

**DISCIPLES
WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES
NEWS**

NEARLY NEW SHOP

September Sale: \$904.35

Expenses:

Newspaper Ad: \$40.00

Outreach:

Migrants: 2 bags clothing, 12 pr shoes

Pinellas Hope: 1 bag clothing

Vietnam Vets: 11 bags clothing

Goodwill: 4 bags clothing, 2 boxes books

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, September 30th and October 1st** (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). **Followed by a sale on Friday and Saturday, November 4th and 5th.** Please call Hilda Hamilton (726-3449) for the times they will be working.

MIRIAM STUDY AND SERVICE GROUP

We will be meeting on Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 at E.J. Laney's house (1548 Seabreeze Street, Clearwater) for study, fellowship and service activities. Please read the Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39 before you come. We will be putting some snack packs together for one of the local nursing homes. If you have any questions, please call Wilma Wilhelm at 446-0363

Registration forms will be in the narthex for:

FDWM Retreat - November 12 & 13

Featured Keynote: Mary Beth Harper

Theme: Back to Basics

Scripture: Micah 6:8 & Matthew 22:37-39

See Wilma Wilhelm for more information.
(Our DWM group will pay half the cost of any woman who wants to go to the retreat)

Dates to put on your calendar:

November 12-13 -

Florida Disciples Women's Retreat at Silver Springs

April 28, 2012 -

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

June 25-29, 2014 -

Quadrennial Assembly in Atlanta, GA



**OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP
LUNCH**

October 16th

Sponsored by our Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team, this will be a catered meal of roast beef and fixings! We will celebrate Consecration Sunday - the culmination of our 2012 Stewardship Campaign "*Saints Alive! Living Generously*" AND also celebrate New Member Sunday. Donation: \$4/adult and \$2/child. Please indicate your attendance when you sign the Red Book on Oct. 9th (EX: J. Jones 2A/3C-picnic). This helps as we plan set up of tables and chairs AND the food!!!

COME TO THE NEARLY NEW SALES

Friday and Saturday,
September 30th and October 1st

&

Friday and Saturday
November 4th and 5th

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

Next newsletter deadline is noon, Fri.,
Oct. 21st to be issued Oct. 28th.



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.

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

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our 3rd Family Fellowship Fun Event for 2011. We went bowling and had 8 families in attendance! Lots of fun competition was had, especially between Jared Maxwell and DeAnne Ruffing; and we topped it off with a trip to Yogurt Mountain! Be on the lookout in 2012 for more Family Fellowship fun Events!! Have a great holiday season!

Cherie Maxwell, Chair Christian Education

MEETING SCHEDULED



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 9th following Worship. On the agenda: the election of 2012 Officers and any other necessary business. We hope you will plan to be in attendance.

2012 Nominees

President of Congregation	Chad Whetstone
Vice President	Noel White
Treasurer	Mert Wohlers
Assist. Treasurer	
Financial Secretary	Mary Lane
Assist. Financial Secretary	Wendy Peterson
Board Secretary	Ann Robbins
Assist Board Secretary	Nancy Russell

Elders with Terms Expiring 12/31/14

Kathryn Keller, Jerome Ruffing, Jan Wallace,
Chad Whetstone, Janis Whetstone,
Noel White, Cheerie Wolf

Deacons with Terms Expiring 12/31/14

Christina Baker, Mike Baker,
Joann Bergmann, Sheryl Crutchfield,
Patrick DiLella, Jeb Graham, Norma Hord,
Gail Inhulsen, Terry Inhulsen,
Janet Kenneally, Ann Robbins,
Jean Slocum, David Wertel.

Trustee with Term Expiring 12/31/16

Jack Lane

2012 Nominating Committee

Barb Bridgeman, Chair
Karen Lyda, Dolores Reilly
DeAnne Ruffing, Jerome, Ruffing



Outreach News

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

Oct. 6th will be the Jumpstart Read for the Record: a program that sets the record for reading to children. This volunteer opportunity will take between 1 to 2 hours of your time and you will be reading to pre-k and kindergarten students at Frontier Elementary (located off East Bay by Belcher) or John M. Sexton Elementary in St. Pete. This year, we will be reading *Llama Lama Red Pajama* and each student, as well as, each classroom will receive their very own special edition of the featured story to keep. This program began in 2006 and last year read to 2,057,513 children! If you would like to volunteer, please let the church office or Barb Bridgeman know.

Oct. 9th - we will be making up sack lunch bags to take to tent city. If you can stay after our Sunday service for 25 minutes, we can make a difference in the day of 80 people! Join the fun. To complete this month's project, we need: Jelly, Individual Servings of Chips, Individual Serving of Desserts (like brownies or cookies) and Sandwich Baggies. If you can provide any of these items, please let the church office know. There will be a box in the narthex to receive your donations on 10/09. Thanks!

Oct. 23rd - we will be meeting our Habitat family at B'nai Temple. Details to follow.

Oct. 27th - Senior Lunch will be the fourth Thursday of each month. We will be hearing from Clothes to Kids and finding out how they operate their non-profit. Don't forget to bring your underwear for this lunch - new, packaged underwear will be donated to this charity so they can pass it on to those in need.

Oct. 29th - we can find a fun craft show-fund raiser at Hospice on East Bay. Please show your support for Hospice by attending. Details in our church office.

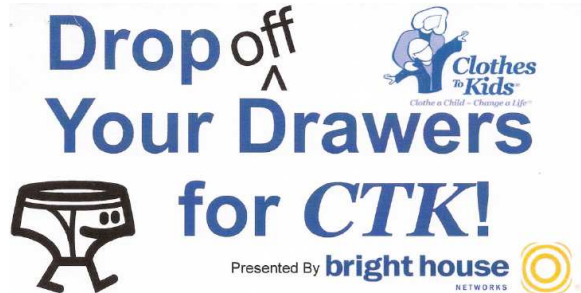
Oct. 30th - at our annual Family Fall Festival, we will be raising money for Relay for Life 2012. A craft booth and hair doodles will be found on our church property. Help us put a stop to cancer by supporting our fund raising efforts. Anyone having a craft to sell, please give it to Nancy Russell or the church office.

Thanksgiving will be finding members of our church serving dinner to the homeless at Tent City. If you don't have plans for Thanksgiving, please plan on helping us serve the meal to those in need.

The military boxes are going to be going out for the holidays, so if you can bring anything in on the operation shoebox list, or talk to Tracey Lilly to help her ship them out.

What a giving, busy, God-filled and God blessed church this is! Thank You!

Barb Bridgeman, Chair of Outreach Team



**Drop off
Your Drawers
for CTK!**

Presented By **bright house** NETWORKS

Remember: Drop off your new, packaged underwear for *Clothes to Kids* in the box in the narthex.

The mission of CTK is to provide quality used and new clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

CTK gives out 1250 - 1500 pairs of new underwear every week! Each child receives 5 pairs of new underwear with their CTK Wardrobe.

Size and Preferences:

- Girls - sizes 4 - 16
- Juniors - sizes 5 & up (bikinis)
- Boys - sizes 4 - 16 (briefs and boxers)
- Young Men - sizes 30-32 & up (boxers)

For more information, you can check out www.clothestokids.org or call 441-5050.

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!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER
FOR THE RECORD...**



	<u>August</u>	<u>Yr. To Date</u>
Budget	\$ 26,679.71	\$213,437.68
Expenses	\$ 29,995.40	\$201,615.89
Income	\$ 21,255.00	\$196,408.84
Balance	\$ 8,740.40-	\$ 5,207.05-

Average Attendance - August

10:15 Worship	93
Nursery	9
Sunday School	(not meeting)
Children's Church	7

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Outreach for the month of August 2011

World Outreach Budget:

Church Finance Council	\$ 350.00
Christian Church Conf. Center	375.00

Church in Society Budget:

RCS - The Haven	200.00
Habitat for Humanity	500.00
National Farm Ministry	100.00

Special Offerings

Pentecost	5.00
Week of Compassion	20.00

Commitment Funds

Administrative Discretionary	<u>169.00</u>
Total	\$1,719.00

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!

WELLNESS THOUGHTS

The perspective of our faith offers us guidance for making dietary and other lifestyle choices. Going back to the time of creation, we find God creating plants and animals and providing for our nutritional needs - "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree . . . they will be yours for food" (Genesis 1:29). In the book of Proverbs we read, "Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fatted calf with hatred". In the New Testament, we are encouraged to make healthy food choices within the context of our life in Christ . . . to care for this body, this temple, with which we have been blessed.

Many studies have shown that people who lower their blood cholesterol levels by diet, exercise, and/or drugs can reduce their risk of heart disease and death. The typical American diet is high in fat (35-40%) and relatively low in fruits, vegetables and grains. It is recommended that less than 30% of an adult's caloric intake come from fats.

We can enjoy food and feasting within the context of our faith; as we:

*Recognize that all food is a gift from God's loving hand and ask Him to help us make and live out healthy choices.

*Read food labels carefully and limit your fat intake to 30% of total daily calories (less than 60 fat grams for a 1800 calorie diet)

*For cooking purposes, use vegetable oil sprays or olive and canola oil in moderation.

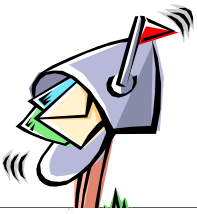
*Eat more meatless meals or use meat dishes as a side dish rather than the focus of the meal. Choose light colored meats prepared without skin.

*When using ground beef, select lean cuts and blend with ground turkey.

*Experiment with some new vegetable recipes. If you have a favorite, you might want to share it along with the recipe at our next Congregational Luncheon!

Pat Sargent, Wellness Committee

****Our next monthly Blood Pressure Screening will be October 23rd following Worship.****



IN THE CHURCH MAIL

GSM

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION
WIMAUJMA FLORIDA

Purpose Community Gratitude



“Dear Members of Central Christian Church of Clearwater,
On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Good Samaritan Mission, thank you for your continued generous support of this organization.

Our core values at the Good Samaritan Mission are purpose, community, and gratitude. Your kindness has allowed us to continue to support families in the Southeast Hillsborough community, instilling children and families with a strong sense of purpose, as we welcome them as members of our community, teaching them to be grateful for what God has done for them.

Again, thank you for your support. May the Lord bless you.

Sincerely, Rev. William R. Cruz, M.A., L.M.F.T. - Executive Director”



3071 118th Avenue, North * St. Petersburg, FL 33716
727-536-4755 * Fax 727-209-2191
www.HabitatPinellas.org

“Dear Central Christian Church:

Thank you so much for your donation to support our mission. We are grateful for your kindness. Sharing your resources keeps us building!

To date, Habitat Pinellas has completed 224 affordable homes in our community. By putting faith into action we are committed to promoting family stability by providing innovative housing solutions - eliminating substandard housing throughout the county.

Here are a few notable “highlights”:

- Eight of the proposed nineteen townhome units are complete at our Shady Grove neighborhood in Dunedin.
- The Stevens Creek “Showcase Home” is available for tours and open houses
- The first of two Oldsmar Habitat homes have been dedicated and occupied
- Seven homes completed and two more under construction of the proposed 51 homes at our Steven's Creek subdivision in Clearwater

We earned our fourth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, and they reported that only 9% of charities received this rating and indicated that Habitat Pinellas “executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and **outperforms most other charities in America**”.

Let's build! Barbara Inman, President/CEO”

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 available for donations to help with the cost.

‘THE VISITOR’ is published monthly by Central Christian Church of Clearwater, FL, Inc. 1200 Keene Rd., S., Clearwater, FL. Send address changes to Central Christian Church, 1200 Keene Road, S. Clearwater, FL 33756. Copies of ‘THE VISITOR’ are available in the narthex of the church; or online at:
www.clearwaterdisciples.org



Interfaith House

HABITAT GATHERING - there will be a community gathering of Habitat for Humanity volunteers for our Interfaith House on Sunday, October 23rd, 12:30 p.m. at the Temple B'nai Israel of Clearwater on Belcher Road. Food will be provided; and we are asked to bring desserts. If you can attend (and bring something yummy) there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. We need to give a count of attendees - so please sign-up today.

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 limb ladders or use power tools. Instructions to register to participate in the build are available on the credenza 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, send your donations to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County or online through the Habitat Pinellas website www.habitatpinellas.org/donate. Write "interfaith House" in the memo area of your check.



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Oct. 30th - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Trick-or-treat around the outdoor "tailgate" area collecting candy in a safe environment. There will be games, activities, a bake sale, a craft sale, and a concession stand to purchase food.

There will soon be sign-up sheets in the narthex . . .we are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of things . . .and you can pick the area where you would like to help. We are also asking for donations of individually wrapped candy. There is a box in the narthex to collect these donations.



EMPTIES FOR CASH

The next time you have any empty inkjet printer cartridge, don't throw it away....put it in a Zip-lock 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!

the
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.



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you have been considering joining Central Christian Church then NOW is the time! We will be having a New Member Sunday on October 16, 2011. During worship, you will be asked to come forward and join the church (there are yellow *Decision Cards* in the pew racks). We will be having a celebration luncheon for the whole congregation following.

Benefits of Church Membership:

Won't You Join Us?

- A place to worship and to grow in your faith
- A place to give of your gifts
- A place to belong
- A place to call your Church Home

Please call the church office (446-0988) if you would like to join this day.



OCTOBER

FOR THE MONTH 2011



OCTOBER

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Michael Blood
- 4 Michele Blood-Zollo
- 4 Lois Norman
- 6 Ethan Ruffing
- 9 Margaret Fitch
- 9 Alex Isak
- 10 Cory Wilhelm
- 12 Brandy Campbell
- 13 Avery Adams
- 14 Stephanie Hord Gately
- 14 Lyle Oberkreser
- 15 Bob Keppel
- 16 Betty Wohlers
- 19 Janet Kenneally
- 20 Barry Blood
- 21 Kathryn Neill
- 22 Martha Cummins
- 25 Rodney Hord
- 25 Ron Wertel
- 26 Karen Shumar

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Steve & Bobbie Ledbetter
- 10 Barry & Chris Blood
- 15 Olev & Karen Isak

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 2 - Emma & Jeb Graham
- 9 - Barb Bridgeman
- 16 -
- 23 -
- 30 -

SERVING IN OCTOBER

ELDERS

- 10/02 - Terri Peterson and Wilma Wilhelm
- 10/09 - Bob Sargent and Terri Peterson
- 10/16; 10/23; 10/30
Bob Sargent and Cliff Lawrence
- Next Elders' Meeting:
to be announced

DEACONS

- Captains:
Bruce and Linda Robinson

Serving

- | | |
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| Annette Ballard | Tim Ballard |
| Patricia MacGregor | Scott MacGregor |
| Sandy Merryman | Nancy Russell |
| DeAnne Ruffing | Jerome Ruffing |
| Linda Werner | |

Communion Preparation

Assigned by Captains

REFRESHMENT SERVERS

October 2, 9, 23, 30
Seekers' Class

NURSERY HELPERS

- October 02
 - 9:00 - Mary Lane
 - 10:15 - Beverly Tyler and Anna McDonald
 - - - Babies: Betty Wohlers
- October 09
 - 9:00 - Mary Lane
 - 10:15 - Nancy Schreiner and Noel White
 - - - Babies:
- October 16
 - 9:00 - Mary Lane
 - 10:15 - Cy and Mardy Hornsby
 - - - Babies:
- October 23
 - 9:00 - Mary Lane
 - 10:15 - Lois Norman and Barbara Watkins
 - - - Babies:

- October 30
 - 9:00 - Mary Lane
 - 10:15 - Betty Wohlers and Janis Whetstone
 - - - Babies:



Family Fall Festival

Don't Forget . . .
The Family Fall Festival
Sunday, October 30th
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fun * Fun * Fun * Fun

Food, Games, Hayride,
Bake Sale,

Trick-or-Treat in Tailgate Area