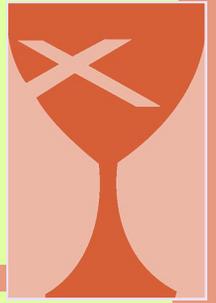


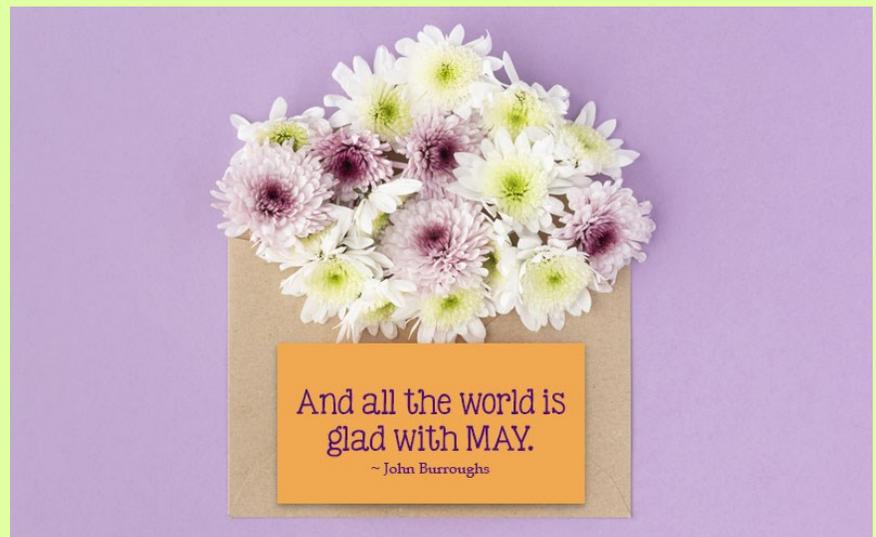
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May 2024

HOLDING IN PRAYER.....

We praise God for the success of our Solar Fest Celebration on April 8! We give thanks to our Creator for a glorious eclipse experience AND for all who planned this event for CCC and all of our guests and for all who volunteered that day!

As the Easter season continues and we rejoice in the gifts of resurrection, new life and transformation, many in our world are trying to survive each day. Keep the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and all other places where warfare and conflict exist in your prayers.

Sarah Baggs & her parents, Amanda & Gary; Sarah is Joyce Swoveland's 7-year-old great-niece is being treated for PANDAS, a strep virus that attacks the lining of the brain.

Rick Dennis as he continues to work on making his heart healthier.

Susan Edmondson as she continues to recover from shoulder surgery. Please pray for Susan's granddaughter, **Destiny**, too.

Joyce Swoveland's niece & her husband, **Jenny & Jimmy Florea**, who were involved in a single vehicle (motorcycle) accident recently.

Chuck & Jeanne Frost as Chuck deals with health concerns.

Connelly, Shannon Giles' boyfriend, as he recovers from hip replacement and for Shannon as she offers him care and support.

Lincoln Gowrylow, one of Marie Wimsett's students, and Lincoln's parents. Lincoln is back at school after being out for two weeks. He is much better and his parents will be seeking a second opinion on health issues with a specialist.

Angie Hammond requests prayer for her daughters, **Ava and Chloe**, and Chloe's girlfriend, **Autumn**. All three of these young women are dealing with health issues and/or injuries.

Charlie & Mary Ellen Jackson as Charlie's rotator cuff surgery has been postponed while he consults a cardiologist.

Donna & Andrea Johnson as Donna is currently being treated for hemiplegic migraines which can present as if they are strokes.

Joe Lindley & his dad, Jerry as Jerry has had several recent hospitalizations.

Marcia Maher, Sherrie Mansfield's mom, as she is home after a recent hospitalization.

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 recovers from shoulder replacement for the second time on the same arm.

Mary Beth Mullen asks for prayer for her sister-in-law, **Sherrie Garrison**, and her friend, **Ron**, who have cancer; and for her health and the building up of her grief counseling business.

David Rose is back in worship after open heart surgery! Please pray for his continued recovery.

Glenda Parks as she continues to recover from knee replacement.

Roger & Lois Schultz as they consult with their doctors and have further tests for various health concerns.

Michele Soliz as she works to do her best for all the students at ISU as VP of Student Affairs.

Brilea Southard, a ninth-grader at TH North; Brilea is finally able to eat regular food and showing improvement after a car accident she and other members of her family were in before Christmas 2023.

John & Linda Stroot, grandparent figures for Mechell & Leatha Waugh's kids; John is recovering from triple bypass surgery.

Andrea Todd's brother, **Fred**, and sister, **Carol**, who were both hospitalized for different illnesses in April.

Lorri Ugo & her mom, Dee, as they deal with Dee's various health concerns.

Kian Waugh, his moms, Mechell & Leatha, & his siblings as plans move forward for Kian to receive more in-depth treatment for his emotional needs.

Whitney Witherspoon, Mary Beth & Ray Ripple's granddaughter, who was in a recent car accident. Whitney appears to be fine physically; please pray for her as she navigates getting another car.

Jo Wordsworth asks for prayers as she deals with health issues.

Tom & Lorrie Zander and their sons, Phil & Matt. Phil is recovering from surgery and doing very well. Matt recently found out he has a brain tumor. (The Zander's are good friends of Sharon & Frank Crist.)

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Vision Statement of Central Christian Church (DOC),
Terre Haute, IN

HOLDING IN PRAYER.....

We extend our deepest sympathies to the following:

All who are grieving the loss of **Toni Herr**; we will have a celebration of life for Toni at Central Christian, Saturday, May 18.

Richard and all who are grieving the loss of **Barbara Hunt**.

Kathy Ocampo and all who are grieving the loss of Kathy's longtime friend, **Cecilia Jacobi**.

Ancy Zachariah & all who are grieving the loss of Ancy's Dad, **George Cherian**.



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Pentecost Special Offering

When it comes to church, we have a lot of negative tapes playing in our heads:

“Church is judgmental.”

“Church is hypocritical.”

“They think they’re better than everyone else.”

It’s time for restoration. Time to rewind the tape.

Like our ancestors, we’re going back to the beginning, when new Christian communities gathered and shared all they had, organizing everything around the Spirit’s dreams for their lives and their communities.

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, **God is singing a new song: not a song of judgment, but of welcome and forgiveness; not a song of superiority, but of humility and grace; not a song of hoarding, but of sharing everything we have!**

God’s movement for wholeness is already underway. Our job is to listen, and learn, and follow – supporting leaders and communities as the Spirit calls them into being, laying down a new song for a new generation.

Church as a place of generosity and justice. **Church as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

Our **gifts** to the **Pentecost Offering** are divided equally between our regional ministry in Indiana, which supports local new churches, and **New Church Ministry**, which trains, equips, assists and multiplies emerging and affiliating leaders to be “movement initiators.”

We will dedicate all our gifts to the Pentecost Offering as part of worship on **Sunday, May 19.**

RESTORE AND REWIND
2024 PENTECOST OFFERING
SUNDAYS MAY 12 & MAY 19

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON;
THEY WOULD SELL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND DISTRIBUTE
THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED. + ACTS 2:44-45

1. Restoration Hymns 2. Hymns to Wholeness 3. Hymns to Wholeness
4. Hymns to Wholeness 5. Hymns to Wholeness 6. Hymns to Wholeness
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REWIND TO WHOLENESS
HYMNS OF FAITH
NEW CHURCH MINISTRY
DISCIPLES RHYTHM
THE GOSPEL ECHOES
FAITHFUL FREQUENCIES
RESURRECTION RHYTHMS
GOSPEL GRACE

NEW CHURCH MINISTRY

THE 2024 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING
IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION
AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



DISCIPLES WOMEN NEWS

Thank you to all who helped with our Mystery Dinner. We hope those who attended enjoyed this fun, family evening. Special thanks to Mary Beth Ripple who was in charge of the event.

Our next special event is a Tea Party for the Ladies. This is for all women of the church and their guests. The party is scheduled for June 1 at 2:00PM. We are very excited to have a special guest join us. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin will tell us about her life as a child in France through her missionary work in the wilderness of Indiana. Be sure to wear your best spring bonnet as there will be a hat contest. We ask that each person bring a teacup and saucer as the church does not have teacups. If your cupboard is bare, Goodwill usually has assorted teacups. We hope you can join us for this special event. A sign up sheet will be at the Information Center.

Save the Date! We are planning a children's Mad Hatter Tea Party for both boys and girls. This will be on Saturday, August 3 from 2:00-3:00PM. More information will be available later.

Our next monthly dinner will be Monday, May 20 at 6:00PM. This is a week early due to Memorial Day. We will meet at Gerri's Italian Restaurant at 545 N. 9th St. in Clinton. All women are invited to join us. If you plan to attend, please let Susan Edmondson know.

We will also be meeting a week earlier in June since many of us will be volunteering for VBS. Mark your calendars for June 17 at 6:00PM. We will be going to the Paris Family Restaurant at 1218 N. Main St. in Paris, IL.

Submitted by Theresa Vaughn

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

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 or 812-239-1708.

Thank you for your help.

Submitted by Theresa Vaughn



Social Justice Reboot!

Now that it's spring, we are officially resurrecting our attention, energy & efforts concerning social justice issues. Again, anyone who is interested is very welcome to attend meetings & bring ideas to widen the circle. On Monday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a brainstorming session at Central. If anyone wants to share leadership with Beth Duley, please contact her. Also, let Beth know if she should order pizza for the evening of May 13 - for brain food, of course!



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 us for VBS from **6-8 p.m. on June 23rd through the June 27th**.

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

Carolyn Pickel, Chair Education Ministry Team



EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Outreach will be sponsoring a **JUNE BIRTHDAY PARTY** at the 14th & Chestnut Community Street Center for those children who have a June birthday. All of the children participate in the party and activities, but the Center will provide the birthday kiddos with birthday gifts. Our responsibilities include bringing and serving cupcakes and ice cream, decorating the tables with birthday regalia and providing either a craft activity or games that the children can play.



The party will be held on Tuesday, June 18 from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Our group will need to arrive a half hour earlier to set up.

Last year we provided 3 ring toss games for the children to play. Each child received a small party favor (a soda or piece of candy) as they participated in the games. Here's where we need your HELP! We need 3-5 people to help with this Outreach opportunity. Outreach will purchase and provide the cupcakes, ice cream and decorations, but we need your help with setting up, decorating, serving cake and ice cream and helping the children with the games. (There are also summer interns who will help with anything we need when the children are present). Please let Joyce Swoveland at cokelady15@hotmail.com or 812-201-1549, know if you can help! .

Sign up sheet with be posted at the information center.

Thank you so very much!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES



To date, Central Christian Church (DOC) has collected 106 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



Together, we make a difference! During the month of March, Outreach had letters addressed to our members of congress [\(both for Indiana and Illinois\)](#) available to sign. Bread for the World lobbies congress to help fight hunger. Letters were available after church for the entire month of March. If you missed getting a letter signed, you can still follow the link below to write letters to your elected members of congress online. Thank you for helping Central Christian support this worthy cause. https://go.bread.org/page/62477/action/1?_gl=1*1quyc5d*_qcl_au*MTAwMzQwMDU0OC4xNzA3OTcxOTkx

Additional information on Bread for the World can be found at www.bread.org



This year Central Christian, (DOC), in conjunction with the residents of Brownstone Manor Apartments, collected 84 individual sets of Legos for the Heart Center at Riley Hospital. A BIG THANK YOU to Phil Ewoldsen, who once again delivered the toy building sets to the Heart Center. The 84 sets had a combined value of \$925.00. Phil reported that the Children's Heart Center staff were thrilled to receive this incredible donation once again, in honor of the late Aaron Todd, son of Randy and Andrea Todd.

*Submitted by Joyce Swoveland



Linda Cole and Mary Jo Brown work with the many other MAT MAKERS every Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Cornerstone room to produce these beautiful and comfortable mats for the area homeless population. THANK YOU!!



Vigo County Vocal Chords

Songs

That

Start

With

The

Letter



Vigo County Vocal Chords

Spring Show

Tuesday N ght

May 7 2024

Central Chr stian Church

7 00pm

Rebecca's Revelation

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! What an incredible and Spirit-filled Eastertide we are having at Central Christian! As often happens in life, however, in the midst of celebrations and joys we have also experienced sadness.

Elder Emeritus Barbara Hunt died on April 11, 2024. Barbara had been a member of CCC for many, many years and was a lovely example of what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. She had a beautiful singing voice which she shared as a soprano in the Choir and she also served as "Filer-Organizer" of the Choir's music. Barbara participated in many areas of ministry including Education, VBS, CWF/ Disciples Women...(to name but a few). She also volunteered beyond our faith community at Helping Hands in West Terre Haute.

Before my time at Central, a church member who was deeply hurt and frustrated by some things within the congregation attended an Elders meeting. When this person left the meeting, it was Barbara who immediately led the Elders in praying for the situation and for the person. This reveals the kind of Christian, Elder and human being Barbara was.

For many church members, friends and visitors, Barbara was the first person to greet them when they came through the church doors, and when visitors came back, she was genuinely happy to see and talk with them again. In fact, Barbara modeled for many of us at Central what authentic Christian hospitality entails. Although she was not present at our Solar Fest, the gifts of inclusion and welcoming that she taught many were clearly moving, dancing and doing cartwheels among all who volunteered at the church the day of the eclipse!

The environment that all of you created was extraordinary from early morning until late afternoon. People from many places expressed their gratitude for the experience they had on our property AND among our congregation. I give thanks to God for all who helped plan and organize the Solar Fest. I give thanks for all those who chose to spend the day with us. I give thanks for Linda Snider who first brought the idea of an eclipse celebration to CCC, and I give thanks for people like Barbara Hunt who have helped build and shape the kind of faith community we revealed ourselves to be on April 8.

I was honored to be Barbara's pastor for the last years of her life and I am very proud and honored to be the Senior Minister of a not-very-large church that pulls off events like Solar-Fest!

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

Solar Fest Celebration, April 8, 2024

Dear CCC,

We traveled to you for the eclipse and had an absolutely wonderful time, thank you so much! The bounce houses and sensory areas were a huge hit with the kids, my sister won a telescope, and the whole event was amazing.

My daughter was trying to buy tickets via Eventbrite while we were on the drive, but we never got the confirmation. She also called the church to tell what happened and they told us to come on in. The guys at the gate knew who we were and eaved us through, and the checkout table also knew. I checked my bank statement in the morning and Eventbrite did not charge us for tickets. Enclosed find \$40 for two carloads of Millises from Geneva, IL.

Everyone was so nice and accommodating. I can't imagine how we could have picked a better place to be.

Thanks again!

Chris Mills

Out of the Darkness and Into the Light

How do you honor a dear friend? You make their imagination a reality! Our dear friend, Linda Snider, imagined a celebration of God's amazing celestial show, where people could come together to laugh, play, eat, learn, smile, and share a very special moment together. We will be talking about April 8, 2024, for many years to come. On that day, 483 people from 10 states, Washington DC to Texas, came to Central Christian Church to experience totality.

When we put our minds and hearts together, we accomplish TOTALITY. . .

TOTAL Determination – 74 volunteers, eclipse ambassadors, and a grant from the T. H. Children's Museum

TOTAL Safety – 2 security guards and 7 CCC members trained in CPR/First Aid

TOTAL Entertainment – 12 vendors including Anna's Hands, Sugar Studio and Hype Face Painting, music, prize giveaways, and many family-friendly activities

TOTAL Education – science demonstrations, several telescopes for up-close viewing, and a live video display of the eclipse

TOTAL Love – Hosting single-parent families for a day of fun, spending time with those we love, and making memories.

Without a doubt, Central Christian Church is TOTALLY Awesome!

Submitted by Sherrie Mansfield

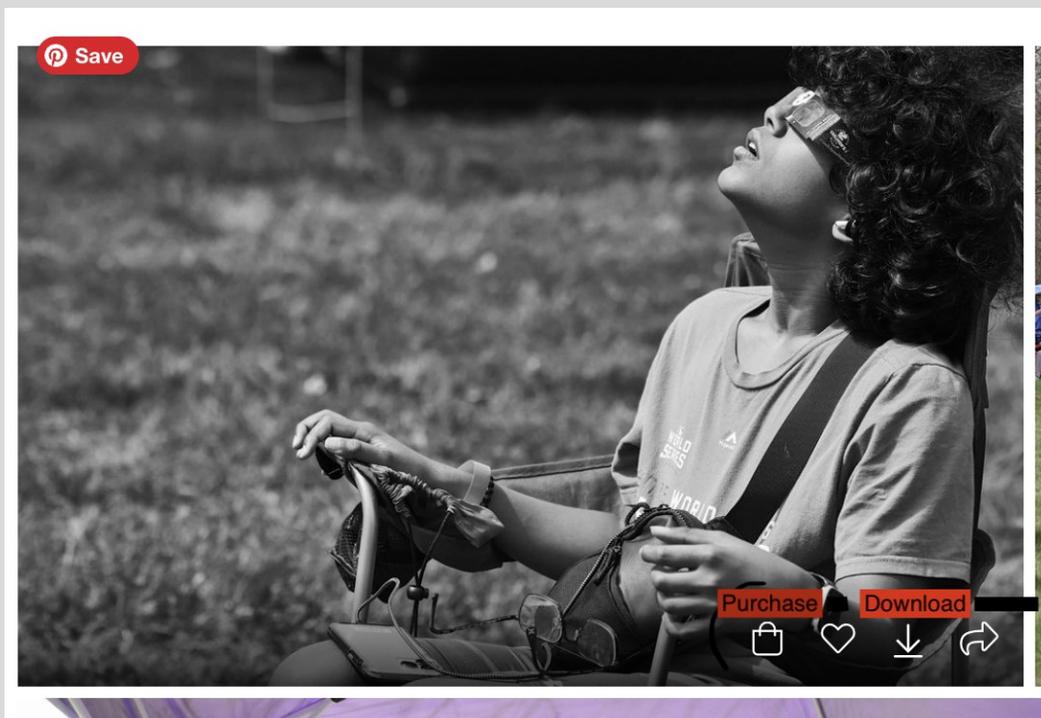
Photos Available from the Solar Fest Celebration

How blessed we were to have Jeremy Lawson as Central's official photographer for the Solar Fest! Purchasing of prints is possible through the website Jeremy set up. If someone is viewing the website, they can hover their cursor over the photo of interest and four icons will appear in the lower right corner. People have two options to buy photos:

1) Click on the purchase icon (labelled "purchase") which will take you to the proofing website Pixieset. People can order prints here BUT it's an expensive option. This is a service people use to buy photos for hanging in their home (EX. that big family portrait hanging over the fireplace) or for elaborate photo albums. A portion of every sale, though, goes back to Jeremy, so if people want to support his business in this way, it is an option.

Jeremy recommends option 2.

2) Jeremy has set it up so anyone who has access to the website can download photos to their computer, device or dropbox/google photos account. To do this, click on the "download" option as noted in the example photo below, and then enter your email address and the access pin (that pin is 6871). Once an image file is downloaded, prints can be ordered through a service of choice-- WalMart/Sam's Club is a very affordable option.



<https://jeremylawsonphotography.pixieset.com/centralchristianeclipseparty/>

Solar Fest Time Capsule

All Central members & friends are invited to share something in honor of the recent eclipse in our Time Capsule. You can place a prayer, a poem, artwork inspired by the eclipse, messages & wishes for the future or any other treasures or mementoes to symbolize Solar Fest 2024. We have a time capsule area on the table underneath the large cross outside the Cornerstone Room. We will seal the time capsule on May 19. The plan is to open it in Aug 2044 when some parts of the US will again experience a Total Solar Eclipse.

Submitted by Susan Goode



SOLAR FEST 2024



Mystery Dinner 2024



HAPPY

2:: ANDREA MCCOLL
5:: JENNA HOWELL
5:: ADDYSON STEELE
6:: AUSTIN MOSTELLER
7:: BETH TRUAX
8:: HOLLY RUDOLF
13:: WHITNIE WEATHERSPOON
13:: SARAH WILSON
15:: ALLISSA WILLIAMS
20:: ZACHARIAH MATHEW
20:: BRENDA WALTERMIRE
21:: DOUG SLOAN
22:: BETH DULEY

24:: RAYDON GARLOCH
24:: MACKENZIE MCKEE
24:: PAM LONG
25:: CHERYL FOOTE
28:: LORRI UGO
29:: SOPHIE MINGER
29:: OWEN MINGER
29:: KEN ROGERS
30:: CADEN CRAFTETS

ANNIVERSARIES

11-DAN & JOY CLIKEMAN
15-LARRY & MARGARET MERKLE
21-DOUG & CAROL SLOAN
31-PHIL EWOLDSEN & DAVID ROSE



Good Bye April

Welcome May



JenniferBrazier.Com



MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 9:30a Mat Makers
			11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study	7p Church Use		
5 Cinco de Mayo 12:15a Elders	6 9a Bible Study 6p Education	7 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC - CONCERT	8 11a Choir Rm Use 6:30p Choir	9 6p Outreach Team 7p Church Use	10	11 9:30a Mat Makers 5p God Gays & They @ Pride Center
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13 9a Bible Study 6p Social Justice Meeting	14 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC 7p Taize @SMWC	15 11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study 6:30p Choir	16 10a Grief Counseling 7p Church Use	17	18 9:30a Mat Makers 2 p Celebration of Life for Toni Herr
19 PENTECOST SS: William Edwards 1p Board Meeting	20 PENTECOST MONDAY 9a Bible Study 6p DW @ Gerri's	21 Clarion Articles Due 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC	22 11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study 6:30p Choir	23 7p Church Use	24	25 9:30a Mat Makers
26	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC	29 11a Choir Rm Use 5:30p Bible Study	30 7p Church Use	31	

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