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10AM-2PM

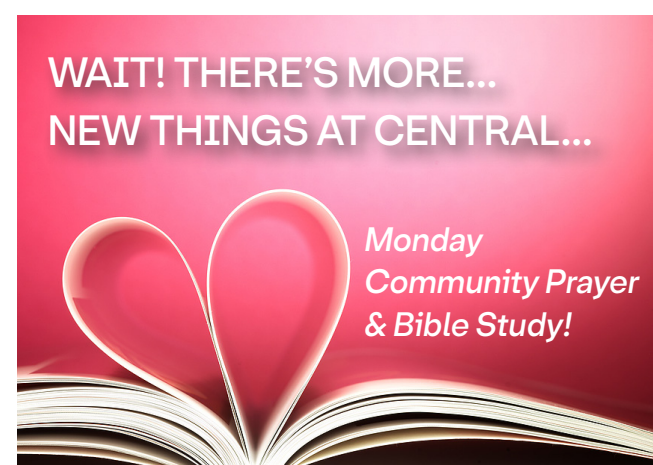
**Sunday**  
10AM Sunday School  
11AM Worship Service  
3205 Hamilton Avenue  
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Many consider February to be the month for showing love and kindness to others. But you might agree that every month avails opportunities to spread the love of Christ, not just February. Also, consider how much God loves you! You can do nothing to make God love you more, and you cannot do anything to make God love you less. It is true! God's love, care, and compassion for us surpass our understanding (Ephesians 3:16-19).

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the fulfillment and extension of the Great Love of God offered us! How, then, should we respond to God's love? Accept God's love in the person of Jesus Christ (God's son), love God back, and love others deeply and creatively (Matthew 22:37-40 & Hebrews 10:24).

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV) says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?..." I am excited to announce that starting in February, Central



Christian Church will host prayer **from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary every first Monday of the month (starting February 2nd) and Community Bible Study in the Christian Arts Museum every second, third, and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.!**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Mondays, for Community Prayer (1st Mondays of the Month) and Community Bible Study (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Monday's of every month).

Warm regards,  
*Pastor Lisa*  
Pastor Lisa Henry



**Fellowship Dinner**  
February 16 ♥ 12 Noon  
Join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day with a Spaghetti dinner.  
*You are asked to bring a dessert.*



**Cowtown Marathon**  
Sunday, February 23

Please make arrangements to be at church at 6:30am to cheer on the runners and listen to the band that will be playing right in our own front lawn!

If you are not able to come early, please remember that the marathon course runs right in front of the church on Bailey Ave. and there will be difficulty getting to the campus after the races start at 7am.

**If you are looking for a church home...**  
Please know that Central Christian Church would love to have you become part of our family. You may join by transfer of membership from another congregation, or by confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, as your Lord and Savior. To join, come forward during the singing at the end of the Worship service. **All are welcome!**



# Chili Cook-off Winners



(left to right) Bobbi Peacock, first place; Allen Bennett, second place; Randy Sawey, third place.



## Elder for the Month

Barbara Harding • 817-223-0647

Please contact the Elder of the month **Barbara Harding** for any need that may arise — such as: prayer needs, illness, hospitalization, family crisis, or to answer a question you might have about the church. ♦



Cabinet Meeting  
February 10  
6:00PM



February 22 Sue Yang  
25 Emmalyn Sylvan  
26 Georgia Huffman  
You can call the church office: 817-335-1520 or email Sharron Anderson sanderson@cccw.org if you need an address for anyone.



Dear Church,

During the month of February, many congregations across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will take up a special offering, joining in the mission and ministry of Week of Compassion. For over 80 years, Week of Compassion has been the Church's relief, refugee, and sustainable development ministry, working with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.

As your church participates in this offering, I also invite you to join in prayer for our partners and the people we serve across the globe. Now more than ever, the work of Week of Compassion is urgently needed. Each year, we witness an increase in the frequency and intensity of disasters—wildfires in Southern California, hurricanes impacting the Carolinas and Georgia, typhoons in the Pacific, all in just the past few months. At the same time, conflicts continue to force people from their homes in places like Ukraine, the Middle East, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, and many more.

In addition to these growing crises, many of the life-saving programs our partners provide are facing significant funding cuts from governmental sources. While Week of Compassion does not receive direct government funding, many of our partners rely on it to sustain critical relief efforts.

Our humanitarian response is not done in isolation – we depend on a global network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), faith communities, local organizations, and intergovernmental agencies to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery. This interconnected work is vital to restoring lives and rebuilding communities.

Below you will see the list of our response efforts in 2024. We celebrate the places where, together as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we have provided food, clean water, education, medicine, peace-building, recovery of homes and livelihoods, and fostered stronger, more resilient communities. Behind each response are real people – individuals and families whose lives have been touched by your generosity.

Because of your faithful giving, 100% of all contributions to Week of Compassion go directly to our partners for relief efforts. In 2024 alone, we distributed over \$3.1 million in grants – both here at home and across the world. We are grateful that our operational costs are covered by the generosity of our endowment and investment returns. While we do have administrative expenses, we are blessed to be in a position where your donations go entirely toward helping those in need.

I am deeply grateful for the work we do together as the Church. In these times of great uncertainty and need, the world needs the Church's compassion more than ever. Thank you for being part of Week of Compassion and for making a tangible difference in so many lives.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Vy T. Nguyen  
Executive Director

## NEW EARLY DEADLINE REMINDER

Monday, February 5 for the March Church Newsletter

Please send your articles, photos or announcements to Sharron Anderson sanderson@cccw.org



Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

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8b 9a 6a 8b 1a 4c 7c 1b 9c”

ANSWER: “BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.”



We are happy to announce that **Early Bird Registration** is open for our 2025 Retreat!

**Friday, April 4, 3PM - Sunday, April 6 Noon CST**

**Theme:** “Come and find the Quiet Center”

**Speaker:** Rev. Casey Tanguay

Please visit [www.tbadwm.com](http://www.tbadwm.com) to register.

Hope to see you all there!

- Sharon Hudson