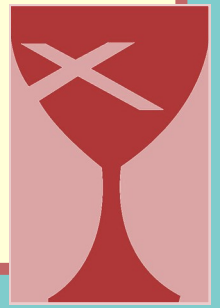


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Of Central Christian Church (DOC)



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May 2026

HOLDING IN PRAYER.....

Please pray for the war in the Middle East and all who are being affected by it. Many in those countries have no voice in what is going on and many Americans have been deployed to that part of the world.

Please pray for the **Morales family**. The parents were detained by ICE here in Terre Haute in April leaving 18, 14 and 10-year-olds. The mother, Juana, was recently released.

Abby & Karlie Abel as they pursue a new endeavor. Please pray for them to have great success and to feel lots of support.

Amy Adelsberger Bosley & her family. Amy started a new chemo treatment and had a bad reaction to it. Please pray that Amy will get whatever rest she needs, that she will not have bad reactions in the future and that her body will respond well.

Amber Barnes will have a surgical procedure on May 8. Pray that this will help with the pain and issues she has experienced for months.

Pat Beck, Tammy's mom, is doing great at the present time. Pat, Tammy and their family very much appreciate Central's prayers and support.

Brian Bennett, Mary Jo Brown's grandson, as he continues monthly treatments to stop his body from rejecting the lung transplant he received a number of years ago.

Miles Cooley, Kathy Iliff's brother, as he works on important relationships in his life and works two jobs while dealing with a very difficult situation. Please pray for Miles' general well-being and for Kathy and all who love him.

Rick Dennis' children, **Shana & Austin**, and their mother, **Teresa**. Teresa continues receiving chemo and is experiencing quite a bit of nausea. She will return to the oncologist soon. Rick, his children and Teresa appreciate the concerns and prayers.

Clint Durrett, Sharron Overby's 35-year-old nephew, who has testicular cancer. Please pray that Clint's white blood count will be good enough for him to keep having chemo and that he will tolerate treatments well.

Marilyn Fisher, her family & friends; please pray for their general good health and well-being. Please pray also for Marilyn and all at Harrison's Crossing who are grieving the loss of one of the staff.

Alanson Hammond as he continues physical therapy after knee surgery. Please pray for Alanson's parents as well.

Ed Miner, Sharron Overby's father-in-law, is recovering from cellulitis on his leg and is consulting with a wound specialist for a large boil on the same leg.

Mary Beth Mullen as she waits until the end of May for test results. Mary Beth has been diagnosed with COPD and is working with an endocrinologist for other health concerns.

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.

Jackie Murphy, Rev. Zelensky's aunt. Jackie is at a rehab facility, recovering from getting hit by a car.

Bill Oram, Jacquie Bradfield's brother, as he recovers from surgery on April 28. Bill is having chemo for pancreatic cancer.

Megan Orman, who is still in critical condition as of mid-April.

Nancy Pickel, Carolyn's sister & Joyce's sister-in-law, as Nancy prepares for treatments for a tumor on her liver.

Mary Beth Ripple has completed radiation treatments and will only need to see the doctor for regular checkups. Mary Beth is grateful for all the prayers and concern.

Patricia Rose, David's mom, and their family as Patricia is now at Harrison's Crossing after a recent hospitalization.

Karen Sagraves that she will continue to feel well as she receives chemo and that her scans/tests will show good results.

Lois & Roger Schultz; the doctor says Lois' tumor is shrinking. Please pray for Lois, Roger and their family as Lois still has a long way to go with treatment.

Brenda Waltermire & her family as they continue to deal with the loss of Rick.

Sara Zachariah & her family as Sara continues her time in South Korea.

Clara Zulu as she works on her thesis.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Andrea and Amanda McColl** and all who are grieving the loss of David.

Congratulations to **Sherrie & Greg Mansfield** who welcomed granddaughter, **Maya Beth Minger** on April 16! Maya weighed 9lbs, 9 oz and proud parents are Clayton and Abigail.

Congratulations to **Kat & Larry Parvin** who officially adopted **Ma'Necion** on April 10! Mo is now big sister to Lillian, Calliope and Peregrine.

"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

INDIANA DISCIPLES

2026 SUMMER CAMPS



June 12-14	Intergenerational Camp
June 15-20	Explorers (Completed grades 4 & 5)
June 22-24	New Beginnings (Completed grades 1-3)
June 25-27	You & Me (Age 5+ with adult)
June 29-July 4	High School (Completed grades 9-12)
July 6-11	Middle School (Completed grades 6-8)
July 13-18	CROSS (Sports - Completed grades 6-12)
July 20-25	MAD (Music, Art, & Drama - Completed grades 6-12)

Camp Registration Will Be Open Soon!

Fees: 6-day camps: \$475; 3-day camps: \$275

\$25 “Early Bird” discount if registered before **May 1**

**Scholarships are available for campers who attend Disciples of Christ churches, please contact your pastor for a scholarship application.*

Mark your calendars!

It is time to start thinking about VBS. Our theme this year is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God". The adventures will take place June 7-11 from 6-8:15 p.m. for kids ages 5 through 5th grade. We need volunteers to help lead our VBS adventures.

If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Pickel, Chair at (812) 239-1708 or mmdisney70@hotmail.com. We are excited for another God-filled week of VBS!



Graduate recognition

One of the most exciting times in life is celebrating graduation. We certainly enjoy recognizing our graduates, whether from kindergarten, high school or college.

Please submit your graduate's name, parents' and/or grandparents' names, school, type of degree, & future plans. This information may be emailed to Carolyn Pickel, Education Chair at mmdisney70@hotmail.com or may be handed to her at church. Information needs to be received by June 1st as graduates will be honored during worship on June 7th.



Photo by Kat Parvin

The Disciples Women will meet on Monday, May 18 at 6:00pm. We will be traveling to dinner at Gerrie's in Clinton, IN. They have delicious Italian food and great desserts. They are located at 545 N. 9th St. Some of us will probably be carpooling. If you would like to join us, please let Susan Edmondson know. If you are interested in carpooling let Susan know as well.

The Disciples Women is open to any women of the church. We normally meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00pm. This month is a week earlier due to Memorial Day. We meet at different area restaurants for dinner, fellowship, and to plan activities. We are always glad to have new women join us or old friends return.



Submitted by Theresa Vaughn

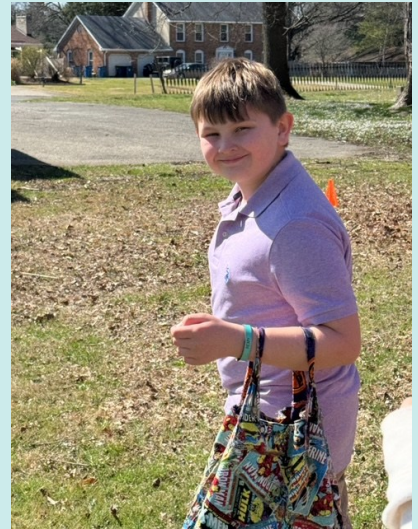
Easter at Central

Our beautiful Sanctuary



Photo by Kathy Ocompo

Easter Egg Hunt 2026







Become A Part of Indiana Mentor Through Volunteering:

Foster Children are some of the most vulnerable children, they are often forced to leave their communities, friends, schools and families. The foster homes they are placed with are challenged with multiple appointments, visitations, systemic demands all while meeting the needs of the children. Every child that comes to a foster home creates an adjustment within the home. Foster parents are our unsung hero's helping those children needs. Our goal is to support the homes in multiple ways so that they can provide the best care to the children placed with them. This is where we ask for your help.

Contact Information

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of supporting Families and Children. Your support makes everyone's lives just a little better!

REQUIREMENTS

ALL VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH FOSTER CHILDREN WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE & PASS BACKGROUND CHECKS.

In what ways can you volunteer:

Share with us in what ways or skills that you have and how you would like to help support the children and families that are licensed through Indiana Mentor.

Please circle all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting Foster Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Obtaining Donations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare FH Meals | <input type="checkbox"/> Collecting Donations | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking for Support Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver FH Meals | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Teens | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washing FH Clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning FH | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering @ Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Connecting families to Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain |

OTHER IDEAS / SKILLS / SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE or WISH TO OFFER:

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of supporting Families and Children.

Faith & Giving wants the congregation to know that one way they can help Central financially, is to list Central as a Rewards recipient on their Kroger card.

If you shop at Kroger and use the Plus card, you have the ability in your settings to list Central and Central will receive a cash donation.

To enroll:

1. Open your Kroger account
2. Click on the person icon in the upper left corner
3. Choose Payment and Resources
4. Select Community Rewards
5. Search for Central Christian Church - Disciples of Christ
6. Choose Central and we will earn Rewards every time you shop at Kroger.

Thank you,

Faith & Giving Ministry



Are you looking for somewhere to donate your gently used clothing and shoes that will make them available for FREE to those in need? I know a place!

Centenary United Methodist Church has a Clothes Closet. Those in need are able to shop during their free monthly lunch or other times by appointment. Most of those who attend the lunch and shop are those you see on the streets downtown or low-income families. Buying new clothes at discount stores or even Goodwill are not in their budget.

I will make it easier for you. Centenary is right next door to United Campus Ministries. I work at UCM Monday-Thursday 10:00am-3:00pm. If you would like to drop off your clothing during those hours, I will see that it gets to Centenary. If those hours don't work, UCM has additional hours and we will work something out. UCM is located at 321 N. 7th St.

If you wish to make a donation or have questions you may contact me by phone or text at 812-229-8089. You can also contact me at UCM at 812-232-0186. I can even give you a tour of UCM if you would like to learn more about us.

Theresa Vaughn



Rebecca's Revelation

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Risen Christ! The season of Eastertide this year lasts until May 24, the day of Pentecost. On the Sunday *after* Pentecost, the gospel reading will be Matthew 28:16-20, often known as The Great Commission. These last verses in Matthew's gospel spoken by the Risen Jesus to his first disciples are included above. “Go and make disciples...baptize...teach everything I have commanded you.” Notice what it doesn't say. It doesn't say:

“Go find young people and younger families who will come to church and do ministry so you don't have to do it anymore.”

“Go and invite people to worship who have money so you in the church don't need to worry any longer about finances.”

“Go and water down what is expected of my followers so others will think being faithful is easy all the time and will want to join us.”

Sadly, these and similar statements are said all the time in churches across the U.S. Sadly, I have heard individuals in our church say these and similar statements. If I were visiting churches in search of a new faith community and I thought the reason church members wanted me to become a part of their congregation for any of the reasons above, I would keep looking. What about you?

According to the most recent data, less than 50% of Americans attend a faith community of any kind. Less than 50%. Part of what Jesus expects of us as his followers is to make more disciples – not so our church can continue, but because Jesus wants more and more people to experience his way of living in the world, for more and more people to experience God's realm breaking forth in the world, for more and more people to know that God loves them unconditionally.

We need to be very clear on why we (each of us) follow Jesus AND why we (each of us) choose to live and nurture our relationship with Jesus at and through Central Christian (DOC). The reason the early church grew and spread in the ancient world was because others saw and heard those first disciples and thought, "I want what they have!"

I think that what we have at Central Christian is pretty great. Not perfect, not always the best, but most of us striving all the time to do better, to be faithful, to live the ways of Jesus. On occasion we disappoint each other and do/say stupid things, AND there is a lot of grace that makes it possible for us to keep going as a community.

Disciples, what are you waiting for? When was the last time you posted something about how great worship or Sunday school or a fellowship event was on social media? When was the last time you invited someone who doesn't have a faith community to come to worship with you or to watch online? Let's get on that...

Peace to you,

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

Pentecost Special Offering

On Pentecost, the Spirit did not stay in one place. It moved outward — across languages, cultures, and every barrier people believed separated them. In that moment, a new kind of community was born, shaped by courage, generosity, and love.

That same Spirit is still moving today.

In a world where many people feel uncertain, divided, or disconnected from one another, the Church is called to be a different kind of presence — one that reflects Christ's compassion, humility, and grace.

The Prophet Micah reminds us what God asks of us:

“To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.” — Micah 6:8

Not just believe.

Not just gather.

But to live in ways that bring healing and hope.

Because faith without justice is empty — and justice, at its heart, is love in action.

The Pentecost Offering helps support [New Church Ministry](#) and your Region to nurture emerging and affiliating faith communities in the [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\) in the United States and Canada](#). Through these ministries, new spaces are created where people can encounter God, build meaningful relationships, and serve their neighbors with compassion.

Your gift helps these communities grow in neighborhoods seeking connection and hope.

Thank you for giving, praying, and helping the Spirit continue its work among us.

For Times Such as These

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**2026 PENTECOST OFFERING SUNDAYS
MAY 17 AND MAY 24**

THE 2026 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING IN
SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION AND
ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).



The Vigo County Vocal Chords and The Wabash Valley String Posse will perform a joint concert at Central Christian Church.



Friday, May 15, 2026 at 6:30pm

The Vocal Chords will be celebrating America's 250th Anniversary and singing some favorite patriotic songs, along with a few fun ones.

The String Posse will entertain the audience with musical numbers featuring a variety of string instruments, including the dulcimer.





**SUMMER
DRIVE**

FOR

**PATHWAYS DAY
DROP-IN CENTER**

WHAT TO DONATE:

Sunscreen
Aloe Vera
Deodorant
Chapstick
Body wipes
Gallons/Bottles of water

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH MAY 31

Pathways Day Drop-In Center's mission is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the individuals experiencing homelessness, ensuring access to essential resources and fostering connections to housing support in Region 7. They are dedicated to meeting basic needs and empowering our community through compassion and collaboration.



FROM THE DESK OF RICHARD A. HAYNES

Dear family and friends,

On **August 29, 2026**, Pat and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary! **You are invited to our fun-filled party!** We would be delighted to see you at the Estate Room, the Toast and Jam Event Center, 7311 Mallard Lane, Schererville, Indiana, 46376 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM (Central Standard Time). It will be a celebration of marriage! Please come dressed in wedding celebration attire.

We will gather from 4-5 with love songs from the 60s and 70s plus time for you to take advantage of the free photo booth, catch up with other folks and gawk at the photos of us through the years. After the initial prizes are awarded - for sure, lots of gift-baskets, we will have a sit-down dinner at 5:00 pm plus wedding cake. After dinner come the stories, more gifts given and other surprises which you will not want to miss!

After the festivities, you may wish to take advantage of having a photograph taken of you and your spouse or family by our professional photographer, Leslie Schueman. You just have to sign up for that opportunity. If you don't have fun, it's not our fault!

Please RSVP to our son Rich at richhaynes1@gmail.com who will be getting an accurate count for dinner. Please, let us know how many will be enjoying the evening with us, and even if you sadly cannot come.

With love from our house to yours,

Dick and Pat Haynes



Richard A. Haynes*** 10448 Whitney Place*** Crown Point, Indiana 46307
Mobile: 765-277-3001 *** Email: rahaynes201@aol.com

Rahbook.com



50th Wedding Anniversary
Celebration

For Dick and Pat Haynes
Saturday, August 29, 2026

4:00—7:00 PM
(Central Time)

Dinner, photo booth, fun and surprises

RSVP: richhaynes1@gmail.com

by August 7, 2026

Estate Room

Toast and Jam Event Center

7311 Mallard Lane, Schereville, IN 46375

Cards ... No Gifts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2:: ANDREA MCCOLL
5:: JENNA HOWELL
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

28:: LORRI UGO
29:: SOPHIE MINGER
29:: OWEN MINGER
29:: KEN ROGERS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 9:30a Mat Makers
3 12:15p Elders	4 9a Bible Study 5:30p Yoga 6p Education Team 7p Church Use	5 Cinco de Mayo 6:30p Church Use 6:30-8:30p VCVC	6 5:30p Bible Study	7 11a Choir Rm Use 6p Outreach 7p Church Use 6-8p SJ BK Club	8	9 9:30a Mat Makers 5-7 God, Gays & They's @ Pride Center
10 Every Daughter	11 9a Bible Study 4p Mobile Food Pantry 5:30p Yoga 7p Church Use	12 6:30p Church Use 7p Taize @ SMWC 7-9p VCVC	13	14 11a Choir Rm Use	15 6:30p Vocal Chords Concert	16 9:30a Mat Makers
17 3p Board Meeting	18 9a Bible Study 5:30p Yoga 6p DW @ Gerrie's Clinton 7p Church Use	19 Clarion Articles Due 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC	20 5:30p Bible Study	21 11a Choir Rm Use	22 4p Grief Support Group	23 9:30a Mat Makers
24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 6:30p Church Use 7-9p VCVC	27 5:30p Bible Study	28 11a Choir Rm Use 7p Church Use	29	30 9:30a Mat Makers
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9:30 AM

Sunday School for
all ages 11 AM



**"May, the month of
sunshine, blooming flowers,
and endless possibilities."**

- Unknown

