



## **Central Christian Church**



**(Disciples of Christ)  
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When John asked me to write an article about Jubilee Christmas for the newsletter, I must be honest and say my first thought was ‘when in the world am I going to have time to do that?’ I believe I had a similar reaction years ago when I was asked to be the coordinator for our church for the first Jubilee Christmas event. Since then, I have been humbled and blessed every year by the outpouring of love, encouragement and support from our family here at Central – turning my doubts and grumblings into joy. And I think that’s what Jubilee Christmas strives to do – share joy. It’s not about giving away toys – it’s about helping to spread a little joy. Did you ever give someone a gift that you just knew they would love? That excitement and anticipation you felt when you gave the gift to them is such an exhilarating feeling! That’s what we’re sharing with the families at Jubilee Christmas – giving the parents a chance to feel that on Christmas day with their children. In hosting Jubilee Christmas at Central, I know that we offered more than that – we also offered a listening ear, a prayer, a smile, laughter, a handshake or hug, fellowship...and perhaps even a little hope, peace, joy and love. Years ago, a woman wiser than me, and now dearly missed by all, came up with the scripture we had printed on t-shirts – “By this all men will know that you are my disciple, if you love one another.” - John 13:35 This ties right in with our new slogan of ‘We welcome all – all means ALL’. I pray we can carry that ‘Jubilee Christmas’ feeling into the new year, finding new ways to share the gifts we’ve been given.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to spread a little joy!

With love,

Sally

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# JANUARY Calendar of Events

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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.*

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Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Sanctuary, volunteered to help with Jubilee Christmas and all the help this Christmas Season with meals but most of all thanks to all our church family for being there to encourage each other.

CWF MEETING

*Tuesday January 8th @7:00pm*

CHRUCH WORK DAY

*Saturday January 12th @9am  
Meet in the Friendship room for  
coffee, doughnuts and fellowship*

BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday January 15th @7:30pm  
Please note change third Tuesday  
due to Holiday.*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

*Happy  
New Year*

## Minister's Report to the Annual Meeting

Since late 2017, we have been focused on our identity as a congregation who welcomes all—with the emphasis that all means ALL. This was a natural step to take since we had already established a spirit of tolerance and an attitude of welcome.

We established three focus areas to help us put our theory into action.

**One Focus group** has looked at Facilities and Finance. We ask ourselves: “How can we extend a greater sense of welcome and care to others through these resources?”

We made progress in three ways:

- 1) We have made the facility a more welcoming space by placing signs at key locations to help people identify the various rooms and spaces in the building. We also have made major improvements to a significant room adjacent to the Fellowship Hall that can be used for our recovery groups, Jubilee Christmas or any appropriate need. Significant efforts have also been made to clear out clutter in the upstairs rooms while important papers have been organized.
- 2) We have taken a closer look at how we have invested our reserve funds and made adjustments that help us remain transparent about the resources available to us. We are improving our opportunities to generate income from those investments that can be put to use helping us help people. We are also looking at ways of simplifying our procedures and reporting.
- 3) We have added a line item to our Operating Budget specified to support Mission efforts of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as well as other local mission projects. We also hope to provide some more attention on the goals and accomplishments of denominational ministries.

A **second Focus Group** helps us look at how we can be more welcoming through Worship and Education. We have two primary ways in which we continue to make progress:

- 1) We have built resources, skills and experience in technology used during Worship. More individuals have had access to learning how to operate the software we use during worship while those who develop the “scripts” for Worship continue to expand their creativity and the resources we use in that effort. We hope to use that technology in other events in the future as well
- 2) Much of our time and study has happened within the context of our Mutual Ministry project. Considerable amounts of time have been committed to in-person and online workshops and a working group that has helped us discover some interests and realities within the congregation. Our hopes to become more “welcoming” will likely include ways to be of greater service to the people in need in our community—and learning how to develop a cooperative effort with other local congregations and community organizations who share a common interest in helping people transition from lives dominated by addiction. Our efforts to develop a Recovery Central ministry can be expanded and stabilized by our progress in building mutual ministry.

Our **third Focus Group** centers on connecting with the community and it too has been addressed by our larger effort to develop a mutual ministry that gathers the community's resources

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To truly be welcoming to ALL, each of us much look for ways in which we need to develop new ways to care for the people around us. Meanwhile, we will continue to look at the ways we as an organization can be more deliberate and transparent—so we can send a clear message to the community that ALL are welcome here.

## THE PROSPECT OF A THRIVING RECOVERY CENTRAL IN 2019

January 2019 (CCC news)

As a recovery community organization, Recovery Central can follow a pathway which has already gained respect nationally. At the same time, Recovery Central need not conflict with ongoing Mutual Ministry team efforts. We can think of Recovery Central as an early effort in Mutual Ministry as we continue building a greater consensus for ministry. Recovery Central gives us a significant connection to people in the surrounding community as our congregation moves further in Mutual Ministry dialogue. As we devote the needed energy to Recovery Central, our larger understanding of Mutual Ministry increases.

So with regard to Recovery Central, invaluable guidance is readily available from the Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO). This nationally-known coalition emphasizes three concepts: (1) Recovery Vision, (2) Authenticity of Voice, and (3) Accountability to the Recovery Community. As people are more likely to mobilize—as individuals and as community agencies—where a recovery vision is clear, “authenticity of voice” means people who have lived the experience of recovery are gainfully employed in developing real solutions to substance-use problems. In addition, accountability allows us to gain trust and credibility in our efforts to provide effective services to those seeking help with addictions.

The stated mission of Recovery Central is “to empower the recovery community in Daviess County to overcome stigma, disintegrated services and other environmental factors which inhibit addiction recovery.” Recently, we have become better acquainted with people in recovery; working together to improve the recovery room downstairs in November. As Recovery Central develops, we can expect to see positive relationships growing. We can also know a recovery community is beginning to thrive in Washington, Indiana.

Daniel

**Scripture Readings:**

*Looking for inspiration?*

**Week of January 6**

Psalm 100  
SU Daniel 3:8—28  
M Daniel 4:28—37  
TU Daniel 7:9—18  
W Daniel 9:1-10, 17-19  
TH Hosea 2:14—20  
F Hosea 4:1—11  
SA Hosea 6:1—6

**Week of January 13**

Psalm 111  
SU Luke 2:22—40  
M Luke 2:41—52  
TU Luke 3:1—14  
W Luke 3:15—38  
TH Luke 4:1—4  
F Luke 4:5—8  
SA Luke 4:9—13

**Week of January 20**

Psalm 98  
SU Hosea 11:1—11  
M Hosea 14:4—9  
TU Joel 2:12—17a  
W Joel 2:21—27  
TH Joel 2:28—32  
F Micah 2:1—11  
SA Micah 3:1—8

**Week of January 27**

Psalm 25:16—22  
SU Luke 4:14—30  
M Luke 4:31—44  
TU Luke 5:1—11  
W Luke 5:12—16  
TH Luke 5:17—26  
F Luke 5:27—32  
SA Luke 5:33—39

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

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

Tithes & Offerings

November 4 - \$1437	December 2 - \$1170
November 11 - \$1707	December 9 - \$1320
November 18 - \$1487	December 16 - \$1527
November 25 - \$1140	December 23 - \$

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:**

**Thanksgiving & Christmas Offering, Jubilee Christmas  
and the 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**

15- Judy Singleton  
18 – Dan Sherar  
19- April Breeden  
28- Renee Doscher  
29- Lisa Bland  
31 – Benjamin Tucker Woods

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

1 – Jim and Carolyn Mangin  
9 – Josh and Katie Snow  
11 - Lon & Ranita McMurtrey  
19 - Richard & Wilma Osha

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 January**

**Elders:** Debbie Breeden & Larry Mattes

**Deacons:** Lisa Bland, Anthony Doscher,  
Jake Fox, Zane Archer

**Communion Prep:** Larry & Pam Lagle

### **Greeters:**

**January 6:** Terry & Stella Kiefer

**January 13:** Dennis & Jackie Breeden

**January 20:** The Mattes Family

**January 27:** Anthony & Renee Doscher



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