



### Opportunity for All

This week our overview of Faith in Indiana's Families First agenda turns to our commitment to equity and access for all. It's a broad category, but here are the main points we are focusing on right now.

- Universal Pre-K so that every child gets a good start.
- Protect healthcare and the social safety net. No cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, or other programs that provide for the basic needs of the most vulnerable.
- Full funding for HIP 2.0 and for mental health and addictions treatment programs.
- Fair and accessible elections, including expanded early voting and bipartisan redistricting reform.

Join us for the launch of the campaign to put families ahead of corporate and partisan interests at the **Faith in Indiana convention tomorrow, Saturday, April 21, at 1pm** at North United Methodist Church 38th & Meridian Streets. Let's raise our moral voice as people of faith to demand Treatment not Incarceration, Citizenship not Deportation, and Opportunity for All!

You can use this [link](#) to register, or email [justice@indyccc.org](mailto:justice@indyccc.org) for more information.

### A Note from Linda

Dear friends,

An abundance of grace continues to pour into the life of Central Christian Church as we worship, witness, and work together. We have felt it in the Associate Pastor search committee that has been gathering, praying, listening, and discerning our way through a process that began in October. I am pleased to report that although we are not finished, we are definitely making progress!

We recently completed interviews by Skype of several different candidates. We have narrowed that pool and are now in the process of setting up face to face interviews for those candidates with whom we want to pursue further conversation. We hope that those interviews can be scheduled in the next three weeks.

The committee is excited about the quality of the candidates we have seen and talked with. We have confidence that our new pastor will be a vehicle for experiencing even more grace!

Meanwhile, I continue to give thanks for the wonderful work that many of you are doing during this time that we are understaffed. I appreciate your understanding of the limitations on my time and am so grateful for your kind and generous spirits.

Hope to see you on Sunday, perhaps even early to avoid street closures (see below)!

Blessings,  
Linda

### This and That

#### Come hear great music and support a great cause!

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra members Michelle Black, Sophia Cho, Perry Scott, and Peter Vicky will join R. Kent Cook in performing works by Glère, Schubert and Shostakovich – plus a guest appearance by some of our own youth – this **Sunday at 2:00pm** in the Sanctuary. Concert admission is free, donations are welcome. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra (MYO).

#### Want to serve our youth without any prep time involved?

Get with your favorite person and sign up to be a gym supervisor. Youth at Central connect with one another during Open Gym, and our goal is to have it open weekly for 20-30 minutes following Sunday service. It's an easy way to make our youth ecstatic! And you literally can catch up with your friend, while standing in the gym providing low level supervision for our kiddos. **All potential gym supervisors should plan to attend the Child Protection Training session** offered on May 6. If we find 12 pairs, you could just serve once a quarter. Let Erin Leranis know if you're interested at [cvt@indyccc.org](mailto:cvt@indyccc.org)

### Events This Weekend

Sunday, April 22

- **Bible Study** in the conference room at 9am
- **Worship** in the sanctuary at 10:30am
- **Fellowship time** follows worship in the fellowship hall
- **Making Ministry Abundant (MMA) sessions (Worship and Witness)** in the community room at noon
- **Nursery care** will be available until 1:30pm
- **Concert with a Cause** in the sanctuary at 2pm

To see a full monthly printable calendar of our meetings and events, [click here](#).

### Making Ministry Abundant

As we ponder the Abundance of Grace that God has provided, we are also working toward Making Ministry Abundant at Central. The third and final MMA sessions will be this Sunday right after worship. Won't you help the following teams dream into the new church year?

#### Witness Ministry Team

As this team leads Central in witnessing to the larger community, their responsibilities include such things as:

- Overseeing Food Pantry, Free Clothing, and Thrift Store
- AIDS Walk, CROP Walk
- Easter breakfast
- Christmas family sponsorship
- Fair Trade (Equal Exchange) coffee cart
- Advocating for such issues as refugee resettlement, LGBTQ rights, economic justice, caring for the environment

#### Worship Ministry Team

The primary responsibility of this team is planning all aspects of worship on Sunday mornings and other services. This includes such tasks as:

- Providing communion supplies, flowers, paraments, candles, etc.
- Inviting others to engage in and evaluate worship planning for the various liturgical seasons
- Inviting members to participate in worship leadership (acolytes, worship leader, children's moment, Worship & Wonder, etc.)

Please stay for a FREE LUNCH this Sunday as you join one of these two teams to share your thoughts and maybe get involved. Both team leaders promise to finish in time for you to head up to the sanctuary for a wonderful concert at 2:00.

### “Waking Up White” Spiritual Growth Class Sunday, April 29 – Sunday, May 20

Two guest leaders, Nedra Feeley and Paula Means, will be leading a class this spring based on the book, “Waking Up White” by Debby Irving. It is a chronicle of one woman's personal story, experiences and reflections of a white woman living in a multi-cultural world. A powerful quote from the book: “I believe the most loving thing a person, or a group of people, can do for another is to examine the ways in which their own insecurities and assumptions interfere with others' ability to thrive.”

The class will meet Sunday, April 29, Noon – 2 pm (including lunch); Sunday May 6; Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 – 8:30 pm; and Sunday, May 20. Everyone is welcome. Childcare will be provided upon request. Participants are asked to read the book in advance, available at [Amazon](#) (and a few copies are available in the church office for those who cannot afford the book). Registration is free but required by emailing [office@indyccc.org](mailto:office@indyccc.org) or calling the church office (317-635-6397).

\*Note that the third session is on Tuesday evening rather than on Mother's Day Sunday.



In recognition of the almost \$2,000 for blankets donated by Central worshippers in February, Central has received an Honor Certificate from Church World Service (CWS). We are helping CWS “Blanket the world with love!”

Also, a representative of CWS recently visited our Free Clothing Ministry and interviewed Pastor Linda and the Monday morning volunteers. Here is a link to the article: <https://cwsblankets.org/central-christian-church-shares-cws-blankets-with-neighbors/>.

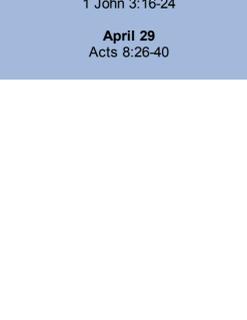
Thanks to all who continue to support our Free Clothing Ministry and CWS through donations of time, clothing, and financial gifts.



Why not add a pop of color with a fashionable Central Christian Church t-shirt? These short sleeved tees are available in a rainbow of colors. Adult sizes only. Can't decide on a color? Get one of each. T-shirts will be no more than \$15 apiece.

Kerry Armstrong will be in Fellowship Hall after worship on the next three Sundays to take orders. Stop by the information table to see a sample. For you late night shoppers, orders can be placed [online](#). **All orders must be received by May 2.**

Be a trend setter this season and order yours today!



We thank those who enriched our worship services on Sunday, 4/15/18:

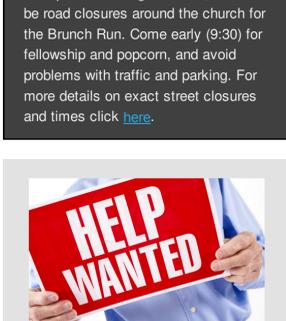
**Greeters:** Aly, Jon, Khaya Barnes, and Alanis Dorsey  
**Acolyte:** Garrett Nickel  
**Worship Leader:** Deborah Butt  
**Worship and Wonder:** Traci Elliot & Julie Miller

**Young Disciples:** Beverly Knight and Lucy Williams  
**Nursery Helper:** Susan Nickel  
**Offering Counters:** Elaine Brunner and Karen Sanford  
**Audio Technician:** Bill Lambert

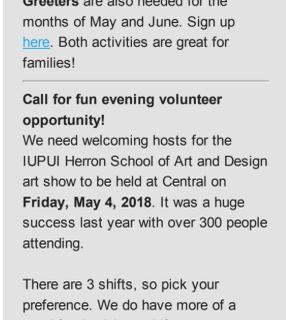
Thank you also to those who have helped in the office this week: Carolyn Bradbury and Lucy Williams

### UPCOMING PREACHING TEXTS

**April 22**  
1 John 3:16-24  
**April 29**  
Acts 8:26-40



On April 22 starting at 10 am, there will be road closures around the church for the Brunch Run. Come early (9:30) for fellowship and popcorn, and avoid problems with traffic and parking. For more details on exact street closures and times click [here](#).



### Volunteer Opportunities!

**Fellowship hosts and greeters needed!** Be a host for fellowship hour after worship. Snacks are provided – you simply put them out and replenish as necessary throughout the 20 minutes following service. Sign up in fellowship hall!

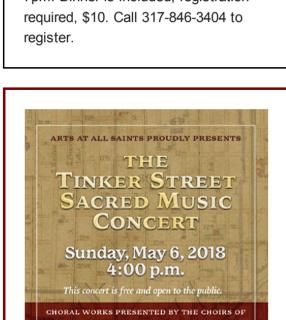
**Greeters** are also needed for the months of May and June. Sign up [here](#). Both activities are great for families!

**Call for fun evening volunteer opportunity!** We need welcoming hosts for the IU/PUI Herron School of Art and Design art show to be held at Central on **Friday, May 4, 2018**. It was a huge success last year with over 300 people attending.

There are 3 shifts, so pick your preference. We do have more of a need for the 2 later shifts.

- 1st shift: 5:45-7:15
- 2nd shift: 7:15-8:45
- 3rd shift: 8:45-10:00

Come early or stay late to enjoy the exhibit yourself. Contact Lucy Williams to sign up: [Lucysw@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lucysw@bellsouth.net); 502-500-1156



Come celebrate Earth Day with your friends at Central Christian Church, this **Saturday, April 21st**, with members of the Green Chalice team as we clean up outside. There will be a job for everyone. Bring your work gloves, rakes, trimmers, or pruning shears and we'll find a task for you.

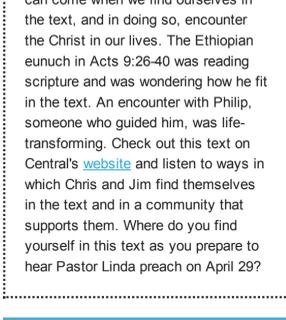
Don't have a green thumb? Come anyway and join us for a revival of Keepers of the Ark, a paint up/fix up group. Started many years ago, the Keepers, had a very successful run, logging thousands of hours of work on This Ole Ark. The group will meet on a quarterly basis, with the same purpose in mind.

Both groups will gather in the Community Room for a light breakfast. Work will begin at nine and wind down around noon.

All skill levels are welcome. Come share your talents or come learn some new ones to help beautify the church inside and out.

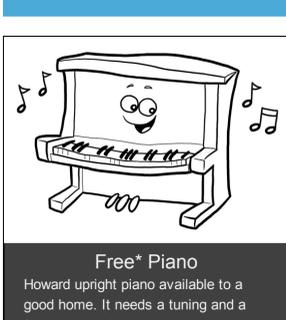
### “Waking Up White” author to speak this Sunday evening

Debbie Irving, author of “Waking Up White” (which is the basis for our book study at Central Christian beginning April 29) will be presenting at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., on Sunday, April 22, 4-7pm. Dinner is included, registration required, \$10. Call 317-846-3404 to register.



Don't get enough of the choir on Sunday mornings? Come hear the Chancel Choir on Sunday, **May 6 at 4:00 pm**, as they join neighboring choirs from the Episcopal Church of All Saints, Restoration Baptist Church and St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, for an afternoon of choral music.

The concert, at the Episcopal Church of All Saints (1559 Central Ave), is free and open to the public



Mark your calendars for a fabulous, multi-generational, low stress, high fun event – Pizza and karaoke at the church.

April 27 at 6 pm we will gather in Fellowship hall. We hope to have a great turnout for what promises to be a gut-busting good time.

If your last name begins with a letter found in the first half of the alphabet, please bring a salad, veggie or fruit to share. If your name begins with a letter found in the second half of the alphabet, please bring a dessert to share.

### Finding Ourselves in the Scriptures

Some scripture texts are easier to embrace than others. The most powerful experiences with scripture can come when we find ourselves in the text, and in doing so, encounter the Christ in our lives. The Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 9:26-40 was reading scripture and was wondering how he fit in the text. An encounter with Philip, someone who guided him, was life-transforming. Check out this text on Central's [website](#) and listen to ways in which Chris and Jim find themselves in the text and in a community that supports them. Where do you find yourself in this text as you prepare to hear Pastor Linda preach on April 29?

### Sunday Lunch Menu 4/22/2018

**Meatloaf, vegetarian meatloaf, mashed potatoes (sweet and white), gravy, chicken vegetable soup, green salad, green beans, fruit, cookies, drinks**

Serving MMA (Making Ministry Abundant) Witness & Worship Teams; **Concerts with a Cause** at Central; **Community Conversations**—bring a friend, meet someone new!

Donations appreciated but not required: \$7.00 more if / less if. ALL WELCOME! MMA meals subsidized by Ministry Coordination Council (MCC).



**Free\* Piano** Howard upright piano available to a good home. It needs a tuning and a few repairs. Bench is included. If interested contact Susan Ferrer, [susanferrer@gmail.com](mailto:susanferrer@gmail.com)

\*New owner will need to arrange for it to be moved.

### CELEBRATIONS

**Birthdays and Anniversaries\***

**4/22**  
Ethel Mace  
Warren & Betsy Lynn\*

**4/23**  
Darrel Crouter  
Judy Burns & Robbie Schmidt\*

**4/25**  
Glenda Survanice

### THRIFT STORE needs: Kitchen size trash bags, Large black trash bags, Men's belts, Cookware, Small kitchen appliances

**Free Clothing needs:** Men's and women's jeans, belts, bras, sweatpants, sweatshirts, backpacks, light weight jackets, raincoats, and hats

### CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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- **Our Facebook Family Page** - <https://www.facebook.com/CentralIndyFamilies>
- **Our Church Website** - <http://www.indyccc.org>

- **Our Facebook Justice Network** - Central Justice Network
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