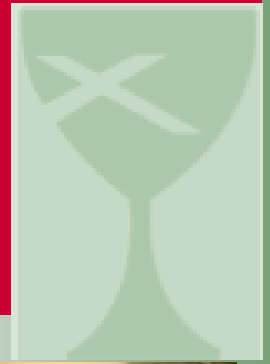


the Clarion

Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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December 2019

SUNDAY SERVERS
DECEMBER 2019

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

DECEMBER 1

ELDERS

MELANIE HURST | SHELLY MANNING

COUNTERS

MELANIE HURST | RICHARD HUNT

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

DECEMBER 8

ELDERS

SHELLY MANNING | BRENDA WAKTERNURE

COUNTERS

DAVID ROSE

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

Important Dates At A Glance

- 1 :: Hanging of the Greens
- 8 :: Congregational Meeting
Progressive Dinner
- 15 :: Christmas Pageant
Caroling at Canon Inn
- 19 :: Women's Christmas Dinner
- 24 :: Christmas Eve
- 25 :: Christmas Day
- 31 :: New Years Eve

Outreach Opportunities

Caring Crafters are in need of ALL help in completing their goal of 20 mats! No crocheting experience necessary. Caring Crafters meet every SATURDAY at 9a

Hats & Gloves will be collected for Fuqua Elementary, see more on Page 5

DECEMBER 15

ELDERS

DAVID ROSE | ROGER SCHULTZ

COUNTERS

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

DECEMBER 22

ELDERS

KATHY OCAMPO | BOBBY SHIPMAN

COUNTERS

KATHY OCAMPO

MONITOR

GREETERS

HOSTS

DECEMBER 29

ELDERS

KOLAR SCHODLATZ | 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."

**Vision Statement of Central Christian Church (DOC),
Terre Haute, IN**

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 in his efforts to improve his overall health and gain weight in order to be added to a transplant list. Brian has Cystic Fibrosis. Please pray for Brian's wife, Morgan, their twin daughters, his mother, Crystal, grandma, Mary Jo, and the rest of his family.

Don Blubaugh, Norma Plascak's cousin, who has liver cancer.

Bobbie DeBow, friend of CCC, as she is treated for breast cancer. You can send notes of encouragement – and/or gas cards – to Bobbie at Evangel Christian Church, 1108 8th Ave, Terre Haute, 47807.

Nel Frazier as she prepares for surgery in December.

Rich & Joy Kennel as they settle into their new home at Cobblestone Crossing.

Mary Beth & Sean Mullen as Mary Beth completes her first semester at Christian Theological Seminary!

Ed Murphy, Rev. Zelensky's dad. Ed has been taking two types of chemotherapy, but one has caused complications with his one remaining kidney. Please pray also for **Kelly & Bob Sauter and Kristi Murphy**.

Paul Myers as he continues physical therapy with the goal of returning to his apartment at the Cannon Inn.

Chavez Phelps as he deals with a challenging situation.

Scott Sheets who has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Linda Snider, her daughter, **Susan**, son-in-law, **Isaac**, daughter-in-law, **Laura**, and **Marilyn Fisher**.

Sarah Wilson & Traci Tucker as Sarah has hip replacement surgery on December 12.

**Amber Dreiman
Alicia Charles
Brian Bennett
Bobbie Debow**

**Lil & Sue Chaffin
Paige Jordan
Ronetta Downing
Diana Chavis**

**Rich & Joy Kennel
Rachael Manning
Russell Rogers
Christine Kennedy**

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.

2019 Christmas
SPECIAL OFFERING

COME
they told me

Our finest gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- Witness to the power of God to make things new

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.

100% of our gifts to the Christmas Special Offering stay in our region of Indiana.

We will gather and dedicate our Christmas Special Day Offering on Sunday, December 22.

Please give generously to this year's Christmas Offering.

COME CAROLING WITH US!

At Canon Inn
On Dec. 15th
1:30 p.m.



200 Francis Ave



Merry Christmas from Outreach!

Once again we are inviting the congregation to help us make someone's holiday a little brighter. Our Angel Tree tags have suggestions of gifts for individuals who could use a little help this Christmas. Please select a tag or tags and purchase gifts. We are asking that gifts remain at or under \$25. Gifts should be wrapped and delivered to the church or to Andrea Todd no later than **December 10th** for distribution. Please be sure that each gift is tagged to help identify the recipient. Thank you for your willingness to help make this happen.



In addition to the Angel Tree, as you shop for the holiday, please keep in mind our upcoming Aaron's LEGOCy. Soon we will begin collecting LEGO sets for Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis on behalf of Randy and Andrea Todd's late son, Aaron. Often, during and directly after the holidays is a good time to find deals on LEGO sets. More information about Aaron's LEGOCy to come.

As the temperatures drop and colder weather approaches, please consider the children at Fuqua Elementary; Hats and Gloves for Fuqua drive will begin soon as well. During this time, we will be collecting new hats and gloves for the children at Fuqua. Watch for the Hat and Glove Box which will be out around the first of the month.

Finally, Mats for the Homeless continues to meet most Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you have joined the group before then you know what a good time is had. If you have not yet attended, give it a try; you do not have to know how to crochet -- making mats takes talents of all kinds.



For years I have looked forward to being an Eagle Scout. That time is rapidly approaching. And that means I have an Eagle Project to complete. I would like to replace the playground which really has become a hazard to children. The Board has approved my project and encouraged me to move forward with it.

I have determined that virtually all the lumber needs to be removed and replaced. I intend to wait until spring to begin actual work. But between now and then I will be finding resources to get the project done. So, I will most surely be asking the congregation for lots of help - financially, materials, labor, things I have not even thought about. I am really excited about this project and look forward to working with you to make it happen.

News from Christian Education

We would like to welcome Emily Shipman as our new K-5th grade Sunday School teacher. She is replacing Rev. Dianne Mansfield. Rev. Diane has given us many wonderful years of service and we thank her for her love and dedication. Phil Ewoldsen is teaching the 6th-12th grade class and Paula Switzer is in charge of the nursery.

A friendly reminder, the nursery is for infants to age 5. Also, please, there are no kids to be upstairs without an adult present. This is for the kids' protection. This policy comes from our Anti-Bullying policy and keeps us compliant with our insurance policy.

We are in need of a leader for our Kids Club. This leader would be in charge of activities for our K-5th graders. Anyone wishing to take this on, please see Andrea McColl.

Christmas Pageant Practice has begun. If your child is involved, please have them at the practices during Sunday School. The Pageant will be December 15th. We hopefully will be caroling that day at the Canon Inn, as well, at 1p.

Christian Education would like to thank CCC for all your love and assistance.

Written by Andrea McColl.

ELDERS NOTE

I had no idea how much my life would be impacted the first time I walked through the doors here at Central Christian Church (D.O.C.), Terre Haute, IN. I was warmly welcomed immediately and made to feel like I belonged.

As time went on, I saw faith in action everywhere in this congregation. People I barely knew helped me move from Indianapolis to Terre Haute. I was astonished at their generosity! I soon learned that was something we do as a congregation: help others. I chose to join, having no idea what a wonderful journey I was embarking on.

I have served on several committees, I have been a deacon, served as Treasurer twice, I sing in the choir, participate in numerous events, and I am currently winding down my second term as an elder.

Being an elder is a privilege. It is an opportunity to serve the church members and grow spiritually. I have learned so much and continue to be awed by the power of God: working through us, surrounding us, loving us, forgiving us, giving us opportunities to share Her/His love with each other.

It is a huge responsibility that we are given as "siblings in Christ". We must speak out for those who have no voice and need to be heard, actively work for justice and peace in our world. As an elder, that responsibility is especially important.

I am just scratching the surface as I learn and explore my spiritual journey through our world. Being an elder has helped me tremendously by learning new ways of prayer, taking time to be still, listening and not trying to fix or give my advice, (especially when it isn't needed or wanted). I know there is much to do and I humbly ask for prayer for our church, our country, all nations and all people.

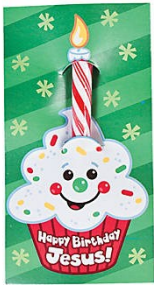
Thank for the opportunity to serve.

God bless you always!

-David Rose

Hello from the Koinonia Fellowship!

We have a lot of exciting events planned for the next few months. Now let's just hope the weather agrees! Please plan to join us at all of these opportunities for fun and gathering as a community. And remember, these are all open to the public and a great way to introduce your friends and neighbors to your church family! Here's what's coming up:



December 22nd: Happy Birthday Jesus! Plan to join us that Sunday as we will celebrate after church with cake and fellowship.

January TBD: Family Game Night! Board games, card games, indoor corn hole? Sure! Why not! We are going to get a check of the weather and see what weekend night looks most favorable. We'll provide some snacks and beverages. You bring a snack to share and your favorite game!



February 8th: Craft Make & Take! Just in time for Valentine's Day come and make a handmade gift for your sweetie. We will have a variety of items to make which do not require a lot of "craftiness". In addition, we will be demonstrating peanut brittle making and chocolate molding with sampling and some to take home!

That should give you plenty to look forward to! Mark your calendars and look for announcements and sign up sheets in the Information Center going up soon!

Progressive Dinner



December 8th Beginning at 4:00 p.m.
Sign up today!



**December
8th
After Worship**

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Rebecca's Revelation

“and they shall name him Emmanuel,’ which means, ‘God is with us.’”

Matthew 1:23b, c

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Sunday, December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent and the first day of a new Christian year! I love the season of Advent – which is a separate season from the season of Christmas in the Christian year. If properly observed (or even somewhat observed), Advent can add to an even more joyous and meaningful Christmas.

Advent is often described as a time of preparing for Jesus to be born anew into our lives and into our world. It is a time of expectation, anticipation, and waiting for what God will do next. What if, however, God is also waiting for us? What if we are expecting God to do *something*, but God has done plenty and is waiting for *us*?

Our worship series for Advent 2019 at Central Christian is *God Waits for Us*. Through our scripture readings, music, sermons/reflections, and prayers, we will ponder how God waits for us in many ways:

December 1	God Waits for Us...to recognize God's presence	Hanging of the Greens
December 8	God Waits for Us...to know God wants the best for us	
December 15	God Waits for Us...to trust God loves us	Christmas Play
December 22	God waits for Us...to embrace God's invitation	

What things will you do during this season of Advent to keep your eyes and ears open to God's presence all around us? What will reassure you that God wants the very best for you and for all? Do you trust that God loves you unconditionally? If not, what holds you back? How will you respond to and embrace God's invitation to you for this season and into the New Year?

Our faith is one that is “embodied.” We proclaim that God comes to dwell with us in the human being Jesus Christ. We rejoice that Jesus embodies and reveals God's love, grace, and compassion for all. We celebrate that Jesus calls us to follow him – heart, mind, and body – in living his ways in all we do.

Church, God Waits for Us...how long will we make God wait?

Have a blessed and meaningful Advent season and Merry Christmas!

Rev. Rebecca

JOYFUL NOISE

If you were not in attendance for Music & Chocolate this year then you missed the truly "Joyful Noise" provided by "Tom Johnson and Friends." There were just over 100 in attendance for the 16th annual Music & Chocolate and \$2011.00 was netted.

A special thanks to Betsy Hine, Karen Sagraves, Mary Jo Brown, and Brie who worked to secure the musicians, create posters and programs, and contact those who have faithfully contributed the desserts for the evening. Many local businesses have taken part each year since we began. Also, thanks to our youth and all who were there to help serve, clean-up, and put away tables after church Sunday. As always, it takes all of us working together to make our fund raisers successful.

Michael Boswell, Director of the Saint Mary of the Woods College Choirs will be bringing his singers as our performers next year. This group will include the award-winning Madrigal Singers who placed first in international competition in Ireland last May.

Mark your calendars and make plans to be there next fall. The final date will be decided after the Terre Haute Symphony and College calendars are available.

With Songs of Joy,

Carol Sloan

Worship Ministry Chair

DECEMBER 1, 2019

HANGING
OF THE GREENS



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



There will be an International Human Rights Day Death Penalty Convocation followed by a March and Prayer Vigil Sunday, December 8, at the St. Benedict Catholic Church Hellmann Hall, 111 S 9th Street, Terre Haute. With the anticipated resumption of federal executions in Terre Haute, plans are in the works for those who oppose the death penalty to stand in opposition to executions.

Registration opens: 12PM

Program: 1-5PM

Press Conference: 5:15PM

March to Federal Courthouse for prayer vigil for all victims of violence: 6PM

Return to St. Benedict for food and fellowship

Speakers, Sponsors, Registration, and updates:
<http://deathpenaltyaction.org>

CWF Cookie Trays for sale DEC. 15th



Women's Christmas Dinner

December 15th 6:30 p.m.

Logan's Steakhouse



Birthdays

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| 8:: Sara Zachariah | 17:: Mary Deal | |
| 9:: Sara Ritter | 21:: Pam Long | |
| 1:: Vicky Clark | 11:: Joe West | 26:: Michael Barrett |
| 7:: Cathy Kurtz | 13:: Betsy Hine | 27:: Kathy Iliff |
| 8:: Jeff Zelensky | 15:: Paula Switzer | 28:: Jarrod Michael |

Anniversaries

- 11:: Rick & Brenda Waltermire
 23:: Karen Moore & Sara Ritter

- 26:: Theresa & Bruce Vaughn
 31:: Jeff & Rebecca Zelensky
 31:: Sarah Wilson & Traci Tucker

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  5-7p God Squad at St Mark UCC	2 9a Bible Study 5:30p Evangelism 6:30p Christian Ed	3 6p Worship Team Mtg	4 6:30p Choir	5 11:30a Retired Ladies Lunch @ Sunrise Restaurant	6	7 9a MATS
8 Congregational Meeting Noon Elders Mtg 4p Progressive Dinner	9 9a Bible Study 6p Racial Justice Book Club	10 7p Taize at SMWC	11 6:30p Choir	12 6:30p Faith & Giving	13	14 9a MATS 9a CWF Prep Cookie Trays 10a Christmas Play Rehearsal
15 Christmas Play during Worship Noon Board Mtg CWF Sell Cookie Trays 1p Caroling at Canon Inn	16 9a Bible Study	17	18 6:30p Choir	19 Clarion Articles Due 6:30p Women's Christmas Dinner at Logan's Ribeye	20	21 9a MATS
22	23 9a Bible Study	24 	25 	26	27	28 9a MATS
29	30 9a Bible Study	31 				

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Open 9 AM - 12 Noon)
Sunday School for
all ages 11 AM



SAVIOR OF THE WORLD