

# The Central Visitor



*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church  
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,  
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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## Trunk-Or-Treat Update

Trunk-or-Treat Event is THIS SATURDAY!!! Thank you for your support and donations!! This will be an outdoor event weather permitting. Cars will park in the designated area on the West side. We will offer

a Bounce House, games, and snow cones along with the Trunk-or-Treating. If you would like to help with set-up, we will begin at noon with set-up of games, snow cones, and decorations. If you are decorating your vehicle please come after 1:00 p.m. All vehicles should be completely decorated and ready for our visitors by 2:45.

When you arrive please park your vehicle in the designated spot on the West side of the parking lot.

Treats will be provided for you to pass out but you are more than welcome to bring your own treats if you wish.

Thank you all for giving your time and talents to make this event a successful one.

Gerri Munos and Diana Ritter

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)  
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
AND LIVESTREAMED ON  
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG  
AND FACEBOOK LIVE  
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)  
AND LIVESTREAMED ON  
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG  
AND FACEBOOK LIVE  
AT 9:15 AM

**Scripture and Sermon for 10/27/24**

Scripture: James 1:17-27

## Blessing of Paraments

This past Sunday, we offered a special litany and prayer of consecration for new paraments for our communion table, pulpit, and lectern. These were given in memory and honor of Bob and Wanda Webb and in the liturgical colors of green, purple, and red. The green paraments have been used since August and will continue to be in use until December 1. In Advent, we will switch to purple. We will see purple again in Lent (late winter/early spring) and then red by Pentecost (spring) at the latest.



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**Annual Hay Ride**

The whole church is invited to a hay ride at the Ritters' home (call for the address) this Sunday, October 27th, at 5:00 PM. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Hope to see you then!

**Save the Date! Elderberries, 11/13/24**

Save the date and plan to join us for our November Elderberries program and meal! This month, we're going to hear from Donna Dash on "History at 650 W. William" during our 11:30 AM program. She's going to tell us a little background on this building we enjoy worshipping in so much. Lunch will follow at noon.

**Menu:** Glazed Ham Loaf, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Roll, Apple Pie

Email central@cccdisciples.org, or call 217-428-4336, or go to the Welcome Center or the back table in the Great Hall to sign up, starting Sunday. This is a free meal, but free will offerings are always received gratefully to help defray the cost of the meal. Please RSVP by November 7th, in order to make sure we have enough delicious food!



**Happy Birthday!! (10/27-11/9)**

Carol Bischoff, Jahala Demoulin, Bob Linton, Bryan Rutherford, Linda Virgil, Carol Withrow, Jeannie Backes, Justin Reed, Lucille Longcor, Carolyn McCall, Jacob Monroe, Nolan Murray, Kaeden McCoy, Elijah Ross

**Counting On You**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

Total worshipping online = 101  
Total worshipping in-person = 269

**Counting On You**

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

Total worshipping online = 103  
Total worshipping in-person = 280

**Thank You, Yvonne!**

For nearly 10 years, Yvonne Boyd has served us faithfully as one of our Administrative Assistants. She has seen us through a building renovation and helped us get into the new building by coordinating our access cards. She made purchases for us with the church credit card, even when it meant setting the work she was working on to do so. She helped us make sense of financial statements and patiently counseled us as we put together our annual budget requests. Along the way, she became part of our community. She participated in our Trunk or Treats, knitted shawls for our shepherding ministries, reminded us of the importance of cancer research and Relay for Life and even played the timpani drums for on Easter Sunday. Earlier this year, Yvonne stated her intention to retire by the end of 2024. This was a bittersweet decision and one not easy to make. Yvonne does not have a "final date" when she will no longer be working with us, in large part because she will need to come back from time to time to assist Diane Guinn in some of the seasonal tasks her job requires. But we are going to symbolically recognize the closure of her time together with as follows:



**Open House for Yvonne Boyd**  
**Monday, October 28**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Come and go as you are able, enjoy some cake, wish Yvonne well and... most importantly shower her with love and thanks for a job well done. There will be a basket to collect Love Gifts for Yvonne, if you would like to give one to her. This basket will also be made available on **Sunday, October 27** so you can leave a Love Gift for Yvonne there as well.

Blessings – Michael

**Counting Our Blessings!**

You are invited to add a blessing to our Blessing Board on Sunday, October 27. We will have heart post-its for you to write a blessing you have received or a blessing you have given. We want to fill our board to overflowing and give thanks for all of our blessings. Families who have their Blessing Boxes are also invited to bring them to church (make sure to put your name on your box). If you have gathered some monetary offerings, there will be a jar where you can put them.



Blessings are everywhere, when we are open to seeing them. Let's count our blessings this week and share them on Sunday!

**Welcome 101**

*Have you been attending Central Christian for a while and are interested in learning more about us?*

*Would you like to hear about ways you can plug in and connect to what's happening here?*

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Would you like a tour of our building and to learn the wonderful ministries housed here?

If so, then we'd love to have you join us at "WELCOME 101." This is a 90-minute info-gathering led by Pastor Michael. We will meet in the Connection Café for an hour and then go on a walking tour of the building.

**Monday, November 11, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

Please reserve your place at this event by contacting the office (217-428-4336 or [central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org)).



**Anticipating Advent:  
A Morning for Prayer and Devotion  
(Drop In as You Can)**

Save the date! On Saturday, November 16th, from 9:00 AM—12:30 PM, I will be offering our special quiet morning event to help us prepare our hearts for the Advent season. December and Advent tend to be very busy times with extra social events. Many small groups now are meeting earlier than the actual season of Advent to focus on what it means to anticipate the spiritual significance of Christmas. Advent officially begins 12/1 and includes 12/8,

12/15, and 12/22 this year.

This time is designed so that you can come for a while, or you are welcome to come for the entire event. You may wish to bring your favorite Bible, journal, and come sit in our lovely sanctuary as you consider these readings that support the Advent scriptures that Pastor Michael has chosen.

Readings will be on the hour and half hour except for noon. I am asking for readers for each of the time slots. Each session will include a reading – usually scripture, a prayer, and some Taizé singing. At 10:30, I will reprise the teaching on "Breath Prayer" – using Psalm 46. At noon, we will have a brief Celtic prayer service that may last for ten – fifteen minutes.

Please email me at [melinda.mcdonald@cccdisciples.org](mailto:melinda.mcdonald@cccdisciples.org) or drop me a note if you would like to be a reader.

Sign-up sheets will be available as of 10/27. I hope you will consider this spiritual formation opportunity. I love to host these events. Wishing you God's hope, God's peace, God's joy, and God's love as we anticipate Advent!

Rev. Melinda

**Northeast Food Pantry Donations**

Thanksgiving is coming, and I am sure we are all mindful of the many blessings that we have received. Why not share our blessings with those in our community that may be experiencing food insecurity. They may be looking to food pantries to help provide food for their families and themselves. The next food collection for Northeast Community Fund Food Pantry will be November 3, 2024. Let's join together and help those in need. Please place your food donation in the shopping cart in the Connection Café. Let's fill the cart.

Thank you Central for your generous donations last month that totaled 140 pounds of nonperishable food items. Here are some suggestions for November: canned soup, canned chili, pancake mix that only requires water, syrup, peanut butter, canned chicken and tuna, pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned fruit, dried noodles, broth, rice, stuffing mix and canned yams. Please, be sure to check the expiration date and make sure your items have not been opened or partially used. It is also a good idea not to donate items in glass packaging.

**Sunday (27)**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
9:15-Sunday School  
9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online  
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online  
5:00-Hayride at the Ritters' house

**Monday (28)**

9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center  
10:00-Open House for Yvonne Boyd, office  
1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room

**Tuesday (29)**

7:00-Journeymen, Conn. Café  
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R

**Wednesday (30)**

1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room  
4:00-Dorcas Planning meeting, Conn. Café  
5:30-Evangelism/PR Committee, Disc. Room

**Thursday (31)**

10:00-Alanon, 401  
5:30-Bible Study on James  
7:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

**Friday (November 1)**

**Saturday (2)**

**Sunday (3) - All Saints Sunday**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
9:15-Sunday School  
9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online  
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

**Monday (4)**

9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center  
1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room  
5:00-Christian Ed committee, Connection Café

**Tuesday (5)**

**General Election Day**

7:00-Journeymen, 401  
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R  
9:30-Card Ministry, 411/412

**Wednesday (6)**

1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room  
1:30-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Connection Café  
5:00-Contemporary Worship, Fireside Room  
6:00-Millikin Heights, 401  
7:00-Opus 24 practice

**Thursday (7)**

8:00-Emmaus Reunion group  
10:00-Alanon  
3:00-Decatur Needle Arts, Disciples Room  
5:30-Bible Study on James  
7:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

**Friday (8)**

**Saturday (9)**

**Sunday (10)**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
9:15-Sunday School  
9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online  
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online  
4:00-Youth Group

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**Serving Schedule — Sunday, October 27, 2024**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Charlotte Ballance, Susan Bryant  
9:15 - Susan Bryant

**Oct. Prep Deacons:** Audrey, Kim, & Suzie Miller

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Gene Garver, Sid Rohrscheib  
9:15 - Laura & Louis Kappler  
10:30 - Marty Heick, Dave Phillips

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos,  
Brittney Moran, Blair Moran, Bobby Munos, Julia Munos  
10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Stephani Bellinger, Gretchen Kirby

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver  
9:15 - Laura & Louis Kappler  
10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Donna Dash  
10:30 - Keith Backes

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Keith Backes  
9:15 - Greg Barnes

**Contemporary Snacks:** Laura & Louis Kappler

**Nursery and Sunday School Schedule**

**Sunday, October 27**


**Nursery:** Rachel Miller, Abigail Smith

**Children's Sunday School:** Gretchen Kirby, Julie Martin

**Sunday, November 3**

**Nursery:** Izzy Kostbade, Lucy Rauch

**Children's Sunday School:** Julie Martin, Karen Penn



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**Serving Schedule — Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Jim Fitzpatrick, Karen Wade  
9:15 - Jim Fitzpatrick

**Nov. Prep Deacons:** Donna Dash, Christine Lyman-Harm, Stephani Martin

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Sandy Garver, Krista Rohrscheib  
9:15 - Deb & Randy Trei  
10:30 - Becky VanMeter, Lea West

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 1 - Carolyn Sunderlik, Capt., Dianne Devore, Eileen Iverson  
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid, Donna Dash

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin  
9:15 - Cheryl & Dave Zollinger  
10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib  
10:30 - Mike Kirby

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Linda Virgil  
9:15 - Travis Wilcoxon

**Contemporary Snacks:** Deb & Randy Trei

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**Prayer Request Text-In!**

Have a prayer request? Text PRAY to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left. *“PRAY” is the only word you should type.*

Your phone then sends you a link to the prayer request form to fill out. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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