

**Central Christian Church**  
**Disciples of Christ**  
**February 2026**



*Pastor's Pondering*

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*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6.*

*February is a month of love, and as we get closer to Ash Wednesday, we find ourselves in the dark. Looking for a peace and love that we seem to be lacking. In Proverbs King Solomon reminds us that if we acknowledge God in everything that we say and do we will find that peace and love.*

*I learned as a kid that my parents were there for the times when I wasn't able to finish a project or a math problem without their help. Have you ever been in that situation, you felt helpless and discouraged. When you were trying to do something on your own but you were failing miserably. I'm sure we all have. God is there and He will help, in every situation. If we acknowledge Him, He will lead, and guide you to a solid solution.*

*So when we are looking for the peace and love that we can find in February. As we move through Lent and find the path that God is leading us on, we will find that we only need to acknowledge Him and we will find the solution.*

*Let God be the peace and love you are looking for.*

*Blessing and Shalom Pastor Mike*





## 2026

### Church Board and Committee members

**Board Chair:** Jim Gossett

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

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**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, Colette Bengé,

**Elder Emeritus:** Sara Sade

## February Birthdays

- 4 Ashley Ferguson
- 11 Rhonda Spence
- 14 Barbara Zednichek
- 21 Marcia Gossett
- 18 Cathy Wetherbee
- 24 Alex Thompson
- 29 Izaak Smith
- 29 Jaqueline Steveson

**January Greeters: Carolyn Thompson and****Sarah Sade****February Deacon: Carolyn Thompson****February 1**

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Andy Burt

Scripture: Psalm 15, Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "Blessed Are They"

Hymns:

#464 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
v.(1,2,4,5)

Insert "I Surrender All"

#408 "Come, Share the Lord"

#44(CP) "Open Our Eyes Lord" (Sing Twice)

**February 8**

Elder: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Ruth Pearson

Scripture: Psalm 12:1-8, Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon: "Salty"

Hymns:

#39(CP) "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#715 "Now Thank We All Our God"

#163(CP) "Come to the Table of the Lord"

Onscreen "This Little Light of Mine"

**February 15**

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Mary Abens

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: "Don't Be Afraid"

Hymns:

#4 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty"

#27 "Come Thou Almighty King"

#99(CP) "Make Me a Servant"

#586 "Open My Eyes"

**February 18(Ash Wednesday)**

#595 "Be Thou My Vision"

Insert "I Surrender All"

#89(CP) "Change My Heart O God"

#589 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

**February 22**

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: "Lost and Tempted"

Hymns:

#211 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

#561 "It is Well With My Soul"

#572 "Take Time to Be Holy"

#339 "Just as I am, Without One Plea"

# Elders Meditation



So are you all enjoying the weather outside? I can't wait to get to Nicaragua where the day time high is 76 and nighttime low is 60. Sounds pretty wonderful to me. But before I leave, I have already read through all my garden magazines and seed catalogs and have ordered many seeds. Spring will be here in 50 days and with it Easter. As we enter the Season of Lent we have planned several things for our church family. On Shrove Tuesday we will have a pancake supper and then the next day an Ash Wednesday service. If you are giving something up for Lent, you need to start thinking now. But my thought is to always add something to my daily life during Lent. This year I am adding more reading of the Bible to my daily life. I started by finding a list of Bible verses that are about Spring. So I'll share a couple here and hope that you find something good to add to your life this Lenten season.

Let us acknowledge the Lord: let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter snow, like the spring rains that water the earth. Hosea 6:3

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is his good, pleasing and perfect will Romans 12:2

So stay warm while I am gone and I will be back just in time to celebrate the Lenten season with my church family.

Beth Campbell



**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, Derrica Krutsinger, Specialist Tanner Curley (Jim and Marcia Gossett’s grandson, stationed in Syria), Lynne DeSotel, John Schneiderman, Janet Graves, Sherry Eggers, the family of Marjorie Cobb(Joyce Grogan’s mother) passed away.**

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.

**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



Lenten Devotionals are available for a cost of \$4 each.

“Leaning IN, Letting GO”

By Nicole Massie Martin

We are taking up a collection of gift cards from

Walmart/KwikStar/Hyvee/Fareway.

Pastor Mike is running out of the cards that are designated for those who come to our church seeking help. If you would like to give a gift card, or provide cash for the purchase of a card. Please hand those donations to Mary Jane Hazelwood.

Week of Compassion February 15-February 22

Offering Boxes are now

available on the tables in the Gathering Space.

Finances Ending December 2025

Nothing to report as we are waiting for the final numbers from the Accountant.

Mary Jane Hazelwood, treasurer



# Announcements

Ash Wednesday Service  
February 18th at 6:00pm



Gatherer's-February

Shrove Pancake Supper

Tuesday February 17

5-6:30pm

All Are Welcome!

## Missions

Earlier this month I took these food donations to the Emergency Food Box. 76.1 pounds!  
Thank you Central! The whole month of February we will collect food donations for them not just the 2nd Sunday. Imagine what we can do to help the food insecurity in a whole month!



# February 2026

| Sun.   | Mon.      | Tue.   | Wed.  | Thu.   | Fri.      | Sat.                                  |
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| <b>1</b>                                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                              |
| 10:00 Church Service<br>Missions-Food box    |           |  | 1:30pm Bible Study<br>4:00pm Wor-<br>ship/Missions Mtg<br>5:00pm Vocal Choir<br>6:00pm Bell Choir     | 1:30pm Grief<br>Support                          |           |                                       |
| <b>8</b>                                     | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                             |
| 10:00 Church Service<br>Refreshments/Foodbox |           |  | 1:30pm Bible Study<br>4:00pm Elders Mtg<br>5:00pm Vocal Choir<br>6:00pm Bell Choir                    |  |           |                                       |
| <b>15</b>                                    | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                             |
| 10:00 Church Service<br>Missions Food box    |           | 5:00—6:30pm<br>Shrove Pancake<br>Supper /Gatherer's<br>Fellowship Hall | 1:30pm Bible Study<br>4:00 Board Meeting<br>5:00pm Both Choirs<br><br>6:00pm Ash<br>Wednesday Service | 9:15am Quilters<br>1:30pm Grief<br>Support Group |           | 9:30 Group<br>Lydia<br>Judy O's house |
| <b>22</b>                                    | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                             |
| 10:00 am Church<br>Missions Food box         |           | New Articles Due   | 1:30pm Bible Study<br><br>5:00pm Vocal Choir<br>6:00pm Bell Choir                                     | Newsletter Pub-<br>lished                        |           |                                       |
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Office Administrator: Becky Neiman

Custodian: Mary Koshak

Organist: Colette Bengé

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

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

## 2026 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.**