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Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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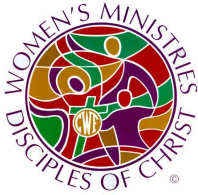
From the
PASTOR

Here we are again quickly approaching the holiday season. It is a time of the year that we can feel like life is out of control. But, there are things that we can do to remain centered. Central Christian Church will provide opportunities in the coming weeks for you to focus on what is important in your faith life. Make this holiday special by ...

Taking time to worship. November 7 - we will be having a very special service of remembrance for All Saints Day. Come and remember our brothers and sisters who have passed away this year. November 21 - we will host the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Tamara Isidor, pastor at Friendship United Methodist will be preaching, as well as a combined choir.

Be sure to give. There are many ways this year that you can give to those in need. Our Succoth booth is once again up for those who would like to bring canned goods for RCS. You can give of your time by helping to make sack lunches for Tent City on Sunday, November 14 following Worship; or feed the homeless on November 22 in St. Pete. Also, you can help decorate the church for Advent by coming Saturday, November 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Be sure to spend time with family and friends. You can join the Central Christian Church family as we celebrate Thanksgiving together. Dinner will be held in the fellowship hall at 1:00p.m. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) to share.



**DISCIPLES
WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES
NEWS**

NEARLY NEW SHOP

October Sale: \$733.80
Expenses:
Newspaper Ad 32.00
Outreach:

Migrants: 15 bags clothing, children's clothes, 20 pr shoes, 1 box books & toys, 1 box picture frames

Homeless: 1 bag knit shirts, 1 comforter

Grace House: 2 boxes household goods, 1 box clothing & Christmas stuff

Nursing Home: 2 sweaters

Kimberly House: 36 receiving blankets

Needy Family: clothing

Clothes for Kids: 2 boxes clothing

VFW: 5 pr jeans & misc.

Church Property: 1 heater

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 5th and 6th** (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). Please call Hilda Hamilton (726-3449) for the times they will be working.

MIRIAM STUDY AND SERVICE GROUP

Our next meeting will be at the home of Betty Wohlers, 1000 S. Keystone Ave., Clearwater. (Please call at 447-3354 to let her know you are coming.) We will have a continued Bible Study by Sharyn Dowd (from the Quadrennial Assembly). Please read John 14:25-31 before the meeting.

We sent 60 snack packs to the Highland Pines Rehabilitation Center last month, and will be preparing a Thanksgiving treat for another facility at our meeting.

Cheerie Wolf, Chris Blood, Wilma Wilhelm, and Patricia MacGregor and sons will be

attending the Disciple Women's Retreat at the Conference Center on November 13th.

All women of the church are invited to join us once a month for study, service and fellowship. Please contact Wilma Wilhelm at 446-0363 for more information.

COME TO THE NEARLY NEW SALE

Friday, Nov. 5th and Saturday, Nov. 6th
So many new treasures . . . COME AND SEE!
COME AND BUY!



**REMEMBER
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS AT 2:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

**DECORATING
THE CHURCH**

Come and help decorate the church for Advent. Saturday, November 27th at 9:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



**Hanging
of the
Greens**

**THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
WEAVING - BIND US TOGETHER, LORD**

We continue to create our special church family tapestry or wall hanging. You are invited during the week of your birthday, to bring a piece of fabric or ribbon, or anything you chose, to weave into a loom that is set-up in the sanctuary. The material must be at least 3 & 1/2 feet long (it will not be returned to you). Please choose something that is important to you or represents you in some way. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate. If you don't have anything to weave, material is available at the church. If you miss your week, it is okay, you can weave your material the next week you attend worship.





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 6:30-8:30 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: New Testament Course from
Yale University



The Church Office and
Kids Connection After Care
Will be closed

Thursday, November 25th
(Thanksgiving Day) . . .

And Friday, November 26th



**THERE WILL BE NO
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

In November.

Don't forget our Community
Thanksgiving Service Sunday Evening
November 21st at 7:00 p.m.
Right here at Central Christian Church

THANK YOU

Family Fall Festival

To everyone who participated in the Family Fall Festival. It was a wonderful event for our neighbors and the children.



**BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS AT 10:30 a.m.**

. . . We meet in the Parlor every Thursday morning and are currently studying *Christianity and Islam* by Ronn Kerr. On the first Thursday of each month, we go out for lunch together following the study.

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!



WORSHIP INFORMATION

Join us on:

† ...Sunday, November 7th, for All Saints Day. We will remember our members who have passed away during this last year.

† ...Sunday, November 28th, for the first Sunday in Advent. We will have an abbreviated “Hanging of the Greens” presentation AND special speaker, Bruce Barkhauer.

Special Announcemnt

Taize Worship

First Wednesday of Every Month - 7:00 p.m.

Palm Lake Christian Church

5401 22nd Ave., N - St Pete.

321-8356 www.palmlakecc.org

We meet in the Chapel for worship in the syle of the Taize community (www.taize.fr/en), including music, scripture, meditative prayer, and silence.

All are welcome!!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

We are so grateful to be active with Feed Tampa Bay. A food pantry is available for our members to use or to give to people we know that are having trouble making money stretch enough to buy groceries. Please help yourself to what you can use, and if you feel so led, you can make a donation to outreach helping sustain the pantry. The pantry will be in the office and available to anyone who can use the products. In these hard economic times, this is when our church can step up and help others by sharing and showing God's love thru our actions.

The homeless feedings will continue, sack lunches on the 14th of Nov and the main hot meal on the 22nd of Nov. We are having lots of fun cooking in our church kitchen, so be sure to try to make it the 22nd and join us. We meet at 2pm and create a meal for over 200 people. There are lots of jobs to do, and many hands make light work, so come and help out. If you are able to carpool with us to the shelter, we will leave about 5:30pm and be back at the church around 8:30. The serving line opens at 7 and we are out by 8. An intense hour, but one you will be blessed by. Let the homeless see Jesus' love shine in your life and be a living testimony for them.

The American Cancer Society is walking in the Seminole Fall Parade November 21st at 6:30pm. We'd love our church to support this good cause to get the information out by walking in the parade. The parade is less than a mile long and we will be giving out handouts about Cancer screening and ACS. It starts at 6:30 pm so wear your purple and any flashing lights you can find. Prepare to have a great time and be inspired also. Our team is registered on line at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29802&pg=entry. Sign up early and start your fund raising for cancer research now!

Eight of your church members were honored to attend The Haven for Domestic Violence luncheon on October 21. We learned the importance of this shelter and the good works it does. Our church is proud to sponsor it. If you would like any information to give to someone in need, please see Patty in the office.

Tracy Lilly is sending out Christmas boxes to our military family, so please bring something you think they would enjoy having at this time of year. Homemade cookies in tins are always welcome and enjoyed by the troops.

Outreach committee thanks everyone for all their help and support, for without you, projects would not be done. Thanks for all your prayers, financial and physical support.

Blessings to you all,
Barb Bridgeman, Chair

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Outreach for the month of September 2010

World Outreach Budget:

Disciples Mission Fund	\$	350.00
Conference Center		383.33
Suncoast Christian Church		175.00

Church in Society Budget:

RCS - Grace House	250.00
Good Samaritan Mission	166.66
Clearwater Free Clinic	200.00

Commitment Funds

RCS Food Pantry (Nearly New)	500.00
Administrative Discretionary	<u>104.95</u>
Total	\$2,129.94

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.

Next newsletter deadline is noon, Fri.,
Nov. 19th be issued Mon. Nov. 29th.



MEETINGS SCHEDULED

There is an Executive Committee meeting Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. On the agenda will be

2011 Budget and other necessary business.

There is a General Board* Thursday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. On the agenda will be the 2011 Budget and other necessary business of the quarterly meeting.

This General Board meeting is the regular quarterly meeting of the Board and all **Ministry Team Chairs are asked to submit their written reports to the office by November 1st . The reports will be copied and distributed to save time during the meeting.*

There is a Congregation Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 21st following Worship. On the agenda will be the 2011 Budget and any other necessary business. We hope you will be in attendance

Mark your calendars now!



TRAVELING NATIVITY

The traveling nativity can come to your house. Just call the church office, 446-0988, and let us know that your family would like to participate.

The nativity will begin its trip in December. Each family will be able to play with the set for a day or two before passing it on to the next family. Our Kids Connection Families will also have a traveling nativity set that they will be sharing.

This is a wonderful activity that will be treasured by everyone in the family.



This Special Day Offering will be received November 14th and 21st

The education we choose reflects who we want to become. More and more, students who want to make a difference in the world are choosing Disciples higher educational institutions.

Your support of Disciples higher educational institutions through the Thanksgiving Special Offering makes a difference in the lives of the more than 26,000 students who chose a Disciples education.



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 .

EGYPT AND NILE RIVER TRIP

Join Rev. Ivan and Carolyn Fuller on March 19, 2011 for a 15 day trip to Egypt. Call for more details (727) 365-9103.



REMINDER

There will be a General Election, Tuesday, November 2nd. Our Fellowship Hall is a polling place and will be used that day from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. If you will be at the church on Nov. 2nd, please remember - there will be extra vehicle and pedestrian traffic; and as our bumper stickers say: "Just Be Nice" !!



IN THE CHURCH MAIL

We heard from Mary Weeks, one of Dora Turner's daughters. Dora can no longer read our newsletter, *The Visitor*, but Mary said Dora would love to receive personal mail. If you would like to drop a card to Dora, her address is: 2864 River Road, Kankakee, IL 60901.



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"September 2010

Dear Pastor,

The Clearwater Free Clinic is dedicated to proving our community's low-income uninsured residents with accessible problem oriented healthcare. Volunteer-driven, the Clinic is able to provide this service only through the generosity of our community. Your donation enables the continuation of Clinic services with the availability of medications, medical supplies, equipment and other program costs. We are truly grateful for your support.

Sincerely, Kathryn Schene, Development Director

*Pastor, Please continue to share our gratitude with your congregation ... we served 1,325 in August!
Many Thanks, Kathryn"*

RCS ❖ Help & Hope for Those in Need

503 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue * Clearwater, FL 33756

(727) 584-3528 * Fax (727) 587-7747

www.RCSpinellas.org

"Dear Central Christian Church of Clearwater,

"Your gift to RCS Grace House has come at a time of rapidly increasing need. More than food, shelter, safety, and clothing, your gift provides help and hope to people in need throughout Pinellas County.

All we have to do is turn on the television or look up and down our own street to understand that our community is in great need. Together we've become a collective witness to a rapidly changing economy. In times like these, RCS has no choice but to open its doors wider. Our ability to do so is a testimony to the strength of this community.

Your gift means so much to us and the families we assist. We know during these economic times it is not easy to make a monetary contribution to support our work; your gift indicates an extraordinary care for others.

I cannot thank you enough for your donation!

Sincerely, Duggan Cooley, President/CEO, Religious Community Services, Inc."



Happy Thanks giving
from the Staff at Central Christian Church





WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 17, we received into our fellowship:

Sheryl Crutchfield
4296 Tremblay Way
Palm Harbor, FL 34685
(727) 947-4714

Dorothy (Dot) Lilly
2816 Eagle Run Circle, S.
Clearwater, FL 33760
(727) 953-3898

Bob and Rose Jones
Bob: 400 Lake Ave., NE, Apt. S 307B
Rose: 499 Alt. Keene Rd., Rm 807P
Largo, FL 33771
Bob: 587-0104
Rose: 581-9252

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER FOR THE RECORD...



	September	Yr. To Date
Budget	\$ 25,352.70	\$228,174.30
Expenses	\$ 29,653.23	\$222,998.55
Income	\$ 20,016.75	\$218,887.17
Balance	\$ 9,636.48-	\$ 4,111.38-

Average Attendance - September

10:15 Worship	109
Nursery	9
Sunday School	22
Children's Church	14

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!

THANKSGIVING DINNER Thursday, November 25th - 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall



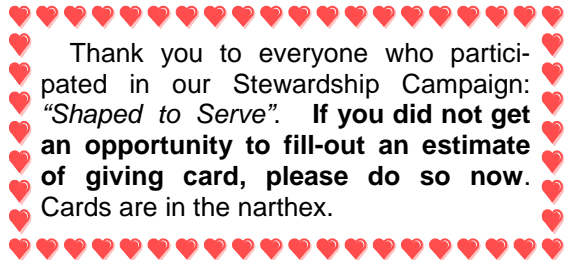
THANKSGIVING Dinner

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



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Stewardship Campaign: "Shaped to Serve". **If you did not get an opportunity to fill-out an estimate of giving card, please do so now.** Cards are in the narthex.

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: Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Canon and Apple. Cartridges without a printhead are accepted for recycle but not payment. Thanks!

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CHURCH**

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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 21, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Right here at Central
Christian Church.

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.

FOR THE MONTH 2010



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kevin DiLella
- 2 Katie Campell
- 3 June Brott
- 4 Lynne DiLella
- 4 Nancy Miller
- 5 Norma Hord
- 5 Sylvia Meador
- 7 Annette Ballard
- 7 Cliff Lawrence
- 7 Deloris Rebrovich
- 8 Desaray Dilday
- 8 Debbie Merryman
- 10 Carrie Reid Klinefelter
- 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 Barb Bridgeman

Next Elders' Meeting:
Sunday, November 14
following Worship in the Parlor

DEACONS

Captains:

David Dilday and Connie Gandoff

Serving

Carol Colvin	Jim Colvin
Kim Daniel	E.J. Laney
Margie Reitz	Bob Voegeli
Dotti Voegeli	Janis Whetstone

Communion Preparation

Assigned by Captains

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 7 -
14 - Dolores Reilly
21 -
28 - Bob Sargent

REFRESHMENT SERVERS

November
Christian Education

NURSERY HELPERS

November 7
- 9:00 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - Cy & Mardy Hornsby
Babies - -

November 14
- 9:15 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - Lois Norman and
Barbara Watkins
Babies - -

November 21
- 9:15 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - Betty Wohlers and
Janis Whetstone
Babies - -

November 28
- 9:15 - Mary Lane
- 10:15 - E. J. Laney and
Gail Inhulsen
Babies - -



*Daylight Saving Time Ends
2:00 a.m. Sunday
November 7th
don't forget to set
your clocks back 1 hour
before you go to sleep
on Saturday night!!!*



November 11th



Thanksgiving Blessings