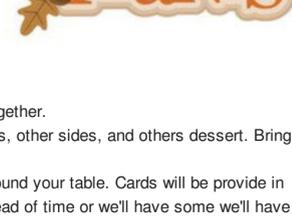


### Thanksgiving Luncheon

Sunday, November 18  
After Worship

Let us join together around tables to share a meal and give thanks together this year. We indeed have much to give thanks for and could not ask for better folks to share a meal together. Would you bring 3 things with you?



1. A voice to sing with - we'll share a few tunes together.
2. A large dish to share. Some are bringing turkeys, other sides, and others dessert. Bring your favorite with extra to share!
3. A written favorite recipe or memory to share around your table. Cards will be provide in the Fellowship Hall if you need one to write on ahead of time or we'll have some we'll have some on the tables at the meal.

If you would like to help set up, clean up or have questions contact Dawn Barnes 317.447.3717 or email at [wienny1@aol.com](mailto:wienny1@aol.com)

### A Note from Linda

Dear friends,

The "holiday season" is upon us, as Thanksgiving is now less than a week away. I look forward to joining together with many of you to eat scrumptious food and enjoy delicious community at this Sunday's Thanksgiving luncheon following worship -- an extension of the thanksgiving that is at the center of our faith all the time. The Dalai Lama has said that the roots of all goodness lie in the soil of the appreciation of goodness. I hope, as you look around the world, you may appreciate the goodness that is present.

And soon it will be December and the beginning of Advent, which this year also brings the excitement of an ordination on Sunday afternoon, December 2, at 2pm. Linda Bush started her journey with Central and the Disciples of Christ as a student participating in the Learning Ministry Together (LMT) program in the fall of 2015. She came back for her second year of field education in 2016-17, and extended her time through the summer to help during our time of staff transition. Linda graduated in May of this year with a degree in marriage and family therapy as well as a Master of Divinity. Now Linda serves at Central as worship team leader and sings in the choir as she pursues her license in counseling. Throughout this time our elders have accompanied Linda as she has discerned her calling to ministry, and we are all invited to celebrate and affirm her call as she is ordained to the Christian ministry on December 2.

I hope to see you on Sunday!

Blessings,  
Linda

### This and That

**The church office will be closed** on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. All information/articles for next week's issue of eConnections must be submitted by **Tuesday noon**.

**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 for the rest of November and December. Please sign up in fellowship hall or contact Marilyn Porter ([c.m.porter@att.net](mailto:c.m.porter@att.net)). Instructions will be provided.

**Greeters** are needed to welcome people before worship. It's a great way to make contact with first-time visitors, welcome back newcomers, or say hi to familiar faces. Sign up [here!](#)

An **Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 N. Meridian St. Join people from other local congregations to offer thanks and celebrate how we can work together for peace and provide care to those in need. The freewill offering at this worship service will go to the Umoja Project school lunch program.

### Events This Weekend

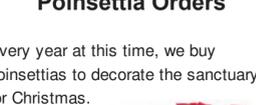
Sunday, November 18

- **Bible Study** in the conference room at 9am.
- **Worship** in the sanctuary at 10:30am. Worship & Wonder and Young Disciples begin after the children's moment.
- **Thanksgiving Lunch** in the community room following worship.
- **Exploring Faith** in room 205 following worship.
- **Activate Advent** in room 202

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

### Activate Advent!

On Sunday, November 18, before/during/after the Thanksgiving meal, we will continue creating art in room 202.



On Sunday, November 25, after worship we will be decorating the sanctuary and other areas of the church for the Advent season. Tasks will be distributed according to your time frame. If you have 15 minutes, 2 hours, or anything in between, it will be a big help!

### Poinsettia Orders

Every year at this time, we buy poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

If you would like to sponsor a plant, forms will be available during worship. They must be returned to the Church Office by **Monday, November 25** along with your remittance. Checks for \$10 per poinsettia should be made payable to Central Christian Church, with "poinsettias" in the memo line. (Please note that sponsorship of poinsettias is not tax-deductible.)



The number of poinsettias that will be ordered will be limited. If orders exceed available plants, proceeds above our gross cost will be donated to an outreach ministry.

### Food Pantry Update

We have one more Sunday for the food pantry fundraiser. Thanks to all of you who have purchased Thanksgiving decorations, cards, Christmas tags, and food items. There are still items left and we hope that you will shop again this Sunday as some items will be "on sale." And don't forget to place a bid on the dinner that will be prepared by our own chef, Pastor Luis. As the pantry moves to being open more often, the money raised will help us keep our shelves stocked and perhaps provide more items to each family.

Right now we need soup of any kind and low sodium items. We also need raisins, cheese crackers, Vienna sausages and individual fruit cups for our snack bags that are given out during the week from the office. Of course we will accept any donations of food that you would like to give. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall.

As we expand the food pantry we will need more volunteers to help distribute food, stock, and pick-up orders from Gleaners. If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Jean Brandenburg at 317-507-4335 or at [jechrisbran@comcast.net](mailto:jechrisbran@comcast.net). Thank you for supporting our food pantry!!



### SHORT-TERM THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Set up for Christmas Sale after church Thanksgiving dinner, Sun., Nov. 18. Arrange tables, cover with cloths, display merchandise. If you could give even a half hour, that would help greatly.

Tear down from Christmas Sale, 2:30, Mon., Nov. 19 and 26. Box up merchandise, take down tables.

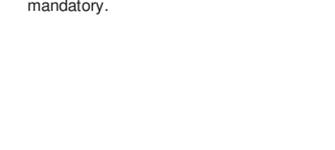
Help monitor the Christmas sale area (Community room) any of these Mondays: Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3 or Dec. 10. (Any time between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm)

If you can help, see Marcia Phillips or email her at [pmarcia275@aol.com](mailto:pmarcia275@aol.com).



During Advent, we will need dancers to participate in the opening of the service. On December 2, Mariel, a dancer from Dance Kaleidoscope will be with us to work with the dancers before the service. For this service, we will need as many dancers as are available. On the following Sundays, we will need one dancer to bring the light in. If you can join us on December 2, please let Danielle know ([music@indyccc.org](mailto:music@indyccc.org)). Rehearsal will be in the morning at 9:30 on December 2.

This year, for Christmas Eve, we are inviting all children and youth who would be available to sing two special songs at the 5:00 service. The first song is "Believe" (from the Polar Express) and the other is "Peace, Peace" (Click on the title for links to listen to the songs.) I would like to rehearse for these pieces on December 16 and 23 at 9:15 in the choir room. On Christmas Eve, we will meet at 4:00 in the sanctuary to rehearse together. (I'm also looking at the possibility of "reprising" the song on Dec 30 in worship.) All children and youth who love to sing are welcome!



Volunteers are needed again this year as we host Wheeler's overflow in our gym from December 31 through March 15. Two staff members from Wheeler will be present each night, but volunteers are needed in the following time slots:

Shift 1: 8:30pm - 11:30pm

Shift 2: 4:30am - 6:30am

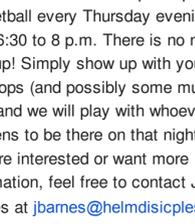
Shift 3: 8:30pm - 6:30am

You can sign up for one or more of those time slots [here](#). If you sign up, please notify the church office that you are going to volunteer at [office@indyccc.org](mailto:office@indyccc.org). Contact the office for help if you would like to volunteer but do not have a way to access the website to sign up.

Remember there will be a training session for volunteers on Tuesday, December 11 at 5:30pm at Central. This is recommended, but not mandatory.

### Worry, Trust, and Wise Women

Every week, I introduce the following week's Sermon Text Conversation found on Central's [website](#), in the hope that you will actually click on the link and read the reflections and consider the upcoming preaching text for yourself as one way to prepare to hear the sermon the following week. Today, I find myself in awe of the wisdom from the two women who wrote a reflection on Matthew 6:25-33 in anticipation of the sermon on November 25. Please go to Central's [website](#) and listen to Ann and Gina, two of the many wise women in our congregation. You might even find yourself wanting to make it a habit to listen for the wisdom (from women, men and youth) each week. We listen. Grace and Peace to all. Judith Wray.



### Pick-up Basketball in the Central Gym!

Starting on January 10, the Central gym will be available for pick-up basketball every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is no need to sign-up! Simply show up with your high-tops (and possibly some muscle rub!) and we will play with whoever happens to be there on that night! If you are interested or want more information, feel free to contact Jon Barnes at [jbarnes@helmdisciples.org](mailto:jbarnes@helmdisciples.org).



We thank those who enriched our worship services on Sunday, 11/11/2018:

- Greeters:** Jan Campbell and Rick McConaughay
- Acolytes:** Riley Lopez-Shue
- Worship Leader:** Lilia Kozloski
- Children's Moment:** Gina Cerimele
- Worship & Wonder:** Debbie Abbott and Robbie Schmidt
- Young Disciples:** Beth White
- Nursery Workers:** Elaine Brunner and Scott Nickel
- Fellowship Hosts:** Marilyn & Calvin Porter
- Offering Counters:** Sue Allgood and Marcia Phillips
- Audio Technician:** Amanda Lane

Thank you also to those who **helped in the office** this week: Sandra Gourdet, Mindy Hamm, Oletta Keown and Lisa Turner

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

- November 18**  
Jennifer Collins  
Deborah Moseley  
Karen Sanford  
Morgan Watkins
- November 21**  
Dick & Mindy Hamm\*
- November 22**  
Deniese and Ronald Degges\*  
Marcia Phillips

### Upcoming Preaching Texts

**November 18**  
Mark 13:1-8

**November 25**  
Matthew 6:25-33

**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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- Our Facebook Justice Network - Central Justice Network
- Our Twitter Account - <https://twitter.com/indyccc46204>

