

Central Christian Church



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I remember an old saying about the “March winds” - they bring in the new life of Spring. What they sometimes fail to explain is that new life is synonymous with “change”.

“IN with the new and OUT with the old” - a more abrupt reminder of the winds that blow from time to time. Such reminders are usually welcome among the young (new) and annoying to the “old”.

We may very well be on the verge of seeing the old sayings come to life again—as the young students of Florida have been moved to action by the tragic school shooting in Florida—the latest among several school shootings in the US so far in 2018.

We are about to see old established forces bracing against the winds of change brought by the young. The conversation will be politicized—twitter and facebook will likely explode with conflict. Will the old bend to the wind—or will the winds fail to make an impact—or will the old be broken like an unyielding tree that cannot adapt to the power of the winds of change?

If the answers were easy, then surely we would have solved it by now. If the politics were easy, then we might actually have meaningful conversations about this national threat—without the politics of money and re-elections coming into play.

Surely we can pray for some honest, meaningful change—at least some honest serious conversations. Maybe we can contact our elected officials to simply encourage an open discussion? Maybe we will find our own place to foster hope and change?

Email us at:
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VISIT OUR WEB SITE

<http://www.centralchristiandoc.org>

Please check our updated WEB page.

For Reverend Dunn's messages click YouTube link.

CCC received a thank you letter from Connections for our donation of \$250.00 in January.

Central Christian Church sent a \$400. donation to Congo Nutrition Center in Memory of Lucas Mattes.

EASTER LILIE ORDER

Flowers to be placed in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday and then taken home following Easter Morning Worship.

Complete the order below and place in the offering plate.

Easter Lilies will be \$12.00 each
Spring Mums \$12.00 each

Given in memory of or in honor of (please circle one):

From:

Please Write how many of each:

____ EASTER LILIES

____ SPRING MUMS

March Calendar of Events

CWF MEETING

Tuesday March 6th @7pm

CCC WORK DAY

*Saturday March 10th @8:00am
Meet in the Friendship Room for coffee, donuts and fellowship.*

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday March 13th @7:30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday March 29th @7pm

EASTER BREAKFAST SET UP

*Saturday March 31st
Time to be announced*

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**LADIES SAVE THIS DATE
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8TH LADIES AFTERNOON TEA
SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018
@3:00-5:00PM**

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

Lent has Arrived

Lent has traditionally been a time of humility and preparation. You could say that it takes a humble soul just to recognize that we need to prepare—that we are not already self-sufficient. You could say that it takes a humble soul to confess that we are on a spiritual journey and have not “already arrived”.

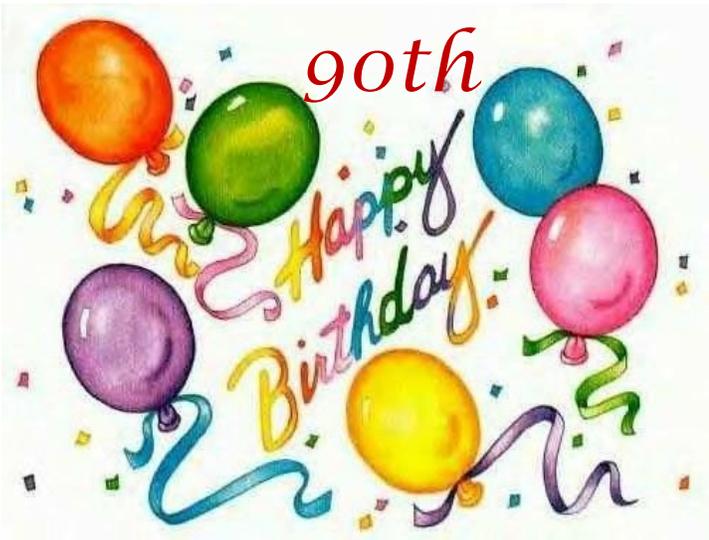
It does seem to be common among us humans to reach a stopping place. Maybe we know there is room for growth—but we’re too satisfied to work at it. Maybe we know there is room for improvement—but we are too tired to try. Maybe we know that there is a lot yet to learn, but it’s just too hard to think about it.

Maybe we did send a man to the moon, but choosing to accept that we need to work on preparing ourselves to be more faithful in our lives can seem to be more than we can manage.

So let’s start with small steps on this Lenten Journey. I’ve listed below the planned scripture for each of the Sundays in Lent. We have already begun this Journey, but pick it up where you can. Try to read the scripture early in the week and maybe again later in the week to keep it fresh.

Give some thought to what is happening in that passage. What faith journey is involved? Was it planned or forced? What happened that offered a challenge to the person involved? How did that person respond? And is there some general lesson on life you can find as that story unfolds?

February 18:	Genesis 29: 16 - 25	Jacob’s Journey through Deceit
February 25:	Genesis 37: 14 - 24	Joseph’s Journey through Abandonment
March 4:	Exodus 2: 11 - 15	Moses’ Journey through Fear
March 11:	1 Kings 19: 11 - 16	Elijah’s Journey through Doubt
March 18:	Luke 4: 1 - 12	Jesus’ Journey through Temptation
March 25:	Mark 11: 7 - 14	Jesus’ Journey through Disappointment



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On Sunday March 4, 1928 A group of Area residents met in the Washington City Hall to establish a new church. This church became known as Central Christian Church of the Brotherhood of The Disciples of Christ.

On Sunday March 4, 2018 CCC will Commemorate our 90th Birthday with a cake and coffee social in the Friendship room immediately following Worship Service.

A Homecoming event is being discussed for later this year. See Larry Mattes for Details and your thoughts.

EVERYBODY INVITED!

“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

Recovery Central is off to a slow but steady start. We are committing several hours each week to collecting useful information, developing an office area with resources, looking for funding sources, and discussing progress. Our current leadership team includes: Pastor John Dunn, Alan Christie, Sally Christie, Larry Mattes, Dan Renneker, and me. Our first Leadership Team meeting was held on February 24, 2018, to establish a sense of direction, and begin defining our various tasks.

One significant item is a one-day workshop I attended on February 15 with Accelerating Indiana Municipalities (AIM) in Carmel, Indiana. With the sharing of a rich supply of information and practical guidance for sober-minded communities, an inspiring report was given by guests from Crawfordsville, Indiana (Montgomery County; population approximately 38,000). There, members of the Fire Department, Health Department, City government, and other local leaders, have been working more decisively together as a community to effectively address their city's drug overdose crisis. Their presenters reported a difficult process of overcoming complacency in the face of devastating loss; as well as a camaraderie that has been developing in the last few years. The take-away is that any rural community can be overwhelmed by an unforeseen drug crisis. For this reason, we must understand the potential for our own community to come together in the fight for each other—for sobriety.

Recovery Central is making a unique effort in Washington, Indiana; strengthening the grassroots in the hope that people can live above the influence of mood-altering drugs. We look forward to increased activity, dialogue, and teamwork with other community leaders to see a greater—community-wide—initiative serving children, adults, and families in the Washington area.

Scripture Readings:

Looking for inspiration?

Week of March 4

Psalm 89:1—18
SU Isaiah 6:1—8
M Isaiah 9:1—7
TU Isaiah 10:1—4
W Isaiah 10:12—19
TH Isaiah 11:1—10
F Isaiah 12:1—6
SA Isaiah 25:1—9

Week of March 11

Psalm 119:89—104
SU Mark 7:24—30
M Mark 7:31—37
TU Mark 8:1—10
W Mark 8:11—13
TH Mark 8:14—21
F Mark 8:22—30
SA Mark 8:31—38

Week of March 18

Psalm 71:1—21
SU Isaiah 26:16—19
M Isaiah 28:23—29
TU Isaiah 29:13—24
W Isaiah 30:8—16
TH Isaiah 30:19—26
F Isaiah 32:1—8
SA Isaiah 32:11—20

Week of March 25

Psalm 6
SU Mark 9:1—13
M Mark 9:14—29
TU Mark 9:30—41
W Mark 9:42—50
TH Mark 10:1—12
F Mark 10:13—16
SA Mark 10:17—31

Our Stewardship Answers God’s Call to our Mission

2018 Budget Requirement Averages \$1306 Weekly

Tithes & Offerings

January 7 - \$1327	February 4 - \$1560
January 14 - No Service	February 11 - \$695
January 21 - \$1958	February 18 - \$2140
January 28 - \$868	February 25 - \$

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 Meals, 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!



BIRTHDAYS

2 - Judy Brustkern
2 - Ray Woods
6 - Rick B. Hill
13 - Lindsey Woods
13 - Macie Kane
14 - Larry Mattes
16 - Samuel A. Mattes
18 - Norma Arvin
18 - Kim Hickman
22 - Misty Woods
24 - Katie Snow
27 - Margaret Lundy
27 - Cheyenne Bene
30 - Amanda Woods

ANNIVERSARIES

none

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: Dan Sherar & Alan Christie

Deacons: Elaine Osha, Renee Doscher
Lisa Bland, Sam Mattes

Communion Prep: Debbie & Dennis Breeden

Greeters:

March 4: Carmen Kane & Larry Gilley

March 11: Deb Breeden & Debbie Folsom

March 18: Dan Sherar & Eddie Gibson

March 25: Ray & Lavone Woods, Janet Dunigan



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