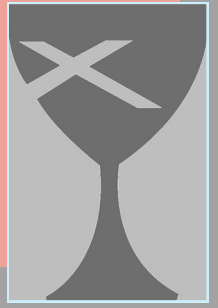


# the Clarion

Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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## Out of the Darkness and Into the Light

TERRE HAUTE  
**2024**  
A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HAUTE



A celebration at  
Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

This is the link to Eventbrite to purchase tickets: Please hold down the CTRL button and click the link.

Thank you!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/total-eclipse-of-the-haute-solar-fest-at-central-christian-church-tickets-795699607947?aff=oddtcreator>

*April 8, 2024*

*11:00 am—  
5:00 pm*

April 2024

## HOLDING IN PRAYER.....

As we begin the glorious celebration of the Easter season, many in our world are suffering and dying because of violence and warfare. Keep the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and all other places in the midst of conflict in prayer.

The success of our Solar Fest Celebration on April 8! May our parking lot be filled and may we have a sunny day.

**Jacque Bradfield** as she recovers from knee replacement.

**Rick Dennis** as he deals with heart health issues.

**Susan Edmondson** as she recovers from shoulder surgery. Please pray for Susan's granddaughter, **Destiny**, as well.

**Chuck & Jeanne Frost** as Chuck deals with health issues.

Mary Beth Mullen's sister-in-law, **Shari Garrison**, and her friend, **Ron**, who have cancer. Please pray also for Mary Beth's general health and guidance as she builds her grief counseling business.

**Angie Hammond** as she works with her doctor to get back pain under control.

**Charlie Jackson** who will have an MRI on his shoulder to determine next steps regarding treatment.

**Cecilia Jacobi**, one of Kathy Ocampo's best friends since junior high school, who has a very aggressive form of thyroid cancer. Please pray for Cecilia's quality of life to be good for as long as she is in this world and pray for all who love her.

**Calvin Leek** who is recovering from one heart surgery and will have another on April 1. Calvin and his parents of friends of Jay Criss.

**Dianne Mansfield** is doing very well and able to swallow regular foods and drinks. She will return to the doctor in April to see if the feeding tube can be removed.

*Please report items for the prayer list 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.

**Bill & Marsha McQueary** as Bill's shoulder surgery is rescheduled for April 9.

**Jeanette Overby**, Sharron's mom, as she recovers from knee replacement.

**Glenda Parks** will have knee replacement surgery on April 9.

**David Rose & Phil Ewoldsen** as David recovers from open heart surgery.

**Karen Sagraves** as she recovers from a double mastectomy. We rejoice with Karen that her doctors say she is cancer free!

**Brilea Southard**, a ninth-grader at TH North, who remains hospitalized in Indy after a devastating car accident she and other members of her family experienced before Christmas. In March, Brilea had her 18<sup>th</sup> surgery.

**Dee Ugo**, Lorri's mom, as decisions are made regarding Dee's future health care. Please pray for Lorri as well.

**Kian Waugh** as Mechell & Leatha consult with doctors and resource personnel to find the best treatment plan for him.

**Paul White**, Norma Plascak's nephew-in-law, will have heart surgery on April 9.

**Ancy Zachariah & her family**; Ancy is home in Michigan after visiting her parents in India. Her dad is now on palliative care and the family is taking things one day at a time. Ancy's mom will not need surgery and is physically doing ok but struggling emotionally. Ancy is very thankful to God for having this time with her dad and the whole family. She also thanks the church for all the prayers and support.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Doug & Carol Sloan** and their extended family as they grieve the loss of Doug's great-niece, **Sloan Mattingly**. Sloan and her brother, Maddox, were playing on a beach in Florida when the sand caved in on them.

*“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

## DISCIPLES WOMEN NEWS



Thank you to all who helped with our Potato Bar. Special thanks go to Joyce Swoveland who chaired the event. We had a nice turnout, a great meal, and we were able to donate \$347.63 to the love offering for the deck.

Our next monthly dinner will be Monday, April 22 at 6:00PM. We hope to meet at the new Cabanas Mexican Grill on Lafayette Ave. If they have not opened, we will pick another restaurant. Watch for updates. All women are invited to join us. If you plan to attend, please let Susan Edmondson know.

We are hosting a Mystery Dinner on April 27. This is a family event beginning at 5:30PM. We had one a few years ago and it was a lot of fun. The way it works is there will be a menu with items for 3-4 courses. Menu items will have unusual names and that will be the mystery as to what you are ordering. There were lots of surprises last time. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Information Center to help us in planning. We hope you can join us.

We are having a Tea Party! Ladies, grab your best spring bonnet and join us for a Tea Party on June 1. More information will be provided later.

\* Submitted by Theresa Vaughn

**Central Christian Church** will recognize our 2024 graduates during worship [on June 2.](#)

In order to make sure everyone is included, please let us know if you, your child or grandchild is graduating this year. Please include their name, school, future plans such as college/major, military, new job.



Please send the info to Carolyn Pickel  
at [mmdisney70@hotmail.com](mailto:mmdisney70@hotmail.com) or 812-239-1708.

Thanks for your help.

\* Submitted by Theresa Vaughn





2024



EGG HUNT





# Linked *by* Love

**2024  
SUMMER  
CAMPS**



You and Me 1 (3 days)	June 10-12	(age 5+ and an adult)
New Beginnings (3 days)	June 12-14	(completed gr. 1-3)
You and Me 2 (3 days)	June 14-16	(ages 5+ and an adult)
CROSS (Sports)	June 17-22	(completed gr. 6-8; 9-12)
Explorers	June 24-29	(completed gr. 4-5)
High School	July 1-6	(completed gr. 9-12)
Middle School	July 8-13	(completed gr. 6-8)
M.A.D. (Music, Art, Drama)	July 15-20	(completed gr. 6-8; 9-12)



**ALL CAMPS AT BEDFORD**

Fees: 6-day camps: **\$440**; 3-day camps: **\$260** (subtract \$25 before May 15th registrations)  
Visit [indianadisciples.org](http://indianadisciples.org) for Bedford camp registration/info.

**Easter flowers have been given by  
the following:**

**Jacque Bradfield—**

In memory of Jacque's parents— John &  
Barbara Dram

In memory of Rob's parents— Wayne &  
Mary Helen Bradfield

**Kim Faught—**

In memory of Dr. Margaret Pappas

**Marilyn Fisher—**

In memory of Linda Snider

In memory of Elva & Lowell Fisher

In memory of Sister Carolyn

**Susan Goode—**

**Will & Betsy Hine—**

In memory of Bruce, Frances, and Alice  
Nash

In memory of Harriet & Kip Hine

In honor of our children & grandchildren

**Charlie & Mary Ellen Jackson—**

In memory of Terry Jackson

In memory of Theresa & Charles Jackson

In memory of Mike Smith

**Christy Lybass—**

In memory of Jim & Judy Hill

In honor of Doug & Carol Sloan

**Greg & Sherrie Mansfield—**

In memory of Jerry Mansfield

In memory of Richard Maher

**Norma Plascak—**

In memory of Martin Plascak

**Ray & Mary Beth Ripple—**

In memory of our parents

In honor of our family

**Schodlatz Family—**

In memory of Jerry Mansfield

In memory of Zelda Mansfield

In honor of Dianne Mansfield

**Lois & Roger Schultz—**

In memory of our family

In honor of our family

**Doug & Carol Sloan—**

In memory of our parents

**Michele Soliz—**

In memory of Catherine Bond

**Susan, Isaac & Max Turner—**

In memory of Linda Snider

In memory of Waneta & Andrew Car

**Mechell & Leatha Waugh—**

In memory of Helen & Jerry Waugh

In memory of Dorothy Tuttle

In memory of Perk Hutchcraft

In honor of our family



# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES



To date, Central Christian Church (DOC) has collected 71 lbs. of rice for the food pantry of United Campus Ministries since the beginning of the year. Our rice collection continues to be a great aid in allowing students, especially those from other countries where rice is a staple, to prepare foods that are familiar to their palates.



The results are in, and St. Mark UCC was the winner of the Souper Bowl of Caring Food collection for the United Campus Ministries' food pantry. They collected 429 lbs of food and with their average weekly attendance of 20, that makes their average "pounds collected per person" to be 21.45 lbs.



Overall, the food pantry was the BIG winner with over 4110 lbs. of food collected by eight local congregations! That's over 2 tons of food! The total is more food than was donated to the pantry in all of 2023! Incredible and wonderful are the words that best describe this incredible outpouring of love! The once bare food pantry shelves are completely full after the Soupler Bowl of caring





**Central Christian had a great showing as well with 337.8 lbs of food donated and a weekly average of 54 people for an average of 6.25 lbs. per person. Thank you to every single person who helped make this friendly competition such a success!**



**During the month of March, Outreach will have letters addressed to our members of congress available to sign regarding Bread for the World to help fight hunger. These letters will be available after church for you to sign. We will send these to our representatives to show our support. You can find more information at [www.Bread.org](http://www.Bread.org).**

\*Submitted by Joyce Swoveland

## *Rebecca's Revelation*

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.”

(1 John 4:16b)

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! As I write this column we are preparing for the start of Holy Week and the celebration of the Easter season. Our worship series for Lent 2024 has been *What's Love Got To Do with It?* Truth is, this question is always an important one for those of us who follow Jesus and not limited to just one Lenten season.

The above verses from 1 Corinthians are often heard at weddings; however, the apostle Paul writes them to the troubled, fussing and feuding Christians in Corinth to remind them of how *love* is demonstrated within community. Often when we find the word *love* in the scriptures, especially in the New Testament, it refers to *action*, not *emotion*. We can show love for others by wanting and working for the best for them – even if we don't like them.

As more people attend our adult Sunday school class and Bible Study groups at Central Christian, I am struck again with the realization that far too many people have been taught messages and images of Jesus that have little to do with who he was as a human being and what his actual ministry was. The media does not help as it seems those who have the loudest “Christian” voices know a very different Jesus from the one I know in the scriptures, tradition and my own experience.

To love as Jesus calls us to love is to pray for people I know and people I don't, people who will always have a place in my heart and those who have hurt me deeply, those who agree with me on all that I cherish and those who seem intent on destroying what I cherish. Love is an action.

To love as Jesus calls us to love is to reach out to those who are going through difficult times by emailing, calling or visiting them, by offering a listening ear, by reminding them they are not alone and this has nothing to do with how I *feel* about them personally. Love is an action.

To love as Jesus calls us to love is to try to be a positive or compassionate presence in my interactions with serve staff at restaurants, sales clerks, my mail person, the other adult dancers in my dance class, with those who visit Central Christian, with the crusty elderly man at the San Diego Maritime Museum who griped to me about California politics and his mother-in-law who had died long ago (granted, I cut him off after 10 minutes), with a little girl who lost her parents at a hotel...Love is an action.

To love as Jesus calls us to love is to give what I can to the UCM Food Pantry, Disciples Special Offerings, school supply drives, my nephew's traveling baseball fund, Lego sets to Aaron's LEGOcy, children's Christmas gifts through Central's Angel Tree, donations to Color of Change and Week of Compassion. Love is an action.

To love as Jesus calls us to love is to contact elected representatives about legislature I think prohibits God's realm from spreading in the world and voting for those who express concern for all people who live in our country rather than just some. Love is an action.

*What's Love Got To Do with It?* How we embody and share *love* in our world IS what it is about for those of us who follow the Risen Christ. In our acts of *love* God is known and experienced.

Blessings and peace to you as we strive to serve Christ faithfully throughout the Easter season.

*Rev. Rebecca Zelensky*







## ***Earth Day at the Woods***

Join us for the [White Violet Center for Eco-Justice](#) and [Sisters of Providence](#) Earth Day Festival at [Saint Mary-of-the-Woods](#)! Immerse yourself in nature at our beautiful Woods while enjoying the many activities. There's something for everyone from nature shows and earth-related craft activities for the kids, to spinning, weaving and felting demonstrations and visits with the alpacas that provide the fiber. There will be exhibits, tours of the organic gardens and horse barns and much, much more.

Be sure to bring your refillable water bottles for our free and eco-friendly water station. And the Sisters of Providence will be hosting a bake sale with homemade baked goods of all kinds!

The festival begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is located 10 minutes northwest of downtown Terre Haute, Indiana.

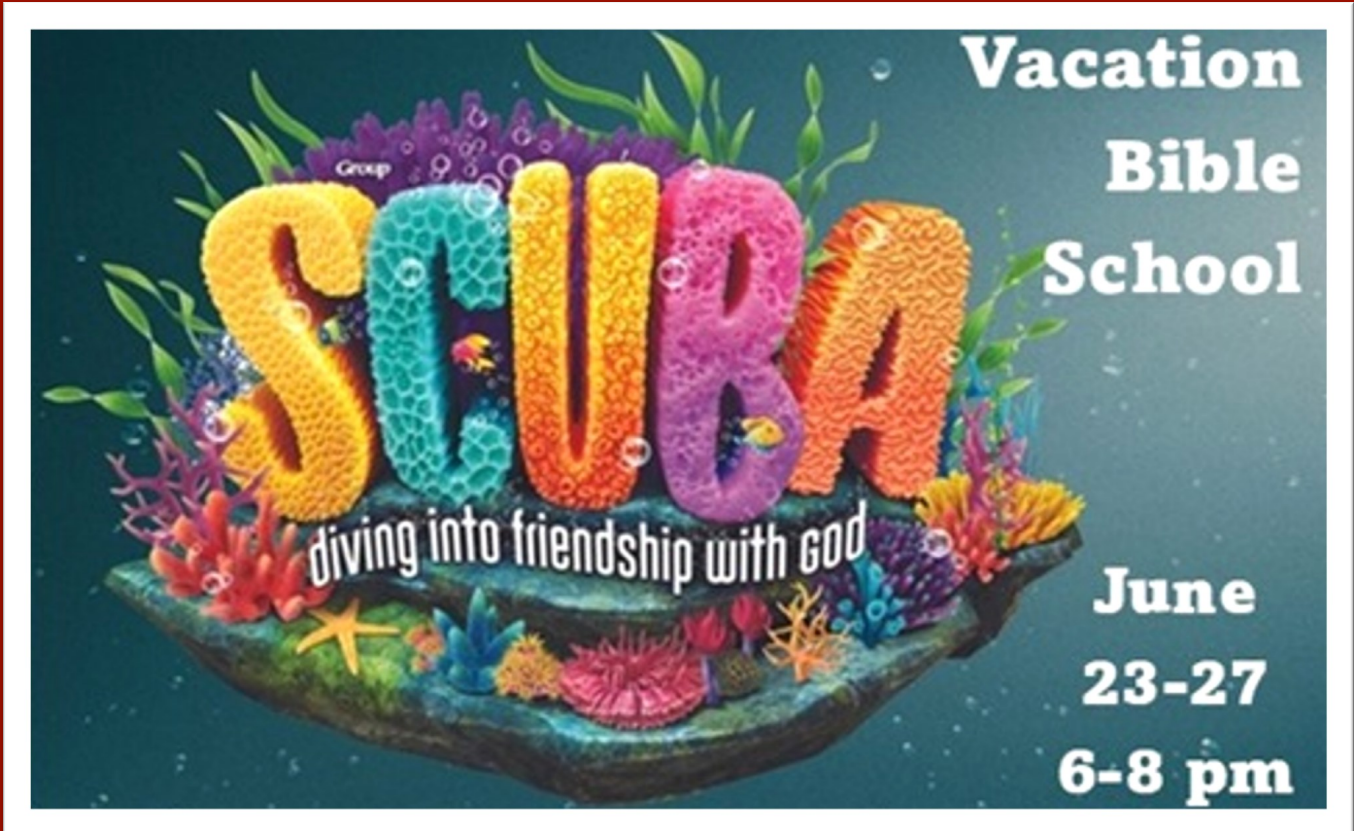
We will need many volunteers to ensure the Earth Day Festival is a successful event.

Volunteer stations range from running kids activities, gatekeepers, parking attendants, floaters, and much more! The QR code goes directly to the Sign Up Genius, which also contains more event details, or you can [click here](#) to access it.



For more information

Contact [White Violet Center for Eco-Justice](#) at [812-535-2932](tel:812-535-2932) or [wvc@spsmw.org](mailto:wvc@spsmw.org).



***Save the Date for Vacation Bible School 2024!***

If April showers bring May flowers, then May flowers can only mean one thing. It's time to start thinking about VBS at Central Christian Church (DOC). Mark your calendars and grab your goggles – for our Scuba-themed experience. Invite your friends to join you for VBS from **6-8 p.m. on June 23rd through the June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Stay tuned for more information to follow in the near future.

Carolyn Pickel, Chair Education Ministry Team

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 :: HARRY McCLINTOCK  
2 :: GRACE McCLINTOCK  
4 :: LAUREN CRIST FOSTER  
5 :: MEHELL WAUGH  
6 :: LOIS SCHULTZ  
11 :: BRILEY SCHODLATZ  
13 :: KRISTEN CRIST  
15 :: KENDALL GARNO-FOOTE  
17 :: BRAD STEELE  
17 :: JOE LINDLEY  
18 :: JO ANN BARNES  
20 :: CHARLIE JACKSON

21 :: PATTY McCLINTOCK  
21 :: SOPHIE CRIST  
21 :: JOHN HENDERSON  
30 :: SAM TODD

## ANNIVERSARIES

9 :: MEHELL & LEATHA WAUGH  
11 :: TWYLA EDINBURGH & MELANIE HURST  
15 :: TOM RUSSELL & HOLLY RUDOLF  
27 :: TOM & DEBBIE GONTHIER

Love and  
kindness  
are never  
wasted.  
They  
always  
make a  
difference.

Helen James

LOVE



APRIL  
SHOWERS  
BRING  
(MAY)  
FLOWERS





# APRIL 2024



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> 9a Bible Study  6p Education	<b>2</b>  6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC	<b>3</b>  11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study 6:30p Choir	<b>4</b>  7p Church Use	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30a Mat Makers
<b>7</b> 12:15a Elders	<b>8</b> <b>SOLAR FEST!</b> <b>11A-5P</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC 7p Taize @SMWC	<b>10</b> 11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study 6:30p Choir	<b>11</b> 6p Outreach Team 7p Church Use	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30a Mat Makers
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9a Bible Study  6p Social Justice Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC	<b>17</b> 11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study 6:30p Choir	<b>18</b> 10a Grief Counseling  7p Church Use	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30a Mat Makers
<b>21</b> 1p Board Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>Earth Day</b> 9a Bible Study  6p DW Dinner	<b>23</b> <b>Clarion Articles Due</b>  6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC	<b>24</b> 11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study 6:30p Choir	<b>25</b>  7p Church Use	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30a Mat Makers 12-9p DW Mystery Dinner
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9a Bible Study	<b>30</b>  6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC Perform				

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Worship Services  
9:30 AM

Sunday School for  
all ages 11 AM

**PALM SUNDAY**



**Happy April everyone!**



**Saint Patrick's Day 2024**