

# Disciples of Christ

## Central Christian Church



December 2018

### Faith Matters

#### Birthdays

2nd Kathy Stoneking  
 3rd Max Graves  
 6th Elaine Fiscus  
 7th Ron Benge  
 7th Donna McNamee  
 7th Bob Cook  
 9th Karen Visser  
 12th Janet Graves  
 12th Jeff Osgood  
 14th Ken Fiscus  
 16th Kristina Gardea  
 20th Dorothy Borton  
 24th Eric Osgood  
 25th Duane Visser  
 25th Della Klar  
 29th Brandon Heizer

For the past month, I have had a good time going back and forth with many of you about when the appropriate time is to decorate for Christmas. In our house, it is all I can do to hold Dan off from bringing all the Christmas decorations out of the basement before November. If he had his way, our house would be a Christmas wonderland before Halloween.

Decorating for Christmas is a big deal for many people and we are no different in church. There is a lot that goes into making our church look amazing for the Christmas season and I appreciate all those who help to make that happen. One of my favorite things about transforming the sanctuary is the addition of the Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so does our hope, peace, joy and love.

When I was a kid, the Advent wreath was a daily tradition in our house during the Christmas season. Each day we gathered as a family to light the candle(s), read scripture and the devotional for the day, and then close with prayer. This tradition, then and now, reminds me of the importance of Jesus as our centering light, not only during Christmas time, but all year long.

It can be easy to lose sight of Jesus in our lives, in our communities, in our world, with all that is going on around us. At times, the darkness of hate, oppression and intolerance can take center stage and it seems that humanity is lost. But during this Advent season, let us be people that choose the light, people that choose the hope that is found in the birth of a baby that forever changed the world. And in doing so, let us radiate that hope, peace, joy and love that stands witness of God's love for all.

This Christmas season, I pray that you might discover Christ anew. And I give thanks for the way you make Christ known to me.

Merry Christmas (and a Happy New Year!)

*Pastor  
 Diana*

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## November 2018 Board Splinters

Melia Chapman, board chair, called the meeting to order. Pastor Diana gave the opening prayer. 9 members & 1 guest attended. Calendar check was done.

**Property** - Steve Huseboe - Hay Construction started on the repair of the bricks. Sound system is due to arrive in Dec. A rough estimate from Inside N Out Construction to build 2 new shower stalls will be around \$10,000. Still waiting for Landon & Landon estimate for screens. Insurance claims shorted & not paid: Nagle Signs, Marshall Glass (\$452 Short), Life Line (sound system \$588 not covered).

**Personnel** - Marcia Gossett - Will be getting the contracts signed by the end of the year. Personnel will be looking for additional custodial help to assist Ken with the upkeep of the church building & grounds.

**Finance** - Jim Anctil - No Report.

**Treasurer** - Jim Gossett - Discussed finance report. Report shows totals very close to budget.

**Deacons** - Carolyn Thompson - No Report.

**Elders** - Jim Anctil - Discussed shut-ins.

**Congregational Representative** - Carolyn Thompson - No Report.

**Missions** - Judy Osgood - There were no family's left to adopt this year. We will do Toys for Tots & The Triumph Center. Oakland Christian Church will donate Christmas decorations to be distributed to those impacted by the July 19<sup>th</sup> tornado.

**Christian Ed** - Della Klar and Joyce Grogan - No Report.

**Worship** - Robin Anctil - No Report.

**DWF** - 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 Agency on the Aging (NEI3A) are hoping to be out of the church between Jan & Feb of 2019. VFW will be ready for them by then. Door locks have been changed. There will be no program for JYF since the Y is doing a program. New Directories are close to being done but there are still some who have not had their pictures done. Chalice Praise Hymnals are here

and distributed in the pews. We have a donation from the congregation to buy some more. Discussion regarding Nesting Congregations rules & contact information preceded a vote to update current agreement. Motion was made & passed unanimously. Advent, Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve services and times were discussed and will be in the Newsletter and bulletins. Discussed designating the Sunday after Christmas as bring your leftovers to share after church. Pastor Diana will be gone Nov 25<sup>th</sup> to Dec 1<sup>st</sup> with Randy Allman as the replacement pastor on Sunday 11-28. Mary Hazelwood will be the Elder on call. Discussed the Ugliest Christmas Sweater Sunday.

**Old Business** - Office hours for the holiday's were discussed & will be in the bulletins & the Newsletter.

**New Business** - The new budget was discussed & a motion to accept the budget & present it to the Congregation on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> was made & passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.



## Church Office Closed for Christmas

The church office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>, so the staff can celebrate Christmas with their families. If something comes up and you need

a pastor, Pastor Diana will be on call. Please feel free to email her at [FriebergDiana@gmail.com](mailto:FriebergDiana@gmail.com) or call her at 515-480-7915.





## Mission News

This year for Christmas we will be doing Toys for Tots for the Salvation Army. Age appropriate toys/gifts for infants through high school are needed. Many children lost everything in the July 19th tornado; so, many things are needed. Please purchase your toys/gifts and place them unwrapped under the Christmas tree in the Gathering

Area by December 16th. I must take them to the Salvation Army on the 17th.

Also, we will be collecting items for gift bags for the clients of the Triumph Center whom we are sharing space with here at Central since they were displaced from their location by the tornado on July 19th. There will be gift tags on the tree for

items needed. Please place your gifts with the tag taped to it under the same Christmas tree unwrapped by Sunday December 16th. Their director, Sharon Swope, will put the gift bags together and distribute them. These gift bags may be the only gift these clients receive for Christmas. Let's help make their Holiday brighter!

## Gatherers

December Gatherers will be Saturday, December 1 at 5:30 pm hosted by Barry and Renee Sedlacek. It will be a potluck at their home at 6 Valley View Road. Barry and Renee will furnish the meat and tableware and beverage. Please bring a side dish to share. After our meal, we will have a fun evening of music with Barry as our DJ providing karaoke!

Gatherers is a social time for our adults. Please let Judy Osgood or Carolyn Thompson know by November 29th if you will be coming for an evening of good food, good fun and good fellowship!

## Prayer Concerns



Bob Sondag, Dorothy Borton, Michael Nablo, Penelope Adkins-Jacobson, 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 Judy Osgood:**

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for Corbin Pierce! Corbin is 11 years old now and has been battling Neuroblastoma leukemia with a Philadelphia Chromosome since February 14, 2015. Corbin has relapsed for the 3rd time after undergoing chemo, Car-T therapy and a Bone Marrow Transplant. Currently he is receiving a new chemo medication and is the first pediatric patient at Blank Children's Hospital to receive it. The objective is to put him back into remission so that he can have a Stem Cell transplant. Big, mountain moving prayers are continuously needed for our Corbin. Corbin's parents thank you from the bottom of their hearts for all the care and concern and prayers at Central Christian Church.



**From Pat Sommerlot:**

Thank you so much for the beautiful rose bowl and nice card I received after my recent knee surgery. My church family means so much to me. God Bless!

**From the Congregation:**

We are so thankful to Beth Campbell and Ramona Osgood for all of the work they did on the Turkey Noodle Dinner. We applaud all of the wonderful volunteers and especially the youth who prepared food, welcomed, served and assisted 330 people.

**From Max and Janet Graves:**

Dear CCC: We want to thank our church for the \$1000.00 to help with the damages to our home after the tornado. We really appreciated the help and we are thankful no one was lost in the damages all over the northside. Thanks for being there for us.



## Advent and Christmas Events

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*First Sunday of Advent*

10:10 a.m. – Worship

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

[10:10 a.m. – Worship](#)

6:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. CYF Youth Christmas Party at the church

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

10:10 a.m. – Worship

Wear your ugly Christmas Sweater to Worship

Bring your gifts for Toys for Tots and Angel Tree

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

0:10 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:10 a.m. – Worship

Casual, come as you are service. Bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share.



## Blue Christmas Service

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Christmas is a time of joy and celebration. However, the holiday season can also be a time when we think about those loved ones that are no longer with us. Join us for a service of remembrance as we gather together to honor and remember those we have lost. The hope is that you will find the comfort of God's loving embrace as we remember together that God's light shine even in the darkest of times.



## Pocket Prayer Shawl Squares

Did you know . . . that Central has been gifted with handmade pocket prayer shawl squares? They are located in the Gathering Area. Pick one up to put in your pocket and/or purse.

Each pocket prayer shawl square has the following attached to it:

*As you carry this prayer square  
May you be surrounded by God's Love  
May He walk before you to guide you  
Beside you to give you courage  
Behind you to keep you safe  
Beneath you to give strength  
Above you for blessing  
Within you to give you His peace*

## Turkey Noodle Dinner Dessert Recipes

### Pumpkin Pie Cake recipe

1 lg. can evaporated milk  
1 can pumpkin pie filling  
4 eggs  
1 1/2 C. sugar

2 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. ground ginger  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
1 pkg yellow cake mix  
1 C. melted margarine  
1 C. chopped walnuts

Beat evaporated milk, pumpkin, eggs and spices and pour in an ungreased cake pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over the top, drizzle melted margarine over the cake mix, and top with nuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes; if a knife comes out clean from the pumpkin, it's done.

### Luscious Pumpkin Dessert recipe

#### CRUST:

1 1/2 C all-purpose flour  
1/2 C chopped nuts  
1 1/2 C sticks butter, softened

#### FILLING:

1 pkg (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened  
1 C powdered sugar  
1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, *divided*  
2 pkgs (3.4 ounces each) instant vanilla pudding  
1 1/3 C milk  
2 C pumpkin pie filling  
1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

Mix together crust ingredients; press into a 13 in. x 9 in. x 2 in baking dish. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Cool.

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and powdered sugar until blended. Fold in half of the whipped topping. Spread over cooled crust. In another bowl, beat pudding mixes, milk and pie filling. Pour over cream cheese layer and spread evenly.

Mix pumpkin pie spice into remaining shipped topping; spread over filling. Store in the refrigerator.



## December Schedule

### **December 2**

Worship: Jan Bringman  
Elder: Beth Campbell  
Driver: Stuart Nevins

### **December 16**

Worship: Marla Cook  
Elder: Mary Abens  
Driver: Jim Anctil

### **December 30**

Worship: Allen Miller  
Elder: Sarah Sade  
Driver: Dennis Paxson

### **Deacons**

Steve Huseboe  
Andrea Burt  
Shawna Cutler  
Robert Breno  
Erin Jacobson

### **Sound Booth**

Bob Cook

### **Greeters**

Robert Breno  
Melia Chapman  
Shawn Netolicky  
Dennis Paxson

### **December 9**

Worship: Beth Campbell  
Elder: Jim Anctil  
Driver: Jeff Sommerlot

### **December 23**

Worship: Mary Hazelwood  
Elder: Mark Smith  
Driver: Ed Phillips

### **November 2018**

**Giving Total**  
**\$10,213.50**

**Turkey Noodle Dinner**  
**\$2,627.81**

**Thanksgiving**  
**Special Day Offering**  
**\$353.00**

**November Average**  
**Attendance**  
**84**

# DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Triumph Recovery Center Hours are Monday - Friday 11:00am - 4:00pm	NEI3A home delivered meal Monday-Friday 11:30am-1:00pm					1 5:30pm Gatherers @ Sedlacek's Potluck & Karaoke
2 <b>Poinsettia Orders Due</b> 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	3 9:30am DWF Board Meeting	4 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	5 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	6 10:30am Seniors in Motion 12:30pm Disciples Women Fellowship Luncheon 5pm G-Scouts	7 9:30am CWU @ St. Henry's 7pm N.A.	8 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
9 <b>Food Box Sunday</b> 9am Adult SS 9:30am Bell Choir 10:10am Worship 11:30am Vocal Choir 5-7pm Nesting Congregation 6pm "Blue" Christmas Service	10	11 10:30am Seniors in Motion 6-8pm Youth Group Christmas 7pm Group Rebecca 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	12 6-8pm Nesting Congregation	13 10:30am Seniors in Motion 1pm Group DEMF 5pm G-Scouts 5:30pm Pastoral Relations 6:30pm Property, Personnel, Finance	14 7pm N.A.	15 9am Group Lydia
16 <b>Christmas Offering</b> 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	17	18 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	19 6-8pm Nesting Congregation	20 9am Quilters 10am Cluster 4 10:30am Seniors in Motion 5pm G-Scouts 6:30pm Elders 7pm Board	21 <b>Newsletter article deadline</b> 7pm N.A.	22 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
23 <b>Christmas Offering</b> 9am Adult SS 9:30am Bell Choir 10:10am Worship 10:30am Vocal Choir 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	24 <b>Christmas Eve Service @ 6pm</b>	25 	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed 7pm N.A.	29
30 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	31	January 1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	3 10:30am Seniors in Motion 5pm G-Scouts	4 7pm N.A.	5

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### December 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*

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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