

Central Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
March 2025



Pastor's Pondering

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Happy March, time is moving so quickly and we have only just begun. Have you ever thought about how you say when you are trying to communicate a new idea, or to explain an old idea?

When I was in grade school, high school and even college I never completely understood how the English language was formed grammatically on paper. If you were to ask me if a sentence or paragraph was grammatically correct I would probably tell you to check the grammar and spell check on your computer. I have gotten better over the years but I still don't depend on my own knowledge to get it right. Thank goodness for the spell check and dictionary.

Jesus often taught in parables. The people of his time were often confused, and left in the dark, because they could not understand what Jesus was talking about. The importance of Jesus' words and how he used them was conducive to learning but by using parables he was sometimes confusing. Words were very important to them, because they didn't have the written word, or someone to write it down so that they could study it and figure the story out. Jesus would often have to explain what he was saying to his disciples because they did not understand his parables. In today's world we are often told something that we do not understand, newspapers and news reporters are very good at forming the story in such a way as to confuse rather than help us understand. When we listen to these stories we are like the people of Jesus generation we are left in dark. We then often get distracted and forget to listen to understand.

Jesus is there to explain, in his words in the bible, his voice speaking to us in prayer. All we need to do is take the time to listen. Take the time to pray. Spend time with God so that we can understand the words he is telling us and how we can be his hands and feet here in this world.

Blessings, Pastor Mike

Central Christian Church Board Meeting Tidbits February 19, 2025

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

Carolyn Thompson gave the opening prayer.

January minutes were approved & March calendar events were reviewed.

Property- Steve Huseboe replaced some ballasts & lights.

Personnel/ Congregational Rep – Beth Campbell & Carolyn Thompson – reviewed the contracts.

Finance – Pat Sommerlot- no report

Treasurer- Mary Hazelwood – church is insured as of January 31st. We need to update the church use form. Need to review the contract with the Farmer's Market group.

Deacons- Carolyn Thompson -no report

Elders- have an updated schedule

Missions- Judy Osgood – Collected \$180 in gift cards & \$40 cash for Friends of Central (January mission). Gave \$500 donation to Beth Campbell for her Nicaragua mission trip. Aggie's Closet is Feb. mission. March mission is the Triumph Center.

DWF - Sarah Sade (via text) 2 cards were sent, 47 pairs of sweat pants were distributed between the 6 elementary schools.

Worship Team – Ash Wednesday service is March 5th at 6 p.m. An Irish meal will be served after church on March 16th.

Pastor's report – studied & prepared 2 Sunday services, Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 1:15. Attended Worship Team, Elders, & general Board meetings. Made phone calls & visited with congregants. Made a pre-surgery hospital visit. Attended Gatherer's, worked with Music Team, continued "Moment with God" morning meditation live on Facebook, made preparation for March 5th Ash Wednesday service, working on a proposal for an evening grief group.

New Business

Mary Jane Hazelwood presented the 2025 budget. Board approved.

Pastor Mike gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Benge, Board Secretary





2025

Church Board and Committee members

Board Chair: Jeff Sommerlot

Vice Board Chair: Jim Gossett

Board Secretary: Colette Benge

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



March Birthdays

3 Beth Campbell

6 Travis Thompson

7 Tanya Hillygus

11 Jean Whitmore

13 Dennis Paxton

19 Allen Miller

20 Daniel Abens

21 Anthony and Carter Levis

28 Karen Dodd

March Greeters: Donna McNamee and Janet Swanson

March Deacon: Rhonda Spence

March 2

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Mary Abens

Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35 Luke 9:28-36

Hymns:

#66 "Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"
"This Little Light of Mine"

#94CP "Breathe on Me"

#586 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

March 5(Ash Wednesday)

Elder: TBD

Worship Leader: TBD

Scripture: Psalm 51

Hymns:#595 " Be Thou My Vision

"All to Jesus, I Surrender"

86CP "Change My Heart, O God"

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

March 9

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scriptuure: Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

Hymns:

#72 "To God Be Glory"

#272(v. 1,3,5) "The Church's One Foundation"

#561 "It is Well with My Soul"

#572 "Take Time to Be Holy"

March 16

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Andy Burt

Scripture: Philippons 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Hymns:

#453 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#99CP "Make Me a Servant"

#570 "Sweet Hour of Prayer!"

#635 "Faith of Our Fathers"

March 23

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Hymn:

#215 "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

#701 "Shall We Gather at the River"

#576 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#184CP "Soon and Very Soon"

March 30

Elder: Mary Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Allen Miller

Scripture: 2Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Hymns:

#420 "I Come With Joy"

#337 " Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult"

#340 "Softly, Tenderly"

"He's Got the Whole World



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:



Please pray for our members and families. Hold in prayer the following:
Stephanie Anderson, Elaine Crouse.

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



Elders Meditation

March is so many things. It's the only month that has a day that directly gives to an order: March 4th! It often contains Ash Wednesday, so the Lenten season is a part of March. Spring begins in March with the spring equinox. The earth begins to awaken to prepare for the planting season. It's not all wonderful weather, though. We truly see seasons pass before our eyes. Frequently all in one day! We start the day in shorts and tee shirts and by the end of the day we have winter coats and boots on with 5" of snow. That will all melt in 2 - 3 days.

Let us rejoice in the diversity of March as we await Easter. Let us welcome spring with its budding beauty with open arms.

Father God, thank you for guiding us through another cold winter. May we march forth with joy for the awakening of our earth. May we share our joy with others in need and be the light of spring in our world.

Amen

Andy Burt, Elder





Disciple Women's Fellowship--Thank you notes.

Thank you so much for the pants you donated to Woodbury school! I always need pants with elastic waists to use when students spill milk, sit in the snow, or a host of other reasons. I really appreciate the generosity of your group every year-and the students do too! Nancy RN Woodbury school.

Wow! Thank you so much for the generous and thoughtful gift of pants for the students of Fisher Elementary school. It really is a much needed and appreciated donation. Thank you! Nurse Heather

On behalf of our students and staff, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous donation of pants. We truly appreciate your continued commitment to helping our students. Rogers Elementary

I wanted to say thanks so much for your donation of pants to my office. We go through a ton of pants in our office. Nurse Megan

The members of Accura Nursing Home thank you for the quilts you have donated for Bingo here. Sincerely Barbara and Pat.

Financial Report

Financial report for December 2024 and January 2025

December

Budgeted Revenues \$9,958.00

Total Actual Revenues \$24,702.00

Budgeted Expenses \$11,088.00

Total Actual Expenses \$21,476.00

Year-to-date Budgeted Revenues \$119,500.00

Year to date Actual Revenues \$143,037.00

January

Budgeted Revenues \$10042.00

Total Actual Revenues \$19690.00

Budgeted Expenses \$11,138.00

Total Actual Expenses \$13,841.00

2025 Budget

Annual Revenues Projected \$120,500.00

Annual Expenses Projected \$142150.00

Faith Line \$21,650.00

Copies of the 2025 budget are available at your request.

Mary Jane Hazelwood

Announcements

Church Attendance

2/2- 32

2/9- 35

2/16- 25

2/23- 32

Gatherer's will meet on Tuesday March 18th at 5:30PM at Smokin G's.

Please let Carolyn Thompson or Peggy White by Friday March, 14 if you plan to attend. All are welcome for a fun gathering!

March Mission

We will be collecting for the Triumph Recovery Center. Stay tuned for a list of their needs.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4



March 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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						9am-1pm Cartwright Makers Market
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:50 Hymn Sing 10:00 Church Service In-person/online			1:00 Prayer 1:15 Bible Study 4:00 Worship Mtg 4:45 Vocal Choir 5:15 Bell Choir 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00am Church Service in-person/online Food Box		5:00pm Group Rebecca 5:30 Gatherer's Smokin G's	1:00pm Prayer and Meditation 1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Elders Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			Cartwright Makers Market 10am-1pm 9:30am Group Lydia At Judy O's house.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 am Church Service in- person/online Irish Meal		5:00pm Group Rebecca	1:00 Prayer 1:15 Bible Study 4:00 Board Meeting 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir	9:15am Quilters		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00am Church Service in-person/ online			1:00pm Prayer 1:15 Bible Study 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir			
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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

2024 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.