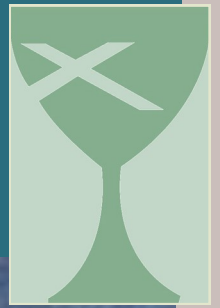


# the Clarion

Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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January 2022

## **Our Church Family.....**

*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

The congregation of **First Christian Church (DOC)** & all who live in **Mayfield, KY**.

**Kim Faught** as she meets with a specialist to determine some health concerns she has been experiencing for a number of years.

8-year-old, **Carter Guess**, who is dealing with cancer for a third time. Carter is a friend of **Jake Waltermire**, Brenda and Rick's grandson. Please pray for Carter, his family and Jake.

**Sandy Lang** as she seeks treatment for TMJ and a deviated septum which have caused her tremendous pain for many months.

**Crystal McCullough & her 9-year-old son, King**; King will have a biopsy in the new year on the tumor he has on his sternum.

**Donna & Andrea McGee-Johnson** as Donna continues recovery from knee replacement surgery.

**Jarrod Michael**, Susan Edmondson's son, as he recovers from hernia repair surgery.

**Mary Beth Mullen, her mom, Mary, and their family** as they make decisions regarding Mary's care.

**Stacie Parker** as she receives treatment for cancer. Stacie lives in California and is the niece of Frank, the gentleman who has been worshiping at Central for the past few months.

*Please report items for Our Church Family to the church office and to Rev. Zelensky*

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.

**Patricia Rose**, David's mom, who was hospitalized a few weeks before Christmas with gall bladder issues.

**Roger & Lois Schultz** as Roger and his doctors make plans for treatment for both his heart condition and radiation for cancer.

Central friend, **Mary Beth Seaward**, as she recovers from blood clots in her lungs and a second bout with COVID. Mary Beth has also been diagnosed with a tumor on her spleen that we pray will be benign.

A number of CCC members are recovering from COVID: **Marilyn Fisher, Linda Snider, Lorri Ugo**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the following:

- ◆ **Deb & JoAnn Barnes & family** at the death of Deb's mom, Dixie Smith, on December 19.
- ◆ **Joyce Swoveland**, who had two deaths connected to her & her family in December. Please pray for the families and loved ones of **Wanda Marcum and Ryan Smith**.
- ◆ **Theresa Vaughn & family** at the death of Theresa's brother, **Jim Young** on December 6, 2021.
- ◆ **Joe West, Kathy Ocampo & their family** at the death of Joe's mom, **Marilyn West** on December 3.
- ◆ **Marie Wimsett & all her colleagues** who are grieving the loss of their co-worker, **Patti Willoughby**.

We also remember that Terre Haute recently lost Dr. Margaret Pappas, who was well-thought of in our community. A number of CCC members & friends had Dr. Pappas as their physician, including **Kim Faught**.

*“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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**WHAT'S  
IN A  
NAME**

### 2022 Geneva Camps

You & Me 1 (3 days)	June 13-15
New Beginnings (3 days)	June 13-15
Explorers	June 13-18
You & Me 2 (3 days)	June 20-22
MAD	June 20-25
Middle / High School	June 27-July 2
CROSS	June 27-July 2

### 2022 Bedford Camps

Explorers	June 20-25
New Beginnings (3 days)	June 27-29
High School	July 4-9
Middle School	July 11-16

## Aaron's Lego Legacy

Outreach will be collecting Lego sets during the month of January.

All of the Legos collected will be donated to Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Collecting Legos is in honor and memory of the late Aaron Todd, son of Andrea and Randy Todd. A collection site will be set up for you to leave your Lego donations.

**Lego sets of any size are acceptable.**





# CHRISTMAS AT CENTRAL



# DECEMBER OUTREACH

## Food Baskets and Christmas Gifts

Your Outreach team would like to give a BIG THANK YOU for providing food, Christmas gifts and Christmas stockings for four (4) families this year. We provided food baskets, along with gifts and filled Christmas stockings for 10 children and youths. These were delivered the week before Christmas. The families were all very appreciative and wished to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the church for making this happen.



I would like to personally thank each and every one of those who helped to make this happen. Your immediate outpouring of love and wonderful expression of God's love for others never ceases to amaze me. Well done friends, well done! This is a compilation picture of the food and gifts that you made happen. Bless you! - Joyce Swoveland

## Mittens, Gloves and Hats Tree



We once again collected mittens, gloves and hats for the children of Fuqua Elementary School. Central Christian did not disappoint! We collected several pairs of mittens, gloves and hats. These will be such a warm gift for so many children who may not have had a warm pair of gloves or a hat this winter. Carol Sloan will deliver the collected items to Fuqua Elementary. Thanks once more for your outpouring of love.

# CCC SOCIAL JUSTICE

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# PARTNERS



## Next Steps...

Hello congregation! For those of you who were unable to attend the presentation and discussion of the Brian Stevenson documentary, *True Justice*, hosted by the CCC Social Justice Task Force, we would like to offer the following opportunity.

We learned many things from the film and from the conversation with others in the Terre Haute area. For example, our local jail is built to house 268 people, but always has far more within its walls. Individuals in the Vigo County Jail are not convicted criminals, but are awaiting trial; they are held there until they appear before a judge. Many have bails that are way too high for the average citizen to even consider meeting. Because of this, many lose their jobs, have relationships damaged, and have families that are hurt by their situation - guilty or not!

In addition, everything they need while behind bars costs them far more than it would if they were not in jail. This includes being able to make a phone call to family who are now strapped as well. One of the community groups that participated in our Stevenson event was the Vigo County Jail Prisoner Solidarity Project. They shared many stories highlighting the lack of medical care, many instances of subhuman conditions, etc. They also shared how they advocate for these people. Their work is very impressive and members of the Social Justice Task Force, as well as other church members, expressed a desire to help in their efforts. In light of this, the Social Justice Task Force is opting to endorse the link below and inviting members and friends of CCC to prayerfully consider supporting this initiative as these people are away from their families.

<https://www.givinggrid.com/vigoprisonersolidarity/>

Mary Beth Mullen

CCC Student Associate Minister







CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**

January 16  
-and-  
January 23

Sunday  
January 9



**MAT BLESSING  
&  
DEDICATION**

Thank You



I appreciate the gift for Christmas. Thank you so much. You are all a blessing to me. Look forward to seeing all the children every week.

Paula

Central Family,  
Thank you for your generosity. I continue to be humbled and filled with gratitude by the kindness of this church. You all enrich my life and it is my pleasure be a part of the Central community.

Blessings, Brie

Dear ones,

Thank you so much for your most generous Christmas gift. I say it every year, and it's still true: It is my honor and privilege to serve among you. Your support and love are humbling, and I am more than grateful to be a part of this amazing congregation.

Love, Karen

## *Rebecca's Revelation*

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Happy 2022 to you! I have often turned to the scripture verse above from Isaiah to remind myself that God is always at work to bring something good or better to us. This has certainly been the case since March 2020.

The prophet originally shared his divine message with those who were exiled in Babylon, far from their homeland. It was an announcement that God was going to lead the people back to Israel, but not back to what had been before they had been conquered. In other words, this was NOT a promise for things to go "back to normal" as they had been fifty or so years previously.

For almost two years, we have been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. It has not been the same situation that our faith ancestors endured during the first years of the exile; and yet, many of the emotions are the same: tremendous grief and loss, a deep sense of fear and uncertainty, wavering hope that life is going to get better.

The COVID pandemic has been exceedingly tough on many of our church members and friends. It has been tough on Central as a faith community. Still, I have never once doubted that God has been with us and that God was leading us to do things in ministry and mission in spite of the pandemic. One of the things that has been both a great challenge for me personally and a great blessing is our expanded use of technology.

It is a challenge for me personally because I don't always understand the how and what of the technology available to us, BUT I am willing to learn if it means helping Central fulfill God's vision for us and if it means more people are touched by what we have to offer in the name of Jesus Christ. I also find that I – and all of us – are blessed because of individuals who are very good with technology and very dedicated to helping us all move forward in the new things God is nudging us to do. I don't need to know all of the details of how it works, just the parts I need to do and to access. Our experts can guide me/us with everything else. I hope all our members and friends keep these things in mind as we discover together what "new thing" God will be doing within and through CCC in 2022.

I pray for everyone connected to Central Christian in some way to have a very good 2022, and I pray we all might grow in our faith, in our relationships with God, and in how we can best do ministry in Christ's name.

*Rev. Rebecca Zelensky*



As we embark on 2022, remember there is a place for you at the manger, at Christ's table, and in the Realm of God



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 :: PAIGE TEVLIN  
1 :: SHANNON GILES  
2 :: WILL HINE, SR  
2 :: ERICA WEST  
3 :: DAVID ROSE

4 :: PATRICK MEYER  
5 :: SUSAN GOODE  
5 :: ANNA JO ROSS  
6 :: LEILA HERNDON  
7 :: TYLER KELLER

13 :: TONI JOHNSON  
17 :: BONNIE WILSON  
21 :: MICHELLE MANNING  
21 :: LEATHA MYLES  
26 :: DEBBIE GONTHIER

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

15 :: STACIE & BRIAN WHITLEY

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[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)  
Use Code **HL714**  
to support Central Christian Church

# JANUARY 2022

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9a Bible Study

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9a MATS

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Blessing and  
Dedication of the  
MATS

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9a Bible Study

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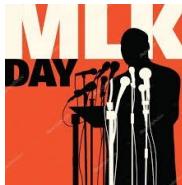
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9a MATS

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1p Board Mtg  
Congregational  
Mtg—Holy Cow

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6:30 Social Justice  
Mtg

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9a MATS

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Congregational  
Mtg—Holy Cow  
Vote

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9a Bible Study

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**CLARION  
DEADLINE**

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9a MATS

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9a Bible Study

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all ages 11 AM

