

Central Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
April 2024



Tried-and-True

I wanted a new sewing machine. There was nothing wrong with the old one. We'd spent endless hours together - my machine and I - as we pieced quilts, designed fabric collages and banners, and made dozens of tote bags. I'd never had any trouble with it, but as much as I loved that machine, it just didn't have enough "oomph" to do quilting,. So I bought a newer, more powerful machine that would get the job done.

And then, I had to learn how to quilt using a machine, so, I turned to the internet and watched videos - lots of videos - to learn this new skill.

I learned so many things. I learned how to prepare a quilt sandwich for machine quilting, how to quilt straight lines, curvy lines, and how to free motion quilt. I learned about all the tools and gadgets machine quilters needed.



And I learned that there are no rules.

Go faster. Go slower. Pin. Don't pin. Iron seams. Don't iron seams. Or "you've been ironing your seams the wrong way and here's a better way." The advice and different techniques were endless.

I've been sewing for a lot of years, and the one thing I've discovered is that there are always new ways to do things, some better than others. Something that might work well for one sewist, does not work for another. Some tools and techniques are tried-and-true, while others are not helpful at all.

I've been going to church for just as long, even longer than I've been sewing. When it comes to "doing church", some things that work well for some congregations, may not be so appealing to others. When we come to worship, there really are no hard and fast rules, if we come with open hearts to experience the presence of God alongside others who share our common desire to seek and worship God. And the funny thing is, you might read this and totally disagree with me, and you would still be doing church correctly. God meets us where we are. We might individually experience God in different ways, yet still we share in a common worship service and engage in ministry together.

We read in John that each of the disciples reacted to Jesus' empty tomb in a different way. Mary wept. "The other disciple whom Jesus loved", saw and believed. When Jesus appeared to them later that day, the disciples rejoiced. Thomas doubted. We are all so different. Each of us approaches God in our own unique way- But we are all given the same command to follow Jesus.

We are about to enter a new phase here at Central Christian. We hope to soon have an Interim Pastor to help lead and guide us as we move forward.

We are an older crowd, mostly retired folk. We aren't a wealthy church, even less so as our numbers have dwindled. We like the ways we've always done things. This is who we are. But there is more, we are called to follow Jesus. We weren't given an instruction manual. God didn't make a series of videos showing the best techniques and tools for being "church". This is something we discover together, holding onto some of the tried-and-true things we have always done, while also being open to the leading of the Spirit. God knows who we are and will lead us in ways that draw us closer to Jesus and to each other. I am looking forward to seeing the ways in which God will lead us and bless us into our future at Central Christian Church. I hope you are too!

Glenda Hughes, Board Chair



2024

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Elders: Beth Campbell, Vickie Judkins-Mickolas, Jan Bringman, Jim Gossett, Glenda Hughes, Mary Jane Hazelwood, Andy Burt, Marla Cook

Honorary Elder: Dietta Nevins



April Birthdays

2 Dennis Westphal

15 Jim Fiscus

17 John Schneiderman

20 Sandy Miller

23 Pat Sommerlot

27 Frank Borton

April Greeters: Jeff and Pat Sommerlot

April Deacon: Ed Phillips

April Pastor Mike Carlson

April 7

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Sarah Sade

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Hymns: TBD

April 14

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48

Hymns: TBD

April 21

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: John 10:11-18

Hymns: TBD

April 28

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Hymns: TBD

Hymns are in the Chalice Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

This information is subject to change after the news-letter is distributed.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:



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

- 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.

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



I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter celebrating with family and friends as we shouted “He is risen, He is risen indeed!” I am loving the warmer weather and love wandering around my yard looking for signs of spring. My daffodils seem to have survived the snow, as well as some crocus. My rhubarb and peonies are popping through the dirt, and I see hope and promise of new life. Spring is my favorite time of year as things start to grow and everything turns green again. I love planting flowers and veggies and watching as the care I give them produces things I can share with others. Remember that Jesus gave his life for us so we could have new life. I hope that you find little ways that you can help others, by giving joy or a little hope in this season of new life.

Beth Campbell



We are currently in need of volunteers for the A/V booth on Sunday mornings.

If you would like to donate flowers for the service, there is a sign-up sheet in the gathering room.



As of February 29, 2024

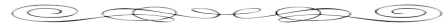
February revenues: \$7319.00

February total expenses: \$12856.00

YTD Revenues: \$21492.00

YTD Expenses: \$21283.00

Boiler repair (approx. \$1500) was an additional expense that will show on the March statement.



April Mission

In April our missions will give us the opportunity to help two organizations. One will be personal hygiene products for the Triumph Center. Sharon Swope, a Central member, is the director there and said they have an ongoing need.

The second one will be disposable diapers for The Nest which is a part of CAPS (Child Adolescent Parent Support). They are currently having a diaper drive and especially need diapers size 4,5, and 6.

Both organizations help those in great need.

Thank you for your support!

Jesus Christ Has Risen!

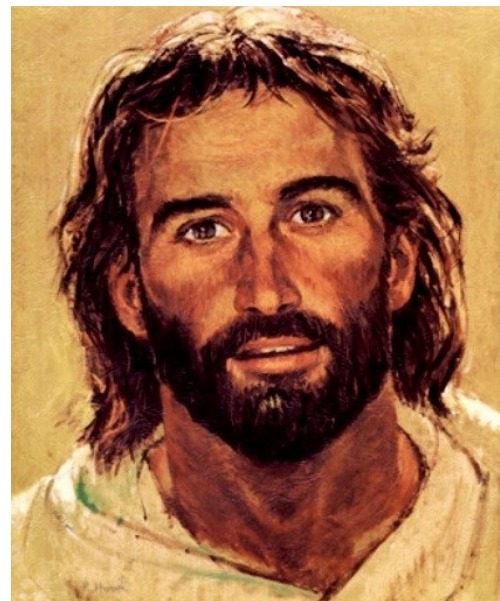


Mark 16:15

⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



Announcements

Gatherers will be held at El Portal on Friday evening, April 12th at 5:30pm. Hosting will be Jim and Carolyn Thompson. Please let Carolyn or Pat know by noon on Wednesday April 10th so arrangements can be made. Hope to see everyone there for good food and a fun time.



Hello!

Just a quick note to "Thank You" for the much needed Kleenex and also, for the clothing. We appreciate your very generous donations. Rogers Elementary

To the ladies of the Disciple Women's Fellowship

Thank you for the Kleenex and clothes you donated to Woodbury School. The size 6-8 pants and underwear for boys are especially helpful, since that's what I use the most all year. I really appreciate your help stocking my supply closet. Nancy, RN

Thank You!

Thank you everyone for the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy at the time of my sister Dixie's death. We have appreciated each one. It is great to have such a wonderful, caring church family!

Sincerely, Judy and Carl!



April 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			4:15pm Worship Team 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	12:15 Elders Mtg		10-2 Farmers Market
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 Church Service In-person/online		6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	1:00pm Group DEMF	Gatherers 5:30pm El Portal	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00am Church Service in-person/online Refreshment Sunday/Food Box		5:00pm Group Rebecca 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	1:30pm Board Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	9:15 Quilters 1:00pm Group DEMF		9:30 am Group Lydia (Judy's House) 10-2 Farmers Market
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00 am Church Service in-person/online		6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus News Articles Due	5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	Newsletter Published		
28	29	30				
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**Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 1 pm**

2024 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.