

Disciples of Christ

Central Christian Church



April 2019

Birthdays

2nd Dennis Westphal
 9th Ramona Osgood
 12th Robert Breno
 14th Janet Stubbs
 15th Jim Fiscus
 20th Sandi Miller
 23rd Pat Sommerlot
 26th Scott Losing
 27th Frank Borton

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Faith Matters

This past week I took a moment to go outside to feel the sun on my skin. This winter was so long and hard that I had been eagerly anticipating the change. I was ready to leave winter behind – it is time for the warmth and beauty of spring. And as I stood out in the sun, I began to get really excited about cleaning up my yard. I knew underneath all the dead of winter, was life wanting to shoot up – wanting to feel the warmth of the sun, just as much as I was. So, I gathered up my rake and trimmers and began to pull away the dead from around my plants. And sure enough, many of them already had a couple of inches of growth, of greenness, the hope of newness of life.

In Ecclesiastes 3 it says, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a

time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

We have all experienced our seasons and sometimes they seem like they will never end. But as we continue this Lenten Journey towards the cross, the death, and the resurrection, we are reminded that God is within these times. God knows our times of darkness, our times of hurting, our times of breaking down. And we know that God is faithful in God’s promise that seasons change, and that darkness is not the end of the story. We have resurrection hope and the joy that comes in knowing that God has shown us that love wins and newness is abounding.

Pastor Diana

Celebration of Life



Jeannette A. Long, 94, of Marshalltown, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the comfort of her own home with her loving family by her side.

A Celebration of Life for Jeannette was held on Thursday, March 21,

2019 at Mitchell Family Funeral Home with Pastor John Whitehead officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed in Jeannette's name to her family, which will be designated elsewhere.

Jeannette Ann Wood was born on November 6, 1924 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of Benjamin and Winnifred (Worden) Wood. She was raised and educated in the Marshalltown School District where she graduated from Marshalltown High School. Jeannette was united in marriage to the love of her life, Earl F. Long on January 13, 1946. From this union three children were born: Barbara, Carolyn and James.

She was a hardworking woman making sure the family was always taken care of and helping with her special duties as the "Farm Hand". Jeannette was a proud member of the SCI club,

Merry Mixer's, card club, Bridge club and Farm Bureau. She had a passion for quilting, handiwork, Bent and Wiggly Crosswords, reading romance novels (the nice ones) and eating chocolate (though she never really liked sweets too much.)

Left to cherish her memory are her three children: Barbara Long, Carolyn (David) Feazell and James Long; grandchildren: Amber (Yuri) Rice, Emily (Marty) Funke, Abby Keefer and Dale Feazell; great-grandchildren: Uriah Rice, Daniel Funke, Victoria Keefer and Josie Keefer; and very special sister in law: Mary (Dick) Frundle and family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl Long, parents, Benjamin and Winnifred Wood and sibling, Richard (Delphine) Wood.

Celebration of Life



Doris Marie Prough, 95, formerly of Ottumwa, passed away March 18, 2019 at the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.

She was born December 15, 1923 in Ottumwa to Frederick Henry and Linda Genevieve Thorne Bunch. Doris married Dean Halsey Prough on July 23, 1946 and he preceded her in death on May 24, 2017.

A graduate of Ottumwa High School and Indian Hills Community College, Doris had worked as a telephone operator from 1943 to 1949. She was a Bailiff of District Court for Wapello County for 15 years and retired as Court Attendant for the State of Iowa in 1985.

Doris was a member of the First Christian Church, Past Worthy Matron and member of Ottumwa Chapter #112 Order of Eastern Star, a member of Rose Chapter #552 Order of Eastern Star, past member of Ottumwa

Community Players, Past President of the P.T.A. at Agassiz and Evans Junior High and had served as a den mother.

Doris is survived by her son, Richard Dean (Joyce) Prough of Saint Robert, MO; her foster daughter, Patricia (Michael) Colliflower of Sanford, FL; her grandson, Frederick (Diane) Prough; great-grandchildren, Nathan and Rachel of Adel; step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, Rachel (Doug) and Sylvia of Okeana OH, Erik (Juana) Saaranen, Rauha and Alma of Ottumwa and Anna Liisa (Curtis) Lundgren and Sonya and Eli of Ottumwa.

Memorials may be made to the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown or Iowa River Hospice in Marshalltown.

Celebration of Life



Robert “Bob” Sondag, 66, of Marshalltown, Iowa, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

A public visitation for Bob will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019 (NOTE DATE) at Mitchell Family Funeral Home, where his family will be present to greet friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Diana Frieberg officiating, also here at Mitchell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed in Bob’s name to the Animal Rescue League.

Robert Clare Sondag was born on January 11, 1953 in Washington, Iowa, the son of Bernard Clare and Mary (Pulver) Sondag. He was raised in Keota attending St. Mary Catholic K-8 School and later Keota High School graduating in 1971. Following high school, Bob went on to Marshalltown Community College where he obtained his Associates degree in Arts. He then went on to the University of Northern Iowa and graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree in Art, Industrial Arts and Driver’s education. A few years later, Bob would get his endorsement in coaching from the University of Iowa taking classes with the likes of Lute Olsen and Hayden Fry.

On March 23, 1985, Bob was united in marriage to the love of his life, Valerie Jane House in Martensdale, Iowa at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. From this union two children were born: Christen May and Erin Rose. Bob was not afraid of hard work or teaching others what it meant to work hard and to have good character. He was a Driver’s Education teacher for over 40 years and an Industrial Arts teacher for over 30 years. He taught at several schools,

but most of his teaching career was spent at Martensdale-St. Mary’s School. He was a football and boys track coach at Martensdale-St. Mary’s leading several athletes to State Track competitions.

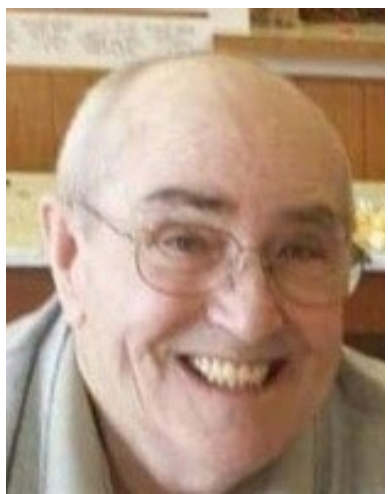
He had a passion for woodworking, watching British comedies, animals, music especially the 1970’s and 80’s, being a proud Democrat, but most importantly was the time he got to spend with his family and friends. He served as a Martensdale city councilman, a member of the Martensdale Lions and was active in the First United Methodist Church in Indianola for many years. He recently attended the Central Christian Church in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife: Valerie; two children: Christen (Johnny) McKay and Erin (Brett) McKenzie; grandchildren: Corbin McKay, Claire McKenzie and Reagan McKay and father: Bernard Clare Sondag.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Sondag, one sister, Joanne “Bitsy” McCaulley, and two brother-in-law’s, Walt McCaulley and Mike Durst.



Celebration of Life



Birl Dean Williams, 81, passed away March 27, 2019 at Hays Medical Center, Hays, Kansas. He was born January 28, 1938 at Allen, Texas to Rush and Willie Mae (Tharp) Williams. He married Shirley Wilson September 6, 1983 at Ulysses.

A Great Bend resident for the last 40 years, Birl was a production worker for Superior Essex in Hoisington. He was a member of the Great Bend Senior Center. Birl liked to read, fish and was known to be the fixer-upper around the house.

Survivors include, his wife, Shirley Williams of the home; two sons, David Guentert and wife Erna of

Aurora, CO and Jimmy Williams of OK; one daughter, Diana Frieberg and husband Dan of Des Moines, IA; two sisters, Betty and Jo; and six grandchildren, Miranda, Jordan, Gabby, Elijah, Makaili and Derrick. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, EJ Williams; and one sister, Fay Manweiler.

There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2019 at Bryant Funeral Home, with Rev. William Johnson presiding. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Senior Center, in care of Bryant Funeral Home.

Save the Date



For the Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Women's Retreat on May 3-4, 2019. The cost and itinerary will be shared once they have been set. All women in the church are encouraged to attend this time apart to connect with God and other women.



Paul Class

Pastor Diana will be leading a class on the Apostle Paul following worship service on Sunday, April 7, 2019. Please plan to stay after worship service to attend.



Community Lenten Breakfasts

The lay people from churches in our community have stepped up to offer fellowship and worship every Wednesday morning during the Lenten Season. Everyone in our community is encouraged to attend.

Please note the churches and dates below:

April 3, 2019
Trinity Lutheran Church
1011 S 3rd Avenue

April 10, 2019
St. Mary Catholic Church
9 W Linn Street

April 17, 2019
First Congregational Church
312 W Main Street

Breakfast will be served at 6:30 am followed by a Lenten message ending at 7:15 am.



Gatherers



Bob and Marla Cook and Melia and Jacob Chapman will be hosting April Gatherers on Sunday, April 14th at 5:30 PM at El Portal Mexican Restaurant in the Meadow Lane Mall. Their Mexican food is wonderful! Hope you can make it! Good fun, good food and good fellowship!

Easter Special Offering

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” —John 15:5 NRSV

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.

- ◆ Disciples Women provides fruits like Bible studies, international journeys, and educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere, who, because of those gifts, can grow and spread the Gospel message.
- ◆ So too can the Disciples who thrive in partnership with the National Benevolent Association, like young adult XPLOR

Residents and health and social service leaders launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities and contexts.

- ◆ Disciples Home Missions’ fruitful branches include Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, Refugee and Immigration Ministries offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.
- ◆ Our general ministries abide in each other and in our shared call, by working closely with partners across the United States and Canada, and beyond. Global Ministries collaborates with community organizations around the world, and the Council on Christian Unity cooperates with ecumenical bodies to further the message of Christ’s unending love.

Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Season let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work. This special offering will be gathered Sunday, April 14th and 21st.

Find more stories from our general ministries at disciplesmissionfund.org.



Caring Center

**THE WEATHER IS
CHANGING
NEW ITEMS NEEDED
Caring Center
132 W. Main St.
Mon. & Wed. 10-1**

In need of:

- Men’s tennis shoes and work boots.
- Socks of all sizes
- Men’s jeans size 38, 40 and 42
- Misses jeans in size 4,5,6,7,8

Any household items

including:

- toasters
- coffee pots
- silverware
- plates
- drinking glasses
- pots and pans
- curtains
- sleeping bags (for the homeless)

Summer Camp

Why send a child to Church Camp? Here are just a few reasons...

- ◆ The average kid gets more Christian education at one week of church camp than they do in 1 year of Sunday school.
- ◆ Camp builds strong peer relationships that can last a lifetime.
- ◆ Many children and youth say their first “mountain top” God moment occurred while at a summer camp.
- ◆ Camp is where we seek to live out God’s perfect love and acceptance in the real world. Kids need that opportunity.
- ◆ Camp teaches kids to try new things and overcome new challenges.
- ◆ Camps brings children, youth and adults closer to God!

Camp Sessions are:

Grand Camp (Age 4 to grade 2 with a grandparent)

Session 1: June 28-29

Session 2: July 26-27

Family Camp (0-18 with an adult)

Session 1: June 14-16

Session 2: August 16-18

Beginner Camp (Grade 2)

Session 1: July 1-3

Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)

Session 1: June 9-14

Session 2: June 23-28

Session 3: July 7-12

Session 4: August 4-9

Middle School Camps (Grades 6-8)

Rustic Chi Rho 1: June 9-14

Rustic Chi Rho 2: June 16-21

Rustic Chi Rho 3: June 23-28

Rustic Chi Rho 4: July 7-12

Cabin Chi Rho: August 4-9

ADAM Camp: July 28-Aug 2

Adventure Camp: July 28-Aug 2

High School Camps (Grades 9-12)

CYF 1: June 16-21

CYF 2: July 14-19

ADAM Camp: July 28-Aug 2

Adventure Camp: July 28-Aug 2

Standing Rock Camp: June 8-15

Senior Adult Retreat (Ages 55+)

Session 1: July 1-3

Financial assistance is available to youth who are actively involved in our church or who have an association with our congregation may receive full funding for camp. Adults/Seniors may receive 50% funding for one camp session. Submit your camp registration form to the church office by Tuesday, April 16, 2018 for financial assistance consideration.



Iowa State Fair Hymn Sing

The Christian church in the Upper Midwest has been hosting the Iowa State Fair Hymn Sing since 2005. This has been an important daily Christian witness at the state fair for many decades.

Every day from 11:30 to noon and 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. people gather at the First Church on the state fair grounds for an old fashioned hymn sing. It is an amazing experience. The church is usually packed and people are actually hanging in the open windows and

standing out around the church lifting their voices in praise.

The 2019 Iowa State Fair takes place August 8 - 18. Volunteers are needed each day to greet people at the door, lead the singing, and play the piano. We also sweep the church before the hymn sing begins, straighten up afterwards, and refill all the hymn book display holders. It takes a little over an hour of your time. We provide free admission tickets

and a parking ticket for our volunteers so the only cost to you is your time. If you are willing to assist with this witness and mission please contact JoAnn Thomas, she will be doing the scheduling for our volunteers. You can contact JoAnn by email at iowastatefairhymnsing@gmail.com; by phone at First Christian Church, Spencer 712-262-2945; or by mail at First Christian Church, 701 East 18th, PO Box 40, Spencer, IA 51301.

Youth Activities

The youth in grades 5th through 12th will be enjoying food and fun on Monday, April 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m.; Monday, April 15th beginning at 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, April 30th beginning at 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, May 14th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Then on Friday, May 17th travel to Principal Park in Des Moines for an I-Cubs game. More information will be shared as the date for the I-Cubs game approaches.



Prayer Concerns

Ruth Himes, Jan Bringman, Linda Blackford, Bill McLeland, Virginia Gilson, Jackie Fiscus, Marilyn Denton, Catherine Hickok, Dorothy Borton, Penelope Adkins-Jacobson, Shawn Cooke, Carol Hoing, Arlene Cripps, Corban Pierce & Family, Lisa Smith, Barbara Burt, Rob & Peggy White, Diana Spick, Roger Osgood, Karen Barret, Bobby Weishaubt, Leanna Bowers, AnnaMarie Charloft, and those who are homebound.

April Schedule

April 7

Worship: Robin Anctil
Elder: Beth Campbell
Driver: Jim Anctil

April 21

Worship: Beth Campbell
Elder: Mary Abens
Driver: Jeff Sommerlot

Deacons

Ed Phillips
Rhonda Spence
Ron Bengé
Janet Smith
Ramona Osgood

April 14

Worship: Jan Bringman
Elder: Jim Anctil
Driver: Ed Phillips

April 28

Worship: Marla Cook
Elder: Mark Smith
Driver: Dennis Paxson

Sound Booth

Bob Cook

Greeters

Joyce Grogan
Della Klar
Kim & Emily Shutt
Jan Stubbs

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Triumph Recovery Center Hours are Monday - Friday 11:00am - 4:00pm	1 9:30am Disciples Women's Fellowship Board Meeting 6pm Youth Activity	2 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	3 6:15am Lenten Breakfast @ Trinity Lutheran 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	4 10:30am Seniors in Motion 12pm DWF Luncheon Program: Tom McCoy -Vests for First Responders	5 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	6
7 Fifth Sunday of Lent Lily Orders Due 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS Paul Class following Worship 5-7pm Nesting	8	9 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7pm Group Rebecca 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	10 6:15am Lenten Breakfast @ St Mary's Catholic 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	11 10:30am Seniors in Motion 1pm Group DEMF 5:30pm Pastoral Relations 6:30pm Property, Personnel, Finance	12 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	13 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
14 Palm Sunday Food Box Sunday Easter Special Offering 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	15 6pm Youth Activity	16 Deadline Camp Registration 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	17 6:15am Lenten Breakfast @ 1st Congregational 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	18 Maundy Thursday 9am Quilters 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7pm Maundy Service	19 Good Friday 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	20 9am Group Lydia 8am-4pm Nesting Congregation
21 Easter Sunday Easter Special Offering 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	22	23 10:30am Seniors in Motion 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	24 9am Ups n Downs 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	25 10:30am Seniors in Motion 6:15pm Elders 7pm Board	26 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	27 12-3pm Triumph Recovery Center
28 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	29	30 Newsletter article deadline 10:30am Seniors in Motion 6pm Youth Activity 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus				

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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April 2019 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

Central Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Phone: (641) 753-3129

Website: www.centraldoc.org

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(Disciples of Christ) Marshalltown

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:10 am

Pastor: Diana Frieberg

Board Chair: Robin Anctil

Elders Chair: Jim Anctil

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Benge

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Custodians: Ken Fiscus, Mike Nablo

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo