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Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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October 2019

SUNDAY SERVERS OCTOBER 2019

Please see the "Ways to Serve" at the Information Center to sign up

OCTOBER 6

ELDERS

MELANIE HURST | SHELLY MANNING

COUNTERS

MELANIE HURST | RICHARD HUNT

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

OCTOBER 13

ELDERS

PHIL EWOLDSEN

COUNTERS

DAVID ROSE

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

Important Dates At A Glance

4:: Trivia Night

Sunday School Book Club

6:: Congregational Meeting

13:: Blessing of the Animals

Outreach Opportunities

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Dorian

After a natural disaster like Hurricane Dorian, people of faith are often moved to do whatever possible to help ease suffering. Week of Compassion is the ministry of our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada, that is dedicated to offering humanitarian relief efforts where disasters have occurred. If you would like to give a donation/gift to aid the people affected by Hurricane Dorian, please go to the Week of Compassion web site at www.weekofcompassion.org.

OCTOBER 20

ELDERS

MELANIE HURST

COUNTERS

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

OCTOBER 27

ELDERS

BOBBY SHIPMAN | VIOLET VAUGHN

COUNTERS

KATHY OCAMPO

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

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

Our Church Family......

Please report items for Our Church Family to the church office, 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.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Brian Bennett as he recovers from pneumonia and works on gaining weight.

Sharon Crist as she prepares for knee surgery on October 9.

Alanson Hammond as he recovers from a severe insect bite on his left hand.

Donna McGee Johnson as she prepares for knee replacement surgery October 2.

Rich and Joy Kennel as they consider downsizing and selling their house.

Shelly Kimbro, Lois Schultz's daughter, as she recovers from recent heart surgery.

Mary Beth Mullen as she continues her first semester at Christian Theological Seminary.

Ed Murphy, Rev. Zelensky's father, as he begins infusions on October 7 to treat cancer in his lungs. Please pray also for **Kelli and Bob Sauter and Kristi Murphy**.

Dinah Vasbinder as she recovers from an allergic reaction to medication.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Susan Goode** and her family at the death of her father, **Ron Goode**.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Angie Hammond** at the death of her dear friend, **Kristi Thorne**. Kristi's son, Grayson, and Alanson are best friends.

Bobbie DeBow, a friend of Central, would appreciate notes of encouragement and love while she seeks treatment for Breast Cancer. Please see the address below if interested.

[Bobbie DeBow, Evangel Christian Church, 1108 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47807]

Thank you, **Marilyn Fisher**, for the beautiful and welcoming display at the entrance to our building!

Brian Bennett
Mary Deal
Terri Cole
Johnny Manning
Missy Feliciano
Lil & Sue Chaffin
Valinda Titus
Diana Chavis
Christine Kennedy

Nathan Lewis Cole
Anthony Sacramone
Brittany Perez & Family
Elsie Jane Jackson
Jerry Johnson & Family
Family of Shelly Nelson
Roy & Carol Goode
Rich & Joy Kennel
Priscilla Hammonds

Killian Lang
Susan King
James Brooks
Mike Brown
Kate Mobley
Rachael Manning
Karen Stout
Russell Rogers

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.

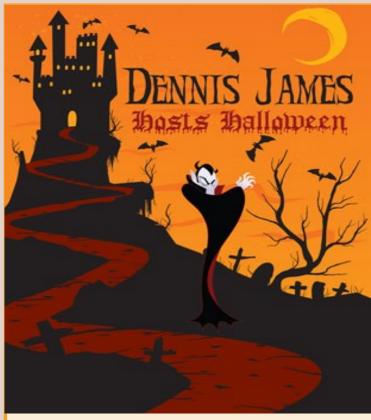
The **Evangelism Team** would like to become better stewards of our mission and we are asking for your help. Theresa Vaughn does a wonderful job of posting all of the church activities and events on our Central Christian Facebook page. Since the page is public, it is easy to invite friends and family by sharing events on your personal Facebook page.

We also want to make sure that we stay in contact with all of our members and friends here at Central Christian Church. Please



take a few extra minutes on Sunday mornings to sign the blue attendance folder in your seating row so that we know you were with us. It helps us know if one of our members needs some of what CCC does so well: giving that caring love. Once you have signed, look around to see if we have any guests; if so, please introduce yourself and share the blue attendance folder with them.





We are exploring a group trip to Bloomington on Thursday, October 24th to see "Dennis James Hosts Halloween".

"Bloomington's favorite musical mastermind, Dennis James, returns for his annual spooky spectacular **Dennis James Hosts**

Halloween. This world-renowned cinema organist and IU alum brings silent film to life on IU Auditorium's 4,543 pipe organ; and this year, the family-friendly event will feature the classic silent film The Lost World. This 1925 silent fantasy dinosaur adventure film is the first film adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic novel about a land where prehistoric creatures still roam. The film features iconic film star Wallace Beery as the titular role of Professor Challenger. This special family-friendly Bloomington Halloween tradition is sure to be a treat! Make sure to arrive early for your chance to cross the stage during the annual costume contest."

The movie starts at 7:00pm and usually runs about 2 ½ hours (with intermission). We would carpool and caravan from the church leaving at 5:00pm. This event always sells out so if you are interested, please email Shannon Giles at shannonfg88@gmail.com by October 7th. If we have enough people interested, we will coordinate the trip!

DISCITLES Called to be Together in Christ.



2019 Reconciliation Special Offering: Embodying the Call

The Reconciliation Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a proreconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

Specific gifts or donations on behalf of emergency grants on behalf of impacted communities and congregations toward healing for the communities of Ferguson, Staten Island, Charleston, S.C., and Baltimore can be directed to the Reconciliation Annual Fund/Racial Justice Response.





Central Christian Church (DOC) will have a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, October 6, to approve Kolar Schodlatz as a Junior Elder and Parker Schodlatz as a Junior Deacon.

Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Upon my return to Central after sabbatical, one of the things I was looking forward to was discussing possible studies with the adult Sunday school class. For the past several years, Bonnie Wilson and others have been leading discussions and studies with the adults, especially around social justice issues – fantastic job, everyone! I was very much in favor of continuing with this focus; I had also compiled a list of things that various individuals had suggested during the past year as options, as well as ideas I thought would be interesting.

Reminiscing about some of the studies and classes I have had the honor to lead over the years, one of my favorites was Saving Jesus Redux. It has been at least seven years since the last time we did this at Central, but I was thrilled that when the adult Sunday school class discussed options for its next focus/study, Saving Jesus was recommended.

A great many people have had bad experiences in churches and/or with church people. Others were raised in the church, but do not see any relevance to what they were taught about Jesus Christ and how that influences their lives today. For others, all they know about Christianity is what is portrayed in the media. And then we wonder why so many churches are closing and mainline Protestantism is dying.

Saving Jesus Redux invites us to go back to the basics of who Jesus was and is, the impact of his teachings for his time and ours, and what it means to be a follower of Christ in our time and place. For example, in the first video session, it is explained how being a Christian went from being about how one lives (in the first 300 hundred years or so of the church), to what one believes (after Constantine and the development of the creeds). There is a huge difference between the two!

As time goes by, I am more and more convinced that it is not what we believe as followers of Christ that matters; rather, it is how we live and what we do to make the world more like God's realm on earth. As one scholar puts it: "Jesus came proclaiming the kingdom of God, a different way of living in the world...and we got the church." Well, I am not ready to give up on the church as a way to experience God's realm just yet! I am not ready to give up on the idea that the church can be a means to shape and mold Christ's followers and help them as they – we – try to live faithfully in all areas of our lives.

If any of this piques your interest, come to Sunday school. And if you miss a session or two, that's OK! Come the next time you are able.

Blessings to you as you continue to follow Christ in our world every day.

Rev. Rebecca

A Joyful Noise from the Worship Team

Time for some church trivia, that isn't so trivial. Each Sunday, Karen Sagraves delights us with beautiful music that helps set the mood for beautiful and thoughtful worship. The instrument she plays has a very interesting history and has become one of our church legends.

Sergei Rachmaninoff was an eminent, Russian born, pianist and composer. He made America his home and devoted his time to composing and performing concerts. According to "The Saturday Spectator" Rachmaninoff preformed in concert at the Grand Theatre of Terre Haute on Friday, November 14, 1924.

The "legend" part of the story is that a new piano was provided for Rachmaninoff by the Silverstein Furniture Company of Terre Haute. After the concert it was considered a "used" piano and had to be sold as such. A member of Central Christian Church happened to be an employee of Silverstein Furniture and helped facilitate the purchase of this beautiful instrument for Central Christian Church at a reduced cost.

This valuable piano is approaching its 100th anniversary. A few Sundays ago, Karen noticed that the action of a couple of the keys was not quite right. Upon examination, it was found that two rubber bands were discovered lodged inside and had to be carefully removed. This is a great reason to NOT set drinks or plates of food—or anything else—on the piano.

May we have the privilege of hearing this beautiful instrument make "A Joyful Noise" for many more years to come.

Carol Sloan Worship Ministry Chair





Christian Women Fellowship's

September at the lake





GOD SQUAD UPDATE

Heyo! How's everyone doin? Well, I'm here to update you on what I've been up to these past couple of months. After school got out last May, I had my 12th dance recital with Academy Of Dance! This year's show was "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," and it was amazing as always.

Once the show was over, I had to get all of my stuff ready for my junior year of music camp for color guard! I have been in guard since my freshman year. This is my third year and fifth season on the team counting both fall and winter seasons. This year the Pride of South Marching Band is proud to present their 2019 show "Forging an



Empire!" The show is about two kingdoms, red and blue, that have been battling for a long time. In the end, we all come together to make purple and live as one kingdom. Also this year I have been given a big solo that starts the show along with the flute soloist. My big toss that I do on rifle is a five turn around and it is by far one of my favorite things in the whole show. I'm so excited for this season and how the show will look and come together in the end.

I can't wait for what this winter season has in store for me and my guard family! Thanks for Reading! #EyeswithPride

Lexi Zelensky



Date: Friday, October 25th **Time**: 6:30pm

What: Showing of the movie *Hocus Pocus*. We will provide popcorn and beverages. Please bring a snack to share. You can also bring your favorite pillows and blankets and movie-watching comfort seating.

**Dressing up in costume is encouraged as we will have a costume contest with many prizes for many winners!

SKATING PARTY

I was the winner of a **FREE** skating party for the God Squad at the Wigwam Skating Rink.

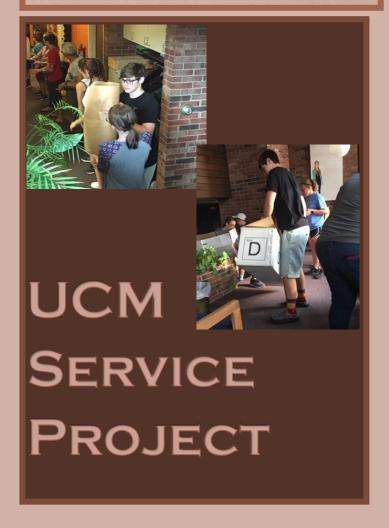
The party has been scheduled for **Sunday**, **October 20 from 2:00-4:00pm**.

Admission is free, but **skate rental is \$3.** You must tell them you are with Central Christian Church for free admission.

Permission forms will be required. Younger children from the church are invited to join us. Family members are also invited as we will need help watching out for the younger children. Preschoolers must have a parent in

attendance. If you wish to attend, please contact me for a permission form.

Theresa Vaughn



On **Sunday, October 13**, immediately after worship, Central will celebrate our annual **Blessing of the Animals!**

Blessing



Church members and friends are invited to bring their pets to church for this special service. If you are concerned that being around other animals will be stressful for your pet – or you – you may bring a photo of your pet or simply share your pet's name with Rev. Zelensky for a blessing.

To my church family,

Thank you to everyone who supported me on my New York trip with choir. Even if you didn't or couldn't support with money, I appreciate the thoughts and prayers. Thank you to all of you!

Much Love, Violet

Central Christian Church

[Disciples of Christ]

Presents the 16th Annual

An Evening of Music & Chocolate



Saturday, November 16, 2019 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20 [includes admission and dessert choice]

Central Christian Church | 4950 Wabash Ave 47803 | 812-877-9959

Anniversaries

7:: Joe West & Kathy Ocampo

9:: Bill & Marsha McQueary

8:: Ray & Mary Beth Ripple

1:: Joy Clikeman

JOY CIRCITIO

5:: Richard Willey

5:: Terri Cole

8:: Melissa Wilson

10:: Kyle Volkers

10:: Sandra Lang

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

Birthdays

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30a Communion @ PHC	2 9:30a—12:30p Mid-Week Creatives 6:30p Choir	3 11:30a Retired Ladies Lunch @Bob Evans	4 7p Trivia Night	5 9a MATS
*Reconciliation 10:45a Congregational Mtg Noon Elders Mtg 5p SS Book Club 5-7p God Squad @St Mark UCC	7 9a Bible Study 10:30a Communion @ BG & Wyndmoor 6:30p Christian Ed	8 7p Taize @ SMWC	9 9:30a—12:30p Mid-Week Creatives 6:30p Choir	10 6:30p Faith & Giving Mtg	11	9a MATS
13 10:45a Blessing of the Animals Noon Worship Team Mtg	9a Bible Study 6p Racial Justice Book Club	15	16 9:30a—12:30p Mid-Week Creatives 6:30p Choir	17	18	19 9a MATS
20 2-4:30p Skating @Wigwam Rink	21 9a Bible Study	22	9:30a—12:30p Mid-Week Creatives 6:30p Choir	24 6:30p CWF	25	26 9a MATS
27	28 9a Bible Study	29	30 69:30a—12:30p Mid-Week Creatives 6:30p Choir	31 Halloween		

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We're On The Web www.cccthdisciples.org

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

Central Christian Church



To join us:

email: ccctrivianight@gmail.com

call: 812-877-9959

walk in: Monday - Thursday 9:00am

to 2:00pm to the church office

Cost: \$10 per person
Up to 8 people per table
Must be 18 or older to play

A portion of the Proceeds will benefit Aaron's Lego-cy at Riley Children's Hospital

Friday Oct. 4 2019 Doors open at 6:30

Trivia starts at 7:00 pm — Bring your own snacks & soft drinks will be provided

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Deadline to sign up is Oct. 1, 2019 – There are a limited number of tables, contact us quickly!