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Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



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VISITOR



I don't know about you, but for me, it seems that I have been around people lately that are not very thankful. In fact some of them are down right grumpy and demanding. Like the lady the other day in traffic who did not want to let me in the far left lane. And, when I finally worked my

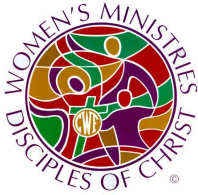
way over into that lane, she gave me the one-finger salute. Or there is the family that I live with, a son and husband that both seem extra demanding these days.

As I look around me, I think, well the problem may be just a sign of the times. Economic times are tough. Unemployment is up. Wages are down. Foreclosures are common. When we face such times, we tend to forgo the niceties. We begin to have an "I'll get them before they get me" attitude. We overlook the flicker of light in the midst of the darkness. We see only the half of the glass that is empty.

But as I think about these things, I have to wonder. Are the times any more different or worse than they have ever been? As a society, we have faced tough times before, and there are always grumpy, demanding people that we have to deal with. Sometimes they are strangers on the street, but more often than not they are living right in our very own home. Sometimes those grumpy, demanding people are even staring us right in the eye from the bathroom mirror.

There may not be much we can do about all of "those people" out there, but there is something that we can do about the person inside. We can stop, take a deep breath and focus on what is more important. We can count our blessings, and give thanks for the light we have in our life and the half of the glass that is full. Giving thanks in the midst of the troubles we face might work to change those people around us by first changing us.

Happy Thanksgiving, Pastor Donna



**DISCIPLES
WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES
NEWS**

NEARLY NEW SHOP

October Sale: \$905.66

Expenses:

Newspaper Ad	40.00
Church Lighting repair	250.00

Outreach:

Migrants: 10 bags clothing 22 pr shoes

Grace House: 1 box assort. household

Up North: 3 large bags winter clothes

Goodwill: 1 bag Halloween stuff

Veterans: 1 bag clothing

Needy: 1 bag baby clothes

Homeless: 2 bags clothing

We can always use more help sorting goods and delivering them to the appropriate places. Please come and help!! **Next sale will be Friday and Saturday, November 4th and 5th** (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). December Sale will be Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd. Please call Hilda Hamilton (726-3449) for the times they will be working.

MIRIAM STUDY AND SERVICE GROUP

We will be meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Lois Norman's house (1537 Hunter Lane, S, Clearwater) for study, fellowship and service activities. Please read the Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 before you come. We will be putting some Thanksgiving treats together for one of the local nursing homes. Please meet at the Church at 7:00 p.m. on November 10 to ride together to Lois' house. If you have any questions, please call Wilma Wilhelm at 446-0363.

Notes of Interest:

The children in the primary Sunday School helped put together 50 Fall Treats for a local Nursing Home and the Miriam Group put together another 50 Fall Treats.

Cheerie Wolf, E.J. Laney and Wilma Wilhelm will be attending the Florida Disciples Women's Retreat at Silver Springs November 12 & 13.

Dates to put on your calendar:

April 28, 2012 -

Florida Disciples Women's Spring Enrichment Conference at Palm Lake Christian Church in St. Petersburg.

June 25-29, 2014 -

Quadrennial Assembly in Atlanta, GA

**NOVEMBER
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**



We do not have a Fellowship Lunch on the calendar for the month of November; but mark your calendars now for the Disciples Women's Ministry Christmas luncheon on December 11th. Always a favorite gathering. Tickets will be on sale at the end of November.



**REMEMBER
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS AT 2:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

**DECORATING
THE CHURCH**

Come and help decorate the church for Advent. Saturday, November **26th at 10:00 a.m.** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



**Hanging
of the
Greens**

Next newsletter deadline is noon, Fri.,
Nov. 18 to be issued Nov. 30.



Crosswalk
Youth Ministry of
Central Christian Church

Monday

“The Word” Youth Bible Study 7:30-8:30 p.m.
(High School/College)

Wednesday

Band Practice 6:15-7:00 p.m.
Crosswalk Youth Ministry Worship 7-9:00 p.m.

Friday:

Fusion (Middle-School) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Band Practice 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 24 - meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. to help with Feeding the Homeless Thanksgiving Dinner at Tent City.

EMPTIES FOR CASH

The next time you have any empty inkjet printer cartridge, don't throw it away....put it in a Ziplock bag, bring it to church and put it in the special recycle box in the narthex. Our Youth will be paid \$2.00 for each cartridge with a printhead. These include: Hewlet Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Canon and Apple. Cartridges without a printhead are accepted for recycle but not payment. Thanks!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to be part of a Bible Study but find it impossible to attend during the day? This may be for you - every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Come join us!



**BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS MORNINGS**

.....We meet in the Parlor every Thursday morning. On the first Thursday of each month, we go out for lunch together following the study.



...to everyone who helped with the Family Fall Festival. You helped to make this Community Event a success and we appreciate your part in it!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Age 5 - 2nd Grade

Meet in Room #4

Seekers: Adult Class

Meet in Room #7

Study: Uniform Lesson Series

Sojourners: Adult Class

Meet in Room #9

Study: the book “The Future of Faith” by Professor Harvey Cox, Professor Emeritus Harvard University, School of Divinity



**Remember those who served
our country**

November 11

**VETERANS
DAY**



**FESTIVAL OF THE
BOOTH**

**You can help others
in need.**

This is an opportunity to help people in need during this season of Thanksgiving. You are asked to bring canned or other non-perishable food items for the Succoth Booth which is set up in the narthex. The food will be donated to Religious Community Services .



OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

Our Project Lunch Sack will take place on November 13th. We need sandwich baggies, grape jelly, individually packaged desserts (like cookies, brownies, etc.) and individually packaged chips (or you may bring the large bags of chips - we just need to make sure we have the baggies to make separate servings).

Don't forget our Succoth Booth (or Festival of the Booth) is available in the narthex to receive your donations of non-perishable foods to help others in need during this Thanksgiving season.

Thank you for your generous donations of children's underwear! Ray Hoops of Clothes to Kids joined us for our October Senior Lunch to collect our gift and share a little of the ministry of their organization.

The military boxes are going to be going out for the holidays, so if you can bring anything in on the Operation Shoebox list (copies on the small white bookcase in the narthex) or talk to Tracey Lilly . . . We can help her get these shipped out.

Thanksgiving will find members of our church serving dinner to the homeless at Tent City. We will be doing prep-work in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen on Wednesday, November 23rd at 2:00 p.m.—peeling potatoes, prepping stuffing, etc. Volunteers to help are MORE than welcome!! On Thanksgiving Day, we will meet at 1:00 to load up and go to Tent City. We will serve at 2:00 and should be back at the church by 3:30. We will be ready to enjoy our Church Thanksgiving Dinner at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to attend....there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex....WE DO NEED A COUNT so we can be prepared!!

Our November Senior Lunch will be the Thanksgiving Dinner. December is such a busy month, so no Senior Lunch will be scheduled. Watch for details about a special January Senior Lunch...maybe an outing????

Barb Bridgeman, Outreach Chair



THANKSGIVING SPECIAL DAY OFFERING

The Thanksgiving Offering provides direct support to Disciples colleges, universities, and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 14 colleges or universities, 3 seminaries and 4 seminary foundations/divinity houses. Gifts from the Thanksgiving Special Day Offering continue a Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the church.

MEETING SCHEDULED

There is a Congregation Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 20th following Worship. On the agenda will be the 2012 Budget and any other necessary business. We hope you will be in attendance

Mark your calendars now!



EYES FOR MISSION

"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm." Proverbs 4:25-26

We are collecting eyeglasses and sunglasses to send to those in need. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the pink bag in the narthex. These eyeglasses are in great need in many places throughout America and Central America. Imagine what a thrill it is to see a clear world for the first time!



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please schedule the use of any Church facility (bus, parlor, conference room, fellowship hall, etc.) through the Church office. This will help to minimize scheduling conflicts! Thanks!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Outreach for the month of September 2011

World Outreach Budget:

Church Finance Council	\$	350.00
Christian Church Conf. Center		375.00
Suncoast Christian Church		175.00
Cane Ridge		50.00

Church in Society Budget:

RCS - Grace House	250.00
Clearwater Free Clinic	200.00

Commitment Funds

RCS Food Pantry	21.00
Administrative Discretionary (misc.)	564.14
Admin. Disc. (medical supplies/Haiti)	<u>196.25</u>
Total	\$1,885.19

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 24th -
4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



THANKSGIVING
Dinner

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and drinks provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share!

There will a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you plan to attend, please sign your name and the dish you plan to bring. Or, call the church office, 446-0988.

This will help as we plan the dinner!!

We are making plans

STEWARDSHIP CORNER FOR THE RECORD...



	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Yr. To Date</u>
Budget	\$ 26,679.42	\$240,114.78
Expenses	\$ 33,962.36	\$235,578.25
Income	\$ 20,728.20	\$217,137.04
Balance	\$ 13,234.16-	\$ 18,441.21-

Average Attendance - September

10:15 Worship	85
Nursery	8
Sunday School	20
Children's Church	11



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 16, we received into our fellowship:

Donald and Patricia Baragry
(Don and Pat)

4300 East Bay Drive, Lot 415
Clearwater, FL 33764
729-5293

and

Janet M. Meyers
1171 Porter Drive
Largo, FL 33771
535-9705

Remember to greet them when you see them in Worship. And, don't forget to add them to your directory!

If you would like to join membership with Central Christian Church, through profession of faith or through transfer, please talk with Pastor Donna.

The Church Office and
Kids Connection After Care
Will be closed

Thursday, November 24th
(Thanksgiving Day) . . .

And Friday, November 25th



COME TO THE NEARLY NEW SALES

Friday and Saturday,
November 4th and 5th
December 2nd and 3rd

You won't want to miss these sales. New treasures!! Great prices!! What more could you ask for??!!

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IN THE CHURCH MAIL

Christian Church Conference Center
Silver Springs, FL 34488
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“Dear Disciples Men,

Greetings from the Christian Church Conference Center! Thank you so much for your generous support of the Conference Center and all its vital ministries. Your gifts help us maintain and provide an environment where Campers and church groups seek out God and grow in unique and important ways.

We are grateful for your generous gift. We thank God for the many blessings He gives us in friends like you who help us so much! Thanks to all the many wonderful donations we receive, we have been able to keep the Conference Center in good working order and looking GREAT!!

We had to make several repairs at the Conference Center this year, so we are very thankful for the donations. We still have some repairs that need to be done and two large air-conditioners that will need to be replaced in the near future, so your gift has been or will be put to good use!

The 2011 summer camps were great! We were able to award 149 scholarships of at least \$100 each to Campers, thanks to wonderful people like you who gave donations for that worthy cause. We saw a lot of new Campers this year and it was great to see Campers and Counselors grow in their faith and in their fellowship together. The theme for this year’s camp was “BE OUR GUEST” and the Campers learned about tearing down the walls that divide us because of diverse cultures and embracing one another as members of God’s family. Many of the Campers and Counselors talked about feeling God’s presence while they were here. The Conference Center is a highly effective tool for helping people of all ages find and follow Jesus Christ.

Our 2012 calendar is filling up fast! We look forward to hosting groups such as Creative Memories, FDWM Cabinet, Coastal Quilters, the Senior Adult Retreat, Summer Camps, Jigsaw, Disciples Women, Disciples Men, Presbyterian Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, All Star Quilters, Tropical Sand Celebrate Recovery and so many more. Our event calendar even has show events booked for 2013!

Again, thank you for making it possible for the Christian Church Conference Center to provide this wonderful facility for our Campers and the many participants of other great events. Your gifts are essential in making us able to serve God, the Church, and our community.

Peace, Cheryl and Terry Thompson, Directors of Conference Ministries”

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The start of the 2012 Chili Cook-Off Season has begun. Larry Norman has stated his intention of entering another “Champion Dish” of Road Kill Chili in this prestigious competition. The editorial staff stands ready to receive rebuttals to Larry’s comments. Our Annual Chili Cook-Off should be on the calendar for February 19, 2012.



Happy Thanks giving
from the Staff at Central Christian Church





INTERFAITH HOUSE

"Building affordable housing requires the support of the community," says Steve Lightburn, Habitat Pinellas VP Development. "It takes 1,500 to 2,000 volunteer hours to complete a house. The Pinellas County faith community continues to show its support for our mission in many, many ways. We are extremely grateful."

Our build dates are November 5th - 20th (We need the most people over the weekends - Saturdays and Sundays). Build times are 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. each day. There will be a limited number of volunteers each day.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old before they may climb ladders or use power tools. Instructions to register to participate in the build are available in the narthex. If you do not have internet access, or do not feel comfortable registering online, please call Barry Blood at 535-5615 to get you registered.

If you would like to help financially, you can make your check payable to Central Christian Church and put "Habitat" in the memo line.

A NOTE FOR YOU

The Worship Ministry Team would like to remind you to take advantage of *The Upper Room* and *The Secret Place* devotional booklets available in the narthex. There is a canister for donations to help with the cost.

Partners in Prayer

Advent 2011 Devotionals

This special, annual devotional will be available in the narthex at no cost to you thanks to our Disciples Women's Ministry.

"Advent means coming; a yearning for justice and love, and the means to contest injustice and fear. It's about to be born, if we just let it. And instead of passively waiting for it to be born, let's welcome, with open arms, the Advent of the Christ in us." With scripture readings, meditations, and prayers each day, *Partners in Prayer* will serve as your guide to the coming of Christmas.

Advent begins November 27th.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

The holidays are fast approaching! The time of year we can't help but indulge in our favorite foods - those "I only have it once a year" foods.

No better time than NOW to begin an exercise program if you aren't already doing some form of exercise.

Healthy eating goes along with a healthy lifestyle - keeping alcohol intake at a minimum, not smoking, learning to manage stressful situations; just to name a few. Here are 5 helpful hints from the Mayo Clinic to help begin your own exercise program:

First - check with your physician before starting. If you smoke, are overweight, are over 45 and have not been exercising, have a chronic condition such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or kidney disease, it is particularly important that you have your physician's advice regarding appropriate exercise. Second - begin gradually. Rome wasn't built in a day and one doesn't go from leisurely strolls around the park to triathlete overnight. Don't overdo it. If you have trouble talking to a companion during your workout, you are probably pushing too hard. Slow down a bit.

Third - select the exercise that is right for you - not necessarily the one that looks good in a magazine; or that your friend enjoys. It should be something you enjoy - or at the very least - find tolerable. Walking, running, swimming, aerobics, biking, dancing are a few good forms of exercise.

Fourth - do it regularly!! For real benefit, it is important that you have at least 3 exercise sessions of at least 20 minutes every week. When you exercise it should be vigorous enough to make you a bit breathless and sweaty. No harm to feel your heart pounding - but never to the point of nausea or dizziness.

Fifth - stay with the program! Don't get discouraged with unrealistic expectations. If you have short heavy legs you probably shouldn't expect to achieve the look of the tall slender ballerina. What you can expect is a better toned body, more energy, and fewer aches and pains.

Happy Exercising - and Happy Holidays!

Monthly Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, November 27th after Worship in the Parlor.

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VISITOR

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

(Disciples of Christ)
1200 Keene Road South
Clearwater, FL 33756



Address Service Requested

Our Mission Statement: The mission of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to be an active, caring community centered on Jesus Christ; sharing God's love and salvation through worship, Word and works.



Our Vision Statement: To be a spiritually growing, diverse community that is active and visible in society nurturing and equipping others to share the good news of Jesus through exciting ministries.

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



COME JOIN US!
Sunday Evening
November 20, 2011
7:00 p.m.

At Faith United Church of Christ, 1650 Pinehurst Road in Dunedin. Pastor Donna will be preaching.

Several congregations will celebrate together in worship and fellowship with a combined choir!

If you would like to volunteer to bring cookies to share after the service, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the narthex; or please call the office, 446-0988.



November

FOR THE MONTH 2011



November

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kevin DiLella
- 2 Katie Campell
- 3 June Brott
- 4 Lynne DiLella
- 4 Nancy Miller
- 5 Norma Hord
- 5 Sylvia Meador
- 6 Shirley Raymond
- 7 Annette Ballard
- 7 Cliff Lawrence
- 7 Deloris Rebrovich
- 8 Desaray Dilday
- 8 Debbie Merryman
- 10 Carrie Reid Klinefelter
- 10 Janet Meyers
- 10 Larry Norman
- 10 Jacki O'Conner
- 15 Beverly Ramey
- 15 Nancy Schreiner
- 18 Kylei Baker
- 24 Casey Peterson
- 25 Don Bickford
- 25 Trevor Bosetti
- 25 Ashlee Klinefelter
- 25 So Phongsackdy
- 26 Phil Janca

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Don & Clara Bickford
- 30 Walter & Zami Navarro

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

ELDERS

- Paul Maxwell and
- Lorraine Bowler 11/6;11/13;11/27
- Wilma Wilhelm 11/20

Next Elders' Meeting:
TBD

DEACONS

Captains:
David Dilday and Connie Gandoff

Serving

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Carol Colvin | Jim Colvin |
| Carolyn Fuller | Adam Latham |
| Alyse Latham | Margie Reitz |
| Beverly Tyler | Bob Voegeli |
| Dotti Voegeli | |

Communion Preparation

Assigned by Captains

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 6 - Bob Voegeli
- 13 - Bob Sargent
- 20 - Dolores Reilly
- 20 -

REFRESHMENT SERVERS

November
Membership Ministry Team

NURSERY HELPERS

- November 6
- 9:00 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - E.J. Laney and Gail Inhulsen
- Babies - - David & Tracey Lilly

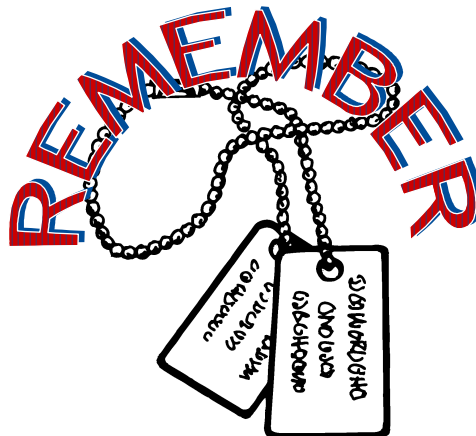
- November 13
- 9:15 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - Janet Meyers and Barbara Bridgeman
- Babies - - Lois Norman

- November 20
- 9:15 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - Beverly Tyler and Anna McDonald
- Babies - - Betty Wohlers

- November 27
- 9:15 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - Nancy Schreiner and Noel White
- Babies - -



*Daylight Saving Time Ends
2:00 a.m. Sunday
November 6th
don't forget to set
your clocks back 1 hour
before you go to sleep
on Saturday night!!!*



VETERANS Day

November 11th