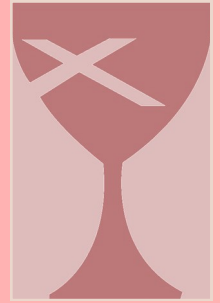


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January 2019

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

February 3

February 10

February 17

February 24

Christine Kennedy

Jarrett Simoneaux

Paul Myers

Emily Ross(and Anna Jo)

Susan King

Grossman Family

Aletha Carter

Brock & Amanda Gonthier

Zach & Kylie Goldner

Ron Hendrix

Sydnee Morgan

Mary Garrison

Manning Family

Scott Chaffin

Dee Ugo

Bette McDonald & Family

Marie Maroney

Trinity Rector

PRAYER CARDS & ATTENDANCE PADS

Mary Beth Ripple

COUNTERS

February 3

Melanie Hurst
Twyla Edinburgh

February 10

February 17

Beth Truax

February 24

Holy Cow



Remind people you speak to that these tickets are great for birthdays, graduation, Mother's Day, and Father's Day!
\$10 per ticket for a chance to win \$10,000

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

Happy Valentine's Day

Our Church Family.....

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

Brian & Morgan Bennett, Mary Jo Brown's grandson and granddaughter-in-law, as they expect the birth of twins.

Aletha Carter shares her thanks and appreciation for all the ongoing prayers lifted up on her behalf. After discovering a mass on her brain, her doctor has advised Aletha to have radiation treatments in order to stop the mass from affecting her personality or giving her memory problems.

Joe Dennis, Rick's brother, and the rest of their family as Joe deals with serious health issues.

Susie Gumm is doing well after a change in medication for rheumatoid arthritis. We pray that she will experience great relief in her levels of pain and inflammation.

Angie Hammond as she continues to deal with health issues and concerns for her ailing grandfather in Texas.

Ava Hammond as she continues treatment for depression.

Paul Myers as he returns to the eye doctor in Indianapolis.

Dinah Vasbinder as she recovers from a torn Achilles tendon.

Everyone dealing with depression this time of year.

Congratulations to **Emily and Jeremy Ross** (and family) at the birth of their daughter, **Anna Jo**, on January 5!

Sister Mary Moloney as she recovers from knee replacement surgery

Callie & Joe Leister as their newborn son Everett was baptized on January 13.

Sebastian Kelly (8 months old) and family as he battles respiratory complications.

Serving...

ELDERS

February 3

David Rose
Shelly Manning

February 10

Mary Beth Ripple

February 17

February 24

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

February 3

February 10

February 17

February 24

Oct 2018-Dec 2018

27 Households

\$74.64 Total Donations



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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.



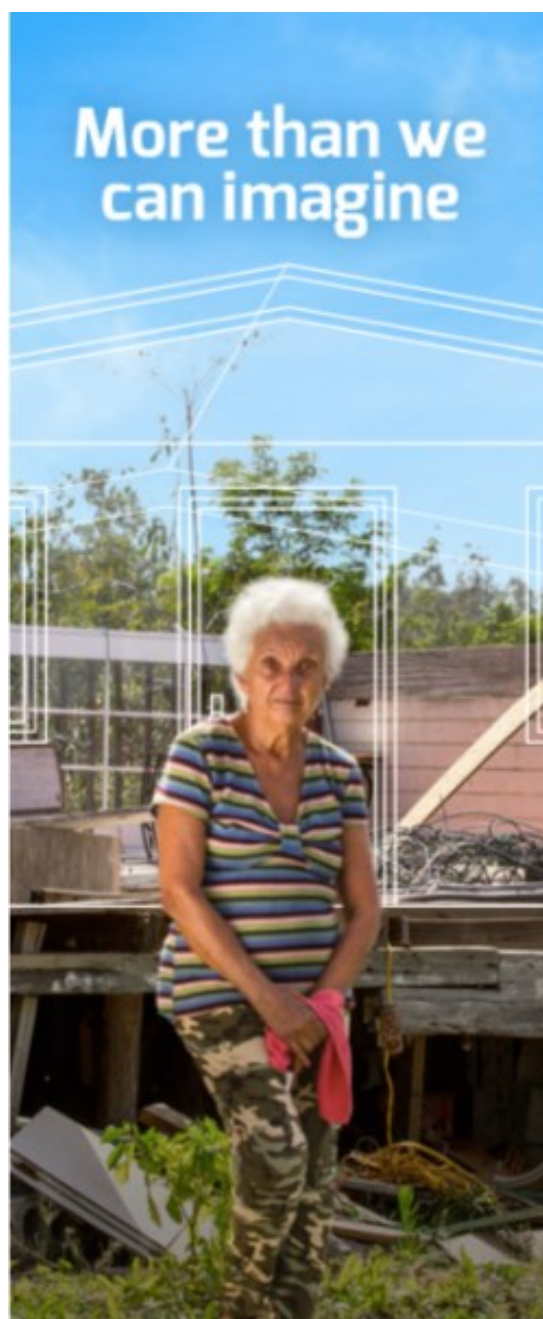
OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: Week of Compassion 2019 Special Offering

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Although final totals for 2018 have not quite been completed, WOC responded to at least 58 disaster requests in the US & Canada, at least 20 outside the US & Canada, and gave monetary gifts/ resources to at least 5 Development, Long-term Recovery and Rehabilitation projects.

During worship each Sunday in February, we will hear a different story on how our donations/gifts to Week of Compassion have been put to use in the name of Christ somewhere in our world in recent months. If you would like to learn more about this life-giving ministry of our denomination, please go to www.weekofcompassion.org.

We will gather and dedicate this Special Offering during worship on **Sunday, February 24.**



A Joyful Noise,

from your Worship Ministry Team

Our new worship theme for the season after Epiphany is The Body of Christ. When I began to think of this theme, a vision kept returning to my mind.....the feet of Christ.

Several years ago a picture of a statue was used in our worship. The statue depicted the walk to Emmaus, with three strong, sinewy young men talking animatedly as they walked. Only after some time did I discover one of the men had holes in his feet! My surprise may have been only slightly similar to the shock those two companions of Christ must have felt when they realized who he was.



Because walking was the main means of travel and sandals were the usual footwear, feet were covered with the dust and grime of the road. No wonder the disciples began to object when Christ began to wash their feet that last night! What a lesson of love and service he portrayed to his followers. If you have ever taken part in a foot washing service, you know that allowing someone to wash your feet makes you vulnerable, and kneeling to wash someone else's feet is very humbling.

What kind of devotion could compel the woman to anoint Christ's feet and wipe them with her hair? If we are the body of Christ, what is he calling us to do and be for each other?

Mary Jo Brown

Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! I hope 2019 is going well for you *and* you are staying warm and safe as winter continues.

According to the stipulations of my Letter of Call with Central Christian, I am to have a sabbatical for every six years of service. As I have served at CCC for more than fourteen years, it is definitely time for one! My second sabbatical – or time of Clergy Renewal – will begin mid-May of this year, and plans are already being put in place so that all our important ministries will continue as I step away from my regular responsibilities.

More information will be shared with the congregation between now and May, but it is important for all of us to understand some of the reasons why a time of Clergy Renewal is essential for healthy pastors and healthy faith communities. The following comes from *Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning*, a resource the church and I used for my sabbatical in 2013 and one I am using again now.

Authors A. Richard Bullock and Richard J. Brueshoff write, "Sabbaticals are a wise and healthful investment for all involved. Those taking sabbatical leave benefit, as do those left behind. All involved...have an opportunity to grow and explore new opportunities and, in some cases, responsibilities." "Why should congregational lay leaders want their pastor to experience regular renewal leave? Consider these six strong motivations:

- 1) Being an effective pastor involves continual spiritual growth. Spiritual depth does not happen by accident; it takes hard intentional work. Basically, it is a life-long process involving big chunks of time set aside for reading, prayer, solitude, and reflection. Trying to do this while working between fifty and sixty hours each week is nearly impossible.
- 2) Parish ministry today is changing rapidly. Meeting the challenges churches face today means clergy must periodically retreat from the congregation to retool or refocus how they do ministry and where/if their priorities need to shift.
- 3) Without such renewal leave, there is a stronger chance that clergy will, over time, demonstrate the key characteristics of burnout – namely, exhaustion, cynicism, disillusionment, and self-deprecation. It has been documented that people in the helping professions tend to burn-out the fastest, in part because the constant intimate involvement with the emotional freight of other people's lives can be draining. Burned-out clergy are much more likely to leave parish ministry, or seek another call, in order to get out of a place that is wringing them dry.
- 4) Another lethal effect of burn-out is that it makes a pastor dull, hollow, and uninteresting. Such people are not the best vehicle to bring good news to people! The paradox of congregational ministry for clergy is that they are constantly invited to overextend, but doing so can torpedo the vitality that drives their ministry. Renewal leave can be a powerful antidote to this kind of debilitating burnout.
- 5) The pastoral role generally involves long, hard hours without weekends off. Pastors are rarely afforded the luxury of having full days off every week that most lay people enjoy. Congregations do not always realize that most pastors work at home on their "days off," and too often assume that clergy can remain vital and healthy and maintain a sound family life with little time off. This is a crazy norm.
- 6) Congregations often become overly dependent upon their clergy. There is something quite unhealthy about an attitude that says, 'We simply couldn't manage without him/her.' How can a congregation develop skills in self-sufficiency if their pastor is never off the scene? Or learn how to manage their own life together effectively without him or her?"

The sabbatical/clergy renewal CCC and I experienced back in 2013 was transforming in many ways. I think we became a stronger faith community together after my time away, and it was great timing as we started planning for our year-long 175th anniversary celebration not long after my return.

As we continue to make plans and preparations for this time of Clergy Renewal from mid-May to mid-August, please pray for all of us to be open to whatever God wants us to experience during this time.

Many blessings to you as you serve in Christ's name.

Rev. Rebecca

(Quotes from *Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning*, by A. Richard Bullock and Richard J. Brueshoff, The Alban Institute, 2000.)



Pastor's Class 2019

On Sunday, February 10, this year's Pastor's Class will begin with Rev. Zelensky. This class will meet during Sunday school, starting at 11 AM, location within the church building to be announced. The class will last until the end of March or beginning of April.

Pastor's Class is a long-standing tradition of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our denomination recognizes all forms of baptism across all Christian traditions; however, for those who have not yet been baptized, we practice Believer's Baptism by Immersion. Basically, this means that we wait until someone is old enough to determine for himself/herself that they want to be a Christian. Pastor's Class is designed for young people and adults who are thinking about making a confession of faith in Jesus Christ and being baptized. This class is also open to young people and adults who may have been baptized elsewhere, but would like to learn more about membership and service within the Disciples of Christ.

Please contact Rev. Rebecca if you or a young person in your family would like to participate in this year's Pastor's Class. 812-877-9959 or revzelensky@frontier.com.

Valentine's Potluck Dinner

sponsored by Koinonia
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Saturday, February 9, 2019
6:00 p.m.

GOD SQUAD SPOTLIGHT



Briley Michael Schodlatz is a fifteen year old sophomore at North High School. He has his learning permit and gets lots of practice driving the car around town and the tractor, mower, and hay baler around his family's house and his grandmother's farm.

Briley has been in Boys Scouts for years and is a life member, an Order of the Arrow Brotherhood member, a Camp Krietenstein Summer Camp Counselor, and is ready to tackle his Eagle Scout project. He's pretty passionate about Scouts! Briley is also passionate about his life in the church. If he sees something that needs to be done, he eagerly jumps in to do it.

He plays the viola in North's orchestra and is going to Disney World with the orchestra over spring break. His goal is to go to Rose and become an engineer. He shoots trap in the summer and hunts some in the winter. He is very adept at precisely fixing things and figuring out how stuff works.

In spite of all his skills and gifts, he is the first to say that his being on a ball team is simply not a good idea for the team! We love you, Briley!

There will be a training session for all ministries that participate in fund raising on **February 11 at 7p.m.**



The purpose of the training will be to inform all involved what is needed in the way of documentation and the procedures to follow to ensure all the ministries are in compliance with current church policies and procedures.

It is requested that the following ministries have their ministry leader and if applicable ministry treasurer attend:

Holy Cow

Fish Fry

Holy Cow Golf Scramble

Trivia Night

Music and Chocolate

Any other ministries are welcome and encouraged to attend, but the ones listed are involved in the selling of tickets prior to the event and are most in need of information that will ensure the integrity and transparency of our church's fundraising events. If, for some reason, you cannot attend, please let me know and I will get a packet of information to you that will cover the training. Looking forward to meeting with all that are involved soon, and if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Bobby Shipman, Church Treasurer.



At their January meeting, the Elders discussed expanding our ministry as spiritual leaders of our church. There are times when a member of the congregation feels the need to talk over an issue, ask a question, or could just use a good heart to heart talk with someone in the church. As Rev. Rebecca cannot always respond to every need that arises, and as we all prepare for her upcoming sabbatical, Elders want members to know that they are available. As followers of Christ, the Elders want to extend his love and compassion. Confidentiality will be respected. A list of Elders will be made available in a variety of forms of communication.



Working as the body of Christ, Central Christian Church, through its Outreach ministry has touched many lives. We have made and given away over a dozen mats for the homeless, delivered a truckload of clothes to the Loyal Veterans Battalion, provided gift cards for more than 2 dozen individuals at Christmas, provided numerous hats and gloves to children, contributed to back pack programs and food banks, and much more! Thank you! It is a joy to see God's work being done! And we plan to keep going – keep showing Christ's love in the world. In 2019 we will:

*Make mats for the homeless: every Saturday in January and February – we will announce the schedule for March and beyond.

*We are currently collecting small Lego sets for Arron's LEGOCy in honor of Arron Todd. These will be donated to Riley hospital for the children to enjoy!

*We will make "birthday bags" for families. These will include items needed to throw a birthday party and will be distributed through one of the local charities such as a food bank or children's center (watch bulletin for details).

*We have had a request to include card making on Saturday mornings so we can send them to our members who are shut-ins, in hospital or at nursing homes. We are currently working on arranging this – anyone with interest, talents, know-how in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Again we will plan on helping with the back pack programs, foodbanks and other groups we have helped in the past.

For anyone who may not know, our work has been a great help to many, but it has also been a great blessing to all those who participate. Through our Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Teams, we have been blessed to make new friends at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods as we spent a day teaching mat making; also with Rose Hulman Students who have twice come and joined us on Saturday morning – and can sing John Denver songs like you would not believe! Not to mention the friendships we have formed and strengthened with each other.

We welcome all to join us in our work and welcome new ideas and request for help.

With great joy,

Mary Beth Mullen

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9a-12p MATS
3 Noon Elders Mtg 5-7p God Squad @St. Mark UCC	4 9a Bible Study 11:30a Retired Ladies Lunch @ Fly Café 6:30p Christian Education	5	6 6:30p Choir	7	8 5:30p Dinner Club Mtg/Set-up for Valentine Dinner Dinner at Bramble Bush to follow	9 9a-12p MATS 6p Valentine Dinner
10 11a Pastor's Class	11 9a Bible Study 7p Fundraiser Training	12 7p Taize SMWC	13 6:30p Choir	14 Valentine's Day 6:30p Faith & Giving	15	16 9a-12p MATS
17 12p Board Mtg	18 9a Bible Study	19	20 6:30p Choir March Clarion Items Due	21	22	23 9a-12p MATS God Squad Ski Trip
24	25 9a Bible Study	26	27 6:30p Choir	28 6:30p CWF		

Birthdays

2 Cody Crist	13 Margaret Harden	24 Clayton Minger
4 Christine Kennedy	14 Rachael Manning	27 Theresa Vaughn
6 Kelly Meyer	19 Eleanor Herndon	28 Jaiden Loftson
9 Lisa Mankin	21 Hallie Whitley	
12 Twyla Edinburgh	23 Sarah Seybold	
12 Lainey Williams	23 Kathy Ocampo	

16 Richard & Barbara Hunt
27 Shannon & Nick Aballi

Anniversaries

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



Love

One another
as I have loved you



John 13:34