

**Central Christian Church**  
**Disciples of Christ**  
**June 2025**



Pastor's Pondering

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Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

I was reading this morning, every thing in life is about small miracles. We may not believe that but look around you and test the theory. What do you see while time is passing you by. The miracles are all around you, green grass, leaves on the trees, flowers blooming, cars going down the street. Birds in the air singing. Bright colors that we all can see. This is all possible because of God. God never changes but the world is a constant array of miracles all because of the love God has for us.

While visiting cemeteries this weekend for Memorial Day, I met a man, because of my lime green shoes, he introduced himself to me and we talked about my shoes. He also told me about his history and the family he was visiting in the cemetery. We talked for several minutes and when we were about to leave, he asked me how old I was, and he told me he was 83. I told him I was 73 he looked at me and said that you have a lot of people to meet yet.

"You have a lot of people to meet yet." That right there told me of the miracle that just happened after a short visit with a new friend.

Our lives are a miracle of meeting new people and sharing the love of God with them. Some we are in contact with for a lifetime, some are a friend for a short time. The miracle of memories and the history that we share with the new people in our lives add to the miracle of life that we all have.

So if your miracles seem few and far between, just stop and look around, think of the people you meet as a miracle. Share your love of God and introduce them to Jesus. Share a smile and a laugh.

Via Con Dios (Go with God)  
Pastor Mike

Central Christian Church Board Meeting Tidbits May 21, 2025

Jeff Sommerlot, board chair, called the meeting to order. 10 members & Pastor Mike were present.

Pat Sommerlot gave the opening prayer

April minutes were approved & June calendar events were reviewed.

Property- Allen Miller reported on the AC units. The new copier has been installed. They are looking into using Metronet for internet.

Congregational Rep – Carolyn Thompson shared comments about the hymn sing, length of some hymns, number of hymns in the service, & having an updated church directory.

Personnel – Beth Campbell – no report

Finance – Pat Sommerlot – no report

Treasurer- Mary Hazelwood – wrapping up insurance. The new copier was purchased with the Carl Osgood Memorial money.

Deacons- Carolyn Thompson – no report

Elders- they delivered Easter lilies to shut-ins. Will continue the book study this summer.

Missions- Judy Osgood – collecting items for Iowa River Hospice House during May. June missions will be collecting items for Beth to take to Nicaragua in July. Church rummage sale will be Aug. 8th & 9th.

DWF - Sarah Sade – Group Lydia purchased “Lovely Lydia Ladies” matching sweatshirts. They presented one to Dietta Nevins during a visit to her. Group Rebecca distributed 102 pairs of boys/girls underpants to the 6 elementary schools for their April project. Their May project was bringing groceries for the Food Box. The groups finished their spring study & will continue to eat out once a month during the summer months. The spring penny collection for \$90 will be presented to the Special Olympics. Purchased the fleece to make our senior, Sydney May, a blanket as a gift from the congregation.

Worship Team – we will have a barbeque after church on June 29th

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, continued “Moment with God” live on Facebook, officiated funeral services for Linda Adkins, & Jan Carter. Grief group will start the 3rd week of June.

Old Business

Rummage sale will be August 8 & 9.

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 Bengé

**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



### **June Birthdays**

8 Richard Nicholson  
 10 Jim Gossett  
 10 Avery Osgood  
 13 Maggie Schwarck  
 16 Renee Phillips  
 16 Glenda Hughes  
 18 Norma Smith  
 19 Mary Koshak  
 24 Madison Sogge  
 26 Janet Smith  
 27 Konnie Carlson

**June Greeters: Donna McNamee and Janet Swanson**

**June Deacon: Rhonda Spence**

### **June 1**

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, Jn 17:20-25

Hymns:

#91 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"  
v.1,4,,5

#699 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

#108 CP "As the Deer"

#687 "In Christ There is No East or West"

### **June 8 (Pentecost)**

Elder: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Scripture: Jn 14: 8-17, 25-27

Hymns:

#265 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

#259 "Spirit of the Living God"

#403 "In Remembrance of Me"

"We are the Church"

### **June 15**

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Allen Miller

Scripture: Psalm 8, Jn 16:12-15

Hymns:

#39CP "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#635 "Faith of our Fathers"

#495 "Weave"

#59 "This is Our Father's World"

### **June 22**

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Judy Osgood

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Hymn:

#35CP "Shout to the Lord"

#612 v 1,3,4 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#564 "He Touched Me"

#17CP "My Life is in You Lord"

### **June 29**

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Andy Burt

Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

Hymns: #621 "Are Ye Able" Said the Master

#557 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#346 "Where He Leads Me"

Praise Him in the Morning



## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please be in prayer for the following:*



Please pray for our members and families. Hold in prayer the following:

**Frank and Dorothy Borton, Claire(Frank and Dorothy's Granddaughter), Jean and Lars Brownlie, Eleanor Sade.**

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



The elders have been reading the book “A Praying Life” by Paul E. Miller and we just finished the chapter titled “Learning to be Helpless”. There are times in our lives when we absolutely know we are helpless, and we don’t need to learn! At those times we pray fervently from the heart.

If you listen to country music, you may be familiar with this line from “Need a Favor” by Jelly Roll – “I only talk to God when I need a favor and I only pray when I ain’t got a prayer.” The first time I heard that song, it really hit home.

How often do I pray when I’m not feeling helpless? I remember after 9/11, a cynical colleague said to me “well, this will be good for the churches”. It was true, crowds of people flocked to churches everywhere to pray.

But the book suggests we take that kind of attitude toward other problems in our lives and the lives of those around us. We don’t pray for things we think we can fix on our own. What if we realized we were helpless and came to God in prayer admitting it?

Here is a quote from the book:

“I am starting to see there is a difference between “saying prayers” and honest praying. Both can sound the same on the outside, but the former is too often motivated by a sense of obligation and guilt; whereas the latter is motivated by a conviction that I am completely helpless to “do life” on my own. Or in the case of praying for others, that I am completely helpless to help others without the grace and power of God.”

It is something to think about – many helpless prayers for us all!

Mary Abens



# THANK YOU!



To Women's Fellowship Members

I appreciate your continued support of Marshalltown schools for several years now. For 7+ hours a day, a school is the "Home away from Home" for students so we need to have a wide variety of supplies. Thanks for being a Great community Partner. Nancy RN, Woodbury School.

Thank you for your donation of underwear to my health office. We do appreciate all of your donations throughout the year. Nurse Megan, Hogle



# 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

## Finance April 2025

April 2025 Revenues: \$5217.00 Expenses: \$15464.00 Loss: \$10247.00

YTD 2025 Revenues: \$38009.00 Expenses: \$58780.00 Loss: \$20771.00

Concerns:

Increase in insurance premium

Air Conditioner unit replacement (Alan Miller is working on solutions to fix/replace/recharge existing units.)



# Announcements

## Church Attendance

5/4- 35

5/11- 30

5/18- 36

5/25- 27

Gatherer's will meet on Sunday June 22 at 5:30PM at Zenos Pizza.

Hosted by Judy Osgood.

Please let Carolyn or Peggy know by Wednesday June 18th if you would like to be added to the reservation.

## June Mission--Nicaragua

June is our month to help Beth Campbell with her mission trip to Nicaragua in July. This time, monetary donations are what is most needed. They have a big project with the water supply system to be done. Please use the wood money box on the mission shelves to contribute to this mission.

## Church Sale


We have decided on the dates of Friday August 8th and Saturday August 9th for our annual church sale.

Sandy Miller has done a great job for the past number of years but has decided she needs a break this year. Very understandable! It's a big job and we are going to need a lot of help to get it done. Please contact Judy Osgood or Peggy White if you are going to be able to help with this project. There are many jobs that will need done and we will have a lot of fun working together.

We can start taking donations after the 14th of June. Please put them in the room off the fellowship hall which used to be the library. If you have furniture, please make arrangements to have it put in the church garage.

Please make sure your donations are clean and in good shape. Please make sure your items are not broken and that they work as they should. This will save us a lot of time in setting up the sale.

# Announcements



*join us to celebrate*

# 50

*years of marriage*

*Jim & Carolyn*

THOMPSON

*June 14, 2025 - 1:00 pm*  
*Central Christian Church - 300 W. Main St.*

Lunch and Cake will be served

Recipe Shared by Konnie Carlson

Rhubarb Square Bars----Shirly Erickson

3 c. Rhubarb (if using frozen rhubarb, do not add water)

1 1/2 c white sugar

1/4 c water

2 Tbsp. cornstarch

Cook until thickened, cool and add 1 tsp vanilla

1/2 c oatmeal

1 1/2 c flour

1 c brown sugar

1 c shortening

1/2 tsp soda

1/2 c nuts

Mix as for pie crust until crumbly. Put 3/4 of this mixture into bottom of 9x13 pan. Pat down. Put filling over crust. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30-40 minutes.

# June 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<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 in person/online			4:00 Worship/Missions Mtg			
<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 In-person/online Pentecost Senior Recognition			4:00pm Elders MtG			
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
10:00am Church Service in-person/online Refreshments/Food Box	5:00 pm Group Rebecca		4:00 Board Mtg	9:15am Quilters		
<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 Service in-person/online	News Articles due	5:30 Group Rebecca		Newsletter Published.		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
10:00am Church Service in-person/online						

# CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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Elders Chair: Mary Abens

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Office Administrator: Becky Neiman

Custodian: Mary Koshak

Organist: Colette Benge

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.**