



April 2018

the Clarion

of Central Christian Church (DOC)

Inside this issue

Prayer List	2
Search for Office Manager	
Holy Cow Tickets	
Our Church Family	3
Thank You	
Active Adults	
Rebecca's Revelation	4
Worship	5
The Big Read	
Outreach	
Easter Offering	6
Social Justice Movie	7
Hoy Cow Yard Signs	
Photos	8
Faith Journey-S Edmondson	9
Christian Education	10
April Calendar	11
Visionary Leadership Team	12



Alleluia! He Is Risen!

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

Serving...

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.

GREETERS

April 1

Rick Dennis

April 8

None Scheduled

April 15

Betsy Wallace

April 22

None Scheduled

April 29

None Scheduled

PRAYER CARDS

Mary Beth Ripple

ATTENDANCE PADS

Mary Beth Ripple

COUNTERS

April 1

Twyla Edinburgh

Dick Hunt, Melanie Hurst

April 8

David Rose

Carroll Vasbinder

April 15

None Scheduled

April 22

None Scheduled

April 29

None Scheduled

Janice Fields	Brock Gonthier	Sally Leonard	Johnny & Rachael Manning
Priscilla Hammons	Paul Myers	Karie Tharp	
Diana Chavis	Jane Siebenmorgen	Aaron DeBow	
Bettie Davis	Christine Kennedy		

Search for New Church Office Manager

Madonna Nally has given her letter of resignation as Central Christian's Office Manager. Although we are sad to have her leave us, we deeply appreciate all she has done during her time of employment and service – and she deserves to enjoy retirement! The Executive Committee of the Board is now accepting applications for those interested in applying for the church office manager position. This will be a part-time, hourly position (20-25 hours a week), working Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 2PM, with extra hours as needed.

Minimum Qualifications:

Possess administrative and accounting skills

Demonstrate good interpersonal skills

Excellent communication skills

Successfully pass a background check

Provide excellent references

If at all possible, it is best that this position be filled by a non-church member. Please send resumes and/or questions to Moderator Brenda Waltermire at bew3674@aol.com or Rev. Rebecca Zelensky at revzelensky@frontier.com.

Spring means it is that time of the year again!

We need your help!



The 5th annual Holy Cow Drop will be held on June 16! We have 3,000 tickets that need sold before that day. That is where you can help.

We need everyone to pick up tickets and sell them! If you don't know anyone that would buy tickets, you can still volunteer to sell tickets during our sales nights at the church, at the yard sale, and even at Rural King one Saturday.

This is our major fundraiser of the year. It funds our many ministries and outreach projects so it is essential we sell as many as we can! We even have a challenge for you! For each 100 tickets you sell, we will enter your name in a drawing for a very nice prize. (It's a secret now, but we promise it will be worth selling 100 tickets for a chance!) **Tickets are available for pickup weekly after worship.** Just go back to the Holy Cow table and a Committee member will be happy to give you tickets to sell as well as take the sold ticket stubs and money.

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.....

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

Central Christian Church (DOC) and all our ministries.

Linda Cole as she recovers from knee surgery.

Sally Criss, Susan Edmondson's sister, and her family as Sally's health deteriorates due to ALS.

Charles Dillahunt, Karen Moore's son, who is recovering from autoimmune pancreatitis.

Brock & Amanda Gonthier as they move to Germany for three years. Please pray also for Brock's

mother, Debbie.

Jamie Gubelman, Susan's daughter, as she recovers from major surgery.

Don & Kathy Iliff as Don continues to gain weight and strength.

Rich Kennel as he deals with some health concerns and tries to reduce stress in his life.

Norma Plascak as she recovers from a recent fall that resulted in bruises to her face.

Shelly Schultz, Roger & Lois Schultz's daughter, as she works on keeping her blood pressure under control.

Andrea Todd as she recovers from a recent knee procedure.

Carroll & Dinah Vasbinder as Carroll recovers from ~~rotator cuff surgery~~ *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

April 1
Melanie Hurst
Kathy Ocampo

April 8
Mary Jo Brown
Kathy Ocampo

April 15
None scheduled

April 22
Mary Jo Brown
Shelly Manning

April 29
Erica West
Susan Edmondson



ACTIVE ADULTS DINNER
Friday, April 20th 6:30 p.m.
at Bandana's BBQ

Thank You

The evangelism team would like to thank everyone who participated in our wonderful An Afternoon at Central potluck dinner. The food was excellent, the company extraordinary, the program (especially for an evangelism committee) was really good!! We had over 60 people in attendance. The program talked about how much we are doing as a congregation - in reaching out to and helping others, in providing excellent Christian Education, in having the best Social Justice Ministry in the area, in having worship that is meaningful and touches our lives and music that fills the sanctuary with joy, in being a family that prays together and works together and plays together. This church means so much to me, and I would imagine to you as well - how many of our friends and neighbors are missing all of this in their lives - invite them and help make their lives better too.

Phil Ewoldsen

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

April 1
None scheduled

April 8
Mary Beth Ripple

April 15
None scheduled

April 22
None scheduled

April 29
None Scheduled

Rebecca's Revelation

“Because God made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why God blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exodus 20:11)

“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Once you enter the land that I am giving you, the land must celebrate a Sabbath rest to God.” (Leviticus 25:2)

“What Will Make Your Heart Sing?” (2018 Lily Endowment Clergy Renewal Program)

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! As I work on items for this issue of the Clarion, it is Tuesday before Holy Week and Easter Sunday. My church notebook To-Do list for this week is filled on every line and each line has two columns. This is not my personal To-Do list with things like “call for hair appointment,” “take Lexi shopping for Band Trip,” “Clean the house...” I know that many of you understand as you, too, must deal with stress, demands, and deadlines every week.

Statistics for ministers staying in congregational ministry throughout their careers are not good. A number of people I went to seminary with left ministry a long time ago; this is very much in line with studies that report 50% of ministers starting out will not last five years (!), and only 1 out of 10 ministers will actually retire *as a minister in some form*. Volumes have been written on why this is the case, but I want to share one of the wonderful ways these alarming statistics can be improved.

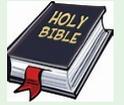
My Agreement/Covenant with Central Christian stipulates that I am to receive a sabbatical for every six years of service. I was blessed to have a sabbatical in 2013 after 9 years of service at CCC (or as Lexi refers to it: “the best summer ever!”). I am now in the process of planning my next sabbatical for 2019. I have had numerous conversations with various church members about what this may look like – not just for me, but for the congregation as a whole. Like most things, we do this together! In order to make the most of this opportunity, we are writing a grant with the 2018 Lily Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations. Many of you are already familiar with this because of meetings, discussions, etc. Now, I and others in the church are asking for more input on what this time will look like for everyone in the congregation.

The theme for the Sabbatical will focus on Story. (The title will be something like “Tell Me a Story,” or “I Love to Tell the Story.”) I know the things that I would like to do related to Story – and thank you to those who know me so well and shared their thoughts which led me to this theme! I also know the things we have done in recent years as a faith community that pertain to Story. Now we need to discern what God would like us to consider experiencing as a congregation around Story.

Please keep your eyes open for ways to share your ideas, comments, and dreams through emails, Sunday bulletins, etc. Pray for us as the grant is written. And please know that even if we are not chosen as recipients of a grant, we will find ways to do the things the congregation is called to do for sabbatical.

Many, many blessings and Happy Easter!!

CCC BIG Read focuses on the Gospel of Mark



In April, CCC BIG Readers will study the Gospel According to Mark. Mark's is our earliest gospel – although it wasn't written until around 70CE. Mark is also the shortest gospel, and moves quickly from one scene or parable to another.

The writer we know as Mark is a second-generation Christian and he and his faith community live in a time of great turmoil when the Romans destroyed the Jerusalem Temple and leaders Peter and Paul were martyred.

Of major importance to Mark is the kingdom or realm of God. Mark understands this as a reality that is both already here and coming. Discipleship, then, calls for Jesus' followers to confront unjust, dominating systems and lead the way to a different way of life in the world.

Mark has 16 chapters. You can read ½ a chapter a day (chapters 1-14, April 1 through April 28) and then read chapter 15 and 16 on April 29 and 30.

Peace to you during this Easter season.

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

WORSHIP — Eastertide

The Lenten journey is over and we have been fed throughout by the Bread of Life. ***What now?*** The next “section” of the liturgical year is called Eastertide and it lasts for 50 days until Pentecost. This year, because Easter is so early, Pentecost is May 20. During this season of the liturgical year we celebrate and focus on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Eastertide actually begins with sunrise on Easter Sunday when the empty tomb is discovered and the shout of “Christ the Lord is risen today” is heard throughout the lands. The color of this season is **white** symbolizing the hope of the Resurrection as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death. This color will be seen on the Communion Table, lectern, and pulpit as well as in banners for the 7 Sundays of this season until we see the red of Pentecost Sunday on May 20. ***Who has rolled away the stone? The tomb is empty! Christ the Lord has risen today! Hallelujah!***

Betsy Hine, Worship Chair

Building God's Realm through Outreach

Items for Backpack Program

Many people in Vigo County do not have enough to eat, including students in our public schools. As we have done in years past, we will be collecting items for the Backpack Program at Woodrow Wilson Middle School throughout the Easter season. Items needed:

Peanut Butter (16-28 oz.)

Jelly (small plastic jars)

Beef Jerky

Pop Tarts

Small packages of dried fruit

Crackers (small packages, 6 or more crackers in a wrapper)

Individual servings of apple sauce (usually in a 6-pack)

Granola or cereal bars (individually packaged)

*Non-perishable items only and NO glass containers

Building God's Realm through Outreach

2018 Easter Special Offering



Like good stewards of the multi-colored grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

On Easter Sunday, April 1, in addition to our regular offering, we will gather and dedicate our Special Easter Offering as part of our worship celebration. The Easter Offering supports the General Ministries of our denomination.

The grace of God is overflowing in the gift we have in Jesus the Christ. God walked among us in the person of Jesus and God continues to give us treasures unbounded through the Holy Spirit. Our response to this great generosity of God is overflowing compassion, joy, faith, gratitude, and love.

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by giving to the Easter Offering, is one of the many ways you share your response to God's generosity. The work of these ministries overflows "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth."

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.

Go the Christian Church (DOC) web site for more information on how our gifts support all these incredible ministries!

Social Justice Movie Night

Central Christian Church, 4950 Wabash Avenue,
Terre Haute, IN, (812) 877-9959

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Movie will start at 6:30. Bring snacks and beverages (no alcoholic beverages please). A discussion will follow the movie.

Monday April 23 ***The Muslims are Coming*** “Comedians Negin Farsad and Dean Obeidallah lead an all-star Muslim comedy event performing in big cities, small towns, liberal enclaves, conservative hotbeds, rural & everything in between to explore the issue of Islamophobia. Watch them onstage as they hilariously challenge racial, gender and religious stereotypes. With Jon Stewart, David Cross and Lewis Black.” Unrated, 2013, 81 minutes

No May movie due to Memorial Day weekend.

Drop by the Holy Cow table after worship and pick up a yard sign and some tickets to sell. Remind people you speak to that these tickets are great for birthdays, graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day!

The yard sign provides great advertisement for us. You may be surprised at how many neighbors buy a ticket!

Holy Cow



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE ABUNDANT

AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

Perhaps you would like to be a Sunday Morning Greeter.

Or maybe you would like to provide

Snacks for Fellowship Time after worship

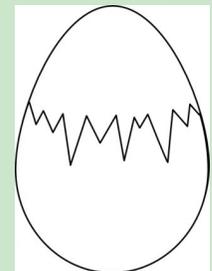
Speak to the pastor if you are interested!

Sign-Up sheets are available.

Photos from
“Christian Unity: An Open
Dialogue” at St Mary of-
the-Woods lead by Rev
Terri Hord Owens, Gen-
eral Minister and President
of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ).



Photos from Palm Sunday,
March 25, 2018



Faith Journey

WHAT THIS CHURCH MEANS TO ME – Susan Edmondson, 3/26/18

After my first 12 years at Jasonville Lawton Street Christian Church, my family moved to the big city of Terre Haute where Mom brought us to Central in September 1964. I was embraced by the Youth Director, Marge Herriott, and the members of Central Christian Church. I quickly made the decision to transfer my membership to this body of Christ and have been a member since.

The church youth group meant so much to me as I adjusted to my parents' divorce and our relocation from country to the culture shock of living in the middle of this city where stores even stayed open on Sundays! I was very active in the youth group and attended several church camps and youth conferences, all adding to my education about God and the world and myself.

When I moved to Kentucky in 1993, I realized that I no longer was EXPECTED to be at church on Sunday. If I didn't go to the Disciples church in Henderson, they would just think I had gone to Terre Haute for the weekend. If I wasn't in church here in Terre Haute, you all would just think I'd stayed home in Kentucky! No one expected me and so I didn't HAVE to go!!!

That lasted one week. I learned right away that I NEEDED to be in church. I NEEDED to be in a worship service . I NEEDED to discuss the Bible and what it meant to live as a Christian with other Christians. So I attended there when I was in Henderson and here when I was in Terre Haute.

In 1996, I went through a personal trial. Again the church was where I turned for support. I had to make a tough decision and I turned to both churches. We were meeting for a Bible study in Henderson on Wednesdays while the choir here met on Wednesdays. It was the week of their after Christmas program party and with the time difference, both groups would be gathered at the same time. So at 8 pm here and 7 pm there, each group circled, held hands, and prayed that I would make the right decision. I felt God's presence so strongly during that time and the months to follow. The right decision was made and all turned out as it was supposed to.

I moved back to Terre Haute in 1997. I treasure all the friends I have through church that have lasted since 1964! I have enjoyed the CWF Women's Retreat – the first one was in 1978 when my daughter was newborn. We have enjoyed a brief time out from mommy time every year since. These women have helped each other through the trials and joys of life.

This congregation does so much for so many and I am thankful I have been one of the many to help and to be helped. May God continue to bless this congregation as we continue to do God's work in this world.



Marie Wimsett
&
4th Grade Kindness Club
gather bags for CCC's
Mats for the Homeless Project

Carolyn Wenz
Elementary School
in Paris , IL

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Graduate Recognition On Sunday, May 20 we will recognize the graduates in our church family. If you know of a graduate from high school or college please let me know. I would like to have their name, school, degree, and future plans. We want to make sure we include all our graduates. Thanks for your help!

Theresa Vaughn

God Squad, Young Church, & Anyone Else

Who is Interested!!

Saturday, May 5, 2018 we will be visiting **Waapaahsiki Slipiwi Mound Historical Park** in Sullivan County. Sponsored by the Sullivan County American Indian Council, there will be storytelling, Children's games, Fried Bread, Corn Cob Dart, foot races, and chunky tournaments. As well, there are walking trails, a heritage garden tour and show, traditional traders with handmade arts crafts and wood carvings. This is definitely a family event which will give us some insight into the life and culture of our Native American brothers and sisters. Bobby Shipman, who is Native American, has been instrumental in helping us plan this day and we are thankful for the time he will be spending with us on May 5. We are meeting on the east side of Macy's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5 to car-pool. We will be home no later than between 4:30 and 5:00. We anticipate needing some adult drivers and are encouraging parents and those interested in joining us. We anticipate an exciting day of new experiences.

Photos —2018 St Pat's Day Parade



"ONE MAN'S JUNK IS ANOTHER'S TREASURE"

CCC Annual Youth Yard Sale.

WHEN: Saturday, May 19, 2018 8a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Central Christian Church

The Youth need your stuff. Please no clothing!.

If you need help getting your donation to the church, please call the McColl's at 812-696-0468. We will need volunteers to help price and work. Also, we will be having a bake sale and you can donate to that as well. Pricing will be Wed., Thurs., and Friday, May 16-18 from 6 p.m to around 9 p.m. You can drop off during office hours or at pricing times.

Bring your donations on Sunday, May 13th.



April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:15AM Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Worship	2 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Communion at Bethesda & Wyndmoor 6:30PM Chr Ed	3 10:30AM Communion At Providence	4 6:30PM Choir	5	6 6pm Trivia Night	7 Mats 9-12 2-5PM A Todd Use of Bldg
8 Worship Team at noon Holocaust Remembrance at 2 PM	9 9AM Bible Study	10 7PM Taizè at SMWC	11 6:30PM Choir Madonna—out of office	12 6:30pm Faith & Giving	13	14 Mats 9-12
15 Board at noon	16 9AM Bible Study	17	18 6:30PM Choir	19	20 Active Adults Dinner 6:30 at Bandanas	21 Mats 9-12
22 12 noon VLT Potluck Lunch At church	23 9AM Bible Study 6pm SJ Movie	24	25 6:30PM Choir 5pm VLT	26 6:30pm CWF	27	28 Mats 9-12
29 Aletha Carter 80th Birthday! 3PM Sing-a-Long	30 9AM Bible Study					

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

2 Harry McClintock	13 Kristen Crist	23 Lynn Hutchings
2 Grace McClintock	18 Jo Ann Barnes	29 Aletha Carter
4 Lauren Crist Foster	21 Patty McClintock	30 Sam Todd
11 Briley Schodlatz	21 Sophie Crist	

11 Twyla Edinburgh & Melanie Hurst
15 Tom Russell & Holly Rudolf
27 Tom & Debbie Gonthier

**Central Christian
Church
(Disciples of
Christ)**

4950 East Wabash Ave
P.O. Box 3125
Terre Haute Indiana
47803

Phone: 812-877-9959
Email:
centralchristianchurch@
frontier.com

We're On The Web
www.ccethdisciples.org

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



Meet with the Visionary Leadership Team & Discuss Central Christian's Future

by Brenda Waltermire

A new team has been formed at Central to analyze our Vision Statement and determine if it is in sync with our ministries and to look at goals the congregation sees for our short and long term future. This team is the Visionary Leadership Team (VLT) and our Purpose Statement is:

The Visionary Leadership Team, as an ad hoc committee, of Central Christian Church (DOC) seeks to use open communication to guide the discernment process of the future that God desires for the church. Through an intentional planning process based on what we deem to be God's calling for CCC, encouraging change when appropriate, and utilizing the best of the congregation's gifts we will set priorities with the congregation.

The VLT is comprised of Tammy Beck, Kathy Ocampo, Roger Schultz, Brenda Waltermire and Reverend Rebecca Zelensky. The process we are embarking on will mean engaging in continued communication with all groups of the church. We are starting this process on Sunday, April 22 with a potluck lunch immediately after Sunday school. The VLT will develop and send out questions prior to the potluck so everyone will have ample time to consider the questions before our discussions. We encourage you to participate on April 22 and bring your favorite dish to share!