

Central Christian Church



**(Disciples of Christ)
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I've studied the symptoms, triggers and recovery of addiction for several years and have worked with hundreds of clients hoping to help them build a stable life. I find it interesting that many of the symptoms are found in many aspects of human behavior. Among what are called "the Self-Deceptions" are processes like Denial, Repression and Rationalization.

Denial is a mental process that keeps us from seeing our own truth. It actually helps us in times of crisis and great loss because it filters our pain in a way that keeps it from overwhelming us. It takes a while for the full truth to become visible. Repression arrives when we begin to see something that we'd prefer not to deal with - so we store it in some closet until "later". These mental processes tend to happen in ways in which we are not always conscious.

Rationalizations, however, are rather obvious when we take an honest look. They are the many excuses which usually have a grain of truth to them but really just help us continue doing something even we know is not really working out well in our lives.

People use them to continue many self-destructive habits. Organizations, even churches, use them to help them stay in non-productive circles.

Are there any rationalizations at work in your life - your family - your church? Lent is a great time to take an honest look and then start working on changing.

John

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For Reverend Dunn's messages click
YouTube link.

APRIL

Calendar of Events

CWF MEETING

Tuesday April 2nd @7:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday April 18th @6:30pm
At Central Christian Church with
Westminster Presbyterian

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

@ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6:30pm

SET UP FOR EASTER
BREAKFAST

Saturday April 20th @10am

EASTER BREAKFAST

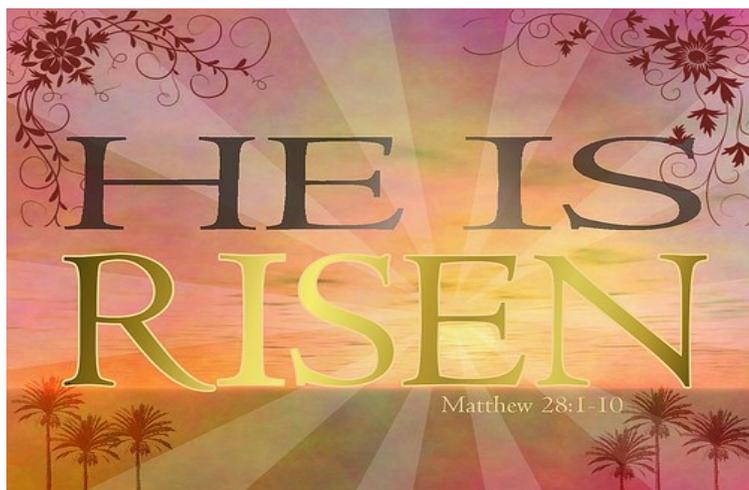
Sunday April 21st @8am
CWF will provide breakfast
casserole and drinks. Please bring
breakfast items and/or rolls,
coffeecakes, etc.

SET UP FOR LADIES TEA

Saturday April 27th @10am

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday April 28th @3-5pm



****Ladies! save this date****

9th Ladies Afternoon Tea
Sunday April 28th @3-5pm
Whispers of God's Love

Speaker: Rev. Carolyn Reed
Pianist: Roselynn Grubb

RSVP by April 24th, 2019
Invite family & friends



We have a decision to make. Many decisions to make—about the possibilities of our Mutual Ministry. This is our opportunity to coalesce local forces to take on a specific challenge. And it will be funded, in part, by a matching grant from the Center for Congregations. People around you in our church have been working hard—thinking—talking to local resource people—trying to gather the information to help us devise a workable vision for this ministry. In the end it will be our decision together—to launch or not launch this effort—which means, in part, our decision to personally contribute funding and set aside some of the church’s existing reserve funds—so we can have enough to match the grant.

As we face our time to decide soon, lets use the method below:

D—Define the Problem/Goal/Purpose

We want to find a way to be part of a community effort to make a real difference in the lives of local people. This means we will be leaders, developing connections with other organizations and key people, which will allow us to do what we can and draw upon other people to meet needs we cannot meet. How can we do something that is sustainable?

E—Establish the Criteria

We have very few people to serve in volunteers roles and each of them have limited energy and time. We have the potential of raising and/or setting aside \$30,000 that will be matched by a \$30,000 grant. Some of it will need to come from individuals... much of it will involved an ongoing two-year commitment to continued funding as it is currently in our 2019 budget—and some will require us to designate some of our reserve funds to be matched.

We will rely on part time paid professional staff and identify some specific achievable goals for volunteer efforts. We have to establish the financial support very soon... perhaps by the May Church Board meeting!

C—Consider all Options

The Center for Congregations has led us through a process that helped us look at a variety of possibilities, And our Mutual Ministry Team has talked to congregational members, community leaders, and other organizations that will play a part in a successful effort.

I—Identify the Best Option

We will focus on helping incarcerated individuals transition successfully into the community. Most likely these will be people who have struggled with drug or alcohol dependence. The Ministry will include supervised recovery programming as well as direct financial support that might help with temporary housing, transportation and connections to resources for food, clothing and other essentials. We will also offer direct social support through meals and recreation.

This seems to be the best option given our facilities—the connections we already have with Recovery efforts—and the experience we find in Revs Shearer and Dunn.

D—Develop and Implement a Plan And

E—Evaluate

These are currently in process and you will have a part to play. We appreciate your prayerful support

John

From Central Christian:

April 2019

A new addiction-recovery organization began in Washington, Indiana in November of 2018. The first several meetings have been largely attended by people in recovery and others who share interests with them. The Recovery Council—as it is called—“is an organization of people committed to the strengthening of a sober community in the face of economic, cultural and systemic obstacles.”

Much of what concerns the Recovery Council is typical in rural counties. The shortage of addiction treatment resources often leaves much of the addiction problem to the courts and law enforcement. As rural communities also face a weak healthcare infrastructure, the mental health support is also lacking. In addition, there is a stigma on mental health and addiction which may be stronger in rural neighborhoods, when compared to urban areas. This means the rural population may be most unlikely to change perceptions about people with substance-use problems to give better respect to the medical issues involved in addiction recovery.

At the national level, we know there are numerous pathways to addiction recovery. These include not only Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and other 12-Step programs, but non-12-Step programs as well. Research on people in sustained recovery tells us that about 12% of those who stay sober report being helped by corrections-based recovery programs. This means a typical rural community has little more than the resources which benefit about 12% of people with substance-use disorders.

As the Recovery Council works to improve access to housing and jobs for people with felonies on their records, new attention to these issues might open doors for new ways of thinking about addiction.

Daniel

Scripture Readings:

Looking for inspiration?

Week of April 7

Psalm 96

SU Luke 9:57—58

M Luke 9:59—62

TU Luke 10:1—6

W Luke 10:7—12

TH Luke 10:13—20

F Luke 10:21—24

SA Luke 10:25—37

Week of April 14

Psalm 110

SU Hebrews 2:14—18

M Hebrews 3:1—11

TU Hebrews 3:12—19

W Hebrews 4:1—11

TH Hebrews 4:12—16

F Hebrews 5:1—10

SA Hebrews 5:11—6:8

Week of April 21

Psalm 119:105—125

SU Luke 10:38—42

M Luke 11:1—4

TU Luke 11:5—13

W Luke 11:14—23

TH Luke 11:24—26

F Luke 11:27—32

SA Luke 11:33—36

Week of April 28

Psalm 99

SU Hebrews 6:9—20

M Hebrews 7:1—19

TU Hebrews 7:20—28

W Hebrews 8:1—13

TH Hebrews 9:1—22

F Hebrews 9:23—28

SA Hebrews 10:1—18

Our Stewardship Answers God's Call to our Mission

2018 Budget Requirement Averages \$1306 Weekly

Tithes & Offerings

February 3 - \$1592 March 3 - \$2582

February 10 - \$0 March 10 - \$1061

February 17 - \$2090 March 17 - \$747

February 24 - \$2522 March 24 - \$1273

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:**

Week of Compassion, children's "Milk Bottle"

Permanent Memorial Fund

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

6 – Trey Payton Best
6 – Debra Breeden
7 – Elaine Osha
16 – Jaea Cooper
23 – Sally Christie
25 – Jennifer Skomp
26 – Kristen Stuckey

ANNIVERSARIES

16 – Anthony and Renee Doscher
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If we don't have your birthday or anniversary listed (or if it's incorrect) please call or email the church office.



Scheduled to Serve in April

Elders: Dan Renneker & Larry Mattes

Deacons: Carmen Kane, Judy Singleton,
Anthony Doscher

Communion Prep:

Lavone Woods & Janet Dunnigan

Greeters:

April 7: The Mattes Family

April 14: Anthony & Renee Doscher

April 21: Richard Overton & Dan Renneker

April 28: Bob & Barbara Smith



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