

Central Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
May 2025



Pastor's Pondering

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"The Lord will keep you from all harm-he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Psalm 121:7,8

How often do you feel like you are stepping into a time when you feel overwhelmed and vulnerable? Sometimes spring gives me that feeling of vulnerability...it is like a farmer going out to start his spring planting. He has to depend on the warmth of the ground, the strength of the seed and the need for sunshine and rain. We have no control over the earthly things that we depend on for our sustainability...so we are vulnerable in our surroundings.

Go back and read the Psalms quote again. We have a promise for God that he will keep us from all harm. He will watch over our coming and going. There is not need for us to feel vulnerable or overwhelmed. God has us in the palm of his hand and he will provide all that we need to sustain us. Does that erase our fears, probably not but remember our fear comes from within us, not from God. We block out God and depend on our own actions and we lose the ability to let God do what he knows is the right thing to do.

There is an adage that says "Let go and let God." A simple statement but so hard in our times of vulnerability to put into practice. My suggestion is to stop, and pray that God will guide you to the right mindset then letting go and letting God will become much easier.

Back up and read the first two verses of Psalm 121.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1,2
Our help doesn't come from the mountains of our vulnerability It come from the Lord our God.

Blessings, Pastor Mike

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

Pastor Mike gave the opening prayer.

March minutes were approved & May calendar events were reviewed

Property- Jeff S. said the committee is checking into replacing the 2 AC units that cool the sanctuary.

Personnel/ Congregational Rep – Beth Campbell & Carolyn Thompson – Beth said the contracts for Val & Colette are ready to be signed. Becky has asked for a few changes in her contract.

Finance – Pat Sommerlot – No report

Treasurer- Mary Hazelwood – she got the boiler inspection report. Still working on the insurance that affects the Farmer's Mkt.

Deacons- Carolyn Thompson – will place attendance pads in each pew

Elders- everything is fine

Missions- Judy Osgood – committee gave \$500 to Sharon Swope plus the \$457 collected in buckets from the congregation. May mission is Iowa River Hospice.

DWF - Sarah Sade – absent

Worship Team – has planned for Mother's Day & Father's Day. Senior Recognition is May 18th.

Pastor's report – Studied & prepared 4 Sunday services. Bible study on Wednesdays @ 1:15, attended: Worship Team, Elders & general Board meetings. Made phone calls & visited with congregants, attended Gatherers, worked with Music Team, working on a proposal for an evening grief group. Prepared Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service.

Old Business

Jim Gossett reported that we will purchase a copier instead of leasing one.

New Business

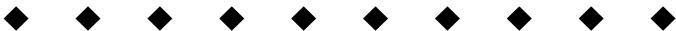
Jeff S. said the committee is looking at purchasing new AC units.

Pastor Mike gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Bengé, 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



May Birthdays

10 Judy Osgood

18 Sarah Sade

19 Merry Newton

24 Colette Benge

25 Tammy Losing

26 Scott Losing

30 Mary Horn

31 Jackie Fiscus

May Greeters: Carolyn Thompson and Sarah Sade

May Deacon: Carolyn Thompson

May 4

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Hymns:

#90 "Come Christians Join to Sing"

#233 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#480 "I Love to Tell the Story"

#99 "O How I Love Jesus"

May 11 (Mothers Day)

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Ruth Pearson

Scripture: Psalm 23, Acts 9:36-43

Hymns:

#79 "God is My Shepherd"

#628 "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

#564 "He Touched Me"

Onscreen "Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart"

May 18

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Hymns:

#518 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

#494 "They'll Know We are Christians"

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

#707 "Marching to Zion"

May 25

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Andy Burt

Scripture: Psalm 87, John 5:1-9

Hymn:

#25 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#709 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

#117 "He is Lord"

#705 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:



Please pray for our members and families. Hold in prayer the following:
Frank Borton, Seth Eggleston.

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





The following meditation was written by Max Lucado who is a pastor, speaker, and best-selling author. He serves the people of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas.

GOD NOTICES THE GRATEFUL HEART.

"On the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it" (1 Corinthians 11:23-24). It's not often you see the words betrayed and thanks in the same sentence. In the darkest night of the human soul, Jesus found a way to give thanks. Anyone can thank God for that. Jesus teaches us to thank God for the all that we have and what we are. And He says to us, "you'll get through this," and we will.

God notices the grateful heart. He took a praise-singing shepherd boy and made him a king. There's no hint of God getting out of sorts if we aren't thankful, but there is evidence that we're affected by our own ingratitude. What of the disastrous days? The nights I can't sleep and the hours I can't rest? Are we still grateful then? Jesus was.

God notices the grateful heart. He took a praise-singing shepherd boy and made him a king. We need to remember that God is always with us. There are times for all of us that we don't notice what he had done for us because we don't listen. Think about all the days that we have all we need; a place to live, clothes to wear, food to eat, good health, family, friends and a church family.

Please join me in prayer - Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people firsthand the power of your love, and grace. Jesus died on the cross to wash away our sins and give us eternal life. Help us recognize the opportunities we have to perform what may be a miracle for another of your children. Help us to show others your miraculous love, grace, and power. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

Provided by Jim Gossett, Elder



Emergency Food Box

Thank you for your donation of 45 pounds of food items.

To Women's Fellowship Members

Thank you for the school supplies you donated to Woodbury school. Students appreciate having their own supplies, and not all families are able to stretch their budget to include these items. Nancy, RN

Dear Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church

Thank you so much for your continued support of Fisher Elementary students. Your generous donation of Kleenex and glue sticks are always so helpful! With Sincere Thanks, Fisher Elementary

I wanted to say thanks for your donation to Hoglan of the school supplies and Kleenex. This time of year we are getting low on supplies. Thanks, RN at Hoglan



Important Updates-You need to know!

LIVESTREAMING NOW ON YOUTUBE

We are now livestreaming our Central Christian Church services on YouTube. This has solved several problems we were having with Facebook. We are still providing a link on Facebook with takes you directly to YouTube and the Central Christian Church Marshalltown page. Not only can you see the most recent services but also many from 2021 and 2022. I promise this will be easy for you! We also have a link on the church website.

We had to upgrade the church wifi. Now we no longer have the restriction of running the copier and Sunday morning! It is now plugged in and ready to go at all times! There is a new member wifi user name and password. It is;
user name - cccmember

Password – Welcome2u

Finances: March

Revenues actual: \$6112.00, Other \$521.00 YTD: \$29181.00 Other: \$3611

Loss: \$1704.00

Expenses actual : \$8337.00 YTD: \$43316.00 Loss: \$10524..00

Budgeted for Month: \$8333.00 Other \$1250 Expenses \$11846

Mary Jane Hazelwood

Announcements

Church Attendance

4/6- 33

4/13- 34

4/20- 49

4/27- 29

Gatherer's will meet on Tuesday May 13 at 5:30PM at "That Place"

This is hosted by Bob and Marla Cook.

Please let Carolyn or Peggy know by Wednesday May 7th if you would like to be added to the reservation.

May Mission

The Mission for May will be the Iowa River Hospice House. A list of their needs will be on the Mission's shelves. One of their requests is frozen cookie dough that is shaped into individual cookies. If you donate the cookie dough, please mark the bag for Iowa River Hospice and place it in the church kitchen freezer. Please let me know that you have done that so I won't miss taking it to them. Bags of frozen dough can be purchased at any of the grocery stores. OR if you are really ambitious, you can mix up your own dough, shape it into individual balls and freeze in a ZipLoc baggie.

May 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:50 Hymn Sing 10:00 Church Service In-person/online			1:00pm Prayer 1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Worship Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00am Church Service in-person/online Refreshments/Food Box			1:00pm Prayer and Meditation 1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Elders Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	9:15am Quilters		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 am Church Service in-person/online		5:30 Group Rebecca	1:00pm Prayer 1:15pm Bible Study 4:00 Board Mtg			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00am Church Service in-person/online		News Articles Due	1:00pm Prayer 1:15pm Bible Study	Newsletter Published		

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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

2025 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.