

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ



December 2019

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2nd	Kathy Stoneking
6th	Elaine Fiscus
7th	Ron Bengé
7th	Donna McNamee
7th	Bob Cook
9th	Karen Visser
12th	Janet Graves
14th	Ken Fiscus
20th	Dorothy Borton
24th	Eric Osgood
25th	Duane Visser
25th	Della Klar
29th	Brandon Heizer

November 2019 Board Splinters

In attendance: Robin Anctil, Jim Anctil, Marla Cook, Bob Cook, Melia Chapman, Carolyn Thompson, Erin Jacobsen, Sarah Sade, Marcia Gossett, Jim Gossett, Judy Osgood and Mary Hazelwood.

Minutes from October were approved.

A statement about vacation pay for our Office Staff person will be brought to the congregation.

Calendar check was completed.

Property: Bob Cook The new projectors are here but need some adjustment. Windows and screens upstairs have been replaced because of tornado damage.

Personnel: Marcia Gossett and Pat Sommerlot No Report.

Finance/Treasurer: Jim Gossett stated that we expect to see a shortfall at the end of the year of about \$13,000. Expenses have exceeded projections, and revenues are behind. The budget for 2020 will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Missions: Judy Osgood reported that Reconciliation Offering was \$260.00; 70 pairs of mittens, 30 hats, 3 scarves and 3 pairs of socks were distributed. The requests continue for more mittens. Next Mission project will be Toys for Tots at the Salvation Army for Christmas.

Deacons: Carolyn Thompson

The request has been made to discontinue intinction.

Worship: Robin Anctil No Report.

Christian Ed: Melia Chapman No Report.

Elders: Jim Anctil stated that the Elders have read the book, Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive by Thom S. Rainer. Our mission as Elders is to work with our congregation to determine the future direction for our church.

Congregational Representatives: Marla Cook and Carolyn Thompson concerns were shared, discussion followed.

DWF: Sarah Sade reported that DWF served 3 funerals; 9 cards were sent; 14 boxes of Kleenex and 29 pairs of sweatpants were distributed to elementary schools.

Old Business:

1. The Nominating Committee's work is not quite finished. Ruth Pearson has agreed to a deacon position, and Erin Jacobsen volunteered to be on the ballot for secretary. At the time of the board meeting, the Board Chair spot is open. Motion by Marla Cook and Seconded by Carolyn Thompson that "the board will accept the amended ballot." Motion carried.

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Old Business: Continued

2. Jim Gossett shared the proposed budget for 2020. Some issues discussed involved having an Interim Pastor, and how that salary is determined. Assumption is that it may include mileage, but not pension. The Regional Minister Richardson will be consulted. The proposed budget is based on pledges. When we don't receive a pledge form, an amount is entered that reflects past giving. The motion to "Accept the budget as it is now, expecting that it will be amended" was made by Bob Cook and seconded by Carolyn Thompson. Motion carried.

3. Pastor Search Committee is to be appointed by the Board. Those in this group are Beth Campbell,

Jeff Sommerlot, Carolyn Thompson, Erin Jacobsen and Mary Hazelwood. Robin will continue to look for one more member.

New Business/Other Items:

1. Preparation for annual meeting:
 - a. Jim Gossett - budget onto screen, paper copies
 - b. Jim Anctil - ballot
 - c. Robin Anctil - Review year, discuss discernment and planning
2. Reception for Pastor Diana Sunday
 - a. Marla will bring and present gift during church service
 - b. Marla also will bring a group card for folks to sign

- c. Board members are asked to help set up and clean up.
3. Worship - need someone to take over planning for worship leaders and greeters. Marla Cook volunteered.
4. Pastor's office will need to be set up for use.
5. Let Robin know new committee chairs.
6. Consider the role of Congregational Representatives.
7. Security Guidelines will remain in place as they have been.
8. The Church Use Form will be updated.

Meeting was adjourned.



Amendment to October's Board Splinters

It was involuntarily omitted from last month's newsletter that the Church Board voted in October to give Office Manager Karen Nablo two weeks of paid vacation per year (four days at four hours per day for a total of 32 hours per year).

Paid holidays will be given for Karen when the holidays fall on a Tuesday through Friday, her normal work week. The holidays granted potentially include New Year's Day, Good Friday, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day when they fall

on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Robin Anctil, Board Chair



Church Security Reminder

Please be reminded that the church security policy is still in effect. In fact, with Office Manager Karen Nablo sometimes being the only person in the

building, it's more important than ever that you buzz the office to be admitted when you are at the church during office hours ... even if you have a key! There's nothing

creepier than thinking you're alone in a big building and then hearing footsteps or voices. Your consideration is greatly appreciated!

Mission News

This year we will collect toys for the Salvation Army Christmas program. Toys are needed for ages Infant through age 17. Collection will start this Sunday, December 1 and run through Sunday, December 15th. We will be delivering them to the Salvation Army on Monday, December 16th. This is the Salvation Army deadline. Please put your

unwrapped toy under the Christmas tree in the Gathering Area.

ALSO, we want to help one of the Marshalltown schools that is in dire need of boys size 6-8 underwear and sweat pants. These items are kept in the school nurse's office for children who need a change of clothes if they get wet out playing at school. No fun sitting in class in wet clothing! They

have lots of girls items so the boys are needed. Please place these unwrapped items under the Christmas tree in the Gathering Area as well and clothing can be brought through Christmas. Beth will deliver them after the holiday school break.

Thank you for your generosity for our missions programs!



Nicaragua Update

I'm getting ready to buy my ticket to Nicaragua for Feb. 19th through March 7th. Pat Nixon, our leader, just let me know that we will be working on another bridge. But a small problem with the water system has come up. Now that the village has clean pure water to use they are

using much more water than we expected. Not really a bad problem, but we need to upgrade a few areas so that everyone is still getting as much water as they need. If you would like to make a donation to this project please let me know. We hope to raise \$5000 extra dollars and the village

will do all the work themselves. This will also create some work for people outside of the coffee picking season. Thanks for thinking of Santa Emilia.

Beth Campbell



Congregational Representatives to the Board

In light of recent comments relayed from church members to the Congregational Representatives (who report those comments to the Church Board) and Pastor Diana's final sermon on the power of positive words and actions, the Church Board will be discussing the role of Congregational Reps at its December meeting.

Although comments relayed to the Congregational Reps are not ALL negative, I think it's fair to say that they are MOSTLY negative. When a negative comment is shared, it's difficult for the Board to decide

whether any kind of action or response is warranted ... did the church member just want to "vent"? Was he/she looking for some kind of action? If action is desired, does the member have any ideas? What if the Board feels differently about the issue than the member?

Speaking only for myself personally, I don't really want to hear members' complaints and I don't feel compelled to act on those complaints. I think it would be far more healthy and helpful for our members to 1) OWN their comments and bring them forward personally (rather than anonymously),

2) keep comments positive, and 3) propose alternative solutions if warranted.

How do you feel about this issue? I would appreciate hearing from church members on this topic before our Dec. 19 Board meeting. You can also speak to any of the other Board members or a Congregational Representative (Marla Cook & Carolyn Thompson) if you desire.

Thanks,
Robin Anctil (Board Chair)

Intinction Communion

At the November church board meeting I suggested that with changes happening in the church, now would be a good time to change communion back to passing trays every Sunday and not using loaves of bread, due to health concerns. We will go back to using the homemade wafers.

There were no objections from the church board. For the time being, starting Sunday December 1st we will no longer be coming forward. We will reserve intinction for special services, e.g. Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve.

Carolyn Thompson
Deacon Chair



Life Line Screening

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in

your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 1/7/2020 at Central Christian Church of Marshalltown. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-

90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**



Gatherers

December Gatherers will be on Saturday, December 14th at 5:30 PM at Barry and Renee Sedlacek's home at 6 Valley View Road here in Marshalltown. This is our Christmas Open House and all adults are welcome to come and enjoy a potluck meal followed by karaoke singing of Christmas Carols and other songs.

Barry and Renee will provide the meat, beverage and table service. You are asked to bring a side dish to share. Please let Judy Osgood or Carolyn Thompson know if you plan to attend so that we can let Sedlacek's know how much meat to prepare.

This is a really fun evening so we hope you will be able to be there to enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!



Christmas Offering

Our finest gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church

- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- Witness to the power of God to make things new



The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.



It's that time of year for poinsettia orders. The deadline for orders will be December 15, 2019 and the price for each plant is \$10.00. If your plant is to go to a shut-in on the elder's list, they will deliver it. The poinsettias will be available after the Christmas Eve service.

Poinsettia Order Form

Order due by **December 15, 2019**

Please reserve _____ plant(s). Enclosed is \$10.00 for each plant ordered.

My name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

_____ I will pick up _____ Please take to a shut-in on Elders List

Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.

Central Christian Church 2019 Annual Meeting Ballot

2020 Board Officers

(1-year terms)

Board Chair

VACANT

Board Vice Chair

Brandon Ruopp

Board Secretary

Erin Jacobson

Board Treasurer

Mary Hazelwood

2020 Elected Board Members

(2-year terms; expire Dec. 2021)

Property Committee

Allen Miller

Personnel Committee

Janet Smith

Finance Committee

Ron Bengé

Congregational Representative

Jan Bringman

Elders

(3 year terms: expire Jan 2023)

Mary Abens, m

Erin Jacobson, v

Ron Bengé, v

Sarah Sade, v

Elders Emeritus

(honorary lifetime designation)

Lois Brown

Deacons

(2-year terms; expire Dec. 2021)

Robert Breno

Shawna Cutler

Steve Huseboe

Andrea Burt

Ed Phillips

Jeff Sommerlot

Rhonda Spence

Carolyn Thompson

Karen Nablo

Peggy White

Ruth Pearson

Nominating Committee

(2-year terms; expire 2020)

Elder Representative

Pat Sommerlot

Deacon Representative

Karen Nablo

At-Large Representative

Janet Swanson

*Above is the ballot to be voted on
at the Annual Congregational
Meeting to be held immediately
following the worship service on
Sunday, December 8, 2019.*

December Schedule

December 1

Worship: Jan Bringman
Elder: Melissa Osgood
Driver: Ed Phillips

December 8

Worship: Beth Campbell
Elder: Mary Hazelwood
Driver: Dennis Paxson

December 15

Worship: Marla Cook
Elder: Mary Abens
Driver: Jim Anctil

December 22

Worship: Mary Hazelwood
Elder: Jim Anctil
Driver: Ed Phillips

December 29

Worship: Allen Miller
Elder: Beth Campbell
Driver: Jeff Sommerlot

Greeters

Joyce Grogan
Della Klar
Kim & Emily Shutt
Jan Stubbs

Deacons

Steve Huseboe
Judy Osgood
Shawna Cutler
Robert Breno
Erin Jacobson

Sound Booth

Bob Cook



**October 2019
Regular Giving Total
\$8,578.00**

**October 2019
Regular Expenses
\$23,468.00***

**Monthly
Income Budget
\$11,935.00**

**Monthly
Expense Budget
\$15,346.00**

*There were 3 pay periods in October which adds \$2300 to the expenses. There was also \$4700 from memorial accounts for the new projectors. Without those items, the expenses would be \$16,450 which is just over budget.

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Adult Sunday School 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation</p>	2	<p>3 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus</p>	<p>4 9am Ups nDowns 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Mixed Vocal Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 12pm Disciple Women's Fellowship Luncheon and Program</p>	<p>6 7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	7
<p>8 2nd Sunday of Advent Food Box Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS Congregational Annual Meeting 5-7pm Nesting Congregation</p>	9	<p>10 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus 7pm Group Rebecca</p>	<p>11 9am Ups nDowns 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Mixed Vocal Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 1pm Group Deborah, Esther, Myrtle Furman 6:30pm Property, Personnel, Finance</p>	<p>13 7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>14 5:30pm Gatherers @ Barry & Renee Sedlacek's Home</p>
<p>15 Christmas Special Offering 9am Adult Sunday School 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation</p>	16	<p>17 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus</p>	<p>18 9am Ups nDowns 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Mixed Vocal Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 9am Quilters 6:15pm Elders 7pm Board</p>	<p>20 Newsletter article deadline 7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>21 9am Group Lydia</p>
<p>22 Christmas Special Offering 9am Adult Sunday School 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation</p>	23	<p>24 Office Closed 5pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25 Office Closed </p>	26	<p>27 7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	28
<p>29 9am Adult SS 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation</p>	30	<p>31 Office Closed</p>	<p>January 1 Office Closed 6-8pm Nesting Congregation</p>	2	<p>3 7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	4
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Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Youth Sunday School 10:30 am
1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

Worship: 10:10 am

Board Chair: Robin Anctil

Elders Chair: Jim Anctil

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Bengé

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo

December 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