



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sermon Title and Scriptures

February 10, 2019

“Our Witness”

Psalms 138:1-3, 7-8; I Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon Title and Scriptures

February 17, 2019

“First Fruits”

Jeremiah 7:7-10, I Corinthians 15:12-22

February CWF morning assembly day

The morning CWF group will meet on Feb. 12, the 201th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The discussion topic will be “The Spirituality of Lincoln.” Visitors are welcome to join us at 10:30. If you wish to stay for the pot-luck luncheon, please bring a dish to share.

Crosslines Report for January, 2019

On January 8 food was distributed by volunteers from Central and from St. John’s Chapel to 104 families. The number of families needing food assistance from Crosslines continues to be high. Don Horton, Pat Chapman, Dorothy Thurman, and Bob Thurman assisted with the January distribution.

CWF Love Gift Luncheon

Mark your calendar! The CWF Love Gift Luncheon will be held Sunday, March 10. The menu will include beans, soup, corn bread, fried potatoes, and lots of desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet for assistance with bean dishes, soup, and corn bread on Lisa’s desk. Central’s Christian Women’s Fellowship appreciates the support of the church.



Scholarship Application Time

Students entering college or vocational training school in the fall are invited to apply for the scholarships Central Christian offers yearly. To be eligible, the applicant should:

1. Be a member, active participant, or have a connection with Central (or applicant’s family member).
2. Be a senior in High school, or have graduated within the past two years, or have received GED.
3. Have at least a 2.5 GPA and have been approved/accepted for enrollment into a post secondary school.

Stop by the office for applications, which are due with accompanying letters of recommendation by May 1.

Looking Ahead

- **February 12—Seeking Knowledge, Gaining Fellowship Make-Up Date, 5:30pm**
- **February 17, 24—Week of Compassion special offering**
- **March 3—Mid-town Concert Series: Song & Larsen Duo, 3pm**
- **March 6—Ash Wednesday**
- **March 10—CWF Love Gift Luncheon**

Congregational Concerns

Judy Gibson, Friend of Maryann Wakefield Phil Groner, Nephew of Gary and Nancy Morris Marilyn Ferguson
 David Hopkins, Son of Ellen Grier Terry Bagot, Brother of Shirley Musser Barbara Presley Dan Hicks
 Karen Sunderwirth The family of Mary Jane Cross, on her passing Eldon Cobb Lisa Lynch
 Marvin Prosser, Brother-in-law of Joyce Moots Shelbee Maudlin, Friend of Rita & Bill St.Gemme John Manary
 Lori Harach, daughter-in-law of Gary and Nancy Morris Mary Gleghorn Marjorie Ray Herb Knight
 Traci Vargas & Children Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier
 Isaac Ferguson, infant Friend of Karen Sunderwirth Johnny Odell, Son-in-law of Ann Hudging Jaden Willingham
 Rex Scott Biggs, Son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs John Thurman James Willingham Rev. Katrina Palan
 Barbara Gard, Daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Greg & Paula Walton Paul Martin Marilyn Elsass Ann Simon
 Cookie Smith and her mother Mary, friends of Robert and Beth Taylor Mary Pering Ken Hillen Rosa Lee Butts
 Lynda McCoy Janice McGee Lorene Murray Beth Taylor Lloyd Hoover Debra Gleghorn Victoria McIlwain
 Linda Zweerink *(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)*



	<u>February 10</u>	<u>February 17</u>	<u>FINANCIALS</u>
Elders	Larry Graham Wilma Frazier	Carolyn Deeds Cal Wise	<u>1/27/19</u> General Fund Contributions: \$22,925.52 Attendance: 140
Deacons	Bill Fischer – Mary Bermond Karen Fischer Don Horton Paula Letterman Bob Lynch Tiffany Lynch Sean McGinnis Nan Olmsted Barb Rossetter Josh Thomas Larry Thomas Lynette Thomas Carma Weinman Darrel Zweerink	Everett French – Diana Criger Carolyn Condict Marilyn Ferguson Debra Gleghorn Sandra Graham Bill Grier Helen Gunther Dan Hicks Teresa Hicks Ken Hillen Joyce Moots David Moots Kathy Osborn Dewayne Rout	<u>2/3/19</u> General Fund Contributions: \$7,372 Attendance: 145
Invocation and Offering	Gary Witt	Michael Olmsted	
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Don & Faye Nix Dana Powell, Patsy Tipton	Jim & Marilynn Ferguson Darrell & Linda Zweerink	
Usher	Dave & Joyce Moots	Robert & Beth Taylor	
Greeter	Paul & Sharon Martin	Everett & Carolyn Deeds	
Fellowship Pianist	Dorothy Thurman	Steve Sherrill	

Crafting finger labyrinths for General Assembly

Disciples' Women's Ministries is requesting local congregations make and collect labyrinths for General Assembly 2019.

There are patterns for those who sew, knit and crochet, available in the church office and online. Tags to attach to completed labyrinths are included. The finger labyrinths will be given during opening worship, hopefully, to everyone attending. Any surplus labyrinths will be donated to nursing homes, hospices, and other ministries. Finished finger labyrinths should be shipped to Disciples Women Labyrinths, 1099 N. Meridian Street, Suite 700, Indianapolis, IN46204, to arrive before June 1, 2019.



The labyrinth, an ancient symbol, offers us a metaphor for life's journey. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has but one path; you follow the path in to the center and out again. Many people walk labyrinths for different reasons, but Christians most often walk a labyrinth in prayer or as a contemplative exercise. During the Middle Ages, if Christians were unable to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, they often would walk a labyrinth closer to home, symbolic of the pilgrimage. The earliest known Christian labyrinth was in an ancient church dating back to the early fourth century. Labyrinths appear in many traditions and cultures, in many religions and philosophies, throughout human history for millennia.

Unlike a floor labyrinth, where others might be walking at the same time, a finger labyrinth is often experienced in solitude. Find a quiet space. Begin by taking time to breathe, relax and center yourself. Place a finger at the entrance and trace the labyrinth's circuit, taking time to pause at any point, breathing, relaxing into the labyrinth. Remain at the center as you wish, and when you are ready, trace your way out. When your labyrinth journey is complete, you may place both hands on the labyrinth, offering a blessing.

Prayer upon beginning to craft a finger labyrinth:

Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth. As I take up my tools, my material and my small skills to craft this labyrinth, I pray that it may be a sign of your grace, your peace, and your loving kindness to those who will use it. This I ask in the name of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Specially prepared for:

**Sunday Mornings
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School**

Ministry Team

**Larry Graham, Board Chair
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Senior Minister
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister
Dr. Mark Bowdidge, Music Director
Vicky Claborn, Organist
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director
Joyce Thomas, Children's Director
John Bermond, Building Superintendent**

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