

Disciples of Christ

Central Christian Church



February 2019

Birthdays

- 1st Emily Shutt
- 4th Ashley Danner
- 8th Erin Jacobson
- 9th Shirley Adams
- 11th Rhonda Spence
- 11th Joyce Grogan
- 11th Blake Shutt
- 11th Mike Nablo
- 13th Helen Koehler
- 14th Barb Zednichek
- 21st Marcia Gossett
- 24th Mark Shutt
- 24th Alex Thompson
- 29th Jaqueline Steveson
- 29th Izaak Smith

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Faith Matters



WOW! What a crazy cold morning to wake up to. I know the weather forecasters have been warning of these temps all week, but it is something to actually experience it. As I am writing this, I am sitting in front of my warm fireplace at home – safe from the dangerous temperatures outside. All over the news and social media the past few days, there have been recommendations on how to prepare for this weather. Many of us have made sure our furnaces are working right, we have stockpiled the house with groceries, and made arrangements to stay at home where it is safe. We have temporarily suspended our activities to allow for the bitterness of these couple of days to pass.

But what about those who are experiencing the bitter cold of life and have no way of temporarily suspending it. There's no preparing for it and there's no taking a few days off. It's harsh and it's real. We may be able to hide from the physical cold, but

emotionally and spiritually, there are times that no matter how hard we try, it feels like we can't find any comfort or warmth.

While I was gone for my class in Greece, a young boy in our community went missing after running away from home. When I returned home, I found out that Corey had died. There are no words for the heartbreak that goes with the loss of a child. My heart and prayers go out to the Brown family and to all of those who knew and loved Corey. We are a community in shock, that is trying to understand this tragic loss of a young life.

I have also heard some of the comments that have been made in the community about the circumstances surrounding what happened with Corey. And as a pastor and as a mother, I have to say we need to check our spiritual temperature, for there is no room for judgment here – only compassion, love, and support. This could have been any of our families.

We are experiencing a time of bitter cold in our community – not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually too. And the only way we find shelter is reaching out to one another - by remembering that we are ONE family in Christ, who comes together in radiating the warmth and comfort of God's love. So, let us be beacons of Jesus' compassion and love for all...

Pastor Diana

January 2019 Board Splinters

Robin Anctil, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and offered a prayer. 12 people were in attendance. The calendar check was completed.

Property: Bob Cook

Shower project – working on getting things together for the project in the basement. Steve Huseboe and Bob Cook met with the City Building Inspector to see what will be required from the West Des Moines Christian Church crew to do the construction. The Property Committee will meet with Pastor Diana when she returns to go over details and meet with the West Des Moines group. Asbestos is not a concern per the City Inspector. The old sound equipment has been donated to Goodwill.

Personnel: Marcia Gossett

Pastor Diana and the Personnel Committee interviewed a number of candidates for a part-time custodial position and have hired Mike Nablo as the second custodian. He started during the week of January 13.

Finance/Treasurer: Jim Gossett

Jim shared the current finance reports, giving the year-end accounting comparing the 2018 budget to 2018 giving. Giving came very close to meeting the amounts budgeted. At the next board meeting, the budget for 2019 and January reports will be presented.

Deacons: Carolyn Thompson

No report.

Elders: Robin Anctil

Schedules are in place and distributed to Elders. Meeting time will change to 6:15 PM beginning in February.

Congregational Representatives:
Marla Cook and Carolyn Thompson

It has been suggested that we provide more information about the shower project to the congregation. Folks hear about it in passing, but are curious about the purpose and process. Also,

it is felt that listing the Congregational Representatives in the bulletin or newsletter would be helpful to let the congregation know who they are.

Missions: Judy Osgood, Beth Campbell

January's mission has been the House of Compassion supply closet. \$690.00 was given as the Christmas offering. February 17 and 24 will be the Week of Compassion offering. The Mission committee will plan a meeting with Diana when she returns.

Christian Ed: Robin Anctil

Melia Chapman will chair this group. Joyce and Della will remain on the committee.

Worship: Robin Anctil

No chairperson at this time. Give ideas for filling this position to Robin.

DWF: Sarah Sade

24 people were served at the December luncheon. The High School singers gave a delightful selection of Christmas songs for the program. In light of the young people joining for lunch, the menu was hot dogs, chips, macaroni and cheese and the popular peppermint ice cream. One funeral luncheon was served for E. Harre's family. Five greeting cards were sent. Three quilts were given. \$50.00 was donated to CIRSI for holiday spending. The September thru December penny collection totaled \$138.50, given to MICA for tornado relief. DEMF donated 14 boxes of tissues to city schools. Rebecca donated 27 pairs of sweat pants to Rogers and Woodbury schools. 48 pairs of underwear were given to Keith Lambertson for his project that helps high school boys complete their gym requirement for graduation. The DWF group helped a Rogers School area family have a better holiday. Each of the three children received PJ's, socks, underwear, shoes, school outfit, one toy and one game. This is a single parent who works but receives low pay.

Pastor's Report: Diana is out of the country fulfilling requirements for her studies. No report.

Old Business: Weather cancellations – there is not a specific set of guidelines. The Board Chair and Pastor work together to make the decision whether or not to have service. Announcements are usually on TV Local channels 5, 8, and 13, Radio KDAO and the Church Facebook group.

Old/New Business: Jim Gossett

Please use the purchase order form prior to making purchases to be reimbursed.

Also, use a PO before using the church credit card.

Fundraising money should be designated to the purpose and turned in through Jim, Bob Duke, Karen Nablo or Mary Hazelwood.

Please put PO's and bills into the box on the desk in the finance office.

Place funds received into the cash box in the safe, so they don't get lost....

Jim will put a note in the newsletter to share this information there.

New Business: Beth Campbell

The General Assembly for our denomination will be held on July 20 – 24, 2019 in Des Moines. Attendees include pastors from across the United States and Canada. Among the activities are classes, workshops, business meetings, and choirs. Diana is in charge of child-care for younger children at this event. Beth and Melia are helping on her committee, planning activities for children of folks in attendance. Other volunteer jobs are available, such as collecting offering and helping with check in.

For folks who are interested, please consider volunteering. Our church will work on sending voting delegate(s), number to be determined from the region.

Mission News

The theme for the 2019 Special Offering on Sunday, February 17 and Sunday, February 24 for Week of Compassion is “More than we can imagine!” That theme, based on Ephesians 3:20, reminds us that we are not alone in our imagining a better world for all God’s children, for it is God’s imagination that fuels and empowers ours! You see, God imagines a world where:

- ◆ No one is left to face the ravages of natural disaster alone - neighbor helps neighbor, stranger helps stranger - for we are the church together!
- ◆ Even if things will never quite be the same after a disaster, God can work through all events to bring new life, new hope, and even more resilience;
- ◆ Clean and abundant water and ample sanitation facilities are available to every person;
- ◆ Work brings security from hunger and the land is treated with respect;

- ◆ Families displaced from their homes are able to build new lives;
- ◆ Women are no longer subject to discrimination and gender-based violence.

And God also imagines Christians of many traditions, coming together to help make these things ever more a reality for more and more people! For you see, our imagination of what might be is founded and grounded in what God envisions and hopes for. And we can help – through our gifts of treasure and talent, prayer, and presence, we can make this world ever more like the way God would wish it, ever more the way that God would imagine it! Give generously to the Week of Compassion special offering, so that your imagination might indeed be ever more joined with God’s!

MISSION

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion

works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.

VISION

A world where God’s people transform suffering into hope.

CORE VALUES

CONNECTION

Partner with individuals, congregations, and organizations to serve the needs of the world. **INTEGRITY** Honor the commitment to faithful stewardship, ensuring gifts entrusted to Week of Compassion are making the most impact.

ACCOMPANIMENT Embody God’s grace by committing to a long-term presence with communities in need.



Prayer Concerns

Linda Blackford, Bill McLeland, Virginia Gilson, Bob Sondag, Jackie Fiscus, Marilyn Denton, Helen Koehler, Catherine Hickok, Dorothy Borton, Penelope Adkins-Jacobson, Shawn Cooke, Carol Hoing, Arlene Cripps, Corban Pierce & Family, Lisa Smith, Barbara Burt, Doris Prough, Rob & Peggy White, Diana Spick, Roger Osgood, Karen Barret, Bobby Weishaubt, Leanna Bowers, AnnaMarie Charloft, and those who are homebound.



From NEI3A: We would like to thank Central Christian church for your generosity of allowing us to use your facility for our meals program post-tornado. Because of this, we have been able to serve the most frail and vulnerable seniors in our community. We truly cannot thank you enough!

From Emergency Food Box:

We at the Emergency Food Box would like to express our sincere appreciation to your congregation for its faithful support of the EFB during the year 2018. Your generosity enables this ministry to continue.

Our end-of-the-year statistics show that the Emergency Food Box served 3,529 families with a total of 12,252 people. Additionally, we prepared Christmas Boxes for distribution to another 77 families, serving 206 people. We could not provide food to so many people without your help! All food items are donated, or purchased with the money contributed.

The EFB is located at 109 S. 3rd Street in Marshalltown and is open weekdays from 1:30-4:30 PM. We provide a 4 day food supply packed according to family size. Recipients become eligible to use the Food Box by referral from pastors or human service agencies in Marshall County. Guidelines have been established for individuals to use the Food Box.

On behalf of all those people who benefit from the generosity of your congregation, we again say, "Many

thanks for your help in feeding the citizens of Marshall County!"

From Mid Iowa Triumph Recovery Center: Thank you so much for letting us call your place home to us. Thank you for the Christmas bags. We provide peer support, activities, outings, life skills, and education. So many of our members were affected by the tornado and we gained many new members since the trauma. Much of our time has been spent trying to find housing and meet basic needs and continued support for post trauma. We were located, prior to the tornado, on Main Street. We have not been able to get back in to our building as of yet. We currently are displaced and thank you for housing us. We appreciate all that you have done.



Basement Showers

Have you heard about the showers that will be installed at the church? Here's a project update to keep everyone "in the loop."

Following the July 19 tornado, the Week of Compassion reached out to our region and congregation in hopes of being able to assist in 1) rebuilding our damaged community and 2) supporting the efforts of mission teams across the country. Being the only Disciples of Christ church in the city, Central Christian was the logical choice. The problem? We don't have showers in our building for mission groups to use.

Week of Compassion has offered to pay for the installation of two showers, and our Church Board has approved moving forward with the

project. The showers will be built in the storage room on the west side of Fellowship Hall, which will involve moving the storage cabinets where DWF currently keeps kitchen supplies and decor. We won't need that whole storage area, of course ... just the south end of it.

Our Property Committee solicited construction bids, but we felt that the bids were pretty high for the work that needed to be done. Amazingly, a congregation in Des Moines with several skilled tradesmen who do mission work has volunteered to do the construction for us; Week of Compassion will pay for the materials. The Property Committee is working with the City Building Inspector to get some questions answered. If it appears that this solution

will be feasible, it's possible that work on the new showers could begin as early as late February or early March, and then mission teams can begin making arrangements to stay in our church while working on local rebuilding projects.

At this point there are still some unknowns, but the shower project is doable because when the downstairs women's restroom was remodeled, the plumbing was extended to allow for shower installation at some point in the future.

As the project continues to develop and more specific plans and timelines are locked in, we will keep you posted!

Tracking Finances

The finance committee needs your help with tracking our finances. When you are making purchases with the church credit card, you must get a purchase order (PO) form from Karen Nablo before starting. The form must be filled out with your name, committee, item purchased, etc. The final price can be added when the purchase has been completed. The same PO must be used when making purchases to be reimbursed. The PO and receipts should be given to Karen or a member of the finance team;

Mary Hazelwood, Bob Duke, or Jim Gossett.

The Sunday counters also have a request. Please use your offering envelope on Sunday. It saves them time and helps us improve accuracy when the amount, check number (or cash) and name are filled out. The finance team relies on that information as a backup when we enter the contributions in the church records.

Finally, for Fundraising activities one person shall be designated to

handle collecting money and tracking expenses. When the project is completed, the funds, records and receipts shall be compiled and turned in to Mary, Bob or Jim. We will review the information, do the deposit and record everything. If we are not available, Karen will place the funds received into the cash box in the safe, so they don't get lost down in the old books, records, etc. There have been times when we had to dig deep!!

Thanks from the Finance Team!



Gatherers



Gatherers will travel to That Place at the Conrad Corner on Tuesday, February 19th at 6 PM. Jeff and Pat Sommerlot will be hosting. If you would like to attend but need a ride, please let your contact person know and a ride can be arranged. If you would like to attend but are not on a contact/reminder list, please let Judy Osgood or Carolyn Thompson know! All adults are welcome for this fun social time!

The special at That Place on Tuesday's is Ribs. They are very good but so is everything else on the menu!



Weather Cancellations

In case of bad weather, Pastor Diana and Board Chair Robin Anctil will make the decision about whether to cancel Sunday services. Ideally, that decision will be made on Saturday evening, but that may not always be possible if weather changes quickly.

If the decision is made to cancel Sunday worship, we will post the cancellation on our church Facebook page and will announce the closing on KCCI-TV8, WOI-TV5 and WHO-TV13. The Anctils will also attempt to call regular attendees whom they know are not on Facebook. If you have a question, you can always call Robin at 641-751-2577.



About Your Church Board

Have a question, suggestion or concern about church? The Central Christian Church Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm, and the meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend.

The Board does include two members who were elected to serve as your Congregational Representatives: Marla Cook and Carolyn Thompson. If you don't want to attend the meeting, you can always let one of the two

representatives know what's on your mind and they will bring the issue to the Board.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019
JULY 20-24
Des Moines, IA

Abide in Me
 Demeurez en moi • Permanezcan en mí
 Pè youn ak mwèn • 내 안에 거 하 라
John 15: 1-5

Saturday night
 General Minister and President Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens

Sunday night
 Rev. Dr. Nancy Gowler, pastor, First Christian Church, Puyallup, WA

Monday night
 Rev. Ruben del Pilat pastor, Community Worship Center, Gardena, CA

Go to the website disciples.org/ga and:

- ✓ Download Bible studies on the theme text
- ✓ Organize a promotional Sunday with worship materials
- ✓ See many of the educational offerings
- ✓ Check out many of the hotel and meal options

Early bird discounted registration deadline: March 31, 2019

Tuesday night
 Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, pastor, Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA

Tuesday night
 Rev. Mark Briley, pastor, Harvard Avenue Christian Church, Tulsa, OK

Wednesday morning
 Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, co-leader, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

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 DisciplesGA
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 Facebook.com/groups/docgeneralassembly

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 in the United States and Canada



Worship at the General Assembly

Powerful preaching, uplifting music, and sharing the Lord's Supper – all in one room as thousands of Disciples worship God together!

We look forward to exploring our theme text from the Gospel of John.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” – *John 15:1-5*

If you'd like to participate in the All Assembly Choir, there are local rehearsals as well as several during the General Assembly itself.

February Schedule

February 3

Worship: Marla Cook
Elder: Mark Smith
Driver: Ed Phillips

February 17

Worship: Mary Hazelwood
Elder: Mary Hazelwood
Driver: Jim Anctil

Deacons

Carolyn Thompson
Lanese Thompson
Autumn Thompson
Karen Nablo
Jeff Sommerlot

Sound Booth

Bob Cook

Greeters

Jim and Marcia Gossett
Don and Janet Swanson

February 10

Worship: Beth Campbell
Elder: Melissa Osgood
Driver: Jeff Sommerlot

February 24

Worship: Allen Miller
Elder: Beth Campbell
Driver: Ed Phillips

**2018
Giving Total
\$138,319**

**2018
Budget
\$138,740**

**2018 Total
(including memorials,
tornado relief, insurance)
\$240,010**

**2018
Expenses Total
\$163,377**

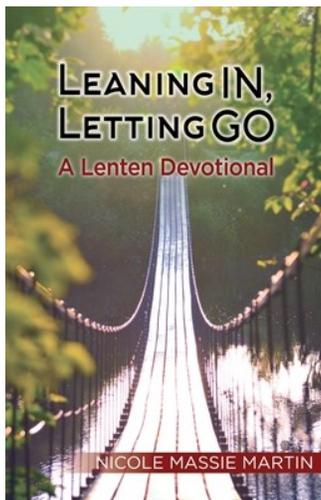
**2018
Budget
\$158,967**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Triumph Recovery Center Hours are Monday - Friday 11:00am - 4:00pm					1 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	2
3 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	4	5 10:30am Seniors in Motion 6-8pm Youth Group Activity 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	6 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	7 10:30am Seniors in Motion	8 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	9 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
10 Food Box Sunday 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	11	12 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus 7pm Group Rebecca	13 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	14 Happy Valentine's Day 10:30am Seniors in Motion 1pm Group DEMF 5:30pm Pastoral Relations 6:30pm Property, Personnel, Finance	15 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	16 9am Group Lydia
17 Week of Compassion Special Offering 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	18 Presidents' Day	19 10:30am Seniors in Motion 6-8pm Youth Group Activity 6pm Gatherers @ That Place 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	20 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	21 9am Quilters 10am Cluster 4 10:30am Seniors in Motion 6:15pm Elders 7pm Board	22 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	23 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
24 Week of Compassion Special Offering Lent Devotional Orders Due 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	25	26 Newsletter article deadline 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	27 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	28 10:30am Seniors in Motion	March 1 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	2 All Day Heart of Iowa Chorus Rehearsal

Lenten Devotionals

Sometimes, you need to let go in order to lean in closer to God.



In this daily devotional for the Lenten season, bestselling author Nicole Massie Martin takes us on a hope-filled journey of letting go of all that keeps us from experiencing the joy of resurrection. Daily reflections and prayers invite us to lean into God's grace and let go of our own agendas and practices that hold us back from the abundant life God calls us to

enjoy and share with the world. Whether this is your first Lenten journey or one of many, *Leaning In, Letting Go* inspires lasting change for all your journeys to come.

To order your copy, fill out and mail the order form below with your payment or bring the form to the office or contact the church office at 641-753-4172.

Lenten Devotional Order Form

Due by Sunday, February 24, 2019

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 March 3, 2019

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Disciples of Christ

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February 2019 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

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Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:10 am

Pastor: Diana Frieberg

Board Chair: Robin Anctil

Elders Chair: Jim Anctil

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Benge

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Custodian: Ken Fiscus

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo