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A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell

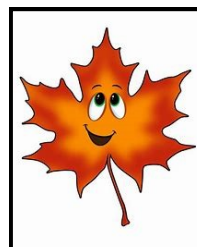
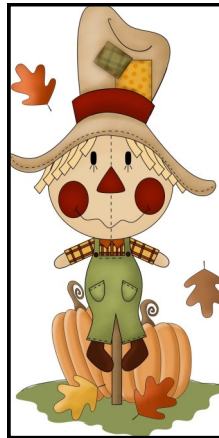


Hosta lilies are turning brown and drooping, as are camellias, elephant ears and other plants. It saddens me in one way, but it also strengthens my knowledge that our God is still firmly in control of His creation. WE are the ones out of control and perhaps we need to quieten ourselves and listen to Him. After Covid-19 departs, after the elections are over, the world, God willing, will still spin on. There have been crises since the Garden, there will be until His return. Thank God for the words, *"Lo, I am with you always"*. Hang on to that promise, and hear more words, *"I am the way"*. Be kind, friends, be civil, and be assured that God will see us all through these uncomfortable times. I miss each of you.



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Madison & Wesley Good-night: True Tiger Fans!

WORSHIPING AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Apparently Christ City Church and Central both are working toward restarting church services (See page 5: *Christ City Outdoor Services*).

“First Test Run”

Not to be outdone, Central already had a “test run” several weeks earlier. Members were invited to call in and let the church know if they would be attending the next videotaping of a Sunday worship service. The first evening Central had one attendee: Dorothy Feimster, who in fact brought her own communion elements (English muffin and fruit juice). Masks were worn and social distancing was at the top of the list.



Above: Dorothy Feimster at a videotaping of a Sunday Service at Central .



Left: The congregation prepared to worship at “second test run”.

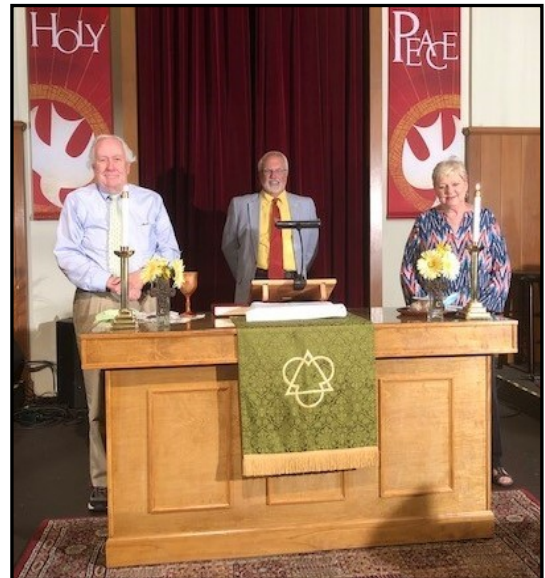
Another Invite

A second invite was held and more of Central’s members attended the Thursday night taping of the following Sunday’s worship service.

In preparation for attending worship, social seating was established as well as greeting with masks on and, of course, a temperature check.

These attempts at holding services gives Central a way to work through safety issues and concerns.

For the first time in many months Elders presided over the communion elements. Masks were worn, and only removed when offering prayers for the loaf and the cup.



Above: Elders Carol Scarberry and Mark Rutledge offering communion prayers.

**OUR CHALICE SIGN:
IT'S BACK- BETTER THAN EVER**

Central's own Floyd Scarberry came to the rescue and repaired our outdoor church Chalice. With the aid of John Rainey, who cleaned the frame and added a new coat of paint to the frame, the sign looks perfect!

Many thanks to Floyd and John for doing this for our church. And special accolades go to Floyd who made trips back and forth from Snow Lake, Mississippi, to ensure the project was completed successfully.



Our church Chalice withstood many years of wear and tear due to the outdoor elements. Repairs were definitely needed!



On the left, John Rainey prepping for the new Chalice sign. Above, Floyd Scarberry putting the finishing touches on our sign.



Register for Regional Assembly

Members at Central are encouraged to register for the Regional Assembly to be held virtually on Friday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. You may register on-line and learn more about this year's assembly at <http://tndisciples.org/registration> . You may also email the regional office at joan@tndisciples.org to be added to the email contact list. This year's theme is *"Making Room at the Table - Seeking Unity in our Diversity."*



CENTRAL PREPARES FOR ELECTION



It can be safely said that this year's presidential election is like no other. Decisions have to be made, not only who to vote for, but also how and where to vote. Normally during elections the Disciples Women's Ministry and Auxiliary are preparing cookies, cakes, and other wonderful sweets as a fund raiser for Central's Outreach Ministry. However, due to safety concerns from the CONVID-19 virus, this year's bake sale has, unfortunately, been canceled.

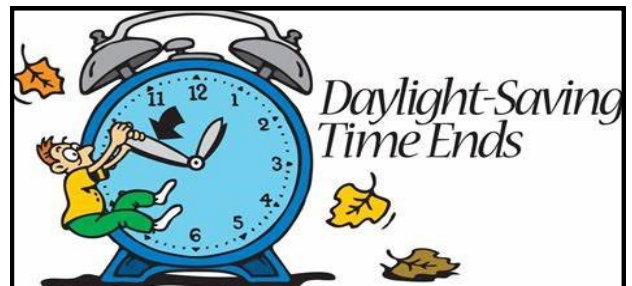
However, where one door closes, another door opens. John Rainey and Mark Rutledge, who both support the "Snack Bag" Ministry, wondered about the people standing in long lines to vote at Central. After some discussion and debate, they decided to help voters by offering small bottles of water, coffee, and possibly a cookie, muffin, or a small snack from the "Snack Basket". Of course safety procedure will be in place when snacks are distributed. (See picture on page 5 of the *Banner*.)



John preparing the "Snack Basket" for voters waiting in the long line.

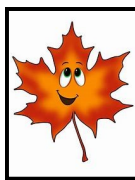
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

There will be a Board meeting via conference call beginning Thursday evening, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. The church will send you the call-in number and pass code. Minutes of the previous meeting will be sent via email or via the post office as needed. Please plan to call in if you are on the Board.



From "Fortune Cookie" Dept.:

Hard work without talent is a shame, but talent without hard work is a tragedy.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you retire on October 31st! Daylight-Savings Time will end.

CHRIST CITY CHURCH'S OUTDOOR SERVICE

The September issue of the *Banner* mentioned that there would be more news forthcoming regarding worshipping again at our church. As it turns out, Christ City Church had the same thought. In fact, on Sunday, September 20th, Christ City had an evening worship service in the back parking lot of the church property. Each person brought his or her own chair as well as a cup or drink container to use when taking communion. Wine/grape juice was poured individually.

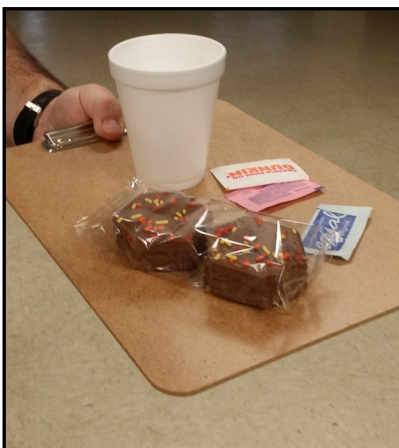
Preparations started at 7:15 p.m. and by 8:00 p.m. the service began. The service was over at 8:45 p.m. and clean-up/break down was completed by 9:00 p.m. Approximately 45 adults attended the service.

Christ City is planning to hold services outdoors, weather permitting.



Above: Christ City Church holding worship service in the parking lot.

COMPASSION CLINIC IN THE NEWS



Above, items from the "Snack Basket" will be offered safely to those standing in the voting line on November 3rd.

Compassion Neighborhood Clinic (CNC) went the extra mile Tuesday evening September 29th and offered free flu shots to anyone in the Memphis community. Usually CNC offers free medical help on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month to those without medical insurance. But with the help of generous donations and grants, CNC was able to reach out to help more people. The photo on the right shows nurse Judy Lang and Dr. John Lange preparing a flu shot.



With Sympathy

Members of Central Christian Church extend their sympathy to the family of Sandy Green, wife of Robert "Buddy" Green. Buddy, the son of Jeffie Lou Green, was a member at Central several years ago. We offer prayers and thoughts to Buddy's family.

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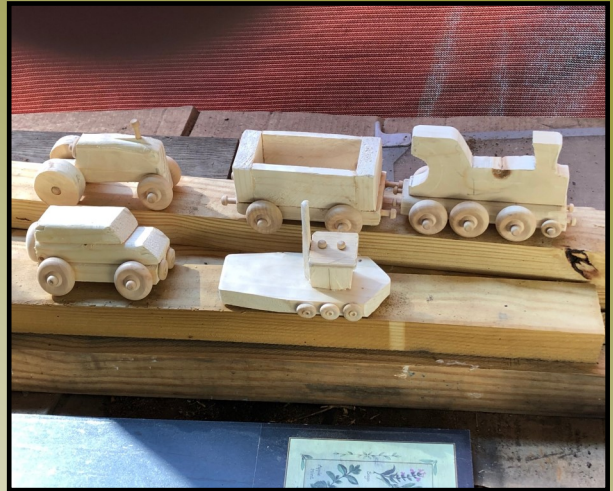


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CENTRAL ARTISAN AT WORK



Several of Central's own members have a multitude of talents. Chairman of the Elders, John Bennet (pictured left), is no exception. With scraps of wood from furniture he made this past summer, he used "the left overs" to create toys for his two year old granddaughter Addison Malone. John is "secretly" working on other hand-crafted items.

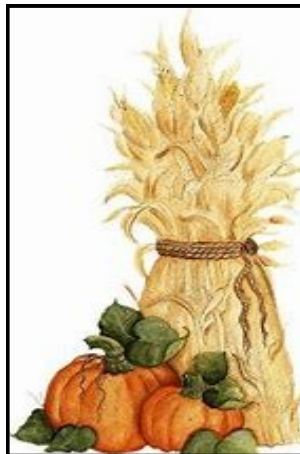


Above, the talented hands of John Bennet made these beautiful toys (batteries not included).

October at Central

Birthdays

Betty Jones
Randy Pennington
10/9
Layne Wilson
10/21
Gloria Jeffrey
10/26



Church Calendar for October

12 - Columbus Day
13 - Compassion Clinic
15 - Board Meeting
17 - African Violets
24 - EMT Testing
27 - Compassion Clinic
31 - Halloween



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