



Summary of Central's September 20, 2018, General Board Meeting

Central's initial meeting of General Board for the 2018-2019 church year was filled with affirmations, discussions and decisions. Here are some of the highlights!

In addition to receiving multiple reports, participating in our annual training on Central's Safety Plan, and affirming many of the groups that help our faith community function, the main topics addressed are listed below.

We had some good discussion regarding the data, timeline and scope provided by the Food Ministry Task Force that met over the summer. In addition to the discussion, three things were highlighted: The food handling certification has been earned by Mr. Isaac Johnson (paperwork on file in the church office); the Finance Team and the new Food Ministry Team are in discussion developing the process for dealing with the cash and donations collected for this ministry; the Food Ministry Team is committed to on-going conversation and collaboration with ministries already in place that are located in the same area - specifically Thrift Shop, Free Clothing and Food Pantry.

The new Food Ministry Team will build on the work of the summer task force - and will be charged with oversight of the Food Ministry, addressing the recommendations and assisting in assessing the viability of this ministry moving forward. So far, Debbie Abbott, Judith Wray and Pastor Luis are serving on this team. The board also brainstormed some ideas regarding how to support this ministry financially since it is not in the 2018-2019 budget.

With our growth in ministries, numbers and connections, we feel it is time to look at the organizational structure we use to live into ministry. To that end, the following people have agreed to serve on our Structure Task Force: Dick Hamm (chair), Pastor Luis; David Licht; Greg Nickel; Jim Telford; Greta Slater; Ex-officio: Pastor Linda, Mary Hays. The goal of this group is to meet in coming months, provide an update on their work to the board in December, perhaps have a "first draft" to the board in spring 2019, with further consideration in June 2019.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Team, the board agreed to make Indiana Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance a ministry of Central Christian Church, Indianapolis. We will serve as that group's fiscal agent.

A part of Central's 2016-2019 Capital Campaign included funds (approximately \$20,000) to re-do the parlor. To date, those who have agreed to serve on this task force are: Stan Worth (chair), Debbie Abbott, Mindy Hamm, Caroline Fisher,

The next meeting of the General Board is Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or thoughts you may have regarding the work of this year's General Board.

Respectfully, Mary E. Hays, Moderator mehays@mac.com

A Note from Linda

Dear friends,

It's been an emotional week for many in our country watching the Supreme Court hearings unfold in Washington, DC. Without wading too much into the controversy, I do want to name the fact that the proceedings stir up emotions and experiences for many people. I've heard the statistics cited again this week: 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men experience sexual assault at some point in their lives. Many carry these traumas for years without telling anyone. So, amidst all the politics, please be kind to yourselves and those around you. Talk to someone you trust. Listen with ears of compassion. Step by step we build a world where people are free from violence.

I know I say this all the time, but I will say again how grateful I am to be part of a community that is seeking to build that world, or as we often say, to make a world of difference. We do this in many ways in any given week. Much of our work is coordinated by our ministry teams, and I wanted to remind you of what those teams are and who leads them. Here they are:

- Worship team - Linda Bush
Spiritual Growth team - Judith Wray
Community team - Dawn Barnes
Witness team - Jennifer Riggs
Physical Assets team - Doug Fox
Finance team - Elaine Brunner
Communication team - Erin Lerraris
Discipleship team - Pam Senko

A one-sentence description of each of the teams can be found here. Please contact one of these leaders if you would like to connect with their team. (For a church directory, contact Mary Robinson at office@indyccc.org)

It looks like a beautiful fall weekend is ahead. I hope you're able to enjoy some time outside, and hope to see you in worship on Sunday.

Blessings, Linda

Who is my neighbor?

Celebrating the unconditional welcome we receive from God through Christ, we join together in worship, community and witness to wrestle with deep questions of faith, to grow in love for God and one another, to confront oppression and injustice, and to extend God's boundless hospitality to all.

That is our Mission. We do it best together. Growing together, both in worship, and in gatherings in our homes in our neighborhoods, our sense of community expands and strengthens us. Our ability to confront oppression and injustice deepens because we are not alone as we follow Jesus. We wrestle with deep questions of faith and doubt in a community that provides safe space to do so. We find more ways to extend God's boundless hospitality to all.

In October, Central Christian Church is beginning a new experiment in community - Neighborhood Cluster Groups. In YOUR neighborhood, you are invited to gather together with your neighbors who attend Central. Get to know one another. Find out how to support each other. Discuss the text and material that is shaping Pastor Linda's preaching the following week. Creatively construct community that lives out Central's mission. Don't leave anyone out. Love one another as Christ has loved you.

We invite you to jump in to community. Or just stick your toes in to test the waters. You will receive a personal invitation to the first gathering of your Neighborhood Cluster Group, which will meet sometime during the week of October 14-20. Save the date. Expect to be surprised by community.

Events This Weekend

Sunday, September 30

- Bible Study in the conference room at 9am.
Worship in the sanctuary at 10:30am.
Harvest Dinner in fellowship hall following worship.

To see a full monthly printable calendar of our meetings and events, click here.

Exploring Faith Begins This Sunday

Exploring Faith will meet after service. Youth will be invited to grab food first and then come up to the Parlor to where we will meet from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The gym will also be open this Sunday during the Harvest Dinner when the guest speaker is giving her presentation.

Harvest Dinner

A reminder from our Green Chalice Team that the Harvest Pitch-in Dinner is this Sunday, September 30, 2018 after worship. Please bring a dish to share, and thank you for helping to keep our celebration "green" by bringing reusable tableware for your family. Paper plates will be available if you forget. During our speaker's program, children's activities and nursery care will be available.



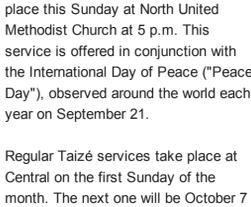
INSPIRE | INNOVATE | IMPACT Following dinner our speaker will be MaCie' Moore, who is with the mayor's Office of Sustainability. She joined the Sustainability Office in June and is a recent graduate of IU Bloomington, with a Masters in Sustainability. Please be present to learn how together we can impact the present and future of our city!

For information about the dinner contact Mary Schilling: (317) 908-2221, email. To learn more about the Office of Sustainability click here.

Ten Ways to Meet Your Neighbors

At Central we are serious about our commitment to being welcoming. It's more than just a slogan, we do it. An important part of doing it well is our ability to meet and engage strangers. It's a learned ability which we can always do better, so we have engaged Heidi Unruh to train us. Heidi recently did a webinar titled "Ten Ways to Meet Your Neighbors" which even experienced "greeters" like Pastor Linda found very helpful.

We are offering the webinar a second time. This opportunity with Heidi will be held at 6:30 on Wednesday Oct 17th. Mark your calendars so we can learn to be even better at welcoming! An invitation will be sent via the e-connections mailing list the week prior to the webinar.



Pizza with the Pastors

If you are new at Central, please join pastors Linda McCrae and Luis Gierbolini following worship next Sunday, October 7.

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.

Out and About



A city-wide Taizé service will take place this Sunday at North United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. This service is offered in conjunction with the International Day of Peace ("Peace Day"), observed around the world each year on September 21.

Regular Taizé services take place at Central on the first Sunday of the month. The next one will be October 7 at 5:00 p.m.



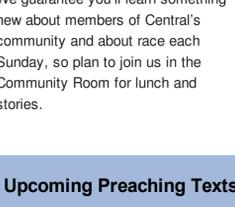
Michael Dodds will be starring as Jesus in the Merry MAC Players production of Godspell. Performances are October 19-21 and 26-28. For information about times or tickets, go to merrymacplayers.org.

Tracy (our wonderful nursery staff) invites our support for the Southside Animal Shelter by participating in a sale of nuts and chocolate. The order form can be found here and is due this Monday, Oct. 1. Stop by the nursery to let Tracy know if you would like her to pick up your order.



Join the neighborhood fun and learn at this year's Festival of Faiths on October 14. 11am youth kickoff at the War Memorial. Booths are open 1pm - 5pm at 501 N. Meridian Street, Veterans Memorial Plaza. This year's theme is "Compassion through Action."

Save the Date



Mark your calendars for the Thanksgiving Luncheon after worship on Sunday, November 18.

Stories of Race

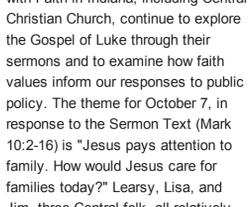
On October 21, 28, and November 4, members of Central's community will share their own personal stories of race from the 1950s to present day. We guarantee you'll learn something new about members of Central's community and about race each Sunday. So plan to join us in the Community Room for lunch and stories.

Upcoming Preaching Texts

September 30 Mark 9:38-50
October 7 Mark 10:2-16

Not to People Like Us, Not in my Church!

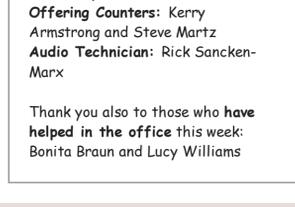
Come explore the dynamics of Domestic Violence, how it impacts our community, where people can get care and support, and how we can approach it as a community of faith. Caroline Fischer, from the Center of Hope at St. Francis Health, will share with us on Sunday, October 7, after worship, in the Conference Room. Get your lunch downstairs and bring it to the Conference Room.



Central Christian Church will present a classical chamber music recital on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Violinist Joana Genova, cellist Austin Huntington and pianist R. Kent Cook will be performing romantic era piano trios by Claude Debussy and Antonio Dvorak. Concert admission is free, but donations will be accepted. In addition to supporting the concert series at CCC, proceeds will go to the Humane Society of Indianapolis. Indyhumane provides vital services to animals and people alike through sheltering and adopting animals, providing positive reinforcement behavior training for animals through our behavior programs, and outreach through our community and shelter programs.

How would Jesus care for families today?

Pastors of congregations affiliated with Faith in Indiana, including Central Christian Church, continue to explore the Gospel of Luke through their sermons and to examine how faith values inform our responses to public policy. The theme for October 7, in response to the Sermon Text (Mark 10:2-16) is "Jesus pays attention to family. How would Jesus care for families today?" Leary, Lisa, and Jim, three Central folk, all relatively new to our community, have reflected both on this text and and on their own experiences of family life and the church. Find their reflections on Central's website, read the text for yourself, and add your own voice to the conversation—a conversation worth having as a congregation.



We thank those who enriched our worship services on Sunday, 9/23/2018: Greeters: Sara Johnson, Keith Watkins; Worship Leader: Starneka Williams; Acolytes: Riley Lopez-Shue and Hazel Beery; Children's Moment: Michael Dodds; Worship & Wonder: Robbie Schmidt; Young Disciples: Robin Beery, Bonita Braun and Elaine Brunner; Nursery Worker: Sarah Murphy; Fellowship Hosts: The Choir; Offering Counters: Kerry Armstrong and Steve Martz; Audio Technician: Rick Sancken-Marx; Thank you also to those who have helped in the office this week: Bonita Braun and Lucy Williams

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

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