

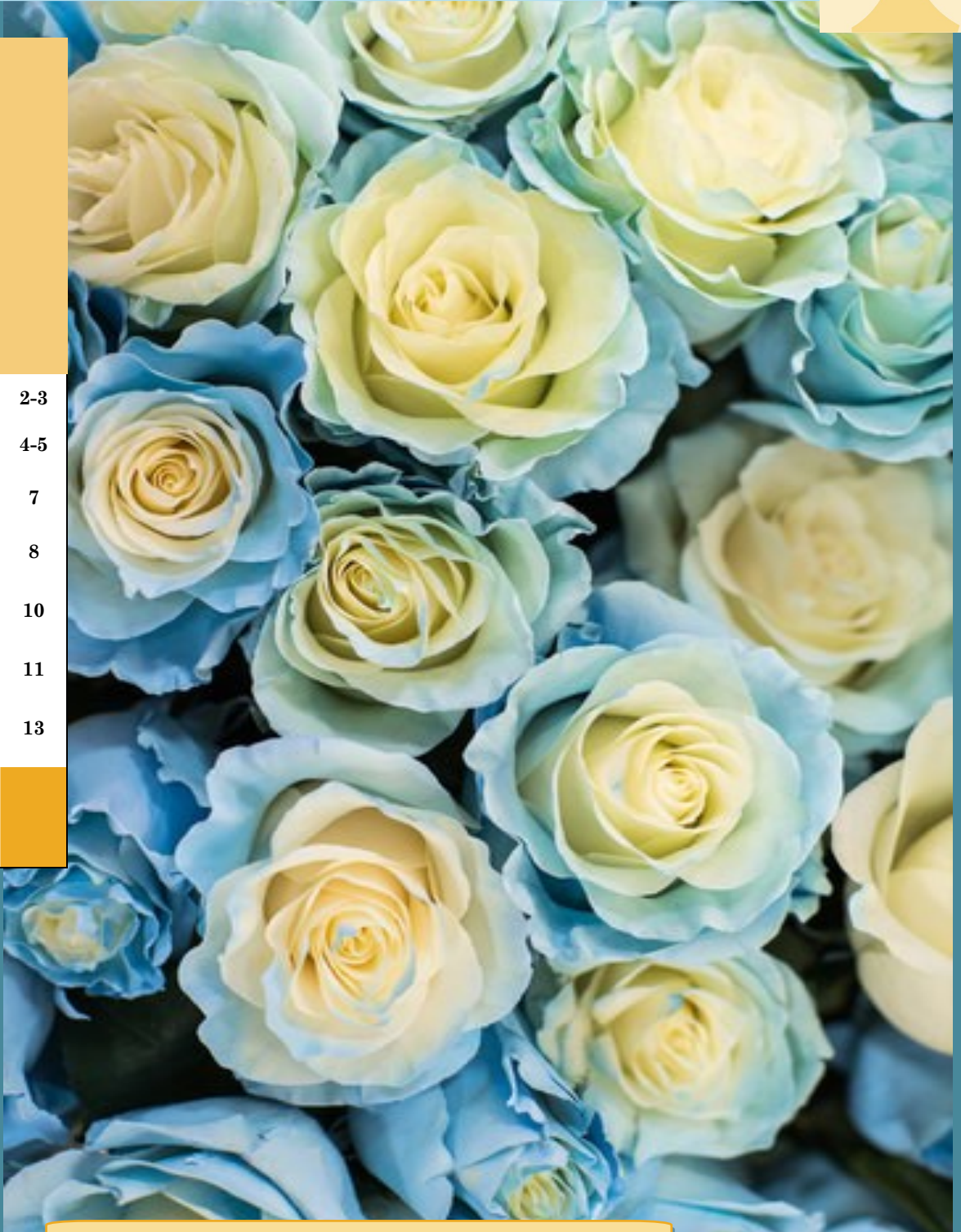
the Clarion

Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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July 2022

Our Church Family.....

Please remember the following in your prayers:

The people of Ukraine, Russia and all other nations and peoples who are affected by the conflict in that part of the world. May the war and violence end quickly.

CCC's new Board Officers, Ministry Chairs, Elders and Deacons as our 2022-2023 ministry year begins July 1.

Roland Chaffin, Scott's brother, who has a rare form of leukemia.

Frank & Sharon Crist as Frank recovers from multiple injuries, including a fractured skull, 3 broken ribs, broken vertebrae in his neck and lower back, and various lacerations.

Kathy Iliff's sister & brother-in-law, **Debbie & Fred Cool**; Fred has cancer.

Dianne Mansfield's brother, **Mike Duncan**, who has pancreatic cancer.

Susan Edmondson as she recovers from cellulitis in her left foot.

Kim Faught as she works with a specialist; please pray for Kim to receive an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

Brie Bolton's friend, **Jennifer**, and Jennifer's teenage son, **Jerry**. Jerry is still trying to recover from serious injuries he sustained last fall after being hit by a car.

Sandy Lang as she recovers from a recent surgery and hospital stay.

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.

All prayer concerns are to go directly to Rev. Zelensky at revzelensky@frontier.com.

Daniel, who is imprisoned at Putnamville Correctional Facility, requests prayer for his mother, Cindy, & his daughter, **Destinie**, who has stomach cancer; please pray as well that Daniel's family members know he loves them.

Danny, Rev. Jacqueline Morgan's 23-year-old son, who remains hospitalized after several strokes and other complications. You can send Danny a card at:

Danny Morgan
Select Specialty Hospital
929 St Francis
Tower 6th floor room 6152
Wichita, KS 67214

Roger & Lois Schultz as they continue to deal with various health issues.

Dee Ugo, Lorri's mom, as she recovers from a recent fall which led to a brain bleed.

Dinah & Carroll Vasbinder as Carroll recovers from a heart cath. He received one stint and is being treated for several other blockages that were found. Please pray for Dinah as she deals with an open wound and makes other health care decisions

Brenda & Rick Waltermire as Brenda recovers from two recent surgeries.

We rejoice that **Carter Guess**, ten-year-old friend of Jake Waltermire (Brenda & Rick's grandson), is in remission after a third bout with cancer!

"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**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

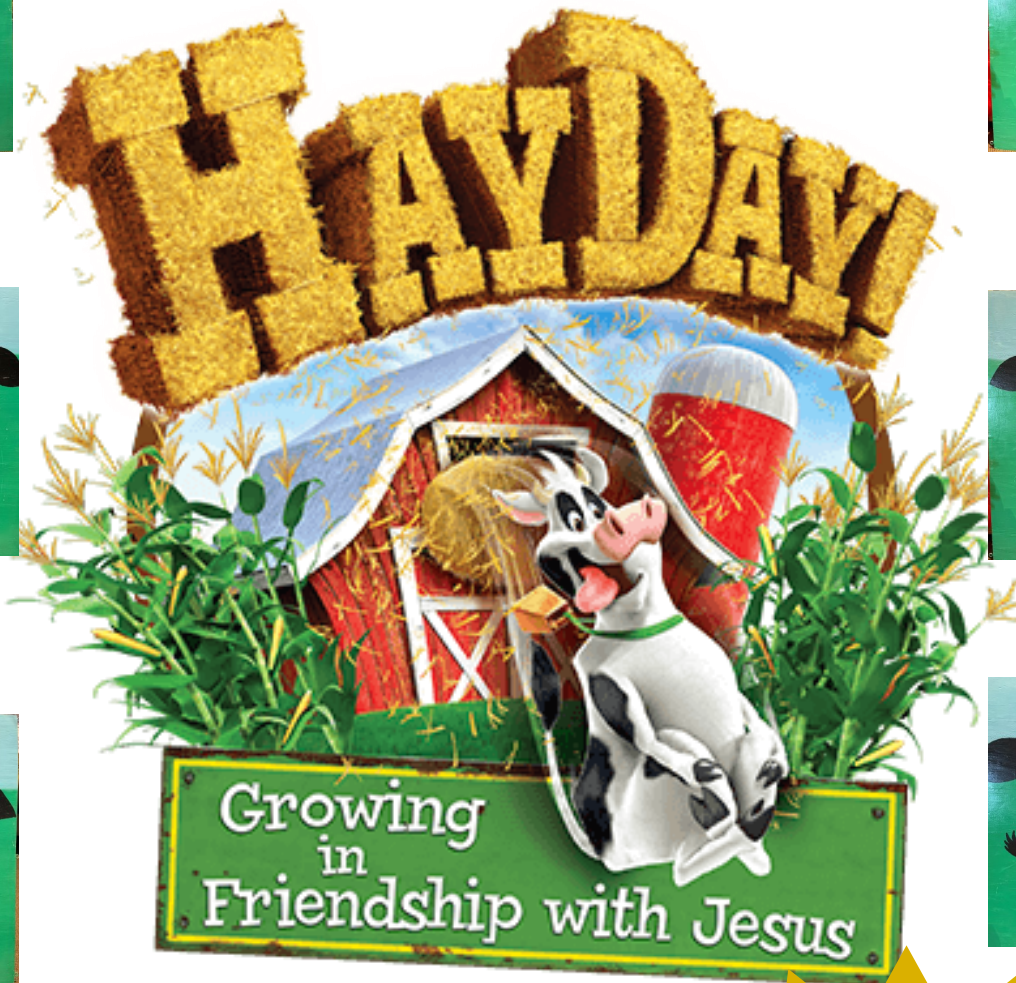
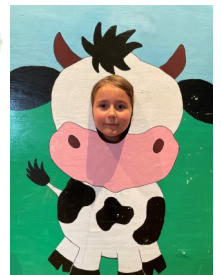
2022

Part I



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2022



Sunday, July 24

3-5:30pm



**INVITE
YOUR
FAMILY AND
FRIENDS**

*VBS Dates will replace Christian Kids Club



Mechell Waugh

Office Manager

Mechell is coming on board as our new
Office Manager.

Please welcome her in this new capacity.
She is excited and we are thrilled to have
her!

Getting to know Mechell Waugh

When is your birthday?

April 5

What is your favorite color?

Blue

What is your favorite holiday?

Christmas

Do you have any pets?

Yes, a Russian Blue Cat named Neela and a Yellow-Bellied Slider Turtle named Myrtle.

What are your hobbies?

Art activities, and watching WNBA

What makes you smile?

My kids and my wife

What brings you joy?

My family and their smiles

What makes you feel sad?

Useless violence and discrimination

What is your favorite season?

Fall

How do you de-stress?

Listen to music, watch happy movies, listen to audiobooks and going for drives in the country.

What is the ideal vacation?

The beach with my family

What does the perfect day look like?

Everyone is happy , my babies are smiling and my family is enjoying ourselves together.

If you won the lottery how would you spend the cash?

Pay off our bills and then travel to Europe with my family.

What is your favorite thing about Central?

The community, the feeling of belonging, and everyone is so nice!



OUTREACH – LOVE WASH – ST. MARK'S

SHARE A QUARTER, SHOW SOMEONE YOU CARE

Outreach will be collecting quarters to help with St. Mark UCC's "Love Wash" program again this year. There will be a collection tube at church for you to drop quarters into and watch the amount grow as more and more quarters fill the tube! Kids will especially like doing this and seeing how their donations increase. NOTE: you may also give with a check or cash but please denote that it's for the LOVE WASH Outreach Collection. Donations will then be converted to quarters so we can all see them add up!

If you're unfamiliar with this program, St. Mark collects quarters to provide free clothes washing and drying at local laundromats for those that might not have means to wash their clothing. Each person will be given up to \$5.00 in quarters for washing and \$5.00 in quarters for drying as well as laundry pods and dryer fabric softener sheets. Representatives from St. Mark will post what days they will be available and at what laundromat to provide this service. Clothes must be washed at that time and no laundry pods or dryer sheets can be taken home. This service will continue as long as there is money to fund it. There will be flyers available explaining the program in more detail and explaining how it got started at the church.

CCC Outreach also will continue collecting soups and granola bars for United Campus Ministry's food pantry throughout the remainder of 2022. Thank you for your generous donations to date!



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE: SOMETHING TO OFFEND ALMOST EVERYONE!

OF OUR FOUR GOSPELS, LUKE IS OFTEN VIEWED BY BIBLICAL SCHOLARS AS THE MOST INCLUSIVE, THE MOST GRACE-FILLED AND THE ONE THAT BEST PROCLAIMS THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD — ALL THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE FOUND OFFENSIVE ABOUT JESUS AND HIS MINISTRY ALMOST 2,000 YEARS AGO!

WE MODERN FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST DON'T ALWAYS REALIZE OR RECOGNIZE HOW OFFENSIVE JESUS CAN BE, AND SO OUR SUMMER 2022 WORSHIP SERIES WILL FOCUS ON VARIOUS STORIES FOUND IN LUKE THAT MAY STILL OFFEND FOLKS — INCLUDING US! (I PROMISE THAT WE WILL ALSO HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS!)

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP!

REV. REBECCA



Sweet Note From a Passerby

One week late June, there was a voicemail from a spunky lady, and this is what she said:

“Good morning, my name is _____, I was just driving by and saw your flag. And I think you are amazing, wonderful, and brave for doing that! And that’s the real message of Jesus is that everyone is lovable and everyone should be loved. Keep doing what you’re doing! Bless you, I’m praying for you!”

If there was any question, this message reminds us that who we are as a church is needed in this community.

Rebecca's Revelation

“People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to the disciples, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the realm of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the realm of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.”

Mark 10:13-16

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! I was extremely blessed to receive an excellent seminary education at Lexington Theological Seminary. I will forever be grateful for all that I learned from professors and theologians who not only were experts in their fields, but also had a passion for teaching those who were answering a call to all kinds of ministry.

One of my first major assignments as a seminarian involved making observations at the congregation where I was serving and identifying what was being taught/conveyed about the church, God, the good news of Jesus Christ, etc. implicitly or explicitly.

For example, if on a particular Sunday the sermon proclaimed that God rejoices in diversity and loves all people, but then later in the elementary-school Sunday school class children were shown pictures of Bible figures as being Caucasian/white, what does this teach? We should probably do more evaluation and discussion concerning what we as a faith community convey implicitly and explicitly in all areas of ministry, but especially when it comes to our children and youth.

Many mainline Protestant congregations claim that they would like to have more kids and teens and their families be involved in church, but truth is not many of them are willing to do what must be done for this to happen. When I began my ministry at CCC, the congregation said they wanted to have more kids and young people in worship, Sunday school, and all other areas of ministry. We have tried to be very intentional about what this necessitates. I am always pleased when we encourage things like letting children be children – letting them be boisterous and loud and excited when coming into the building, listening to the Young Church story, etc. They will outgrow this soon enough and we should rejoice that our kids feel comfortable being themselves at church.

I am thrilled that over the years our young people have showed up and helped with fundraisers and other special events. There have been times when almost every week it was our God Squad who served as deacons in worship. And, I don't know of any other Disciples congregation that has recognized the gifts of youth by calling some to serve as Junior Elders.

Bottom line: if we want children, youth and their families to be part of the church, we must be mindful of what we say and do when interacting with them. We must be clear that they are not the church of the future, they are the church right now. We must welcome them just as Jesus did – wholeheartedly!

Many blessings to you and peace to you and our world.

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

with love

Type, erase, type more, erase again...

That is what I've done over and over trying to find the perfect words to express all the feels I'm feeling. Words seem inadequate, there are none that will encompass the love and appreciation that I have for a place that has felt like an extension of "home" for the past three years. Central has been exactly what a church should be, in my eyes, open, understanding, and full of compassion. Churches are hospitals for the soul, and Central has been that for me. This place, all of you, has been a refuge. It has been a safe zone in the midst of chaos. And with every interaction, I have been filled up a little more and a little more. My cup has never been empty here and I pray that I was able to fill some of you with the overflow.

I've said it before, and I will say it again and again, this position saved me in so many ways, and it was Divine appointment and timing for us to have found each other. Everyone that knows me in life outside of work knows how much Central and it's people mean to me. There has not been a time that I have excluded myself. In any conversation it was always "us" or "we" because you all made me feel just as much a part of Central as you are and I am eternally grateful. You don't have to be kind, and when you are, you don't have to be kind to me and I don't take your kindness for granted.

This is definitely one of the harder goodbye's and none of you have made it easier, ha! The love I have for you runs deep and I look forward to hearing about the wonderful things you will do in Terre Haute and the faith community at large.

My heart is so full it's dripping from my eyes. Please know that I would have gladly stayed forever just to keep you all in my life. You will be missed terribly and I will be watching and admiring from afar geographically, but so near in spirit.

All my love, Brie

Save the Date!

**JULY 29
TO
AUGUST 1
2023
LOUISVILLE, KY**



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

Louisville, Kentucky

JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 2023

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada is excited to announce the 2023 General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, July 29-August 1! It will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered.

Save the date to join Disciples across the church as we gather in person and digitally.

Registration begins October 2022



JULY 1st

Moonlight Drive-In 10p

JULY 2nd

Rockville, IN
Raccoon Lake

Sullivan, IN
Sullivan County Park &
Lake

JULY 3rd

Marshall, IL
Mill Creek Park

West Terre Haute
Sycamore Winery

Clinton, IN
Sportland Park

JULY 4th

Brazil, IN
Forest Park 10p

Fairbanks Park
8p Amphitheater
10p Fireworks

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1:: SHARON CRIST
1:: KIM FAUGHT
2:: SAM WILLEY
3:: WILL HINE, JR
6:: RICK DENNIS
7:: LILY LAWSON GARLOCH
9:: KRISTY ZUKAKAS (MANSFIELD)
11:: KOLAR SCHODLATZ
13:: JERRY JOHNSON
13:: MELANIE HURST
13:: SCOTT CHAFFIN
15:: THERON STRONG
15:: WENDY WALTERMIRE
16:: CHARLEY HINE
16:: ANDREA TODD
17:: JOHNNY MANNING JR
18:: KEVIN CRIST
18:: SHERRIE MANSFIELD
20:: KENT WALTERMIRE
22:: KIMBERLY SCHODLATZ
24:: AVA HAMMOND
25:: GREG MANSFIELD
25:: MARILYN FISHER
27:: MARY BETH RIPPLE
27:: OLIVIA BENNETT
28:: BARBARA HUNT
31:: DIANNE MANSFIELD
31:: RANDY TODD

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11:: ZACHARIAH MATHEW & ANCY ZACHARIAH

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9a Mat Making
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9 9a Mat Making
10	11 9a Bible Study	12 7p Taize @ SMWC	13	14	15	16 9a Mat Making
17 1p Board Mtg	18 9a Bible Study	19 CLARION DEADLINE	20	21	22	23 9a Mat Making
24 VBS 3-5:30p 	25 9a Bible Study	26	27	28	29	30 9a Mat Making
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We're On The Web
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Worship Services
9:30 AM

Sunday School for
all ages 11 AM

