

Lectionary Study With Pastor Phil

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)



Sunday Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour

Every Sunday following worship at 11:15 a.m.

Join by video and/or phone on Zoom

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

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2023 Sweets and Treats Sign-up

If you would like to provide sweets and treats for any Sundays in 2023, please sign up in the Narthex and you can invite your friends and family to join us for coffee and fellowship.

NURSERY CARE

We are now offering nursery care on Sunday mornings in the upstairs nursery room. Our childcare staff has passed a background check and you can feel safe leaving your under four year-old children in their care.

Make a Choice to Grow In Your Faith!

Children's Sunday School

Ages 4 years-5th grade

Immediately following children's time during service.

Ages 6th grade and up

Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

Adult Education Programming

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!



Our Second Harvest Food Item for
October is

Dried and Canned Beans

Thank You for your donations!

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 it's 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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Noble Minds Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday school
- Guided Meditation
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service in person and via Livestream
- Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. - Sweets & Treats

This Week

Monday, September 25th

- Staff Meeting @10am
- Governing Council (Zoom) @ 6pm

Wednesday, September 27th

- Zoom Prayer Group @ 10am

Thursday, September 28th

- No Yoga through September - Contact Kit Eckert
- Weekly Lectionary Study (Zoom) @ 6:30pm

Saturday, September 30th

- 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, Julie Gardner, Jim Bonds, and Glenda Saunders.

Today, September 24th Noble Minds Sunday

This morning we will be celebrating and praying for the teachers and students of our building partner, Noble Minds Institute. We thank you for attending and ask that you stay after service for a time of fellowship.

Sunday, October 1st Neighbors in Need Sunday



In 2023, the Neighbors in Need (NIN)

“BEHOLD!” theme continues. This year’s focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills.

As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet! Please join us in promoting this year’s NIN “Behold!” campaign. As you may recall, one third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry. The other two thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Special envelopes will be available on Sunday, October 1st.

Together New Orleans Pledge to Vote Campaign

With important elections coming up, locally and state wide. It’s important that all of us vote. In conjunction with Together New Orleans, we are asking everyone to make a pledge to vote this fall. This is a non-partisan campaign that's about increasing voter participation, not voter preference.

If you have any questions about the event or campaign, don’t hesitate to reach out to contact@togethernola.org.

Do You Need Prayer?

Our prayer team meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and they would be honored to lift your requests to the Lord. You can submit your request by going to www.centralstmatthewucc.com/home/prayer-requests or by simply clicking [Prayer Requests](#) at the top of our website.

Interested in Joining the Church?

Are you interested in learning more about CSM and exploring becoming a member? Contact the church office for information to attend an online seminar discussing the history, beliefs and mission of Central St. Matthew. For more information, contact Pastor Brockett at pastor@centralstmatthewucc.com

Volunteers Needed

Board of Christian Education’s - Fall 2023 Special Events

This Fall we need your support to make our Special Events a big success! Please consider volunteering for a team to lend a hand at extending *RADICAL HOSPITALITY* to our community and to plan programs to enrich our worship experience. **No special skills are necessary, just a willing spirit and helping hands.** See below for upcoming opportunities. *Please contact Arlean Fermanis via afermanis@gmail.com or the church office at office@centralstmatthewucc.com.*

Saturday, October 21 – CSM Fall Festival (10a – 12p): Fun, Games, Crafts, and Snacks for CSM families and neighbors. Help needed with setup, leading games/crafts, and breakdown.

Sunday, November 19 – Oak Street Po-Boy Festival (after church): Hand out water, Games, open restrooms. Help needed with planning and setup, leading games, and breakdown.

Sunday, December 17 – Living Nativity Reimagined (during church): Help needed to plan this special event in the life of our church. All voices appreciated.

Carrollton Cluster Men’s Breakfast Blessed Sacrament/St. Joan of Arc

9:30 to 11:00 am

Saturday, October 14th



All men of the church are invited to join with men from Blessed Sacrament/St. Joan of Arc for a complimentary breakfast followed by a presentation by special guest **Dr. Tom Ryan of Loyola University**. RSVP by contacting Al Eickelmann at 228-547-1619 or by email at allan.eickelmann@usm.edu.

PASTOR’S BENEVOLENCE FUND

We are collecting change to support the Pastor’s Benevolence Fund. If you still have a container from the previous collection, please keep and fill it, then bring the change on the first Sunday each month. If you need one, take one and gather your **SMALL CHANGE** each month to help make a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in someone’s life.



HELP BE THE CHANGE!