

# Central Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ



April 2021



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

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## Meditation

As I reflect on meditation for this newsletter, a little story comes to my mind:

On a hot day in western Texas, a lady saw a woman holding up a sign. As she drove closer, she tried to read what the sign said, assuming it was a request for food or money. Instead, she was surprised to see these three words: "You Have Purpose."

God has created each of us for a specific purpose. Primarily, that purpose is to bring Honor to Him, and one way we do that is by meeting the needs of others. (1 Peter 4: 10-11).

A mother of young children may find purpose in wiping runny noses and telling kids about Jesus. An employee in an unsatisfying job might find his purpose in doing his work conscientiously, remembering it is the Lord he is serving. (Col. 3:25-26). A woman who has lost her sight still finds purpose in praying for her children and grandchildren and influencing them to trust God.

Psalm 139 says before we were born "All the days ordained for (us) were written in (His) book. (verse 16) We are "fearfully and wonderfully made" to bring glory to our creator. (verse 14) Never forget: You have purpose!

### It's Strange

- \* It's strange how twenty dollars seems like a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.
- \* It's strange how two hours seems so long when your at church and how short they seem when your watching a good movie.

- \* It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking about what to talk about to a friend.
- \* It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.
- \* It's strange how everyone wants front row tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at Church.
- \* It's strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it on our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- \* It's strange how difficult is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat gossip.
- \* It's strange how we believe everything magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the bible?

As we are all looking forward to spring, we can be mindful of God's presence with us every moment. Have a great week!

Pat Sommerlot  
 Elder

# Board Splinters

Meeting was called to order by Brandon Ruopp, board chair. 11 members were present. Sarah Sade gave the opening prayer.

Minutes were approved. Calendar check of April took place.

**Property** – *Jeff Sommerlot* said he would talk with custodian Mary Koshak about her fee for doing outside work.

*Allen Miller* had 3 news keys made. He met with Mark about the new energy efficient windows for the ramp. He also met with Joe from Kapaun & Brown. The heating unit in the ramp was cleaned. Sandi Miller hopes to have a church rummage sale in the summer.

**Personnel**- *Janet Smith* No report.

**Finance** – *Ron Benge* No report.

**Treasurer**- *Mary Hazelwood* gave the financial report.

**Elders**- *Jim Gossett* said there would not be a pastor this Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. There won't be a parking lot service the 28<sup>th</sup> or Easter.

**Missions**- *Beth Campbell* shared that the Easter offering is the mission for April and blankets for Church World Service is the May mission.

**DWF** - *Sarah Sade* reported that Shirley Adams is tying quilts and that Shirley Nicholson sent 1 card.

**Search committee**- *Jeff Sommerlot* said that Lynda Carlson is the pastor for Palm Sunday and Easter.

## **New Business**

The church will be open to all the groups starting April 1.

The order of worship was discussed. Beth Campbell moved that we have some singing of familiar hymns in the service. Seconded by Allen Miller. Motion passed.

Angelo Luis will preach on April 11 & 18. Tiffany Williams will preach April 25<sup>th</sup>.

There will not be a Maundy Thursday service this year.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Benge, Board Secretary



## Volunteers Needed for Live Streaming

I hope you have all been enjoying the live streaming of our church services. The folks at Lifeline Audio/Video did an amazing job providing and installing the equipment. They

also gave me training and written instructions which were incredibly helpful. As I have learned more, I have added to those and developed a step by step checklist. Yes, there have been a few bugs but I

think those have been solved. Now we need volunteers to become AV operators to share the workload. Please contact me if you are interested!

Jim Gossett



## Mission News

I will be traveling to Nicaragua April 6-13<sup>th</sup> for a look and see trip. We will be looking at the status of the village from the hurricanes and lining up work for a summer mission trip. I will not

be taking any donations this trip but can always use extra cash for small projects. We may be sleeping on a thin mattress thrown on the floor of the church so extra prayers that I can get up off the floor every

morning are appreciated!!!

Thank you for your prayers in advance!

Beth Campbell, Mission Chair

# Guidelines for In-Person Service

1. In the sanctuary, immediate family units may sit together. Seating for each family unit should be 6 feet apart, spread throughout the sanctuary. Areas for seating & not seating have already been marked.
2. Everyone should wear a mask, except the one speaking from the pulpit or the Lord’s Table.
3. Singing will be allowed as long as masks are worn.
4. Hymn books, Bibles and attendance pads have been removed from the pews.
5. No handshakes, embracing, or hugging.
6. Offering plates will be in the back of the sanctuary by the doors.
7. Communion - the bread and juice will be in individual plastic cups on the communion table. There will be baskets on the table for disposal of the cups. If so desired, members may bring their own communion elements. Please have liquids in closed containers.
8. Greeters will have plastic gloves available if desired for opening doors. If weather permits, the doors may be left open until the service begins.
9. People will be dismissed by rows after the service.
10. Hand sanitizer will be on the tables in the gathering area.

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**From Jim and Carolyn Thompson:**

We would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, and cards following the death of Jim's father.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.



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**From Chad Hammar, House of Compassion:**

Our Friends at Central Christian Church,  
I can't thank you enough for your continuing support of our mission. Your partnership is valued and we appreciate you. I'm the new Executive Director and I look forward to answering any questions. God Bless

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## April Schedule

**Deacons**  
Ed Phillips, Captain  
Rhonda Spence  
Sarah Sade  
Janet Smith  
Val Sondag

**Worship Elder**  
April 4 Melissa Osgood  
April 11 Mary Hazelwood  
April 18 Beth Campbell  
April 25 Mary Abens

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## Finance/Treasurer News

February 2021  
Giving  
\$8,471.00

Year to Date  
Giving  
\$34,568.00

Budgeted Monthly  
Giving 2021  
\$9,333

February 2021  
Expenses  
\$7,330.00

Year to Date  
Expenses  
\$18,344.00

Budgeted Monthly  
Expenses 2021  
\$9,552

## Elders

### *Terms ending January 31, 2022*

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Phone Number</u> | <u>Email</u>           |
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| Melissa Osgood (M) | 641-691-0023        | osgoodx3@yahoo.com     |
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| Pat Sommerlot (V)  | 641-330-0512        | pattyann2008@yahoo.com |
| Jan Bringman (V)   | 641-753-3025        | gnirene@hotmail.com    |

### *Terms ending January 31, 2023*

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| Janet Swanson (V) | 319-988-3678        | swanier@aol.com           |

(V) = Visitation Elder      (M) = Meditation Elder

Please keep this list of Elders so that when the Church Office is closed you may contact an Elder with any personal or family urgent matters. Additionally, the Elders will be checking the Church Office voicemail in the evenings and on weekends.



## Prayer Concerns

Family and friends experiencing the virus, Lois Brown, Ramona Osgood, Eugene Demmin, Linda Blackford, Sheryl Cooper, Don Romig, Lorin Miller, Jim Hemphill and those who are homebound. Bill and Amy Spangler-Dunning appreciate your continued prayers for their son Tristan Dunning.

We want to make sure that the Prayer List stays current and that everyone who needs our prayers are included. Many of the names have been on the list for a year or more. In the future, names will remain on the list for 1 month unless you tell us otherwise. If you would like for us to keep them longer, please let Karen or an elder know at that time. Always remember, that if you wish to keep your need for prayers confidential, you may let an Elder know and our group will continue to pray for you and help where needed but it will not be published in the newsletter or bulletin or shared with the rest of the congregation.- Jim Gossett, Elder Chair

# April

| Sun  | Mon | Tue                                  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-----|
| <b>Church Office Hours:</b><br><b>Tuesday - Friday</b><br><b>9:00 am - 1:00 pm</b>   |     |                                      |   | 1<br><b>Maundy Thursday</b>  | 2<br><b>Good Friday</b><br>Office Closed<br>7pm Narcotics Anonymous | 3   |
| 4<br><b>Easter</b><br><b>Easter Special Offering</b><br>10am Worship<br>In-person and<br>Live Streaming<br>3pm Nesting<br>Congregation | 5   | 6                                    | 7<br>9am Ups-n-Downs<br>5:30pm Nesting<br>Congregation  | 8<br>6:30pm PP&F   | 9<br>7pm Narcotics Anonymous  | 10  |
| 11<br>10am Worship<br>In-person and<br>Live Streaming<br>3pm Nesting<br>Congregation   | 12  | 13                                   | 14<br>9am Ups-n-Downs<br>5:30pm Nesting<br>Congregation | 15<br>6:15pm Elders<br>7pm Board   | 16<br>7pm Narcotics Anonymous                                       | 17  |
| 18<br>10am Worship<br>In-person and<br>Live Streaming<br>3pm Nesting<br>Congregation   | 19  | 20<br>Newsletter<br>Article Deadline | 21<br>9am Ups-n-Downs<br>5:30pm Nesting<br>Congregation | 22<br><b>Earth Day</b><br>May Newsletter<br>Published and<br>Distributed | 23<br>7pm Narcotics Anonymous                                       | 24  |
| 25<br>10am Worship<br>In-person and<br>Live Streaming<br>3pm Nesting<br>Congregation   | 26  | 27                                   | 28<br>9am Ups-n-Downs<br>5:30pm Nesting<br>Congregation | 29   | 30<br><b>Arbor Day</b><br>7pm Narcotics<br>Anonymous                |     |

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Elders Chair: Jim Gossett

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Benge

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo

**Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday - Friday**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

April 2021 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*