

the Clarion

Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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August 2022

Our Church Family.....

Please remember the following in your prayers:

All who have been injured, lost loved ones or are in some other way affected by the more than 300 mass shootings that have taken place in the US during 2022.

The people of Ukraine and all who continue to be traumatized by the conflict in that part of the world with Russia.

Frank Crist is home from the hospital! Please pray for Frank, Sharon & their family as Frank continues his recovery and pray for any pain he might experience to be kept to a minimum.

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

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

Kim Faught as she continues to search for a definitive diagnosis and treatment for health issues.

Charlotte Johnson, friend of Joyce Swoveland & Carolyn Pickel, who recently received a pacemaker.

Sandy Lang as she is now home after a recent hospitalization.

Sherry Mansfield as she recovers from back surgery.

As of July 18, **Danny Morgan** has been in the hospital for 75 days after several strokes and resulting complications. Danny is the 23-year-old son of CCC friend, Rev. Jaqueline Morgan. Please pray for Danny, all who love and support him, and for Jaqueline as she continues to divide her time with Danny in Kansas and her life/congregation in South Dakota.

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.

Denise Ottinger, another friend of Carolyn Pickel & Joyce Swoveland, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Sharron Overby received an “all clear” after an ultrasound following a concern with a recent mammogram.

Marsha McQueary's sister-in-law, **Mary Schaulberg**, who continues to deal with various health concerns.

Dinah & Carroll Vasbinder; Carroll is home after several recent hospital stays and a time at Providence Healthcare. Dinah is now on hospice care and requests prayers for healing and that she and Carroll will enjoy all the time they have left together, whether that is months or years.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Norma Plascak** at the death of her cousin, **Bryon Bluebaugh**.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Carolyn Pickel & Joyce Swoveland** at the unexpected death of their dear friend, **Jo Philips**. Please pray for all of Jo's loved ones and friends.

Congratulations to **Melanie Hurst** who will begin her new position at Ivy Tech as the Dean of the Schools of Business, Logistics & Supply Chain; Information Technology; and Public Affairs & Social Services on August 1!

Congratulations to **Amanda Mccoll** who has been appointed Grand Chaplain for Indiana's International Order of the Rainbow for Girls!

CCC (DOC) Terre Haute had 12 children attend Vacation Bible School on Sunday, June 26! We had 8 children attend VBS on July 24!

“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 2



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022



*Christian Kids Club will begin again soon.



Tell us your DMF story!

How has DMF made an impact on your congregation or your life? Send us your story and a picture, and share it on social media tagged **#BetterTogetherDMF**.

If you've ever...

- sat around a campfire at church camp
- had a visit from a global mission co-worker
- visited a Disciples college or sent a church member to seminary
- served on a search committee for a new pastor
- attended a Disciples Women's event
- connected with other Disciples in your region

...then you've seen Disciples Mission Fund at work.

August 4, 2022 is Disciple Mission Fund Day! We will celebrate the work we do together as church because of Disciples Mission Fund AND all Disciples of Christ are encouraged to make an online gift before or on August 4. All our gifts make it possible for the whole church to work together, doing far more than we could alone. You can give at www.disciplesmissionfund.org

Individuals and congregations make contributions to DMF, which funds the work of regional and general ministries, who make it possible for us to be the church together, in many ways and in many places.

On August 4, 2022 follow [Disciples social media](#) for live events, stories, and updates throughout the day.

*** To use hyperlinks above, hold CTRL down and click the underlined section to be taken to the website.**



OUTREACH – OPPORTUNITIES

It's hard to believe that it's time to begin thinking about kids going back to school for the 2022-23 school year, but here we are. As a part of our outreach to our school community, we will begin collecting "Back to School" items for children during the month of August. Some of the items needed include, (but are not limited to) the following items:

#2 Pencils	Construction Paper	Handheld Calculators	Pocket Folders
3 Ring Binders	Crayons	Highlighters	Rulers
Backpacks	Elmer's/White Glue	Mechanical Pencils	Scissors
Ball Point Pens	Erasers	Pencil Cases	Spiral Bound Notebooks
Compasses & Protractors	Filler Paper	Pencil Sharpeners	Subject Dividers
Composition Books	Glue Sticks	Pencil Top Erasers	Washable Markers



SHARE A QUARTER, SHOW SOMEONE YOU CARE

Love Wash is a ministry of St. Mark UCC does where free laundry services are provided at a local laundromat for those that might not otherwise have a means to wash their clothes. We've collected around \$40.00 of quarters in the collection cylinder at church that is located outside the Sunday School classroom. If you wish to write a check or donate cash, and place it in the collection plate on Sunday, just denote that it's for the LOVE WASH. There are pamphlets on table by the Sunday School rooms that explain exactly what this ministry is.



Outreach for the last few months has been collecting soups and granola bars for United Campus' food pantry. What a great outpouring of support we've received from Central Christian...THANK YOU!

The original intent was to collect until the end of the year. However, it's been determined that the pantry now has plenty of these items. Therefore, we have decided to begin collecting rice instead.

There is a great need at the pantry for rice. Basmati and Jasmine rice are preferred but any white rice will suffice (PLEASE NO INSTANT OR QUICK COOK RICE). Rice is a daily staple for many of the international students who use the pantry, especially during the summer months when most of them remain on campus because traveling "home" would simply be too costly.



I will be reviewing the most recent "gifts and talents" list to see if there are those who desire to or serve on the Outreach Ministry. My hope is to get four or five others to serve and then have regular meetings to address how we at Central Christian can best provide outreach ministries to our community.

If you are interested in working with the Outreach team, please contact Joyce Swoveland at 812-201-1549 or by email at cokelady15@hotmail.com.

We would love to have you join us. Youth and adults are all welcome!

Blessings and respectfully submitted,
Joyce Swoveland
Outreach Chair



Rebecca's Revelation

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says God: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”
Jeremiah 31:33

“And Jesus did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”
Luke 22:20

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! I hope you are enjoying the particular blessings and gifts that summer offers while also making sure you take care of yourself when temperatures get high.

The theme of “covenant” is one we find throughout the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. “Covenant” is also an essential component in how the Christian Church (DOC) in the US & Canada is structured and how we understand the relationships we have with each other through the various manifestations of the church.

It is sometimes challenging to define what makes a covenant different from a contract or some other type of agreement made between parties or individuals. I think the best examples of covenant in our modern Western world are wedding vows or the promises made when a baby or child is dedicated within our faith community. When I married Jeff, I made promises to love him whether he loved me in return or not. The two of us did the same when Lexi was dedicated. In other words, the promises made were not conditional. I hope my love is returned, but I freely entered into relationships with them and made certain promises to them because this is who I am and what I want to do.

I think God’s love extended to us works the same way, although on a much deeper level. God’s love is unconditional. God loves us whether we embrace or return God’s love or not. God extends relationship to us because of who God is and what God wants to do. What does it mean, then, when we also return God’s love and intentionally desire to be in relationship with God? Is this “covenant”? How does “covenant” work in a faith community or a denomination?

The Covenant Project, an initiative of the Governance Committee and the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is re-imagining the processes and structures of our denomination in a way that utilizes technology and values relationship. General Minister & President, Terri Hord Owens, is inviting all of us to imagine a church that is more connected to one another so that we might live into the covenant God desires in our particular time.

You can read more about the Covenant Project at <https://disciples.org>. You can also register to participate in a virtual Town Hall event that will explain in more detail what this project is about and how it will affect life across our denomination.

Blessings to you as you continue to serve in Christ’s name.

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky



2022 Regional Assembly “On Promise Road”

Saturday, November 5, 2022
Geist Christian Church

Promise Road Campus / 12756 Promise Road, Fishers, Indiana

Gathering & Exhibits: 9:00 am
Plenary: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 2:30 pm
Assembly will conclude at 4:00 pm
(All times are Eastern)

The theme for the Indiana General Assembly will be “On Promise Road.” We are delighted that Disciples author and minister **Sandhya Rani Jha** will be our keynote speaker and **Janae Pitts-Murdock**, senior pastor at Light of the World Christian Church (Indianapolis) will be our worship preacher. Both speakers will help us unpack the Emmaus text: Luke 24:13-35.

The Regional Assembly will be a “hybrid” event, meaning that you may register to attend in person for \$45, or you can register to attend on-line for \$25 at <https://indianadisciples.org/regional-assembly-2020>.

Sunday School for the Young Church and Youth will resume in September!

Class for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet in the room on the same wall as the baptistery and the middle and high school youth will meet in the youth room upstairs. The Christian Education Ministry Team is in the process of selecting teachers for both classes.

Watch for future announcements as to who the teachers are going to be. After an enjoyable summer break, we hope all our children and youth are looking forward to Sunday School starting again.

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

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



Koinonia Karaoke!

Central Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a karaoke night, hosted by James and Marie Wimsett at their home at 11411 N 1700th Street in Marshall, Illinois on Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 (Indiana time).

We will have a pot luck meal, so bring a dish to share. Please let Beth Duley know if you plan to attend by Monday, August 15 so we have a rough idea of how many to expect. Text or call Beth at (812) 239-7276 or email her at bethduley@mac.com.

Come whether or not your want to sing: it's always fun to have an audience to cheer, and the food and company will rock!

The Disciples Women group will meet on Monday, August 22 at 6:00PM. We will gather at Bandana's Bar-B-Q for dinner and fellowship. All women of the church are welcome to join us. If you plan to attend, please let Susan Edmondson know by phone or text at 812-240-2717.

We plan to meet on the fourth Monday each month at local restaurants. Mark your calendars and watch for updates on the selected restaurants. In December we will be meeting earlier in the month for our Christmas Dinner rather than on the 26th.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1:: RITA JOHNSON
9:: LARRY MERKLE
9:: DARIUS BOBO
9:: GEORGE HAMMOND
10:: JOHN MERKLE
10:: CHUCK FROST
11:: RICK WALTERMIRE
12:: CHLOE HAMMOND
13:: KAYLIE WHITLEY
17:: TRISH BEADLE (ROGERS)
18:: JASON SLOAN
19:: NORMA PLASCAK

20:: MAX TURNER
21:: LAVELL LOFTSON
22:: ANNA MOORE
23:: JIMETTA MANKIN
23:: BILL MCQUEARY
24 :: JORDYN RICE
24:: PATTI WILLEY
29 :: KAREN SAGRAVES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2:: DON & KATHY ILIFF
6:: JAMES & PRISCILLA HAMMONS
7:: GREG & SHERRIE MANSFIELD
15:: BRAD & LAURA STEELE
19:: JOE & ALISSA WILLIAMS
24:: WILL & BETSY HINE
25:: FRANK & SHARON CRIST
29:: DINAH & CARROLL VASBINDER

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Education	2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day	3	4 DMF Day  International Cookie Day	5	6 9:00 am-noon Mat Making
7 12:15 p.m. Elder's Retreat	8 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  National Cat Day	9 7:00 p.m. Taize	10	11 Vigo Co. 	12	13 9:00 am-noon Mat Making International Lefthanders Day
14 12:15 p.m. Worship Team	15 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	16  National Tell a Joke Day	17	18	19	20 9:00 am-noon Mat Making  National Honey Bee Day
21 1:00 p.m. Board Retreat  National Senior Citizens Day	22 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	23	24 National Waffle Day	25	26  National Dog Day	27 9:00 am-noon Mat Making
28	29 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  More Herbs, Less Salt Day	30	31 National South Carolina Day			

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Worship Services
9:30 AM

Sunday School for
all ages 11 AM



Our children are the rock on which
our future will be built, our greatest
asset as a nation. They will be the
leaders of our country, the creators
of our national wealth, those who
care for and protect our people.

— Nelson Mandela —

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