

Central Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
October 2025



Pastor's Pondering

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Standing in a place and time with God is a beautiful place to be, it gives us time to reflect on the joy of having Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message).

We spend about 26 years of our life sleeping. When we sleep our thought process slows down, our breathing slows. Now-can you imagine if we spent that much time with Jesus. 26 years of our waking time in prayer, meditation, singing, sharing, and loving. Our lives would be transformed in a way that we can only imagine.

Being a Christian is a process not a bolt of lightning. When we start this journey with Jesus we may feel lost or uncertain that we are making the right decision. But remember the journey that Jesus took and how he took our sins never to be seen again. Please continue to follow Jesus throughout your life and remember; "We are a work in Progress."

Blessing and Shalom

Pastor Mike

Central Christian Church Board Meeting Tidbits September 17, 2025

Jeff Sommerlot, board chair, called the meeting to order. 8 members and Pastor Mike were present.

Pat Sommerlot gave the opening prayer.

August minutes were approved & October calendar events were reviewed.

Property- Allen talked to Hays Construction about the ramp windows.

Personnel - Beth Campbell- no report

Congregational Rep – Carolyn Thompson- no report

Finance – Pat Sommerlot-no report

Treasurer- Mary Hazelwood -no report

Deacons- Carolyn Thompson has not heard any negative comments about communion.

Elders are continuing their book study

Missions- Judy Osgood – She and Carolyn took a huge grocery cart full of donations to HOC. Collecting school supplies for the Marshalltown schools during September. October mission is collecting underwear and socks in all sizes for both boys and girls.

DWF - Sarah Sade – Becky is preparing the DWF booklets. Circles are starting book studies from the magazine Just Women. Rebecca now meets at 5 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and Lydia meets at Judy Osgood's home on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Worship Team – Mary Abens is working with Josh on the October 12th Installation service for Pastor Mike. Suzie Moore will preach on Nov. 2nd & Beth Campbell on Nov. 9th.

Pastor's report - Studied and prepared 4 Sunday services. Attended: Worship Team, Elders, and Board meetings. Made phone calls and visited with congregants. Made hospital visits. Attended Gatherers. Worked with Music Team. Continued "Moment with God" morning meditation live on FB. Facilitated Grief Group. Prepared for October Bible study.

New Business – need 3 congregational members to vote at Regional on October 18th.

Pastor Mike gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned





2025

Church Board and Committee members

Board Chair: Jeff Sommerlot

Vice Board Chair: Jim Gossett

Board Secretary: Colette Bengé

Treasurer: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Property: Jeff Sommerlot, Allen Miller, Steve Huseboe, Bob Cook

Personnel/Congregational Rep: Beth Campbell, Carolyn Thompson, Peggy White..

Finance Chair: Pat Sommerlot

Missions: Judy Osgood, Beth Campbell, Marla Cook

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Deacons: Carolyn Thompson, Ed Phillips, Rhonda Spence

DWF: Sarah Sade

Elders Chair: Mary Abens

Elders: Beth Campbell, Jan Bringman, Jim Gossett, Mary Jane Hazelwood, Andy Burt, Marla Cook

Honorary Elder: Sara Sade



October Birthdays

4 Erin Sternhagen

10 Stuart Nevins

12 Carole Weber

18 Melissa Osgood

23 Derek Dalluge

23 Emily Manis

28 Shawna Cutler

**October Greeters: Jeff and Pat Sommerlot and
Allen Miller**

October Deacon: Ed Phillips

October 5

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: "We Are Grateful"

Hymns:

#53 "Morning Has Broken"

#576 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#108CP "As the Deer Longs"

#167 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

October 12

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Judy Osgood

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-18

Sermon: "Do We Say Thank You!"

Hymns:

#77 "On Eagles Wings"

#TBD

#403 "In Remembrance of Me"

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

October 19

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: "Are We Wrongful Judges"

Hymns:

#66 "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

#543 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

#305 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

#590 "Kum Ba Yah"

October 26

Elder: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Our Prayers of Silence"

Hymn:

#284 "Gather Us In"

#214 "Rock of Ages"

#94 "Breathe On Me"

#585 "What a Friend we have in Jesus"

Elders Meditation



Elder's Meditation– Andy Burt

Harvest time in Iowa.

Fields turn from green to gold.

Evenings and nights are cooler.

Daylight hours definitely dwindling.

God's beautiful abundance all around us. Let us harvest our talents and gifts as Jesus would have us.

Sharing our bountiful gifts of love with the world.

We have so much to be thankful for, and to share. May we remember to give thanks and to share with those in need.

Lord, thank you for all you have given us.

We are so very blessed.

Continue to make our days warm and our nights cool and refreshing so that we may be the people you teach us to be.

Let us be a gift to you, everyday. Amen



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:



Please pray for our members and families. Hold in prayer the following:

David and Linda Halvorsen, Peggy White, Shirley Nicholson, Derrica Krutsinger.

Prayers for those affected by acts of violence.

- ♦ Prayers for our nation that we may come together as one.
- ♦ Prayer for all of those affected by war around our world.
- ♦ Pray for those affected by flooding and other natural disasters.
- ♦ Prayers for those affected by the severe weather throughout the country.
- ♦ Pray for World Peace.

Prayer Requests

There are slips for Prayer Requests by the offering trays, in the Gathering Room and in the note box by the Church Office door. Please write your request, and check which groups you want it to go to. Let us know if it's confidential, and sign your name



Rootbeer Floats were served after Sunday Service to say goodbye to Summer.



From the Kitchen of Marla Cook

130 Cakes

APPLE PIE CAKE

Marla Cook

1 c. sugar	1 tsp. soda
1/2 c. shortening	1 tsp. salt
1 egg	1 tsp. cinnamon
2 1/2 c. apples, diced	1 tsp. vanilla
3 T. hot water	1/2 c. nuts (optional)
1 c. flour	

Sift dry ingredients, set aside. Cream sugar and shortening, add rest of ingredients. Pour into greased square pan or large deep pie dish. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Serve warm with Cool Whip, ice cream or a glaze.

Finance Report August 2025

August total revenues: \$8644.00

Total Expenses: \$21167.00

Large expense: Air conditioning units - paid in full

Finance Chair-Mary Jane Hazelwood

Announcements

Church Attendance

9/7- 29

9/14- 32

9/21- 39

9/28- 40

Gatherer's

Val Sondag and Colette Bengé will host
October Gatherers on Sunday October 19th
right after church at El Capitan at
903 W. Lincolnway.

Come join us for fun, food and fellowship.

Please let Carolyn know by
Wednesday October 15th if you plan to attend.

October Mission

Our mission for October will be collecting boys and girls, socks and underwear, to provide supplies for our Marshalltown school nurses.

Pastor Micheal Carlson

Installation Service/Josh Patty
will be here.
Sunday October 12th at
10:00am
Reception to follow!



October

Pastor Appreciation

Each year, October is the month for Pastor appreciation.

We will have a basket out in the gathering space for cards the whole month!

Thank you, Pastor Mike for all that you do! We are blessed to have you as our leader in Christ!

October 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			1:15 Bible Study 4:00 Wor- ship/Mission Mtg 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir	1:30pm Grief Support		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00 Church Service In-person/online			1:15 Bible Study 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00 Church Service in-person/online Pastor Mike Installa- tion / Josh Patty here			1:15 Bible Study 3:00 Elders Mtg 4:00 Board Mtg 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir	9:15am Quilters 1:30pm Grief Support		9:30 Group Lydia Judy O's house
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00 am Church Service in- person/online Gatherer after Service El Capitan		5:00pm Group Rebecca	1:15 Bible Study 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir			
26	27	28	29 1:15pm Bible Study	30	31	
10:00am Church Service in-person/ online					Halloween!	

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Pastor Mike Carlson

Board Chair: Jeff Sommerlot

Elders Chair: Mary Abens

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Office Administrator: Becky Neiman

Custodian: Mary Koshak

Organist: Colette Bengé

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Hours: 9am-1pm , Tue-Fri

2025 News



We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a
fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we
welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.
Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY ONLINE SERVICE 10:00 A.M.