

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas
November 2011



Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Fellowship

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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VIEWS FROM THE EDGE



I love the Fall – beautiful hues of red, orange, and yellow leaves, autumn days with cool breezes, pumpkins, corn stalks, bales of hay all point the way to festivals, bazaars, and holidays to come. It is also a busy time for congregations as nominating, stewardship, and budget committees work diligently to pave the way for a smooth transition into a new calendar year while education, social, and worship committees plan ways for us to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am so thankful for the leaders at Central Christian who guide our way at this time of year.

If it were not so dry, I would be looking forward to bonfires, too. At the farm in East Texas the pile is growing. Fallen limbs and dead trees provide the fuel to do away with magnolia pods and other things from Mother Nature that have already served their purpose. Composting is another way, but I relish the beauty of the flames, embers, and bright red coals that keep the fire going until its job is truly done.

While images of wildfires run rampant this early fall, the fire that I desire is the one that cleanses in a constructive way the clutter that interferes with the beauty and easier care of the world as we see it. A fire that provides warmth to the chilled bones helps relax the tension of muscle and mind. One can gaze into its structure and await the dissolution of tangled briars and knotted timber. It is good therapy.

So is prayer, meditation, scripture, and other spiritual disciplines. We can immerse ourselves and touch holiness in worship. It is mysterious, but healing – indescribable, but powerful. We find it at church, along with all of the business of fellowship, outreach, evangelism, property, stewardship, and more. In *Unbinding Your Heart* we have reclaimed our need to let others know why being part of the church makes a difference in our lives. We are transformed by God's love and grace. Loving God and one another comes first.

With Halloween behind us, let's clear out the cobwebs and toss out the clutter of things from our past that may prevent us from living in the now. Here's to discovering anew the joy of living faithfully into the next chapter of the story and mission of Central Christian Church in downtown Austin. Spread the good news! Invite your friends and families to join us!

Grace and peace,
Peggy



Ladies: You are invited!

New life is coming to the Chalice Group, a women's fellowship group that was organized to give those who are not available in the daytime a change to be together. Some of you probably were in on it from the start, and others of you may be hearing this for the first time. This will be our first gathering in quite a while!

When: November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Chuy's on Barton Springs Rd.

You are welcome to invite your friends. Please be sure to RSVP to (512) 476-6941 or via email to staff@ccaustin.org no later than November 9th.

Thank you!

A special thank you goes to Kaska's Oriental Rug Gallery for the generous donation of the beautiful rug in the parlor. Their shops are located at 3503 Kerby Lane and 2943 W. Anderson Lane. Stop in sometime and thank the Kaska family for their kind donation.



Weddings



Best wishes to Christian and Natalie Kopp who were married here on October 1st, Marc and Lindsey Kowalkowski who were married on October 8th, James and Janelle Hammock who were married on October 15th, Matt and Amy Atkins who were married on October 22nd, and to Adam and Lindsay Zinser who were married on October 29th!

Central Christian Church presents "Acoustic Sanctuary"



On November 17th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, a special musical offering will take place at 6:30 p.m. Our guest artists will be announced soon on Facebook and via e-mail. Invite your friends and co-workers to come and enjoy great music and the hospitality of Central Christian Church.

From Behind the Wall

Cooler days and nights, less humidity, mild and strong breezes – all bring renewed energy to me and, hopefully, to you. Have you noticed the roses on the south side of the church? The change of season or more obviously, the change in the weather, has given the bushes a burst of new growth. Curly Taylor's loving care over the years with these roses continues to enhance our vision and invigorates our olfactory nerves.

The Chancel Choir strives to enrich your worship experience with the sound of beautiful music. Our small but talented group is a joy to work with. We have started a Christmas Cantata transcribed from a Concerto Grosso by Corelli. One of the singers whose name I won't mention, but who sits on the far right side is pleased that we are beginning Christmas music earlier this year. The cantata will be sung at the December 11th worship service. Strings will accompany the Chancel Choir.

As always, an invitation is extended to the singers in the congregation to join us for rehearsal every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Every Advent and Lenten/Easter season I give you the opportunity to share your musical talent by joining the Chancel Choir. It is a good thing to do and maybe even the right thing to do. Think about it.

On Sunday, before or after service, make the short walk to the courtyard and smell the roses. It will give you such pleasure. It will make your heart sing with joy and perhaps give you the in'scent'ive to take a seat in the chancel where you can marvel at the Ascension Window as well as sing.



Peace and Blessings,
Dallas Edwin Heenan

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY

Bethany Christian Church is holding a Thanksgiving Meal Food Pantry on November 19th from 9:00 a.m. until around 1:00 p.m. They need volunteers to fill the boxes and carry the food out to the clients' transportation on that day. They are also in need of all sorts of canned goods, including green beans, yams, and cranberry sauce. It is always a wonderful experience to see what this small church can accomplish in their neighborhood.



Let's Talk

A new three-part sequential series of Sunday School classes will be offered on the first three Sundays in November (11/6, 11/13, and 11/20). This class will be taught by James McGuffee and will meet on the first floor in the Friendship Room (near the sanctuary) starting at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. These classes are intended for visitors and new members who are interested in learning more about Central Christian and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It is our plan that this series of courses will be offered a few times during the year. However, this will most likely be your only chance to catch this series in 2011.

Part 1: "Disciples Talk" – This session covers the history, polity, and ethos of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We will not only examine our church history and where we have been but will also discuss where we are now and where we might be going in the future.

Part 2: "Bible Talk" – One of the traditions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is that each person is responsible for reading and interpreting the Bible for themselves. This session is a basic primer that will cover the history and composition of the Christian Bible. We will also discuss the various ways that Christians can read the Bible including Lectio Divina, Ignatian, and Franciscan reading methods.

Part 3: "Table Talk" – This session will cover some of the generally accepted practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We will discuss the importance of open communion, baptism, ecumenism, and living our faith beyond the walls of the church.

Registration for this class is easy. Just call (512) 476-6941 or e-mail staff@cccgaustin.org and let us know you are planning to attend. Also, we hope that many of our long-time members will invite your friends to this visitor-friendly class. Hope to see you there!

C.A.N.D.Y.



Capital Area Network of Disciples Youth will meet on Sunday, November 6th at Round Rock Christian Church from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All middle school and high school youth are invited to attend.

CYF FALL RALLY

Our youth will be attending the Fall Rally from November 11th – 13th. Please lift them up with joyful thoughts!

Disciple Women's Ministry

November 9, 2011

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: 2nd Floor Library

We have been busy with all the church activities, including helping Jayne Prewitt, chair of outreach, with 2 meals, one at Casa Marianella and one at Harbor House. It was a chance to put faith in action. Also our contribution of canned goods to Bethany's Food Pantry was delivered. Hunger is real in Austin. Through our sister church, we are able to make some progress in meeting the needs of our community's less fortunate citizens. Thank you, members and friends of CCC, for your generosity and faithful sharing.

Carey will lead our bible study "Oh Say Can You See". Thank you Patricia for sharing thoughts and prayers with us last month.

This month we celebrate the birthdays of Jerry Jungmichel and Patty Davis, two vibrant, talented women. They enrich our lives with their devotion to our church.

Marolyn

Office Hours

During the week, CCC staff members can be found in the church office during the times listed below. Please keep in mind they may also be at meetings, appointments, or visitation during office hours.

Rev. Peggy Edge

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Also available by appointment

Heidi Bounds

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dallas Edwin Heenan

Monday: Off, *appointment only*

Tuesday: Off, *appointment only*

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Off, *appointment only*

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Robert Marcott

Monday – Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Kirsten Van Meter

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Musings:

The perks of aging take the sting out of growing older. For some time now, I have been the victim of many random acts of kindness. The good things happening are so many I should be twins. Of course, there are other things to remind us that time is passing. I have recently become a great-grandfather. I looked in the mirror and said, "You don't look that old." The mirror said, "Yes you do."

Holding a door open for a young lady is met with a "No sir, after you." I guess it depends on which side of my glasses you see. From my side, I am a healthy young man. From the other side, people see an elderly "oldish" person.



God gives us the opportunity to see ourselves from our side of the glasses so that we can be His hands with vigor. Serving makes you feel good all over.

Bob Marcott



Fall Family Fun at Fuddrucker's

Join us on Sunday, November 20th after church at Fuddrucker's on South Lamar to fellowship with one another and our families!

Children of all ages and their families are encouraged to attend!

Happy Birthday!

Mary Curtis celebrated a monumental birthday last month!

Thanksgiving Luncheon November 13th

We will join together to share a Thanksgiving meal and to celebrate the outcome of the pledge drive. The Stewardship Committee is planning a delicious feast.



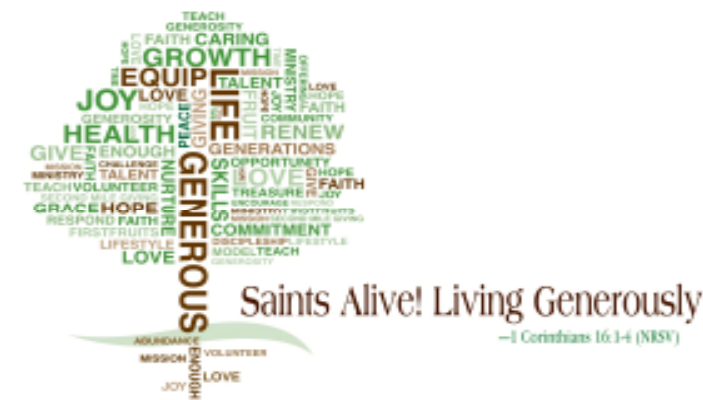
Our centerpiece (seen in this photograph), was lovingly made and donated by Walter and Joye White, who now reside in Houston. Come celebrate and enjoy spending time with your CCC Family!

CLOTHING DONATIONS AT CCC!

Some of you may have heard, CCC is going to have a clothing bin in the front vestibule, under the coat rack (where our Food Pantry Donations are now), so our church members can make regular clothing contributions to the State Hospital of Austin. Many people go to the State Hospital with only the clothes on their backs. The State Hospital currently does not receive regular donations through a program like the one I have set up. Your contributions of men's, women's, and children's clothing (of all kinds – undergarments to outer garments) and shoes will help restore dignity in a time of need. Please make sure they are gently used and washed.

I will be making announcements at church and in the bulletins on my progress about when the bin is in place and ready to receive clothing. It is my goal to have the bins emptied once a month and have the clothing delivered to the State Hospital through our Outreach committee. So start cleaning out your closets. The bin will hopefully be placed by early November. Thank you for supporting my Eagle Project.

Ryan Nolen



Being a Methodist preacher's son, Leslie knew the importance of faithful stewardship to his church. This young Houston lawyer won a big prize at a poker table – ownership of an oil refinery in the Midwest. What an inspiration he was to the young treasurer of the congregation. In January of every year, Leslie gave his annual pledge to the church. Not many of us are able to write out a check for \$20,000, and those of us who are probably have a different philosophy about spreading the gift throughout the year. What a generous man!

One year the outreach department decided to take 45 students from lower income homes off to camp for a week. They used \$4,000 from the mission funds to rent a campground and took 15 volunteers from the church family. Leslie and one of his teenage daughters came. After the first night at camp, Leslie drove into town to buy another \$100 worth of lice shampoo needed for the camping community. He also brought his nice camcorder from home and allowed a troubled camper to help him film video all week. What a saint!

In 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, Paul begins the conclusion of his letter to the beloved church at Corinth:

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

A young TCU coed working in the office of Church Relations at the school helped post the gifts from individuals and churches to the seminary. Some university employees used the payroll deduction plan to give \$10 per paycheck. \$240 a year was a nice sized gift in the early '70's. Those saints who made those gifts remained faithful over many years to build an endowment to educate ministers for the church. The University is stronger today because of the saints alive who have lived generously!

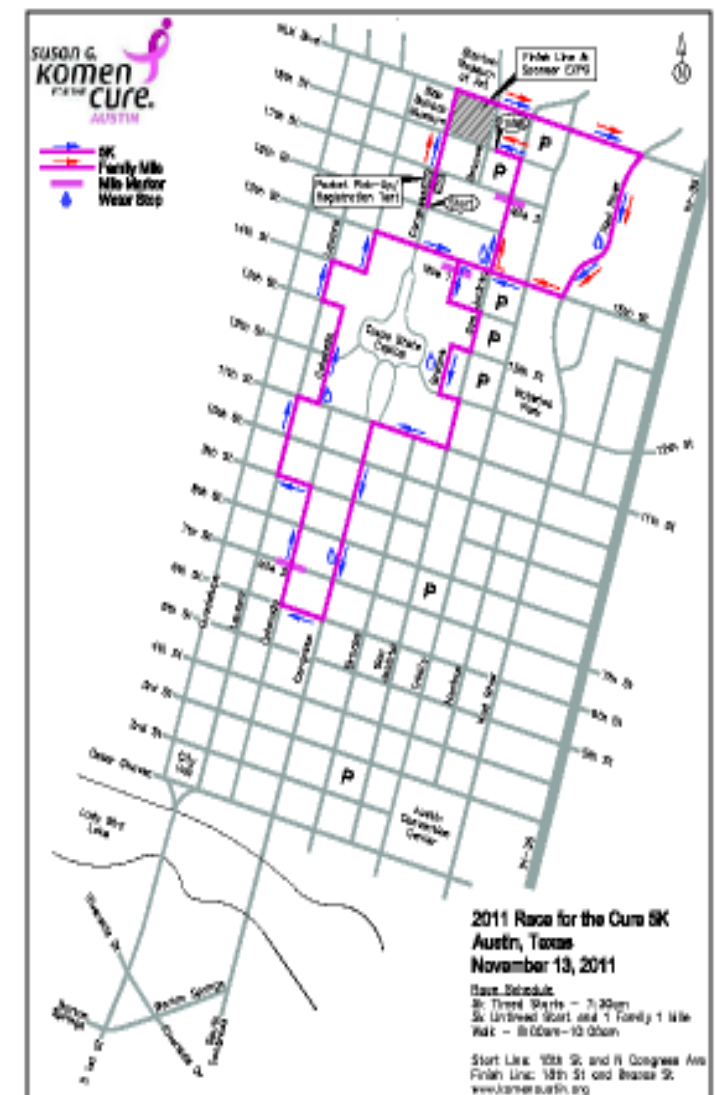
Stewardship from accumulated resources

continues important ministries of local congregations, too. Central Christian Church is blessed with such an endowment, yet a good portion of the endowment is designated for special scholarships and ministries. Each of us makes a huge impact on the capabilities of the congregation to underwrite the annual budget as we give our tithes and offerings in worship.

Please give prayerful consideration to your desire to support the church, and share your intentions by making a pledge for 2012. This year's stewardship emphasis began October 30th. We plan to celebrate the outcome of the pledge drive on November 13th at a special luncheon. Thanks goes to Carey Taylor and her committee for leading us in this year's Stewardship emphasis campaign!

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure November 13, 2011

Be sure to allow extra time to get to church on November 13th. There will be multiple downtown road closures, which could affect your route.



\$\$ TREASURY NOTES \$\$

Income and Expense for September and First Nine Months of 2011

	Sept.	1 st 9 mo.
Pledges	\$4,325	\$57,343
Offerings	\$4,193	\$55,094
Total Gifts	\$8,518	\$112,437
Endowment Interest (1)	\$ 0.00	\$26,009
From Reserve & Other Income (2)	\$16,673	\$112,368
Total Operations Funding	\$25,191	\$250,814
Total Expenses	\$26,599	\$242,098

Pledges are at 89% of expected through the end of the third quarter, assuming even distribution over the four quarters of the year. Thank you to all who have honored your pledge to date for 2011. Note that the 2012 Budget is now being prepared and the annual stewardship campaign will continue through November 13th.

Notes:

(1) Interest on the endowment funds received to General Budget Account. (2) Transfers from "Reserves & Other Income" to meet budget requirements. Reserves include accumulated income from Parking Lot and Building Rents and not from savings account or Special/Designated Funds. Detailed Budget Report for Sept. 2011 Year to Date is available in the CCC administrative office on request.



University Christian Church Celebrates its 65th Anniversary

This year, on November 6th, UCC will celebrate its 65th Anniversary at that location with an All Saints Hymn Festival during Sunday morning worship with a reception following the service. For more information, visit <http://www.ucc-austin.org>.

STONE-CAMPBELL WORSHIP SERVICE

The 6th Annual Stone-Campbell Worship is scheduled for Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. at University Christian Church, located at 2007 University Avenue. There will be plenty of parking available. This will be a combined worship and communion service of the three streams of American Reformation/Restoration Movement of Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone in which we will demonstrate a reconciliation and unity with those Brothers and Sisters in Christ with whom we may have differences.



Raising Up Servant Leaders

Disciples Seminary Foundation sponsored four students who traveled to Haiti in solidarity with our Global Ministries Church Partner CONASPEH. Jerri Handy, Lizzy Beach, Sharon Mann, and Lindsay Million were the first Disciples/UCC team to provide crisis relief for the earthquake-stricken country. In reflecting on the trip, DSF student Jerri Handy said, "I am so thankful to belong to a great Church who understands the need to respond with physical presence in times like these."

Danielle Cox, a student at Lynchburg College, spent two months studying in India through Lynchburg's international studies program. During her time in India, Danielle worked with the Hope Foundation teaching geography and English in the slums of Cheinnai. "Because of my Disciples education, I understand my life work as vocation. I am now exploring seminary and God's call to ministry," Danielle shared.

These stories are among examples of how Disciples students are educated in a service-learning model. Your gifts to this offering will support the care and nurture of servant leaders.

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. Your support provides scholarships, church relations programs, and chaplaincy offices. Most importantly, your support helps Disciples raise up servant leaders!



Sharon's Blog

Written by: Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

10/20/2011 7:48 a.m.

The board chair of *Bread for the World* (Bread) came to see me yesterday. David Minor lives and works in Indianapolis – works full time as an advocate for people against hunger. What a story he has! Several years back he was already heavily involved in Bread, and was invited to take on another major task. A Ph.D. chemist working for Lilly, his wife questioned his taking on one more, big task. There are only so many hours in a day!

He knew she was right. So – he made the only rational decision. He stepped down from Lilly! To work full time against hunger.

Now he was in my office (along with Les Galbraith, local Disciple anti-hunger activist; Ron Degges, President of Disciples Home Missions; and LaMarco Cable of Division of Overseas Ministries but soon to be working for Bread.)

Here's what blew my mind (other than David's story!) Ninety-three percent of the food distributed to hungry people in Indianapolis comes from national sources. All the church food pantries plus the several well-known, community-organized anti-hunger organizations together only amount to 7% of food aid to economically disadvantaged people in our city. (Thank God for all these hands-on efforts. They make a huge difference in dire food emergencies.)

But when the legislature proposes "only" a 2% cut in SNAP (food stamps), tens of thousands of people (including defenseless children) will be hungrier. And when people think that churches should fill the gap, they usually do not understand the size of the gap.

As I look out the window this morning I see a gray, rainy day (the fourth in a row.) My furnace is running, so I know it's cold outside. I've just poured my second cup of coffee and popped some bread in the toaster. But a lot of people, not too far from my house, are hungry today – choosing between food and heat, or food and medicine. Their children are in school trying to focus on what the teacher is saying though their stomach is growling.

So here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to be sure and bring some food to my church's food pantry this week. I'm going to make an over-and-above donation to Disciples Home Mission, marked

for hunger relief -- to accompany my normal contribution to Week of Compassion. And I'm going to urge Disciples congregations to consider joining with Bread for the World in an offering of letters to help our legislators recognize the people behind the 1 or 2% reductions in aid.

Jesus spent so much time at table with his followers and friends. He asked us to love our neighbor as ourselves. As part of a Disciples movement for wholeness that welcomes all to the Lord's Table, I'm hoping we'll also help people set real time family tables with food for the body as well as the soul.

Affordable Pet Protection

Pease Elementary School

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Sunday, December 4th
from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

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