

## **Central Christian Church**



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Some of us have a better idea than others of the changes that have occurred in the last 100 years. It's already hard enough for most of us to imagine life without cell phones, let alone automatic washers and dryers and indoor plumbing.

100 years ago this country still faced the fact that children were at serious risk simply because of illnesses that are now virtually eradicated. Living to age 16 was one of the biggest challenges in life! Today, we worry about gun violence in schools and self-inflicted damage cause by drug & alcohol use.

Transportation today is incredibly simpler than it was in 1918—and yet we still seem to have difficulty visiting our family and friends in nursing homes (which didn't exist 100 years ago either).

Communication is as simple as ever in human history—and yet we still often fail to communicate with one another.

In 1918, they did not have the choices and opportunities that we now enjoy. But one thing remains the same. What matters is what we actually do with the opportunities we have. What matters is how we establish our priorities and then follow through. What matters is the quality of our character and the depth of our values.

Some people say that things have improved immensely over the decades. Others claim that the world is a worse place to live than in the “great days” of some past era they remember.

But better or worse, richer or poorer, we still have opportunities to live our lives according to our priorities and based upon our faith.

May God help us live our lives well by making the best use of the time and opportunities we have.

Email us at:  
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John

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VISIT OUR WEB SITE

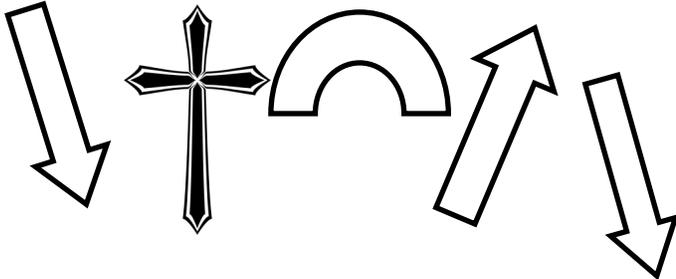
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Please check our updated WEB page.

For Reverend Dunn's messages click  
YouTube link.

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**WITNESS**



HE CAME

HE DIED

HE AROSE

HE ASCENDED

**HE'S COMING BACK**

**April  
Calendar of Events**

*CWF MEETING  
Tuesday April 3 @7pm*

*CCC WORK DAY  
Saturday April 14th @8:00am  
Meet in the Friendship Room for  
coffee, donuts and fellowship.*

EASTER BREAKFAST  
*Sunday April 1st @8am  
CWF will furnish breakfast casseroles,  
drinks, plates and tableware. If possible  
bring breakfast pastries, juice, any breakfast  
item of your choice.*

SET UP FOR LADIES TEA  
*Saturday April 28th @10am*

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**LADIES SAVE THIS DATE**

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
8TH LADIES AFTERNOON TEA  
SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018  
@3:00-5:00PM  
Speaker: Pastor Marie Fleming  
Pianist: Roselyn Grubb**



**Invitations will go out , all are welcome.  
Please invite your family and friends.**

**RSVP by April 20th—812-254-2423**



## **ALL Means ALL—Progress Toward our Vision**

You may recall that our Vision Statement divides our mission into 3 different focus areas.

One of those areas involves the use of our facilities and resources. How does our use of our resources reflect the fact that we are concerned with all God's people and not just ourselves?

The Church Board approved a step in that direction in its March 2018 Meeting. We have decided to move some money currently in our checking account (drawing no interest) into an investment at the Christian Church Foundation. The funds being moved include some of the remaining money left from the sale of the parsonage and some others funds remaining from a Youth Fund from a few years ago.

The total investment will amount to \$33,017. By investing with a foundation associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we strengthen our connections with our denomination and help build the foundation's own strength. The funds will remain completely at our disposal if we need them in the future. But in the meantime they will generate 3 to 4% annually.

It is our intention to designate those funds earned on this investment for future mission giving. So each year when we receive the investment income we may send some to Week of Compassion, or Christian Theological Seminary's scholarship fund, or use it for some other specific ministry that serves God's people beyond our doors.

This allows us to increase the difference we can make in the world without adding to our budget expenses. We can point to that investment and the use of the proceeds as evidence of our commitment to serve ALL. Meanwhile, we still retain some of the funds from the sale of the parsonage in the checking account to meet other future needs.

A second focus area includes our connections within the community. We are making progress there as well with the ongoing work to develop our Recovery Central. Our Recovery Minister, Dan Sherar, has been sharing our vision with other congregation's leaders and other community organizations as we begin to build a coalition to address the unmet needs of people in recovery or those who have not yet sought the help they need.

We are also making progress in setting up an office with a separate phone line so we will be able to receive calls from those in need of information or support. Part of our vision will be to simply serve as a resource center for people who need information on addiction or who are looking for help getting started on a recovery plan. We will also provide information for those trying to rebuild their lives to help them find other necessary resources. So if they need help with clothes, we might refer them to Westminster Presbyterian. If they need food, we can help them find a meal or a food pantry. If they need help with rent or bills we can help them contact Connections. If they need counseling or a support group, we can help them with that as well.

It's a slow process but there is an openness and eagerness growing within our congregation and the community. Many people recognize that more has to be done. If we can help those who want to offer support to recovering persons simply find some ways to build a cooperative effort, then we will truly make a difference in our community. Progress!! It's a sign of God at work!

John



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## *CELEBRATING 90 YEARS*

*Central Christian Church is celebrating 90 years in 2018.*

*March 4th, 2018 is the actual anniversary date. CCC held a reception to celebrate the day.*

*CCC WILL HAVE A GRAND CELEBRATION LATER THIS YEAR (SAVE THIS DATE)*

*Sunday June 3, 2018. Details will be announced at a later date.*

*It will be a welcome home for many people.*

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### **“NEW FROM THE PEWS”**

From Sally Christie

Hello church Family;  
I will be embarking on a new adventure this spring. On May 5th I will be running/walking in a 5K race in Indianapolis. This race is a fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I'm doing this to honor my mom who has benefited from the research done by the LLS. I've never done anything like this so your prayers are appreciated! If you would like to make a donation in support of my fundraising effort please let me know. Thank You!!!!

## **NEWS FROM RECOVERY CENTRAL**

Much has happened in the last few weeks. Our leadership team held its first meeting on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>. The team includes Alan and Sally Christie, John Dunn, Larry Mattes, Dan Renneker, and Daniel Sherar. Discussion has been focused on the needed structure which is being established with an anticipated phone line for the resource center, volunteers to help staff, and information to be readily available for people in need. In addition to this, we have submitted a grant application to the Center for Congregations. Other grant possibilities are in the works. We can see the potential for working relationships with neighboring congregations, the hospital, schools, government agencies, and other organizations. We look forward to having a new service in the community for people who need better connections to resources and friends who are willing to help with recovery needs.

While we are awaiting a new phone line for Recovery Central, do feel free to bring questions or concerns to our attention. As we begin to meet needs, we gain insights into the issues that are most troublesome for people with addictions and their families. Our aim is not to reinvent the wheel, but to facilitate better collaboration between members of our local community, and increase our understanding and responsiveness to people who have not yet found hope in their struggles with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups.

**Scripture Readings:**

*Looking for inspiration?*

**Week of April 1**

Psalm 22  
SU Isaiah 35:1—10  
M Isaiah 40:1—11  
TU Isaiah 40:18—31  
W Isaiah 41:17—20  
TH Isaiah 42:1—9  
F Isaiah 42:14—20  
SA Isaiah 43:1—13

**Week of April 8**

Psalm 18:19—29  
SU Mark 10:32—45  
M Mark 10:46—52  
TU Mark 11:1—11  
W Mark 11:12—19  
TH Mark 11:20—26  
F Mark 11:27—33  
SA Mark 12:1—12

**Week of April 15**

Psalm 29  
SU Isaiah 43:18—25  
M Isaiah 44:1—8  
TU Isaiah 45:18—19  
W Isaiah 49:1—7  
TH Isaiah 49:8—18  
F Isaiah 50:4—9  
SA Isaiah 51:1—8

**Week of April 22**

Psalm 37:8—22  
SU Mark 12:13—17  
M Mark 12:18—34  
TU Mark 12:35—40  
W Mark 12:41—44  
TH Mark 13:1—8  
F Mark 13:9—31  
SA Mark 13:32—37

**Week of April 29**

Psalm 25:1—15  
SU Isaiah 51:12—16  
M Isaiah 52:7—10  
TU Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
W Isaiah 54:4—13  
TH Isaiah 55:1—11  
F Isaiah 57:14—21  
SA Isaiah 58:3—9a

**Our Stewardship Answers God's Call to our Mission**

**2018 Budget Requirement Averages \$1306 Weekly**

Tithes & Offerings

February 4 - \$1560	March 4 - \$1282
February 11 - \$695	March 11 - \$1555
February 18 - \$2140	March 18 - \$2371
February 25 - \$1059	March 25 - \$1036

We celebrate every dollar as a witness to the love and grace of God at work among us.

**We also received generous contributions in recent weeks for special ministries like:**

**Our Backpack Ministry, the Powerhouse, Week of Compassion and the children's "Milk Bottle" gifts that help families in the Congo.**

**Financial Highlights**

Your generous giving continues to keep up with our budget needs—and our spending remains frugal and appropriate to our situation.

Your faithful giving and God's extraordinary grace allows us to make a positive impact on the world. Not only can we rest assured that normal expenses are managed well, but we can look at opportunities to make an even bigger impact on our world.

**Thank you for that great sign of life among us!**

# April

## **BIRTHDAYS**

6 – Trey Payton Best  
6 – Debra Breeden  
7 – Elaine Osha  
23 – Mary Lou Strange  
23 – Sally Christie  
25 – Jennifer Skomp  
26 – Kristen Stuckey

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

16 – Anthony and Renee Doscher  
23 – William and Mary Lou Strange

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary listed (or if its incorrect) please call or email the church office.

## **Scheduled to Serve in**

**Elders:** Larry Mattes & Dan Renneker

**Deacons:** Bill Lundy, Carmen Kane  
Judy Singleton, Anthony Doscher

**Communion Prep:** Larry & Pam Lagle

### **Greeters:**

**April 1:** Terry & Stella Kiefer

**April 8:** Dennis & Jackie Breeden

**April 15:** The Mattes Family

**April 22:** Anthony & Renee Doscher

**April 29:** Richard Overton & Dan Renneker



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