

### Meet our LMT Students!

Our three Learning Ministry Together (LMT) students are here! Here's a bit about each of them:

**Nicole Barnes** is a second year M. Div student at Christian Theological Seminary. She also serves as the Director of Voter Engagement for Faith in Indiana, where she has worked for 3 years. Prior to that, she worked with adolescents and young adults who were transitioning out of the Indiana foster care system. Outside of school and work, Nicole enjoys serving at her church, traveling, watching sports and sharing a good meal and laughs with friends and family.

**Allison Fisher-Mannies** is a second year M.Div. student at Christian Theological Seminary. Prior to seminary, she was an elementary teacher for eight years in Catholic schools in Illinois and Indianapolis. When Allison is not studying, she can be found spending time with her husband and three dogs, exploring new places, and mentoring through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.

**Starnekia Williams** was born and raised in Indianapolis, so she is a die-hard Colts fan. Starnekia is a second-year M.Div. student at Christian Theological Seminary. She is a minister at Liberation AME Zion church where she has been a member for the last ten years. Starnekia loves to spend time with her nieces and nephews and doing anything that is positive and creative.

### A Note from Linda

Dear friends,

Yesterday a group of neighborhood/downtown folks gathered in our fellowship hall for lunch. Around the table were two business leaders, a Catholic priest, a neighborhood association president, a school principal, and two people who work with neighbors who are low-income or homeless, plus several of us from Central. This event is one of the ways we are trying to address the desire that we have heard clearly as we have listened to our neighborhood over the last two years: people want to connect.

That listening led us to organize a series of activities, of which this luncheon was one. The conversation was lively, and although in our one hour together we didn't come up with THE answer of how to connect our neighborhood (no surprise there!), experiences and insights were shared that stimulated our thinking and made us want to keep talking (which we'll do next month).

Another activity we're going to try, to connect with our neighborhood and invite others to connect, are a couple of s'mores events. We'll set up some fire pits in our green space, break out the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers, and invite our neighbors. YOU are all invited to these events we will have on September 16 and October 21 (both Sundays at 4pm). Please put them on your calendar!

I hope you have a wonderful long weekend in celebration of working people!

Blessings,  
Linda

### This and That

On the 4 Mondays in August, **Central's Free Clothing Ministry** served a total of 111 clients including 44 first timers and 23 homeless or sheltered people.

The Community Team is looking for help to coordinate the set up of a CCC booth at the **Festival of Faiths** on Sunday, October 14. If you are interested, let Dawn Barnes know. Check out their website for more information: <http://www.festivaloffaiths.com/>

On Sunday, September 16, we will be giving **Bibles to our second graders** as they "graduate" from Worship and Wonder to Young Disciples. If you are the parent, grandparent, or guardian of a second grader, please contact Pastor Luis ([pastorluis@indyccc.org](mailto:pastorluis@indyccc.org)) to let him know if your child can be present on September 16.

**Fellowship Hosts Needed.** Sharing simple refreshments after worship on Sunday is an important way to welcome visitors and for our regular members to fellowship with one another. Volunteers are needed to host the fellowship table. Please sign up in fellowship hall.

### Events This Weekend

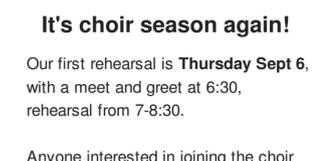
**Sunday, September 2**

- **Bible Study** in the conference room at 9am.
- **Worship** in the sanctuary at 10:30am. Worship & Wonder begins after the children's moment. Older children remain in the sanctuary.
- **Pizza with the Pastor** following worship in the parlor.
- **Taizé service** at 5:00pm in the sanctuary.

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



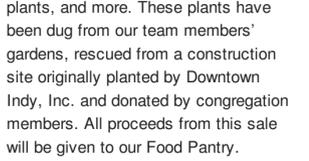
On September 9 and 16 we will be collecting socks for Central's Free Clothing ministry. Those who visit our Free Clothing need new socks year round, and if enough socks are donated those two Sundays, the Free Clothing will not have to buy socks any time this year. While you're out shopping the next two weeks, and beyond, please buy a package of women's or men's socks. Let's SOCK IT to our volunteers at Free Clothing by filling the Free Clothing garbage can full of socks! More details will be in next week's newsletter.



### It's choir season again!

Our first rehearsal is **Thursday Sept 6**, with a meet and greet at 6:30, rehearsal from 7-8:30.

Anyone interested in joining the choir should contact Danielle Hartman at [music@indyccc.org](mailto:music@indyccc.org).



**Plant Sale**  
Saturday, September 15  
10 am - Noon  
CCC Parking Lot

Our Plant Sale will include lilies, irises, sedums, perhaps some house plants, and more. These plants have been dug from our team members' gardens, rescued from a construction site originally planted by Downtown Indy, Inc. and donated by congregation members. All proceeds from this sale will be given to our Food Pantry.

If you have plants to contribute, please deliver them to the church parking lot from 8-9:30am on the day of the sale.

Come, bring some neighbors along, choose a few pots of these beautiful plants to take home, and have a planting party in your area.

Contact [mrschilling@att.net](mailto:mrschilling@att.net) with questions.

### Save the Date



We will gather for the third annual Green Chalice Pitch-In Harvest Dinner to be held following worship in the Community Room on Sunday, September 30. Plans are underway for a "best yet" event! All are invited. There will be activities for young children and nursery care for toddlers. Watch for more details in the weeks ahead.



### CCC Community Octoberfest in the Country

All are welcome to our first Octoberfest on Friday, October 12 beginning at 5pm (rain date will be Friday, October 19)!! Patti Case and Lori Adams are hosting it at their home in the country! There will be food, games, a fire, s'mores, fire wood stacking, pumpkins and plenty of fun! We are going to help our hosts stack some firewood to lend a hand with their country living - so bring your muscles! It will be a "bring your own meat to grill and a side to share" meal and please bring along your own chair. Community Team will be providing s'more fixings by the fire. All are invited and we just ask that you RSVP to Dawn Barnes by October 8 ([wieny1@aol.com](mailto:wieny1@aol.com) or 317-447-3717) if you plan to attend. Come and join us for this fun community Octoberfest!



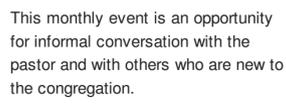
We thank those who enriched our worship services on Sunday, **8/26/18:**

- Greeters:** Rick Appel and Lee Brunner
- Worship Leader:** Bev Knight
- Acolytes:** Tamia Rivera and Marcus White
- Children's Moment:** Christina Presley
- Worship & Wonder:** Traci Elliott & Julie Miller
- Nursery Worker:** Sarah Murphy
- Offering Counters:** Elaine Brunner and Steve Martz
- Audio Technician:** Rick Sancken-Marx

Thank you also to those who have helped in the office this week: Bob Riester and Jessica Rodenberger

### Share Your Story of Race!

Do you have a personal experience related to race that you would be willing to share with others at Central? In October we will have several after-worship sessions on "Stories of Race" where people will share their personal experiences from the 1960's to the present day. The more people who share, the more opportunities we all will have for growth in dealing with racism today. Please consider telling your story! If you are willing to share, please contact Witness Team Leader, Jennifer Riggs, at [riggs.jennifer@att.net](mailto:riggs.jennifer@att.net) to get added to the schedule.



### Pizza with the Pastor

If you are new at Central, please join Luis Gierbolini following worship this Sunday, September 2.

This monthly event is an opportunity for informal conversation with the pastor and with others who are new to the congregation.

Meet in the parlor (off the main hallway) about 15 minutes after the service.

### Food Pantry Update

The weather was pretty nasty for the August food pantry, but we still served 40 households representing 65 individuals. Many of our regulars were not present, but we saw many new faces. All who came were very appreciative of the food that they received. All were grateful for a dry place to be for a short time and were grateful for the refreshments provided by Marilyn Porter.

A big thank you to **Marilyn Porter, Calvin Porter, David Licht, Carolyn Bradbury, Lisa Albert, Slattery, Lee Brunner, Rick Appel, Patrick Siscoe, Jay Arend, Durwin Griggs, Chuck Brandenburg, and Jean Brandenburg** for serving our neighbors. And thanks to **David McCallister** for picking-up the produce.

Some of our stock is low at this time. We need **dried beans, canned kidney beans, canned greens of any kind, low sodium vegetables and soups, spaghetti sauce, of any kind, bars of bath soap, and condiments such as ketchup, mustard, relish, mayo, etc.** We continue to provide snack bags to those who come to the office seeking assistance. We need several items for these bags – **individual fruit cups, individual size cheese and crackers, individual boxes of raisins, granola, and bottles of water.** We hope that you will consider donating to the food pantry. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall. We continue to need grocery bags with handles. Thank you so much for your continued support.

### The text, the conversation, the sermon: are you open to the challenge?

On Sunday, September 9, 2018, our Regional Minister, Rick Spleth, will be preaching as we officially install and bless Luis Gierbolini in his new pastoral role among us at Central Christian Church. The sermon text for the day, Joshua 3:9-17, offers some rich opportunities for reflection on leadership and ministry. A conversation about that text has begun on Central's [website](#), led by Amanda and Pam, with others sure to follow. Please check out the text and conversation for yourself, and add your own meditation to the mix.

### CELEBRATIONS



**Birthdays and Anniversaries\***

**September 4**  
Dave & Robin Miner\*

### Upcoming Preaching Texts

**September 2**  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**September 9**  
Joshua 3:9-17

### Worship Attendance

8/5	176
8/12	183
8/19	178
8/26	187

August Average: 181

**Thrift Store needs:** Kitchen size trash bags, large black trash bags, men's belts, cookware, small kitchen appliances, linens, and towels

**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!

- Our General Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/indyccc/>
- Our Facebook Family Page - <https://www.facebook.com/CentrallndyFamilies>
- Our Church Website - <http://www.indyccc.org>
- Our Facebook Justice Network - Central Justice Network
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