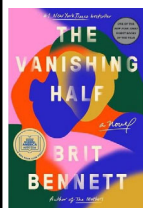


Sweets and Treats Is Back!

Join us after worship for a time of fellowship along with some treats and coffee. If you would like to provide sweets and treats for any Sundays the remainder of 2021 or in 2022, please sign up in the Narthex and you can invite your friends and family to join us.

CSM Daytime Book Club December 2nd



The Book Club will be meeting next on Thursday, **December 2nd at 10 am**. We will be meeting at the home of Arlean Fermanis and will be reading *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett, available at Amazon in all formats and at Orleans and Jefferson Parish libraries. To join the meeting, please send an email to Arlean at afermanis@sprynet.com to let her know you are interested. Arlean asks that attendees be vaccinated. All are welcome!

Weekly Check-in & Bible Study With Pastor Brockett

Join us on Zoom for fellowship and inspiration as we study the Bible and share together on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. If you want to join, here is the information to do so by video and/or phone. Everyone is welcome!

URL - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89538823099>

Meeting ID - 895 3882 3099

Dial by phone 1-346-248-7799 (Same Meeting ID)



**Our Second Harvest Food Item for
November is
Canned Fruit and Vegetables
Thank You for your donations!**



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Welcome To Central St Matthew

United Church of Christ



Where ever you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! CSM is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, progressive church where all people are welcome regardless of race, gender, religious background or sexual orientation.

CSM was created when two historic New Orleans congregations, Central Congregational Church with its African-American heritage and St. Matthew Evangelical and Reformed Church with its German heritage united to become Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ. CSM embodies the rich cultural diversity that makes New Orleans unique. Our mission is to bring New Orleans together through loving God, embracing diversity, and creating community.

We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

Today at CSM

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Thanksgiving Sunday

- 9:00 a.m.** - Adult Sunday School in person and **on Zoom**
- Guided Meditation with Stephanie Osborne
- Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service in person and via Livestream
- Children's Church
11:00 a.m. - Sweets & Treats

This Week

Monday, November 22nd

- Governing Council @ 6pm

Tuesday, November 23rd

- Staff Meeting @ 10am

Wednesday, November 24th

- Zoom Prayer Group @ 10am

Thursday, November 25th

- Thanksgiving Day - **Office Closed**

Friday, November 26th

- **Office Closed**

Saturday, November 27th

- AA Meeting @ 9am

**Do you need prayer? Go the prayer request page live on our website!
<http://www.centralstmatthewucc.com> and follow the instructions.**

The office will receive your request and we will pray for you.
Please continue to be in prayer for Evelyn Pittman, Helen Green, Willard Hill, Charlie Gatewood, Julie Gardner, and all who have been affected or lost loved ones to COVID-19 and Hurricane Ida.

Today - November 21

Thanksgiving Sunday

Again this year, we are giving \$50 gift cards in lieu of **Thanksgiving Baskets** for people in need. You may donate any amount toward the cards by placing an offering in the plate or online by designating your gift for Thanksgiving Baskets.

Also, if you know of a family who could use a gift card, please speak to Pastor Brockett or Deacon Dale Bonds.

Today we also want to welcome **Leticia Casildo**, Honduran immigrant, activist, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Familias Unidas En Accion.

Upcoming Sundays at CSM

November 28

First Sunday of Advent and Tree Trimming

Please join us as we begin our Advent journey. We will be lighting the first Advent candle which represents HOPE and we will begin preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

On this Sunday, following morning worship, we will also deck the halls by setting up our tree and hanging the greens around the church. Everyone is invited to join us as we prepare our sanctuary for the Christmas season. **We hope you will plan to stay and join us in the fun and fellowship!**

December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

On this Sunday we light the second candle of Advent representing peace. This candle reminds us of the message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," which the angels brought.

December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

On this Sunday we will light the third candle of Advent which represents joy. We are reminded of the joy that was experienced when Jesus was born into the world, and the joy that fills us when we invite Him to dwell within our hearts.

December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Living Nativity, & Christmas Fund

We will light the fourth candle of Advent which represents the love of Christ for us. It was this love that brought Him to earth and caused Him to sacrifice His life for us.

Also, we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our traditional Living Nativity, re-enacting the Christmas story using scripture and song. Please join us after the service for fellowship with sweets and treats.

In addition, we will be collecting our Christmas Fund offering which supports the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. Special envelopes will be available.

Advent is Coming!

It begins next Sunday, November 28! And this year we are going to once again create our own advent devotional. Themes and scriptures have been selected and you are invited to author a devotional for one of the days leading up to Christmas. If you're interested in learning more please contact the church office. Devotionals will be posted online each day and it's a great way to share your inspiration and to get to know one another better.



Join us on Zoom after worship for our Virtual Coffee Hour beginning at **11:15 a.m.** Here is the information to join by video and/or phone:

Virtual Coffee Hour

URL - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87604311846>

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Christmas Poinsettias

You may purchase a Poinsettia to grace our sanctuary during Advent
Please sign up in the Narthex or by contacting the church office. Poinsettias may be given "in memory" or "in honor" of someone you love. Names of people will be listed in the bulletin. Cost for each plant is \$10, just make out your check to CSM and put poinsettia in the memo, or pay cash and put poinsettia on the envelope. After plants have graced the sanctuary you may take them home or give them as a gift. Thank You!

Make a Choice to Grow In Your Faith This Fall!

Children's Sunday School

Ages 4 years old-5th grade

Immediately following children's time during service.

Adult Education Programming

Mind, Body, Spirit Hour

9 am Sunday Mornings

Classes

Spiritual Gifts

with Tracey Braden

In person and by Zoom - Contact us for Zoom information

Guided Meditation

with Stephanie Osborne

Get in touch with yourself, God, and the movement of the Spirit!