

Disciples of Christ

Central Christian Church



November 2018

Faith Matters

Birthdays

2nd Jan Bringman
 5th Anne Fiscus
 6th Jeanette Long
 11th Ruth Pearson
 13th Ian Osgood
 17th Rolly Danner
 20th Lanese Thompson
 23rd Diana Spick
 24th Ronnie Manis
 25th Jim Hemphill
 26th Larry Southard
 26th Nash Daniel
 29th Mary Abens

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I was in the airport the other day waiting on my flight when I found myself watching all the people around me. I don't know if any of you are like me, but I love to people watch. I am fascinated with the human condition and how people interact, or in this case, don't interact. I sat at the gate and as I looked around, I did not see one person talking to another person. Everyone was either on their cell phone or laptop or had headphones on. Even the parents that sat across from me that had two little children with them were not communicating. Instead, both kids were playing on tablets and the parents were on their cell phones.

As I continued to watch, I couldn't help but think that all these people around me were so busy with their electronics, that they didn't have to talk with others. As long as they continued on doing their own thing, they didn't have to notice the people around them and, therefore, they could just focus on themselves. It actually made me feel sad. Here I am surrounded by this beautiful diversity of people and the focus was completely on what was going on in their own lives – where they needed to be, when and for what reason.

Isn't it amazing how we can be right next to other people, sit for hours or waiting for a plane, and never notice them? I am as guilty as the next person. I am an extreme introvert so when I get into those situations, the

last thing I want to do is talk. But I can't help but ask myself, what are we missing when we don't take time to listen to one another – to get to know one another? How are we serving God when we shut ourselves off to all that is going on around us?

In today's society, differing backgrounds, experience, beliefs – make it hard to be in a relationship with each other. Our inability to relate to someone else's viewpoint can lead us to vilify them and we end up missing out on the beauty of the diversity God created. We are in a time in our country when fear and hate seem to be taking center stage. But, that is not who God made us to be. God did not design us for divide. God did not create us to be people full of hate. God designed us for relationship – relationship that grows when we learn more about each other when we dare to take an interest. God created us to love – a love that extends across all barriers.

As we head into the upcoming season of holidays, most of us will be spending time with family and friends. Now, more than ever, I pray that we can put away all the distractions and those things that separate us, and instead take time to really listen to one another. Take time to live in relationship with each other, if even for just a few moments. And in this, I pray we discover times of thankfulness and times of hope, joy, love, and peace.

Pastor Diana

Daylight Savings Time Ends

At 2:00 am on Sunday, November 4, 2018 daylight savings time ends. So, remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before heading to bed Saturday night.



Gatherers



John and Bev Swearingen are hosting the November Gatherers at “That Place Steak House” on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. “That Place” is located on the Conrad corner or the official address of 33030 G Avenue, Conrad, IA.



Prayer Concerns

Bob Sondag, Erin Jacobson, Dorothy Borton, Penelope Adkins-Jacobson, Gloria Woods, Shawn Cooke, Zach VerBeek, Carol Hoing, Arlene Cripps, Corban Pierce & Family, Lisa Smith, Barbara Burt, Linda Blackford, Tina Mehlow, Bev Elliott’s Grandson, Erv Harre, Doris Prough, Rob & Peggy White, Diana Spick, Cheryl Trappe, Roger Osgood, Karen Barret, Brooke Runde, Bobby Weishaubt, Leanna Bowers, Amanda Bearman, AnnaMarie Charloft, Chris Sommerlot, and those who are homebound.



From Anne Fiscus:

DWF, Thank you for the lovely rose bowl!! We both enjoyed it. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers. On the 30th of October, I will undergo a second procedure to complete the removal of the tumor. Keep the prayers coming!!

October 2018 Board Splinters

Melia Chapman, board chair, called the meeting to order. Pastor Diana gave the opening prayer. 10 members and 1 guest attended. Calendar check was done.

Property - Steve Huseboe - Received quote from Marshall Glass for window repairs. Still waiting from quote for repair of screens. Sound system is temporarily fixed thanks to several "good samaritans". A congregational volunteer has offered to pay for whatever will get the sound system working correctly. Steve is looking for a contractor to do a deep cleaning of the church. The insurance company is very stubborn of letting go of any of the money to pay for repairs. Diana will contact John Gray who is the intermediary. Addition per Steve: Partial Insurance check for \$83,861.28 arrived on October 19, 2018.

Personnel - Marcia Gossett/Ronnie Manis - Talked with Val Sondag and Colette Bengé regarding the musical department. Val is pleased with how things are going and Colette is looking for someone to help with the piano during choir practices. Both seem to be working well together.

Finance - Jim Anctil - No Report.

Treasurer - Jim Gossett - Discussed finance report. Adjusted several figures due to additions to some totals.

Deacons - Carolyn Thompson No Report.

Elders - Jim Anctil - No Report.

Congregational Representative - Carolyn Thompson - No Report.

Missions - Judy Osgood - Reconciliation offering was \$295. October missions collecting mittens for infants and toddlers ages 2-4 for Mid-Iowa Community Action's HeadStart program. Bring mittens to the mitten tree in the Sanctuary or for those who prefer not to shop or do not have time to shop, money can be donated to buy mittens. There is a collection site in the Gathering Area and at the end of October, mittens will be purchased and taken to MICA for HeadStart.

Christian Ed - Pastor Diana - reported for Della Klar and Joyce Grogan - There will be a teacher's meeting on October 28 at 9:30am.

Worship - Robin Anctil - No Report.

DWF - Dietta Nevins reported for Beth Campbell - DWF Board will meet on 12-3 at 9:30am with Sarah Sade serving. The luncheon will be at noon on 12-6 with Amy Ose conducting the MHS Carolers. Group Rebecca will be serving the luncheon.

Pastor Report - NE Iowa 3 Agency on the Aging (NEI3A) are planning to be out of the church by Nov. 1st. Will be moving to the VFW building. The Week of Compassion team of 2 people (1 female & 1 male) will be here on Oct. 24 for 3 days and will need hosts for 2 overnight stays. Bring a Friend will be the sermon topic beginning next Sunday. Photo Directories should be done soon and will be available in several forms. Still working on chalice hymnals project with price of \$12 each. Planning a Blue Christmas service on Sunday Dec 9th for those struggling with loss during the holiday's. Planning Christmas Eve service. Church office will be closed on Dec 25th through the end of the week. Pastor will be on call as usual.

Old Business - Beth has volunteered to head up Turkey Noodle Dinner. The ballot has been finished with 1 addition, to add Elder Emeritus (Anne Fiscus and Arlene Cripps) to the ballot. A motion was made to accept the ballot with the addition. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business - Jim Gossett asked for committees to have budgets ready for the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.



Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting for Central Christian Church has been set for Sunday, November 18, 2018 immediately following the Worship Service.

The finance report and anticipated 2019 budget will be presented at the meeting. As well as voting on who will serve as the 2019 board officers, board members, elders, deacons, and nominating committee.



Nicaragua Minute

Many of you have ask me about Nicaragua and if I will be able to return on a mission trip in the near future. There is still unrest and recently the president ask the United Nations personnel to leave the country after they charged him with inhumane acts towards his citizens. There is a group planning on going to our village in late January but I am nervous about being in a country where there is still so much unrest and violence. Here is an article from Disciples Home Mission that was written by our Missionary who is currently serving Nicaragua.

Mission Stewardship Moment from Nicaragua

When Jesus walked the earth presenting other options for understanding the Kingdom of God on earth (by way of God's love, grace, mercy, justice and equality), those in leadership in the church as well as the government, did not agree nor did they want to change the status quo. Similar to Jesus' ministry, our young sisters and brothers (college students) in Nicaragua have opened their ears, eyes, mouths and feet to promote change in their country. However, those in leadership in the churches (by being silent) as well as the government (by responding violently), do not want to change the status quo.

Mark 7:21-23 (NIV) says, *For it is from within, out of a person's [or governments] heart, that evil thoughts come—... theft, murder,*

... greed, malice, deceit, ... slander, arrogance ... 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person [or governments]."

The results of a defiled person or a defiled government can physically, socially, and economically hurt and destroy a peoples livelihood.

Many students have been murdered because of their dreams of a just society and future. Because of this, the students are requesting that the government:

- stop police brutality as they participate in an unarmed and peaceful protest for justice.
- assure them that the police will not kill them, their families, anyone in their communities and others that support their right to protest.
- stop calling them delinquents, criminals, gangs and other negative connotations; they are students.
- stop the police from taking the food, water and donations given by supporters.
- guarantee free press without repression and censorship.
- want a dialogue with the government that is public and inclusive.
- no police record to be processed by the police department for participating in the protest.
- police officials to be accountable for permitting violence and murder.

- use a legal process with the help of the International Court of Human Rights, to investigate who killed the students.
- provide funds needed to repair windows, doors, etc. of various universities during the protest.
- want this government to leave office.

The protest began April 18, 2018 and so far there are over 400 deaths not including students that were kidnapped and those that have been injured.

A Prayer for Nicaragua

Lord we pray for courage to see, hear, speak and stand for **justice**—when it is challenged, **peace**—in the midst of violence and **equality**—for all creation when it is violated. We pray for the parents whose sons and daughters were murdered as they took a stand for justice. We pray for spiritual transformation on the inside of our government leaders. We pray for strength to stay steadfast on the journey. We pray that our country will soon live in harmony. We pray that The Kingdom of God on earth will prevail. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Thank-you for your continued prayers for my second home. I pray that I will be able to return there and that they will see peace for their country.

Beth



Holiday Stroll/Turkey Noodle Dinner

COST: Free Will Donation

Start your 2018 Holiday Stroll at the Central Christian church Turkey Noodle Dinner from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Enjoy beautiful holiday music while you eat! The Heart of Iowa Women's Chorus performs from 5 - 5:30 pm and the Marshalltown Men's Chorus performs from 6 - 6:30 pm.

Meal includes:
 homemade turkey & noodles
 mashed potatoes
 vegetable
 cinnamon applesauce
 roll and butter
 beverage
 and your choice from a yummy variety of "church lady" desserts



New Church Directory



Were you able to get your picture taken in the church library on October 14th or 21st? No? Please submit a photo of you/your family to the church's email address:

chalice@centraldoc.org

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this new directory. The goal is to have the new directory completed with both printed and online access by December.

Poinsettias



It's that time of year for poinsettia orders. The order form is on page 9.

The deadline for orders will be December 2, 2018 and the price for each plant is \$10.00. If your plant is to go to a shut-in on the elder's list, they will deliver it. The poinsettia's will be available after the Christmas Eve service.

Advent Devotionals



Open yourself to the divine chaos and wonder that Advent brings.

Join young Mary as she experiences the surprise, confusion, fear, anticipation, and blessing that follows her brave response to God's call: "Here am I, Lord." Listen carefully, and you may hear that call in your own life.

The deadline for devotional orders is Sunday, November 18 and the cost is \$4.00 each. The order form is on page 9.

November Schedule

November 4

Worship: Al Miller
Elder: Mary Abens
Driver: Stuart Nevins

November 11

Worship: Mary Abens
Elder: Mark Smith
Driver: Jim Anctil

November 18

Worship: Jim Anctil
Elder: Sarah Sade
Driver: Dennis Paxson

November 25

Worship: Robin Anctil
Elder: Mary Hazelwood
Driver: Ed Phillips

Greeters

Jim and Marcia Gossett
Janet Graves
Bev Hammond
Mary Horn

Deacons

Carolyn Thompson
Lanese Thompson
Autumn Thompson
Bev Hammond
Jeff Sommerlot

Sound Booth

Mark Shutt

**September 2018
Giving Total
\$12,521.00**

**January to September
Giving Total
\$121,750.00**

**September Average
Attendance**

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Triumph Recovery Center Hours are Monday - Friday 11:00am - 4:00pm				1 10:30am Seniors in Motion 5pm G-Scouts	2 12pm CWU @ New Hope Christian Church 7pm N.A.	3
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	5	6 6pm Gatherers @ That Place Restaurant 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	7 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	8 1pm Group DEMF 5pm G-Scouts 6:30pm PP&F	9 7pm N.A.	10 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
11 Bring a Friend to Church Food Box Sunday Thanksgiving Offering 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	12	13 6-8pm Youth Group Activity 7pm Group Rebecca 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	14 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	15 9am Quilters 10am Cluster 4 5pm G-Scouts 6:30pm Elders 7pm Board	16 7pm N.A.	17 9am Group Lydia 4:30-7pm Turkey Noodle Dinner
18 Congregational Meeting Thanksgiving Offering Advent Orders Due 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	19 Registration Deadline for November 26 JYF Day Camp	20 Newsletter article deadline 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	21 6-8pm Nesting Congregation Church Office Closed	22 	23 7pm N.A. Church Office Closed	24 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
25 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	26 7:30am-4pm JYF (K - 4th grade) Day Camp	27 Pastor Out of Office 6-8pm Youth Group Activity 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	28 Pastor Out of Office 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	29 Pastor Out of Office 5pm G-Scouts	30 Pastor Out of Office 7pm N.A.	December 1
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Poinsettia Order Form



Due by Sunday, December 2, 2018

Please reserve _____ plant(s) Enclosed is \$10.00 for each plant ordered.

My name _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

I will pick up Please take to a shut-in

Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service

Advent Order Form

Due by Sunday, November 18

Please reserve _____ devotional(s)

Enclosed is \$4.00 for each devotional ordered.

My name _____

Phone: _____

Devotionals will be available for pick up the week of November 25, 2018

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples of Christ

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November 2018 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

Central Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Phone: (641) 753-3129

Website: www.centraldoc.org

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(Disciples of Christ) Marshalltown

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:10 am

Pastor: Diana Frieberg

Board Chair: Melia Chapman

Elders Chair: Sarah Sade

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Benge

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Custodian: Ken Fiscus

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo