

Central Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
July 2025



Pastor's Pondering

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Isaiah 18:4 "For this is what the Lord has said to me: I will be quiet, watching from my place; like the clear heat when the sun is shining, like a mist of dew in the heat of summer"

It is July in Iowa, we can expect hot and humid weather. Thunderstorms and heavy rain. Dr. Peal once said that the best invention ever made was the air-conditioner.

God has given us everything we need to support ourselves, food, water, rain, heat, and humidity. These things all support the crops and gardens that we use to feed ourselves and families.

What do we give back to God to say thank you for the fruits of our labor?

We give our devotion, our love, our verbal prayers of thanks. God is a faithful and loving God, he asks only that we give abundantly to those in need, those that cannot provide for themselves. We give expecting nothing in return but that value our friends and neighbors as Jesus values us.

*Shalom and Blessing
Pastor Mike*

Central Christian Church Board Meeting Tidbits June 18, 2025

Jeff Sommerlot, board chair, called the meeting to order. 7 members plus Pastor Mike were present.

Carolyn Thompson gave the opening prayer.

May minutes were approved & July calendar events were reviewed.

Property- Allen Miller – estimate to replace AC units will be \$31,000. Board approved the purchase.

Personnel — Beth Campbell - absent

Congregational Rep - Carolyn Thompson – no report

Finance – Pat Sommerlot – no report

Treasurer- Mary Hazelwood - absent

Deacons- Carolyn Thompson – no report

Elders- no report

Missions- Judy Osgood – delivered Iowa River Hospice items on June 2nd. June mission is collecting \$ donations for Beth Campbell's Nicaragua trip. In July every Sunday will be Food Box Sunday.

DWF - Sarah Sade – 2 cards were sent & a rose cube was delivered to Marla Cook who had a knee replaced. Group Rebecca brought food items for the Food Box in May. Delivered a plant to Norma Smith for her 90th birthday. Both groups continue to meet in the summer for social events.

Worship Team – BBQ on the 29th. Ed Phillips will grill. Craft supply room will be cleaned.

Pastor's report – studied & prepared 5 Sunday services. Attended: Worship Team, Elders, & General Board meetings. Made phone calls & visited with congregants, attended Gatherers, worked with Music Team. Continued "Moment with God" morning meditation. Grief group will start on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 1:00. Group will meet at Glenwood Place in July.

Old Business - none

New Business

*Ramp windows need to be cleaned.

*Need to update the sign in front of the church.

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



July Birthdays

13 Andy Burt

21 Jim Thompson

27 Mary Hazelwood

31 Vernon West

July Greeters: Jeff and Pat Sommerlot

July Deacon: Ed Phillips

July 6

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Psalm 66:1-8, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Hymns:

#722 "This is My Song"

#39 "My Tribute"

#50 CP "Majesty"

#720 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

July 13

Elder: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Scripture: Psalm 25:1-9, Luke 10:25-37

Hymns:

#38 "Clap Your Hands"

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

#86 "Change My Heart, O God"

"I'm Gonna Sing"

July 20

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Mary Abens

Scripture: Psalm 15, Luke 10:38-42

Hymns:

#595 "Be Thou My Vision"

#575 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

#48CP "Sanctuary"

#572 "Take Time to Be Holy"

July 27

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Andy Burt

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Hymn:

#715 "Now Thank We All Our God"

#308 "The Lord's Prayer"

#305 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

#570 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"



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

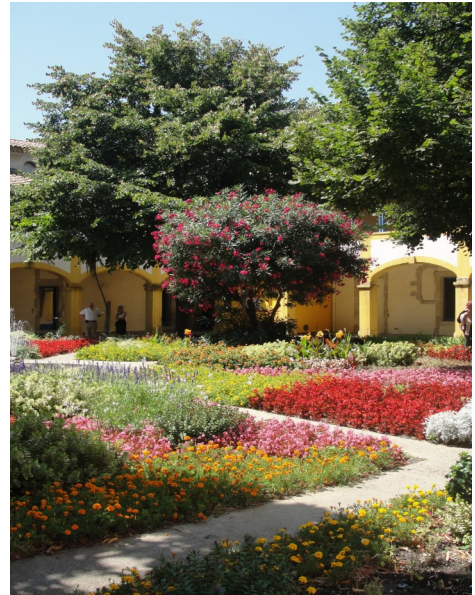
There are slips for Prayer Requests by the offering trays, in the Gathering Room and in the note box by the Church Office door. Please write your request, and check which groups you want it to go to. Let us know if it's confidential, and sign your name



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone for cards, best wishes and sharing in our celebration party for our 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Caroly and Jim Thompson



I would like to thank my Church family for all the prayers, cards and food that I received following my knee surgery. You all did such a great job with the prayers that I can now walk again without any pain. Dancing is still a ways off, but I'll get there. My heart is full with all the love I have felt and I want you to know how much it means to me. Thankyou never seems like enough, but it will have to do for now. I am so grateful for my Church family.

Love to you all!

Marla Cook



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 May 2025

May Revenues: \$4426.00 YTD Revenues: \$42434.00

May Expenses: \$7513.00 YTD Expenses: \$66036.00

Many thanks to Judy Osgood for providing our new copier as a memorial
honoring Carl.

Mary Jane Hazelwood, Finance Chair

Announcements

Church Attendance

6/1-	30	06/29-	40
6/8-	35		
6/15-	30		
6/22-	32		

Gatherer's will meet on Sunday July 13 right after Church Services. At Legend's.

Hosted by:

Janet Smith and Gloria Wood.

Please let Carolyn or Peggy know by Wednesday July 8th if you would like to be added to the reservation.

July Mission

The need for food has increased at the Emergency Food Box.
In July our mission will be Every Sunday is Food Box Sunday.
Please bring a donation of non perishable food when you come to church each Sunday in July. Can we fill the grocery cart on the ramp landing every week?
Let's do it!

Church Sale

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

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 now. 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.

Set up will begin on Monday July 14, at 10:00am . **We can use volunteers to help!**



Recipe

Small Batch Strawberry Jam
from the kitchen of Colette Benge

- □ 1 lb fresh strawberries
 - □ 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - □ 2 Tbs lemon juice
 - □ ½ tsp lemon zest optional
1. Wash and slice the strawberries (remove the hulls and green tops.)
 2. Add them to a saucepan, and mix the sugar in well.
 3. Stir continually over medium heat, and bring the strawberries to boil.
 4. Once boiling, add the lemon juice and zest (if using).
 5. Boil for about 15 minutes, or until the jam reaches 220F.
 6. Stir often, to make sure the jam doesn't burn.
 7. Pour into a jar and allow to cool.
 8. Cover and refrigerate.
 9. Use within about 2 weeks (if it lasts that long).

You can double or triple this strawberry jam recipe will need to cook longer, 22-25 minutes. Double recipe makes 5 jam jars.

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			4:00 Worship/Missions Mtg	1:00pm Grief Support Meeting	Independence Day!	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00 Church Service In-person/online			4:00pm Elders Mtg	1:00pm Grief Support Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00 Church Service in-person/online Refreshments/Food Box		5:00 Group Rebecca	4:00 Board Mtg	9:15am Quilters 1:00pm Grief Support Meeting		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00 am Church Service in- person/online				1:00pm Grief Support Meeting		
27 10:00am Church Service in-person/ online	28	29 News Articles Due	30	31 1:00pm Grief Support Meeting Newsletter Published		

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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.