



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Remember, Remember, Remember

There will be no newsletter for the week of August 25th and September 1st. There will be an expanded newsletter for August 18th. Any groups that will have activities during these two weeks will need to submit all information to the office in time for publication in the August 18th newsletter.

*Thank you!*



Coming...  
**THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday, August 16**

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Sunday School

**Monday, August 17**

- 9:00 am Men's Fellowship
- 1:00 pm Domino's & More
- 6:00 pm Executive Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board Meeting

**Tuesday, August 18**

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 9:30 am CWF Service Day

**Wednesday, August 19**

- 5:30 pm Stewardship Meeting

**Sunday, August 23**

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Sunday School

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
August 17  
6:00 pm




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**Meeting**  
August 17  
7:00 pm



**BOARD MEETING**

**Stewardship Committee Meeting**  
August 19th  
5:30 pm

**August 11, 2009**  
*1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14*  
**"Long Life"**

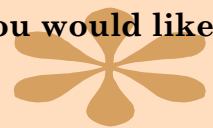
### *Thank you for all who volunteered!*

Thank you to those who have volunteered to cover the phone in the office:

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| 8.24-Dorothy Thurman | 8.31-Shirley Musser |
| 8.25-Larry Wakefield | 9.1-Larry Wakefield |
| 8.26-Shirley Musser  | 9.2-Shirley Musser  |
| 8.27-Arlene Spangler | 9.3-Caleb Lipscomb  |

The office will be open from 8:30am-12:00pm and closed in the afternoons. In addition, the office will be closed all day on Friday, August 28th and Friday, September 4th.

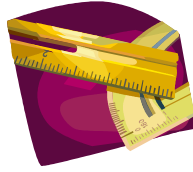
Just to remind those who are volunteering, you will only have to answer the phone. No other secretarial duties will be required. I will have a list of FAQ's for you. I will have copies in the office if you would like to pick up one early.



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CWF AUGUST PROJECT

### SCHOOL KIT



As the new school year approaches, CWF is seeking donations for school kits. These kits give children in impoverished schools and refugee camps some basic tools for learning.

- 1 pair of blunt child's scissors
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 30 centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- Spiral or tape-bound notebooks of ruled paper, 8-1/2" x 11" containing a total 210-270 sheets. No filler paper, please

***Please place all items in a bag.***

## Congregational Concerns

Kay Walton - Updates at:

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/kaywalton](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kaywalton)

- Don Fesperman
- Sam Gardner
- Debra Gleghorn
- Sue Brown
- Nina Hoover
- Jo Gardner
- Eurith Stover



*Please keep the office informed of those who need our prayers.*

*Thank you!*

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers.

Hazel Corban



## **August Birthdays**

Oops! We missed a birthday last week. Please wish Erin Frazier a happy birthday. She had one on August 4th.

*Please let the church office know if yours isn't listed.*

Thank you for your help and support in our efforts to go to Indianapolis to represent you and Central Christina Church.

# THANK YOU

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| Lynette Thomas     | Geoff Weinman     |
| Josie Hoover       | Geoff French      |
| Breanna Williamson | Ian Frazier       |
| Phoebe Hicks       | Jeremiah William- |



### **Notice...**

Please be aware that in order to save on energy costs, the temperature in the Sanctuary will be kept at 74 degrees. Please dress accordingly.

**Property Committee**

Many have asked what I got out of going to the General Assembly. As I stated in last week’s article I had a whole host of feelings during and after returning from the event. One of the most memorable occurred during the business session breaks that were lead by Dr. Newell Williams the Moderator of the Disciples of Christ and President and Dean of Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. Newell is a Disciples historian and he shared with us the spirituality of our founding fathers, Barton Stone, Alexander Campbell and Thomas Campbell. These presentations captured my attention and desire to restudy the material that I have shelved from seminary classes many years ago. I will be sharing his presentations and discussing them in classes I am preparing for this Fall. During the Sunday School hour and during the week I hope to offer this history and put it into the context for today.

Just a hint of what I would like to share is taken from the Disciples News Service comments on his remarks:

*Williams defined spirituality as “our understanding and practice of relationship with God.” For Disciples founders the essence of that relationship is being in love with God. Sin, he explained, is the failure to be in love with God. “To be in love with God is to love God for who God is.” The consequence of sinful or broken relationships is hell or estrangement from God. For Disciples, hell was not so much a place as an experience for Stone’s and Campbell’s generation.*

*Salvation, on the other hand, is to be in a love relationship with God. The fullest expression of that love is the witness of Christ’s love and the invitation to the table. Salvation, Williams said (of Stone’s and the Campbells’ generation), is not a reward that begins at death. Salvation is relationship with God. It is a constant engagement with the divine presence.*

*Heaven, he suggests, is the continuation of the joy of salvation. How does one get from sin to salvation? Williams asks – by grace. Our salvation is not something we accomplish. It’s something God accomplishes through Jesus the Christ.*

How we define ourselves as members of this community of faith called the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is deeply rooted in our history, and yet our understanding of ourselves is also a product of the culture we live in. How we reconcile and affirm both history and present is the task of each one of us. I look forward to the opportunity to share with you my thoughts and insights on this matter.

In Christ’s Service,  
Rev. Andrews

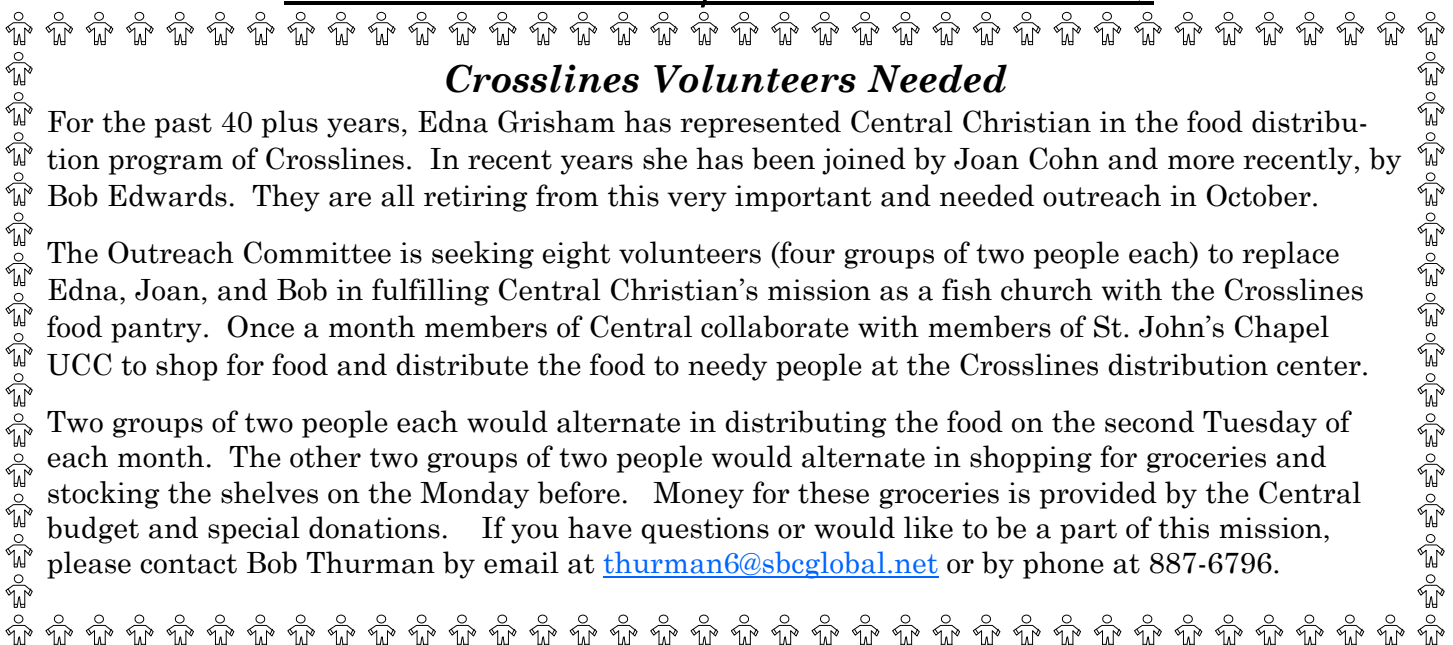
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### **Crosslines Volunteers Needed**

For the past 40 plus years, Edna Grisham has represented Central Christian in the food distribution program of Crosslines. In recent years she has been joined by Joan Cohn and more recently, by Bob Edwards. They are all retiring from this very important and needed outreach in October.

The Outreach Committee is seeking eight volunteers (four groups of two people each) to replace Edna, Joan, and Bob in fulfilling Central Christian’s mission as a fish church with the Crosslines food pantry. Once a month members of Central collaborate with members of St. John’s Chapel UCC to shop for food and distribute the food to needy people at the Crosslines distribution center.

Two groups of two people each would alternate in distributing the food on the second Tuesday of each month. The other two groups of two people would alternate in shopping for groceries and stocking the shelves on the Monday before. Money for these groceries is provided by the Central budget and special donations. If you have questions or would like to be a part of this mission, please contact Bob Thurman by email at [thurman6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thurman6@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 887-6796.



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**8/9/2009**

**Sunday School**

Nursery: 4  
Elementary: 4  
Junior/Senior: 4  
Faith Builders: 5  
Bilshan: 8  
Loyal Workers: 17  
Builders: 12  
General: 27

**8/9/2009**

General Fund  
Contributions:  
\$5,889.00  
Attendance:  
141

**Serving August 16, 2009**

**Elders:**

Karen Hicks  
Bob Thurman

DEACONS:

**Bob Edwards – 881-1436**

Gloria Brown  
Carolyn Condict  
Karen Fischer  
Debra Gleghorn  
Mary Gleghorn  
Bill Grier  
Helen Gunther  
Darrell Kays  
David Lane  
Paula Letterman  
Sean McGinnis  
Geri Sporcic  
Allen Taylor  
Darrell Zweerink

**Junior Deacons:**

Geoff French  
Josie Hoover

**Ushers:**

Marjorie Arnold  
Caroyln Condict

**Communion Preparation:**

John & Mary Bermond  
Patsy Tipton

**Fellowship Preparation:**

John & Mary Bermond  
Patsy Tipton

**Greeters:**

Greg Walton & Kay Walton

**Ministry Team**

John Bermond, Board Chair  
Rev. John Andrews, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Don Brown, Parish Minister  
Candy French, Music Director  
John Cook, Organist  
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