

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ



February 2021



1st Emily Shutt
 8th Erin Jacobson
 9th Shirley Adams
 10th Carol Adkins
 11th Rhonda Spence
 11th Blake Shutt
 11th Joyce Grogan
 14th Barbara Zednichek
 16th Deb Lakey
 21st Marcia Gossett
 24th Mark Shutt
 24th Alex Thompson
 29th Jaqueline Steveson

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Pastoral Corner

Greetings Church –

Over the past 3 weeks I have been talking about different messages that may be hard to hear at times, or may be hard for us to talk about together. I feel like we have said for several months that it is interesting times right now in our country and our world. This statement can be viewed as an understatement but it also can be viewed as a negative approach to life and what life throws our way. Sure it may look different than what we are generally used to previously, but does that make it so bad? I am not trying to down play the pandemic, but if we looked at the silver lining of this pandemic it has allowed us to really focus on what is the most important to us. I also am encouraged by the fact that so many have stood up for different social justice issues that have happened during these interesting times. A few weeks ago I gave my sermon on Love is Love. The scriptures that I used were Leviticus 19:18 & Mark 12: 28-31 & John 8: 7-11. I would encourage you to read these different scriptures and pray about what they mean to you. I continue to pray for our country and for unity to come among us. In the 37 years that I have been on this earth, this seems to be the most divided I have ever seen our country. To me, it is a sad thing to think about but it also reassures that we still have more work to do to help spread the love and grace from our God. I hope that you can help spread God's love and grace throughout your community and this beautiful country. We are all so blessed to have all that we have and we give thanks for this.

I am blessed to be able to serve you all since August as pulpit supply, then interim minister, and lastly serving you as your permanent minister. I announced to the church back in the middle of December that I was resigning and our family would be relocating to the Holland Michigan area. Currently, I am living in Michigan and Amber and the girls are still living in Newton, IA. We are continuing to pray for the transition not only for us but the transition for the church. It is a time that can cause some uneasy feelings, but know that God is in control and already has the next minister picked out. I am serving as pulpit supply through the end of February. I know that the new Regional Minister Joshua Patty has some ideas of individuals to help serve for pulpit supply and is going to be great to work with in calling the next minister to serve Central Christian Church. Thank You for loving me and my family and welcoming us the way that you have. Central Christian is a great church with a lot of passion and willingness to help those who are in need and I pray that you don't ever lose sight of that.

Don't just keep the faith, go and spread the faith!

Go in Peace & Go and be the church!!

Peace – Pastor Andy Elliott

Board Splinters

Brandon Ruopp, board chair, called the meeting to order. 10 members and 2 guests were present. Pastor Andy gave the prayer via phone.

Jeff Sommerlot moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Carolyn Thompson. Motion passed.

Property-*Jeff Sommerlot*- need to have fire extinguishers inspected. It will cost \$680 to replace 7 of them. Allen Miller is still working on derecho related repair. Need to have a boiler checked (\$115). Brandon Ruopp checked with the Water Works. According to the code, it is our responsibility to repair the water leak close to the street.

Personnel-*Janet Smith*- asked about the “pandemic clause” in the contracts.

Finance-*Ron Bengé*-congregation may donate to help with expense of repairing the water leak and replacing the leaky east windows in the ramp.

Treasurer-*Mary Hazelwood*-gave the financial report. Offering envelopes are here.

Elders- Beth Campbell said Jim Gossett will be the chair person. He will attend the in-person board meetings via phone. Beth moved that we purchase a 1 year Zoom license for \$150. Motion seconded by Ron Bengé. Motion approved. Erin Jacobsen offered to pay the fee. The Elders updated the shut-in list.

Congregational Rep.-*Jan Bringman*- heard good comments about the service streamed on Facebook.

Missions-*Beth Campbell*- January is our month to stock the shelves at HOC. She will collect items in the parking lot after church on the 24th and 31st.

DWF-*Sarah Sade*- distributed 7 quilts to each of the 3 nursing homes in town. Gave 6 child sized quilts to a Young Parents Together program (in Waterloo/Cedar Falls area) who work with pregnant and parenting teens.

Pastor's report-*Andy*- isn't coming this Sunday due to the weather.

New Business Brandon Ruopp announced the Search committee members: Jeff Sommerlot (chair), Pat Sommerlot, Mary Hazelwood, Carolyn Thompson and Beth Campbell. Ron Bengé moved to approve the committee, seconded by Jan Bringman. Motion passed.

Brandon Ruopp moved that Brandon Ruopp file the Biennial Report with the Iowa Secretary of State and file necessary paperwork that he become the Registered Agent for the church. Seconded by Beth Campbell. Motion passed.

Board members filled out other paperwork for the office.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Bengé, Board Secretary



Donations Needed

There are 2 projects that must be completed in the future.

We have a water leak in the water line along the east side of our lot. It connected to the house that was on the SE corner of our property. The city code requires us to pay for this repair. The city estimates the cost will be \$8,000 to \$10,000. The high cost is because the street has to be torn up in order to plug the line at the city main.

The seals around the east windows of the ramp have deteriorated so water leaks in when it rains. The windows must be removed and replaced with new seals. The estimated expense is about \$9,000.

Neither of these project expenses is budgeted. We already have some financial commitments to help with these expenses but we need more.

Please help by donating to these projects. On your check, indicate which project you are supporting.

I may be contacted to answer any questions regarding the projects at 641-753-3502 or 641-750-2345

Thank you,

Ron Bengé, Chair
Finance Committee

Elders

Terms ending January 31, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Email</u>
Melissa Osgood (M)	641-691-0023	osgoodx3@yahoo.com
Mary Hazelwood (M)	641-750-0482	mjhaze53@gmail.com
Pat Sommerlot (V)	641-330-0512	pattyann2008@yahoo.com
Jan Bringman (V)	641-753-3025	gnirene@hotmail.com

Terms ending January 31, 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Email</u>
Mary Abens (M)	641-751-9133	
Ron Benge (V)	641-750-2345	rcbenge@q.com
Erin Jacobson (V)	641-750-3654	esjacobson1@gmail.com
Sarah Sade (V)	641-751-9827	
Beth Campbell (M)	641-751-5292	buffcamel@hotmail.com
Jim Gossett (V)	641-351-5877	jimgossett2@gmail.com
Joyce Grogan (M)	641-481-3269	hummingbird1.jg@gmail.com
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.



ZOOM

Our board has approved a one-year subscription for Zoom. I have seen numerous ways that churches are using this technology to reconnect the members of their congregations. Here is how one church is using Zoom.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we're using Zoom, as a creative way to still "gather" to connect, encourage, and grow in faith with one another.

Possibilities for Central Christian Church include;

- Prayer time
- Bible studies
- Gathering time right after our live streaming Sunday service.
- Virtual version of our monthly coffee time.
- All kinds of meetings.
- Gatherers monthly time.

Let us get creative and see what we can do with this new ministry. Is there a member who would like to lead this effort or maybe a group that can throw around some ideas? Please let the office or myself know if you are interested.

- Jim Gossett

Online Sunday Service

To access the online Sunday Service:

1. Search @Centralsdisciples or Marshalltown Central Christian Church on Facebook.
2. "Like" the page.
3. To receive notifications when the live video begins:
 - a. On the far right of the line with "Home, About, Reviews"

there are three dots – click on the dots.

- b. A box will appear then click on "Follow Settings".
- c. A new box will appear then click on "Live Videos" under Notifications.
- d. A different box will appear for you to click on "All Notifications".

Videos of the online services may be accessed anytime on the Marshalltown Central Christian Church Facebook page

OR

under the "Worship Videos" tab on the church's website at:

www.centralsdoc.org

OR

on our YouTube channel. Search for Central Christian Church Marshalltown. Like and subscribe to the channel.



From Emergency Food Box:

The Emergency Food Box would like to say *THANK YOU* for all of the support we received throughout 2020! Our end-of-the-year statistics show that the Emergency Food Box served 2662 families with a total of 8792 people. Additionally, we prepared Christmas Boxes for distribution to another 73 families, serving 258 people. We could not provide food to so many people without your help! All food items are donated, or purchased with the money contributed.

We are currently in need of the following food items: *canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, cereal, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni and cheese.* (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the food items are not outdated.)



Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB (109 S. 3rd St.) Monday through Thursday afternoon, 1:00-4:30. Please make checks payable to: *Emergency Food Box.*

Our mailing address is: *EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158.* Donated funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

We are always looking for Food Box volunteers. We have many different types of opportunities that are available, and we are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Contact: Cindy Staron, 641-752-4868.

From Karen Nablo:

Thank you for your Christmas blessings of cards, gift cards, plants, and cash. They truly encouraged my family and me during these unprecedented times in our lives. *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* Luke 6:38

From Nicaragua Flood Relief:

Your gift of \$1,500.00 is gratefully acknowledged by the Nicaragua Flood Relief Fund of the First Christian Church in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Your thoughtful contribution will help move this mission of our church forward.



February Deacon Schedule

Captain: Carolyn Thompson

Deb Lakey Autumn Thompson Karen Nablo Jeff Sommerlot

Security Guideline

The following is an annual reminder/review of Central Christian Church's Security Guideline.

To create a safer and more secure church environment for our staff, members and invited guests, Central Christian Church has implemented these facility-related guidelines:

- We are limiting the number of doors open for public access. The south/ramp door will remain locked at all times.
- o Anyone who wishes to enter during church office hours (Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm) will be required to press the doorbell/security buzzer (*even if he/she has a church key*).
- o Once admitted into the building, people are asked to **let the Office Administrator/Minister know where they will be and also when they are leaving the building**. In this way, the staff will always know who's in the building, which greatly increases their own sense of personal safety and well-being.
- o At the staff's discretion, the west/gathering area door can be locked if no one is within eyesight/earshot to monitor incoming traffic or unlocked if staff are able to monitor traffic. All other doors will remain locked unless being used as an emergency exit.
- On Sunday mornings, the south/ramp and west/gathering area doors will be open from 8:30 until 10:10 am, at which time the south/ramp door will be locked by the Deacon Captain. The Deacon Captain will be in the gathering area and will lock the west/gathering area doors following the Announcements (about 10:20). Anyone wanting access to the building after that time should use the west door and flag the Deacon Captain for entrance.
- Signage will be posted so that members and guests know how and when to access the building on any given day.
- The church has non-duplicatable keys and is limiting access to those keys. Those to be assigned keys include: all staff, Board Chair, Board Vice Chair, Treasurer, Property Committee members, Finance Committee members, Personnel Chair, Christian Education Chair, Worship Committee Chair, DWF Chair, DWF Hospitality (funerals/weddings) Chair, Missions Chair, and Deacon Chair. Invited building guests who sign a Building Use Form will also be assigned a church key. **Staff members are not authorized to assign keys except to those named here.**
- o The Office Administrator will keep track of all assigned keys, and key assignments will be reviewed annually (December/ January) by the Church Board.
- o Those who need a church key for an event (e.g. Rummage Sale, Holiday Stroll meal, youth event, facility rentals, Vacation Bible School, etc.) can check one out from the church office for a specific time period, after which time the key should be returned. There will be a \$10 security deposit for checked out keys, which will be returned when the key is returned to the office.
- o Anyone else who wants a church key can contact the Board Chair or other Board member and the Board will consider that request at its next meeting.
- Those with keys who access the building outside of church office hours are urged to be vigilant and safety-conscious. **At no time and for no reason should church doors be propped open without someone watching the door.**

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Security Guideline Continued

•This Security Guideline will be provided to all members with building keys and invited building guests (e.g. Narcotics Anonymous, Nesting Congregation, Sweet Adelines, etc.), as well as those assigned temporary building keys. All keyholders will be asked to sign the Guideline below. The signed document will be kept in the church office, and keyholders will be given a copy.

- ◊ It is recommended by the Church Safety Team that the guideline be published in the church newsletter annually.

•SECURITY GUIDELINE VIOLATIONS

- ◊ Any member who violates this guideline will be provided with a printed copy of the guideline and asked to affirm his/her understanding of the guideline and willingness to comply.
- ◊ Member keyholders who violate this guideline will be reminded of their signed agreement to comply with the guideline. Keyholders who repeatedly violate the guideline will be asked to turn in their building key.
- ◊ Any invited building guests who violate this guideline will be reminded of their signed Building Usage Form/Security Guideline and asked to reaffirm their willingness to comply. Those who repeatedly violate the guideline will be asked to find another location for their meetings/events and turn in their building key.

Training and instructions on how to operate the buzzer/access system will be provided to any member interested; contact a staff member for training.

The Church Board and Church Safety Team welcome comments, questions, and suggested improvements at any time. Please direct any comments, questions or suggestions to the Board Chair, Minister, or any Church Board member or Safety Team member. All input will be considered in a timely manner, and feedback will be provided as appropriate.



Prayer Concerns

Family and friends experiencing the virus, Linda Aschan, Melissa Gavagan, Joyce Grogan, Brian Fitzpatrick, Tim Ebersole, Dennis Paxson, Marjorie Cobb, Shelly Wogan, Gracie Overton, Mary Horn, Marilyn Denton, Jackie Fiscus, Lorin Miller, Loren Nickel, Mark Weaver, Terry Graves, Jan Bringman, Gloria Morrison, Allen & Jamie Smoldt, Lois Brown, Linda Blackford, Jim Maxted, Don Romig, Catherine Hickok, Bill McLeland, Dorothy Borton, Bobby Weishaubt, Shawn Cooke, Carol Hoing, Karen Barret, Leanna Bowers, AnnaMarie Charloft, and those who are homebound



Finance/Treasurer News

December 2020
Giving
\$19,726

December 2020
Expenses
\$10,792

2020
Monthly Budget
Giving
\$10,577

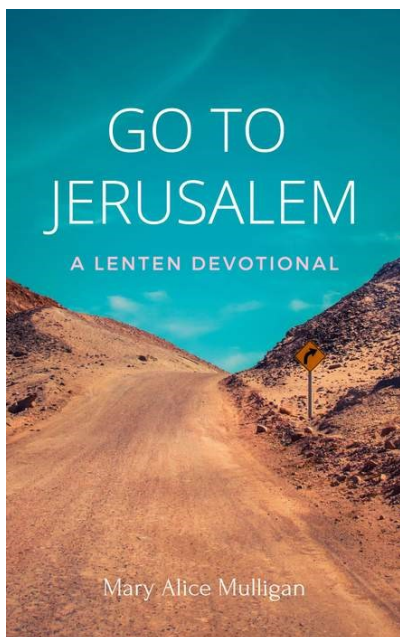
2020
Monthly Budget
Expenses
\$13,009

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10am Worship Drive - Up And Live Streaming	8	9 Lenten Devotional Orders Due	10	11 6:30pm PP&F	12	13
14 —HAPPY— <i>Valentine's</i> —DAY— 10am Worship Drive - Up And Live Streaming	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 6:15pm Elders 7pm Board	19	20
21 Week of Compassion Offering 1st Sunday of Lent 10am Worship Drive - Up And Live Streaming	22	23 Newsletter Article Deadline	24	25	26 March Newsletter Published and Distributed	27
28 Week of Compassion Offering 2nd Sunday of Lent 10am Worship Drive - Up And Live Streaming	March 1	2	3	4	5	6

Lenten Devotional

Lent begins February 17th



This Lent, imagine placing your hand in the hand of Jesus and journeying with him to Jerusalem.

In these daily devotions for the 40 days of Lent and Holy Week, pastor and scholar Mary Alice Mulligan leads us on a self-reflective journey to discover what it really means to follow Jesus. As you journey to Jerusalem, you'll reflect on the scriptures in which Jesus calls on his Disciples to leave everything and follow him, is baptized and announces his ministry, predicts his own death, clears the temple and pledges to rebuild it in three days, and proclaims God's love for all.

Entries begin with the darkness of Ash Wednesday and culminate with the glory of Easter morning. During Holy Week, Mulligan takes us through the events of that long-ago week with fresh eyes, new ways to understand an old story. These concise entries include scripture, reflections, journaling prompts, suggested spiritual practices, and a prayer. Entries are undated, making this a perennial resource.

The order form is below. You may also email or call in your order to the Church office.

Orders are due in the office on February 7th.

Lenten Devotional Order Form

Please reserve _____ devotional(s)

Enclosed is \$5.00 for each devotional ordered.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Devotionals will be mailed to you on February 12th.

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Elders Chair: Jim Gossett

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Bengé

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo

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

February 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