

Serving...

GREETERS

October 1

None scheduled

October 8

None scheduled

October 15

Betsy Wallace

October 22

None Scheduled

October 29

None Scheduled

PRAYER CARDS

Mary Beth Ripple

ATTENDANCE PADS

None scheduled

COUNTERS

October 1

Twyla Edinburgh
Richard Hunt
Melanie Hurst

October 8

David Rose
Carroll Vasbinder

October 15

None Scheduled

October 22

None Scheduled

October 29

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 the **Hurricanes**. 100% of your gifts designated for Hurricanes 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.

WE WILL RECEIVE THE RECONCILIATION OFFERING ON OCTOBER 1

Where Does The Offering Go?

The Reconciliation offering is divided in two parts with one half going back to the region from which it was received and one half going to the General Reconciliation Ministry administered by the Reconciliation Ministry Commission made up of volunteers from around our church body.

The regions choose the method of distributing the funds that remain within their own area. These programs vary widely between regions. [Contact your region](#) for a current listing of projects funded in your area.

The Reconciliation Ministry Commission receives, reviews and allocates funds for grant requests submitted by our general ministries, higher education institutions, regions and recognized ministries of the church whose proposals meet the grant guidelines. Congregational grant requests are to be submitted to their Region for funding.

100% of this offering is used for the Reconciliation Ministry of the church.

Harper Elaine "Lainey" Williams Baby Dedication —September 10, 2017



If one feels the need of something grand, something infinite, something that makes one feel aware of God, one need not go far to find it. I think that I see something deeper, more infinite, more eternal than the ocean in the expression of the eyes of a little baby when it wakes in the morning and coos or laughs because it sees the sun shining on its cradle.

Vincent van Gogh

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.

Aletha Carter as she deals with a malignant lung biopsy.

Donna Hofmann's husband, **Ron**, as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Don & Kathy Iliff as Don continues to deal with lack of appetite and weakness and as Kathy cares for him.

Sandy Lang as she waits for the results of biopsies taken from a recent colonoscopy and endoscopy.

Rachael Manning as she recovers from gall bladder surgery.

Zachariah Mathew, An-cy, Sara, & Mathew as they deal with concerns for extended family.

Mary Beth Ripple as she recovers from gall bladder surgery.

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

Lorri Ugo's mother, **Dee**, as she recovers from a fall she had at the Little Italy Festival.

Kaylie Whitley as she recovers from foot surgery.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Jimetta Mankin and her family** at the death of Jimetta's mother, Deana Burke.

With great joy, we welcome **Chavez Phelps** back to Terre Haute and back to CCC!

On Sunday, September 10, 2017, we joyously welcomed **Roger Schultz** to Central Christian through transfer of membership! We are also very glad to have Roger's wife, Lois, with us!

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

October 1

David Rose
Susan Edmondson

October 8

Betsy Hine
Dinah Vasbinder

October 15

Erica West
Melanie Hurst

October 22

None Scheduled

October 29

Brenda Waltermire
Susan Edmondson

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"October, baptize me with leaves!
Swaddle me in corduroy and nurse me with split pea soup.
October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins.
O autumn! O teakettle! O grace!"

Submit Your Veterans for Veterans' Day



Would you like to recognize a family member or friend for Veteran's Day? Each year we recognize our veterans from the congregation as well as loved ones. If you have someone you would like to submit to be honored during our Veteran's Day recognition, please submit their names to

Melanie Hurst at cccwebmaster001@gmail.com. If you have a picture of them in uniform, please attach it to the email. If you don't do email, bring the picture and information in. Melanie will scan it and return it safely to you.

If you have already submitted a name to Melanie, you do not need to submit it again.

REBECCA'S REVELATION

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Throughout my time in seminary, it was drilled into those of us going into ministry that self-care and care of one's family were essential – not just for ministers in various types of ministry, but also as a model for those in our congregations and agencies with whom we serve. Allissa Williams and I have had conversations on this issue since the first time she and I had lunch together when she was a seminarian. Allissa has always been very affirming of my efforts to be a good model of caring for our loved ones and I deeply appreciate this; however, it is still a constant balancing act.

Recently, Jeff, Lexi, and I were walking our dog and Lexi made the comment, “Mom, you are *always* working.” Knife straight to my heart! Although I try very hard to make time for Lexi and Jeff every day, there are far too many days when our time together is a few minutes in the morning and a few minutes before bed. On average, I work between 50-60 hours every week. I'm not alone in this as I know many of my colleagues do the same.

Still, I know that I could be the best preacher, pastor, prophet, church administrator, etc. but if at the end of my life my husband and my daughter do not know that they were my priorities, even above the church I love, then I have failed in what God has called me to do. If my friends and family near and far do not know how much they mean to me, then I have not honored the God-given blessings they are in my life.

If Jeff had never come along, I seriously doubt I would have heard my call to ordained ministry – let alone answered that call! If Lexi had not come into my life, I don't know if I would have ever understood even the little we mortals can of how God must feel to love us unconditionally.

The work and ministry we all do together at CCC is important, it is life-enriching and world-transforming for many. And yet, none of us can attend every meeting, every event, every activity connected to our amazing congregation. Thanks be to God none of us need to – including your minister.

So, have you conveyed to your loved ones how precious they are to you today, this week, this month? Do they know that if they were not in your life, certain blessings of God would be missing? Why not *make* some time and show them?

Blessings, Rev. Rebecca

CCC BIG Read spends October with the “Weeping Prophet”

In October, the CCC BIG Read will focus on the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations. Although Isaiah is known for his poetry and eloquent imagery and quoted in the New Testament more than any other prophet, it is Jeremiah with whom many of us can relate. Jeremiah's prophetic career lasted through the reigns of five kings of Judah and after the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of Solomon's Temple.

Jeremiah is a passionate messenger of God, although there are times when he says he would rather die than continue to speak God's word to the people. Nevertheless, he always does as God asks of him – often at great personal cost and danger to himself. Jeremiah grieves *with* God for a people who turn away from God and God's ways.

Lamentations, traditionally thought to be written by Jeremiah (or by one of his students/scribes), is a book composed solely of expressions of grief. This book of poetry and song reminds us that we can turn to God in times of pain and anguish and we do not need to hold anything back.

Jeremiah has 52 chapters and Lamentations has 5. If you read at least 2 chapters a day in the month of October, you will finish with a few days to spare!

WORSHIP

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 was born and raised right here in Terre Haute, and a Terre Haute South graduate from the class of 1978! There will be a reception for Rev. Owens starting at 2:00PM with a Question and Answer session following at 3:00PM. Don't miss this opportunity to meet her and let her know just what a great congregation Central Christian is in her home town! CWF and Koinonia Fellowship will be coordinating refreshments so consider helping them out by providing some refreshment items that they will need.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY falls on October 1 this year which is going to be a big day for us with the Blessing of the Animals after worship and the Rev. Terri Hord Owens reception at 2PM. This is a special Sunday to us every year as we break bread and share the cup with Christians everywhere.



MEMORY BOOK AND ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. All Saints Sunday will be November 5 and once again we will recognize our loved ones who have passed on. We will be starting a new Memory Book this year and it will be placed on the table in the inset starting after the Oct. 1 reception for Terri Hord Owens. Please write in the book the names of those you wish to have read aloud during the Nov. 5 service.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS For several years we have observed the birthday of St. Francis of Assisi by having a blessing of the animals at CCC. This special service will be held outside in our circle drive immediately after morning worship on Sunday, October 1.

UCM OPEN HOUSE United Campus Ministries has received a grant to create a display comparing our history of approximately 75 years with the 150 year history of Indiana State University. There will be an open house at the UCM Building on October 15 from 2:00-4:00PM to unveil a mural created about this history, to show newly acquired art work donated by 2 UCM Board members, and to show off the newly remodeled kitchen and upstairs floor at the center. ISU President Bradley and others are scheduled to speak. The reception starts at 2:00PM with remarks and unveiling happens at 3:00PM. Refreshments will be served throughout the event.

5TH SUNDAY MUSICALE October is the next month with five Sundays and that means it's time for the next Fifth Sunday Musicale! The date is **Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m.** Our musical guests will be the Chorale and Madrigals from St. Mary of the Woods College, directed by Michael Boswell. If you have never heard them, you need to know that this women's singing group produces absolutely heavenly sounds and will bring us a fabulous program of varied styles of music. We are in for a beautiful experience! As always, we will have refreshments following the hour-long program and we will take a free-will offering which in this case will help the Chorale and Madrigals with their expenses for an upcoming trip to Ireland!

Mark your calendar:

November 11—Music & Chocolate

On Sunday, October 1, 2:00PM Central Christian will host a Reception and Question/Answer Session with our recently elected General Minister and President of the Christian Church (DOC) in the US and Canada, the Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens!

Dr. Owens is a native of Terre Haute, a graduate of Terre Haute South Vigo High School, and a descendent of one of Indiana's oldest African-American free settlements. Her grandfather was the long time and deeply respected pastor of Second Missionary Baptist Church here in Terre Haute.

Dr. Owens began her professional career in the area of information technology, spending 23 years in the area of management consulting, data management and data warehousing. She previously held senior management positions with IBM, Ernst & Young, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and SBC, consistently earning recognition for excellence and leadership. Despite professional success, she felt God had another assignment for her, and she accepted her call to ministry under the pastorate of Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr. at Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN.

Dr. Owens earned the Master of Divinity degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where she was a Disciples Divinity House Scholar, and recipient of the John Gray Rhind Award, given to the top M.Div graduate at the Divinity School. She was ordained at Light of the World Christian Church, wearing the robe of her paternal grandfather, the late Rev. Noel Hord. In August of 2005, she was appointed Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Divinity School. She was a member of the Divinity School's Diversity Committee, and the University's Diversity Leadership Council.

Alongside her work at the Divinity School, Dr. Owens served as Senior Minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Downers Grove, IL. She was the first person of color to serve as pastor of this predominantly white congregation. A small congregation with a large heart to serve and give, FCCDG's ministry reaches to the homeless in DuPage County, as well as families with children in the surrounding area. Each year, the church hosts a Back-to-School Fair, serving nearly 800 people each year.

Dr. Owens has been a widely sought after preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multicultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults. She is married to Walter Owens, Jr., with whom she celebrated 30 years of marriage this year. They are the proud parents of an adult son, W. Mitchell Owens, III.

A number of us from Central were blessed and honored to be in attendance at Dr. Owens' installation as our General Minister and President at the 2017 General Assembly, and we are looking forward to celebrating with her as she continues this new chapter of life and leadership as head of our denomination!



Outreach Opportunities

The **MAT MAKING** for the homeless is continuing to inspire more people to help. We have been asked to return to St. Mary of the Woods to help the sisters with making the mats. At the first session 27 of the sisters were present. We will be happy to see new faces any Saturday morning from 9 to 12.

Mental Health America of Vigo County will be at the fairgrounds for Stand Down on November 15. Ten of our **MATS WILL BE AVAILABLE** to those who would like to have one.

Thanks to **WEEK OF COMPASSION** through our greater church, donations are going to help those suffering the devastation of hurricanes and other disasters around the world. If you would like to donate to any disaster, make a note on your check and it will be sent from our office. You may also go to the web site to donate.

In November we will have a Saturday morning when we will assemble the **HYGIENE KITS** for the homeless. A basket has been provided for the collection of these items. Please check the list across the page for things you might like to donate.



HEALTH BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering has the ability to improve the quality of life and health of those who donate their time and research has found that older adults will benefit the most from volunteering. Physical and mental ailments plaguing older adults can be healed through the simple act of helping others; however, one must be performing the good deed from a selfless nature. There are barriers that can prevent older adults from participating in volunteer work, such as socio-economic status, opinions held by others, and even current health issues. However, these barriers can be overcome so that if one would like to be involved in volunteer work they can do so. Volunteering improves not only the communities in which one serves, but also the life of the individual who is providing help to the community.

Wikipedia.org

CCC offers many opportunities for you to volunteer to serve.

14th Annual

An Evening of Music and Chocolate

Featuring the
ISU Sycamore Singers
Dr. Scott Buchanan, Director

Saturday, November 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
4950 E. Wabash Ave., Terre Haute

Tickets: \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door

HYGIENE

- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Body wash
- Socks
- Wash Cloth
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brush
- Comb
- Chap stick

Lotion

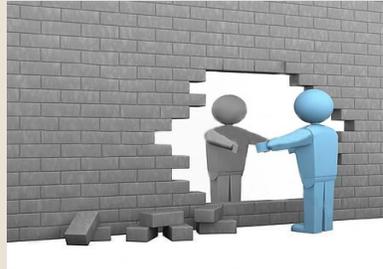
- Band-aids
- Feminine hygiene products
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Fingernail clippers
- Disposable razor
- Re-useable water bottle
- Heat packs or hand warmers
- Gallon size plastic bags

FOOD

- granola bars
- crackers with peanut butter
- trail mixes
- dried fruits
- Beef jerky
- Fast food gift certificates

*Central Christian Church
Social Justice League*

Presents



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

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

Saturday, October 28, 2017

9:30 AM — 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
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

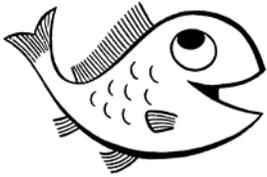
Mary Beth Seaward

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."*



Jonah Fish Fry a Success!!!

The Koinonia Fellowship Team is happy to report that the final profit from our 26th annual Jonah Fish Fry, after paying Neptune for the fish and the Tribune for our ad/coupon, was \$2,381.28! This is an increase of \$136.87 over last year's profit. We had a steady flow of people and at times nearly all of the tables were full; we also had many people getting take-out orders. We raised \$254.50 from the sale of the desserts you so generously donated. (The pies were a big favorite!)

Your Koinonia Fellowship Ministry team would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone. Whether you purchased and donated canned goods or other supplies, made monetary donations to help defray the cost of these items, created and printed tickets, helped set up tables and chairs, worked during the day and/or evening of the Fish Fry, donated dessert/s, sold advance tickets, promoted the event with public service announcements and/or newspaper articles, did interviews on the TV news, updated our web site with info, hung up flyers to advertise the event, put up the Fish Fry sign, promoted the event on our church sign, stayed and helped clean up the kitchen, put away the tables/chairs, vacuumed, hauled away the trash, prayed for the success of the event, or etc. etc. etc. **we thank you so very much!!**

Who knows? We may have more visitors at Central because they were impressed by our facility and our wonderful friendly members/friends working that night. We always receive numerous compliments from the community attending on how much they enjoy coming to our Fish Fry – we've even heard comments that it's the best one in the area.

The value of the canned goods, paper products, etc. you donated was over \$660 dollars so your generous contributions greatly increased the profit to the church for this important annual fundraiser.

The Fish Fry couldn't happen every year without the combined efforts of all the generous people here at Central.

We are blessed to have a congregation that always pitches in and helps. Even though it's always a busy evening, it is fun to work side by side with each other and to see so many faces from our community come to our event.

Thanks again,

Your Koinonia Fellowship Ministry Team

Movie Nights

Thursday

6:30 pm

Oct 19

Nov 16

FREE MOVIE!!

Thursday, October 19

Dark Girls Documentary exploring the deep-seated biases and attitudes about skin color--- particularly dark skinned women, outside of and within the Black American culture."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday School classes for our children and youth resumed in August. Phil Ewoldsen continues to teach grades 6-12 which meet upstairs. Rev. Dianne Mansfield teaches the elementary class grades K-5. They meet in the classroom beside the baptistry. Should we have any infants or toddlers during the Sunday School hour Paula Switzer, our nursery attendant, will stay in the nursery. Paula leaves at 11:00 if there are no children, so be sure to let her know by then if your child will be staying in the nursery.

The nursery is in need of an exersaucer or walker. We have babies of the age to enjoy one, and ours has gone missing from storage. If you have one you are no longer using or would like to donate one please let me know.

Our nursery is provided for children birth through kindergarten. For the safety of our infants and toddlers we must ask children above kindergarten to remain in worship.

Our Christian Kids Club is in need of a leader. The children in grades K-5 enjoy having a group of their own that does activities, parties, and service to others. We try to have a monthly activity, usually on Sunday afternoon, such as roller skating, picnics, holiday parties, and crafts. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry. If you are unable to take on the leadership, but could be responsible for hosting a particular month the children would appreciate it. Please let me know if you are able to help or need more information.

Theresa Vaughn

ALL-AMERICAN THANKSGIVING DINNER

Earlier this year we invited students from the United Campus Ministries to join us for an International Night. Students, members and friends of Central Christian shared delicious food from many countries. It is our hope that by learning more about our friends and neighbors we would gain a better understanding and acceptance of all cultures and faiths. Once again we have invited the students from UCM to join us on Sunday, November 12 at 5:00pm. They will be our guests for an All-American Thanksgiving Dinner. We hope everyone from Central will bring their favorite Thanksgiving foods to share. Members of the Christian Education Ministry will be providing turkey. Please join us for great food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is at the information center.

Photos from Worship in the Park/Church Picnic September 24, 2017



October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Blessing of Animals 10:45AM Elders –Noon Terri Hord Owens Reception	2 9AM Bible Study —— 10:30AM Communion at Bethesda & Wyndmoor —— 6:30PM Chr Ed	3 10:30AM Communion at Providence Healthcare	4 6:30 PM Choir	5	6 Trivia Night 6:30PM Open 7:00PM Games Begin	7
8 Worship Ministry at noon	9 9AM Bible Study —— 7PM Holy Cow Mtg	10 7PM Taizè at SMWC	11 6:30 PM Choir	12 6:30 PM Faith & Giving	13	14
15 Board at noon	16 9AM Bible Study	17	18 6:30 PM Choir <i>Clarion Deadline</i>	19 6:30 PM Social Justice Movie	20	21 Flourish in Indy
22	23 9AM Bible Study	24	25 6:30 PM Choir	26	27 6:00PM Social Justice Setup Dinner Afterward	28 9AM—5PM Social Justice Conference
29 SMWC Chorale & Madrigal Singers	30 9AM Bible Study	31				

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

1-Joy Clikeman
5-Terri Cole
5-Richard Willey
8-Melissa Wilson
10-Kyle Volkers
10-Sandra Lang
17-Jane M Siebenmorgen

17-Tom Russell
18-Dalton Gonthier
19-Amanda Vaughn
19-Ray Ripple
20-Dinah Vasbinder
23-Rebecca Zelensky
24-Brian Dooley

24 Marie Norman
27-Frank Stewart Volkers
28-Brock Gonthier
30-Mary Jo Brown
30-Colton Minger

Oct 7-Kathy Ocampo & Joe West
Oct 8-Ray & Mary Beth Ripple
Oct 9-Marsha & Bill McQueary

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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



Faith Stories---

We started Faith Stories/Faith Journey in August and we want to continue this faith witness to each other. In August, Kim Faught and Jason Sloan shared their stories. This just needs to be a half page that will be included in a Sunday bulletin. Please prayerfully consider writing your faith story. Send or give your story to a member of the Evangelism Ministry...Phil Ewoldson, Kim Faught, Bonnie Wilson, Dinah or Carroll Vasbinder



Thanks....Dinah Vasbinder



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