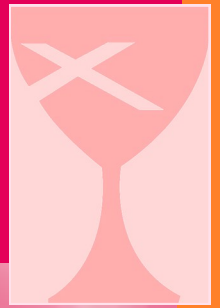


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Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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God is Love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God in them.



February 2022

Our Church Family.....

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mary Jo Brown as she recovers from a fall that resulted in broken ribs and a bruised knee (the same kneecap she broke a number of years ago).

Roland Chaffin, Scott's brother, who has been diagnosed with leukemia and will be hospitalized for the next month in order to receive treatments.

Fred Creasey, Mary Jo Brown's son-in-law, who recently had a heart attack and is dealing with diabetes.

Susan Edmondson as she recovers from knee replacement surgery and deals with ongoing pain.

Andrea Todd's friend, **Carol Fisher**, who is currently a resident at Southwood.

Tammy Beck's aunt, **Martha Gray & all of Martha's loved ones**.

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

Brian Howell & Jenna Sagraves as Brian recovers from having his bone marrow harvested on Monday, January 24. Please pray as well for the man who will receive the donated bone marrow.

Mary Ellen Jackson as she deals with some heart issues and plans to have a stress test February 10.

Stacie Parker as she takes a break before resuming chemotherapy. Stacie lives in California and is the niece of Frank, who often worships with us at CCC.

Carolyn Pickel & Joyce Swoveland as Carolyn continues PT after knee replacement.

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, as she has gall bladder surgery in February.

Roger & Lois Schultz as Roger continues with radiation treatments.

Mary Beth Seward as she continues to gain strength and energy after having COVID twice.

Dinah & Carroll Vasbinder as tests continue to determine the source of Dinah's cancer and how best to treat it.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the following:

- The family & friends of **Elaine Graham Miller, Susan Goode's** family friend and former babysitter. Elaine's home exploded and she died from smoke inhalation.
- The family and friends of **Betsy Wallace.**
- Laura & Brad Steele and family at the death of Laura's 14-year-old nephew, **Carl.**
- **Lorri Ugo and her family** at the death of Lorri's uncle, **Howard Williams.**
- **Joe, Allissa & Harper Williams** at the unexpected death of Joe's dad, **Donald Williams.** Joe's parents have lived in North Carolina for a long time, and a memorial service will be held in April in Illinois.
- Theresa Vaughn and her family at the death of her nephew, Michael Toombs.

If you are not comfortable worshipping in the church building at this time, please know that it is OK to worship online.

Some Good News! **Andrea Todd's** great-nephew, **Christopher**; this little one was diagnosed "failure to thrive" at 2 months, but after finding the right therapists and other medical personnel to help properly get his tongue tie released, his weight is up and he's eating great! Mom Liz is grateful and super-relieved.

"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



The Sign of Retirement

Carol Sloan

There are all kinds of retirements in our life, and I am taking a few minutes to share my latest one with all of you.

I remember the first time I changed the church sign. We were hosting a farewell picnic for the Rev. Verity Jones. I commented that it seemed as if there should be a message of thanks and farewell on the church sign. Frank Crist said, "let's go do it" and thus began one of those volunteer jobs that never seems to end. I have been changing the church sign ever since that day in 2003.

I hope some of our youth remember the times I yelled, "I'm going to change the church sign, anyone want to help?" One or all of them would follow me across the parking lot to help remove old and hand me new letters. A couple of years ago, I began making comments that it was time to pass the job on to someone younger. DRUM ROLL!

Beginning the week of Christmas, Shannon Giles told me she would take on the task. I took the sign key off my key ring and handed it to her. Make sure you give her the same positive reinforcement and support you have always given me.

Bless you Shannon for answering this important call. Songs of Joy.

BOARD MINUTES

Board meetings are open for any member and/or associate member to attend, unless otherwise specifically stated ahead of time.

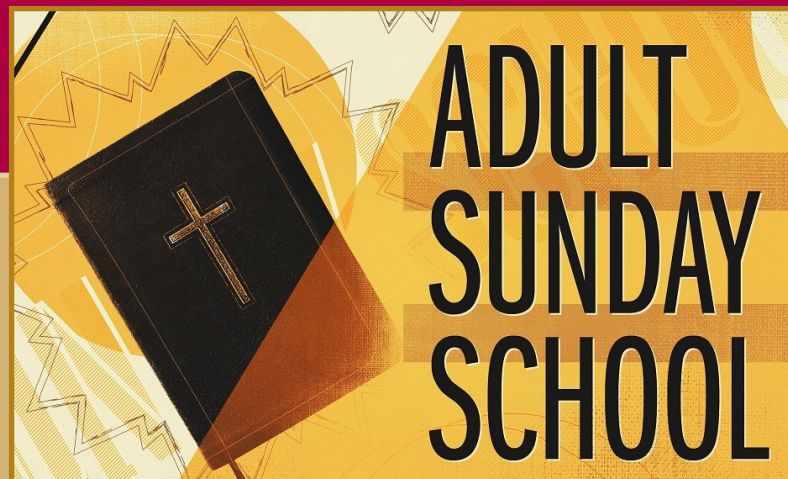
If any member/associate member would like a copy of the minutes, please contact Board Secretary, Michelle Manning, or Moderator, Bonnie Wilson.



We are incredibly blessed to have a very dedicated and skilled Technical Team who add to the quality of our worship services both within our building and online every week.

Our Worship Ministry Team is concerned, however, about the possibility of burn-out for these siblings in Christ.

If you are interested in learning more about our sound system and/or making sure our services are available online, please contact Worship chair, Marie Wimsett, mariewimsett@gmail.com or Rev. Zelensky, revzelensky@frontier.com.



The Adult Sunday school class will be reading/discussing Marcus Borg's book **Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power and How They Can Be Restored**. The title is long and the subject matter very important, but the book is an easy read and divided into short chapters.

If you would like to participate, a book can be ordered for you. Please let Rev. Zelensky know by **Sunday, February 6**.

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

*thank
you*

Our family wants to say "Thank You" for the Christmas gifts and for the special Christmas Dinner. It truly meant a lot throughout this difficult time.

Also, thank you for all your prayers. Please keep praying for us. Hope to see everyone soon.

May God Bless You All.

Love, the Barnes Family

Thank you for all you have done. Jodee Barnes

Thank you for the gifts. Jacob

Thank you all for the generous gifts; you've really helped. Jarrett



Our Christian Kids Club is back!

**Sunday, February 13
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

All children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to attend! We will play some fun games, make some valentine surprises, get acquainted and have lots of fun. Rev. Rebecca will even read us a fun Valentine's Story!

Phil Ewoldsen and Charlie Jackson will be leading activities and can be contacted with any questions, Phil Ewoldsen 812-878-6161 or Charlie Jackson 812-236-4753.

Parents are welcome to stay, watch, and be in the background. Parents may also participate in making heart shaped sugar cookies with red frosting, or donate small water bottles for the kids. Please let us know if you are interested.

We will be following all safety guidelines, and **masks will be required.**

We are excited about resuming Kids Club and hope you are too. See you all on the 13th!



January 23 Congregational Meeting Vote on Continuing the Holy Cow Drop

VOTE (PAPER BALLOT) COUNTED BY: THERESA VAUGHN & MARY BETH RIPPLE

* NO - 26

* MAYBE - 3

* YES - 3

VOTE (ONLINE) COUNTED BY: MELANIE HURST

* NO - 9

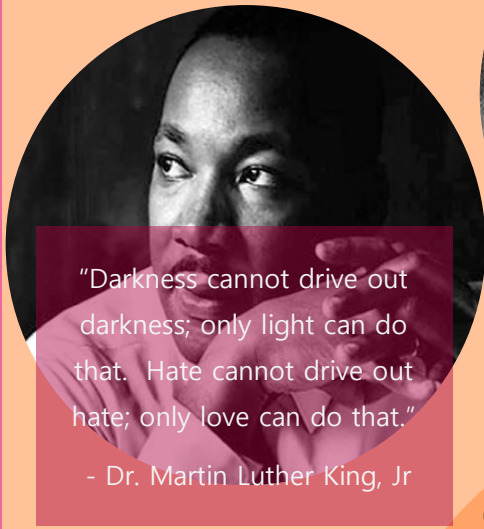
* YES - 0



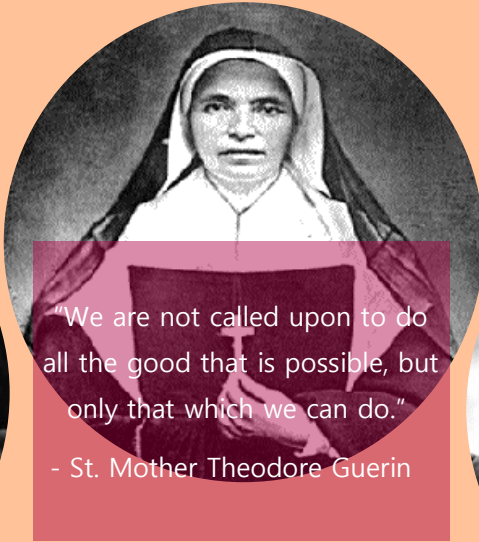
Members and Friends of Central Christian Church (DOC), you are incredible! Even in the midst of a pandemic, you have been "the church," living God's vision for us.

Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for your dedication to our shared ministry. Thank you for helping to build God's Realm in the name of Jesus Christ.

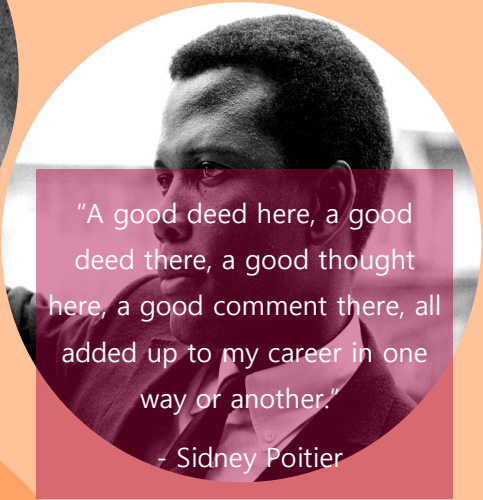
2021 Giving Statements will be sent via email the first week of February. If you wish to receive a paper copy or do not receive yours electronically, please contact the Church Office.



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr



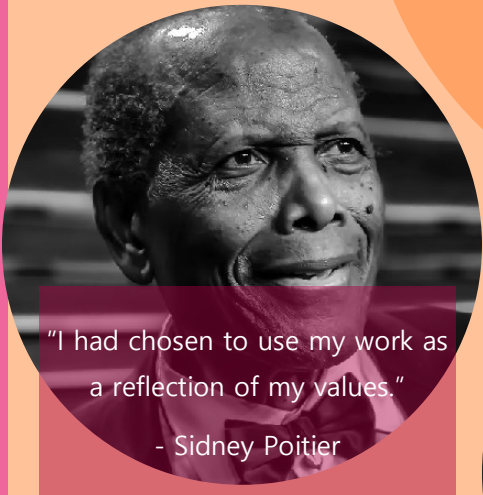
"We are not called upon to do all the good that is possible, but only that which we can do."
- St. Mother Theodore Guerin



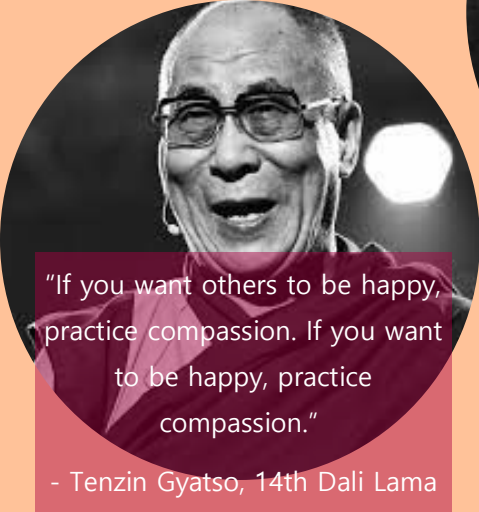
"A good deed here, a good deed there, a good thought here, a good comment there, all added up to my career in one way or another."
- Sidney Poitier

Our current worship series at Central Christian, God Revealed!, will continue throughout the month of February.

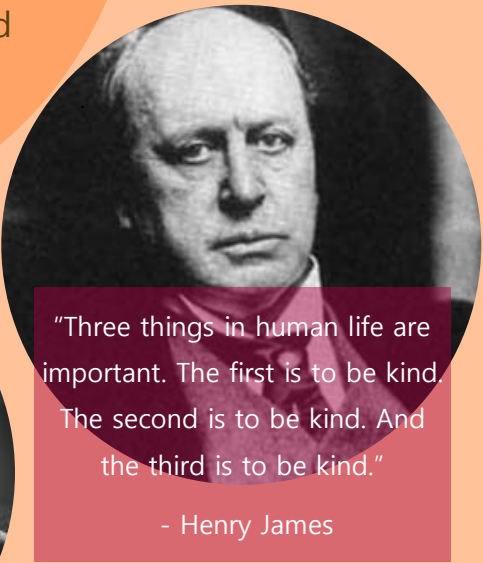
As part of this special series, every week our Sunday bulletin has included a quote or two from someone whose life and work have revealed God to others.



"I had chosen to use my work as a reflection of my values."
- Sidney Poitier



"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."
- Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dali Lama



"Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind."
- Henry James

United Campus Ministries

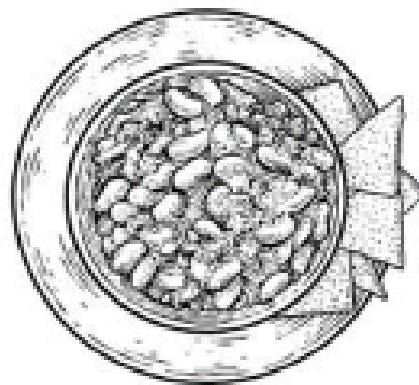


Drive Thru Chili Fest

& Online Silent Auction

Sunday, March 20th, 2022

11 am to 1:30 pm



Purchase Tickets Early at ucm.betterworld.org

\$10.00 Meal (Chili, sandwich, chips, dessert)

\$5.00 - 12 oz Chili Only \$10.00 - 32 oz Chili Only

Event day purchases will be available

Snow Date 3-27-2022

Silent Auction available at ucm.betterworld.org on March 20-March 31

Location: St. Mark United Church of Christ

475 S. Fruitridge, Terre Haute, IN

Enter from Fruitridge into parking lot



Beginning in March, Central Christian via OUTREACH, will begin collecting Granola Bars and Soups to benefit the Food Pantry at United Campus Ministries. This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year. Various churches in the area will be collecting other needed items. Outreach has selected these non-perishable food items for Central Christian to provide.

Our hope is that you will purchase a couple extra items each time you do your normal grocery shopping and then bring them to the church. We will continually take the collected items to the UCM Food Pantry to be distributed, as needed to students who are food insecure. A few things to keep in mind is that there are students from many different countries, cultures and dietary needs and so a variety of items would be appreciated. Some students will have a Kosher, vegetarian or vegan preference, etc, while others have no dietary restrictions at all.

Soups can be condensed canned, or ready to eat canned, dry boxed or the instant "cup of soup" types. A variety is appreciated, such as chicken and noodle, tomato, vegetable, lentil, beef vegetable or bean soups. Granola bars can be crunchy, chewy, plain, fruit and nut or peanut butter types. Any brands of soups or granola bars are perfectly fine.

Thank you so very much for helping to feed students by providing these always needed items for the UCM food pantry.



Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Are you keeping warm?! Oh, how I hate winter temperatures and the after-the-holidays blues. Every year I am more and more tempted to stow away in the Crist's vehicle and head to Florida until spring. Truth is, though, we have lots of wonderful things going on at Central Christian and plenty to keep me busy, so it's fine, it's fine...

On a serious note, on Sunday, January 23, the congregation of Central Christian Church (DOC) overwhelmingly voted to "retire" the Holy Cow Drop, at least for now. For me, there is some sadness regarding this decision. When I first shared the idea back in fall 2013 and folks were so enthusiastic about it, I thought it would not only give our finances a boost or cushion, it would also entice people to check out our church. Although the money raised for our Operating Budget from this fundraiser was always deeply appreciated, we were not able to attain what we had hoped. And as far as bringing more people into the church...well, fundraisers are not what attract people to faith communities.

I was also more than a little surprised by the relief so many expressed after the votes were calculated. This, plus numerous thoughts and observations that were shared regarding Holy Cow at the meeting on Sunday, January 16 made me realize that as a congregation this was the most faithful decision to make at this time. Perhaps not doing Holy Cow will give us time and space for God to lead us to other ministries and other fund-raising possibilities.

If you served at any time on the Holy Cow Planning Team – thank you!! If you sold tickets during any year of this event – thank you! If you showed up on that weekend/day to help in any way – thank you! If you prayed for this fundraiser's success and for those organizing and planning it – thank you!! We learned a lot because of Holy Cow and we will always have the good memories that we shared because of it.

Church, thank you for your prayerful decision-making and for your devotion to God and Christ's ministry through what we do together as a faith community.

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

Every Month Is August



Loving a Child with Reactive Attachment
Disorder and Navigating the Worlds of Education,
Therapy, and Criminal Justice

SHANNON FRIEND GILES

Author among Us!

Central Christian's own Shannon Friend Giles recently announced that her book has been published and is ready for purchase! *Every Month is August: Loving a Child with Reactive Attachment Disorder & Navigating the Worlds of Education, Therapy, and Criminal Justice* has been a true labor of love in many ways for Shannon and we are pleased to celebrate this with her. We also have no doubt that her story, as well as the knowledge she shares in this book, will be life-giving for many who read it.

If you purchase a paperback copy, Shannon will be happy to autograph it for you.

The book is available on Amazon.com

Love remains

Week of
Compassion

Special Offering
FEBRUARY 20-27



Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. In addition to working with partners across the globe in making the lives of others better through development projects, Week of Compassion responds to crises with immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters of all kinds. The Week of Compassion web site includes stories and updates on all the ways our gifts are used throughout the year—weekofcompassion.org.

We will dedicate our Week of Compassion gifts on Sunday, February 27 as part of our worship service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 :: CODY CRIST	12 :: HARPER WILLIAMS	23 :: SARAH SEYBOLD
4 :: CHRISTINE KENNEDY	13 :: MARGARET HARDEN	23 :: KATHY OCAMPO
6 :: KELLY MEYER	14 :: RACHAEL MANNING	24 :: CLAYTON MINGER
7 :: HARPER ELLER	14 :: ANGIE HAMMOND	26 :: DONNA MCGEE
9 :: LISA MANKIN	19 :: JACKSON HERNDON	27 :: THERESA VAUGHN
12 :: TWYLA EDINBURGH	21 :: HALLIE WHITLEY	28 :: JAIDEN LOFTSON
	22 :: AYDEN STEELE	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

16 :: RICHARD & BARBARA HUNT
27 :: SHANNON & NICK ABALLI



Grace and peace to you, my siblings in Christ! Thank you very much for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gift. 2021 was another challenging year for everyone as we continued to experience life during a global pandemic; and yet, I am so proud of all the incredible ministry that has been accomplished in and through our faith community. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you in faith and in life; it is truly a privilege.

Thank you, again, for the gift.

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 9a MATS
6 12:15p Elders Mtg	7 9a Bible Study 6p Education	8 7p Taize @ SMWC	9	10	11	12 9a MATS
13 12:15p Worship Mtg	14 9a Bible Study 	15	16	17	18	19 9a MATS
20 1p Board Mtg	21 9a Bible Study 	22 CLARION DEADLINE	23	24	25	26 9a MATS
27 	28 9a Bible Study					

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