

# Central Christian Church Disciples of Christ



Mid January 2021



3rd Kim Shutt  
5th Mark Smith  
6th James Maxted  
7th Carolyn Thompson  
13th Betty  
    VanWaardhuizen  
13th Melia Chapman  
18th Cathy Wetherbee  
22nd Marla Cook  
25th Jacob Chapman  
25th Karen Nablo  
27th Melvin  
    VanWaardhuizen  
28th Harold Kelling

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## Elder Meditation

Andy's sermon this Sunday reminded us that even in these turbulent times in our lives, our country and this world, we are more alike than we are different. We are all connected within 7 people. Christian love and respect for everyone overshadows all of the conflict.

This reminded me of a Kevin Bacon game. It was easy to find the details online. "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon is a game where players challenge each other to find the shortest path between an arbitrary actor and prolific actor Kevin Bacon, linked by films they have appeared in together. It rests on the assumption that anyone involved in the Hollywood film industry can be linked through their film roles to Bacon within six steps." This is exactly the same thing that Andy was talking about. Six steps or 7, not really different. We are all connected!

Luke 10:27 is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

As I said in the November newsletter meditation, I am thankful even though we have gone thru difficult times; the covid-19 pandemic, the derecho and a contentious election. But God uses difficult times to produce precious things within us.

I am thankful for the time Pastor Andy Elliott has spent with us. God bless Andy and his family as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. I know that he will continue to lift others and bring them God's message. Let's never forget to "listen louder" when God speaks to us.

I am thankful that you have supported our drive-in communion service. I am thankful for your support of our audio video system upgrades. We are very close to being about to live stream our worship service. No more sitting in cold cars and burning gas.

Here is a prayer from a long forgotten person. Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. We ask this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jim Gossett, Elder

## Special Church Board Meeting

Central Christian Church special board meeting minutes December 27, 2020

A special board meeting was called to order by Colette Bengé, board chair. 9 members were present.

Members read the letter of resignation from Pastor Andy Elliott. Beth Campbell moved to accept

Andy's resignation with regret. Ron Bengé seconded the motion. Motion passed. Andy's resignation is effective January 31, 2021.

The board approved to have Andy provide a message during the month of February.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colette Bengé, board chair



## Update from our Board Chair Brandon Ruopp

The pastoral search committee has been put together. They have to be approved by the board at the meeting on the 21st. Our regional minister Joshua Patty thinks he has someone lined up that can help take care of our short term needs.



## Elders' Update

Your Elders met this week to discuss improving communications with all of you in our congregation. One of the ideas was for a weekly communication to everyone using the communication system put together by Sarah Sade and others this summer. Some of the ideas include things we always included in the Sunday bulletin, minister search updates, when we might be able to return to inside service, member updates, monthly missions projects, and birthdays. The Elders are anxious for your comments. We will meet again Thursday night and try to finalize some plans.

One critical thing is for all of us to work through Karen Nablo and provide her with all information that we possibly can. She is ready and willing to do all that she can for the congregation and is best positioned to pass that on to you!

We all miss gathering time before and after the church services and other social time. We are discussing ways to do this safely in a virtual way. Again, more details to follow.



## Live Streaming Update

On Wednesday January 13 Lifeline Audio-Video completed the installation of our new equipment for live streaming. I spent several hours with their technician as he demonstrated how the system works. We worked to configure the displays as they will appear online. I will be spending the next several days testing, learning and experimenting. Keep me in your prays as we move toward live

streaming our services in the sanctuary. I still have a lot to learn!

As stated previously, the board gave unanimous approval to this project with New View funds. If you would like to support this ministry, the contributions will be returned to the New View account for later use. I am applying for a grant from the Region to cover part of the cost.

Jim Gossett

## Celebration of Life



Devoted wife and mother to 5, Anne Marie Fiscus (McCoy), 81 years old of Marshalltown, Iowa passed into the arms of angels early morning January 2nd, 2021 at Oakview Care Center in Conrad, Iowa. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Anderson Funeral Homes in Marshalltown.

Anne was born November 5th, 1939 in Fort Dodge Iowa. Growing up she lived in Fort Dodge, Montour and Winterset Iowa, she graduated High School in Winterset in 1957. She then enrolled and attended Nursing

School in Marshalltown, Iowa where she met the love of her life Kenneth Cecil Fiscus. Anne and Ken were married on September 30, 1959 at Bethel Grove Church, Liscomb. Living in Marshalltown, Spencer, and Adel, Iowa before returning to Marshalltown to stay.

She took joy in her children's lives and was especially fond of being a Grandma and Great Grandma. Nothing took precedent over family for Anne. She enjoyed reading and traveling with friends and family in her free time. She was active in several social, professional, and philanthropic groups including Beta Sigma Fi, Jaycettes, Red Hats, Souvenir Club, Optimist Club, Marshall County Historical Society, and the Marshalltown Library. Anne served in leadership roles in many of these group. Anne and Ken were also members of numerous bridge groups. Together they are long time members of Central Christian Church of Marshalltown.

Professionally, after training as a nurse, Anne turned toward nursing home administration and proudly served as an administrator in Adel, Polk City, Des Moines and Marshalltown. She also was a prominent member of the Iowa Nursing Home Association. Anne was a devoted wife, wonderful mother, enthusiastic grandmother, and a fantastic sister. She will be missed.

Anne is survived by her husband of 62 years Kenneth C. Fiscus, children; Deborah, David (Donna), Deanna (Scott Ferguson), Derek (Melanie), Karen (Lorus Breitbach), sisters; Jean (Don Bristow), Mary McCoy, grandchildren; Bryan, Abigail, Sarah, Rachel, Ryan, Jasper, Leo, great grandchildren; Leslie Joy, Ezra, Parker, numerous relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Don E & Viola (Paulson) McCoy, sisters; Kay Weaver and Peggy Haskins, granddaughter, Jill Fiscus, and a grandson Christopher Breitbach.



## Member Updates

Ken Fiscus would like to share that he has moved back to Glenwood Place in Marshalltown. His new address is:

Ken Fiscus  
Glenwood Place  
2907 S 6<sup>th</sup> St. Apt 173  
Marshalltown, IA 50158

## News from Santa Emilia, Nicaragua

After the recent hurricanes our partnership has sent over \$6000 to help Santa Emilia in recovering from the hurricanes. \$1500 of that came from Central Christian. Roughly \$5,000 was used for materials for 46 (mas o menos/ more or less} houses. A typical house would receive 6 sheets of zinc for their roof, several boards, and a half a pound of nails.

In addition, the water project suffered some damage from the flooding. Pipes were broken and ground water, and sand got into the system. They are in the process of replacing pipes and cleaning out one of the distribution tanks, which got filled with sand. They also are buying some portable water filters because of the contamination. The last \$1000 which we sent will be used for material and labor for these projects.

As soon as Pat and I can get Covid vaccines we will be planning a small trip to see what needs to happen next for our larger group trip in July or August. Some of the things that the community has let us

know that they are in need of are listed below and if you can help out with any of those things please let me know. I have a large Nicaragua pile in my spare bedroom so I can take things at any time.

Needs:

- Nebulizer for the health clinic
- Money for extra meds for the clinic
- First aid kits for the two church Sunday School groups
- Some good locks/paddle locks for the churches and schools to keep things safe.

A huge thanks from me for the support you show to my 2<sup>nd</sup> family in Santa Emilia. The villagers were overwhelmed with the donations that the 5 churches where able to make.

Beth Campbell



## Prayer Concerns List

As we start a new year. please help Karen keep the Prayer list up-to-date. If you request someone's name be put on the list, who isn't a church member, please let Karen know at the end of 1 month if their name should still be included. If you need prayers for you or your family, please let an Elder or Karen know if your name should be added or when to have it removed. We want to make sure that the list stays current and that everyone who needs our

prayers is included. 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.

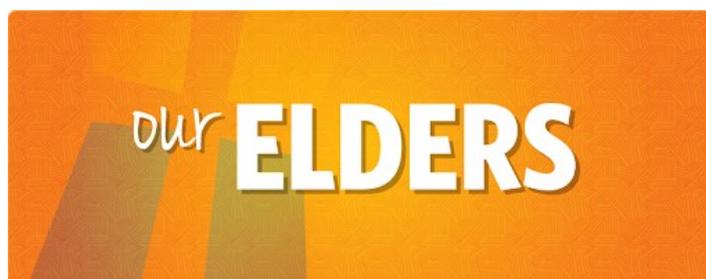
Elder Beth Campbell



## Prayer Concerns

Family and friends experiencing the virus, Family of Clarie Miller, Family of Anne Fiscus, 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, Linda Aschan, Terry Graves, Jan Bringman, Gloria Morrison, Allen & Jamie Smoldt, Lois Brown, Linda Blackford, Kevin Meyer, Jim Maxted, Don Romig, Catherine Hickok, Corban Pierce & Family, Bill McLeland, Dorothy Borton, Bobby Weishaubt, Shawn Cooke, Carol Hoing, Karen Barret, Leanna Bowers, AnnaMarie Charloft, and those who are homebound.

Please continue to keep our former DoC Regional Minister Bill Spangler-Dunning and his family in your prayers. His son Tristan continues to have struggles with the tumor affecting his lungs and is in the ICU in Virginia, and on January 14th Bill posted that his mother passed away here in Iowa.



***Terms ending***

***January 31, 2022***

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***Terms ending***

***January 31, 2023***

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(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.

## Central Christian Church

### Board 2021

Name	Position	Email	Phone(s)
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	Elders Chair		
Beth Campbell	Missions Chair	<a href="mailto:buffcamel@hotmail.com">buffcamel@hotmail.com</a>	641-751-5292



## January/February Elders

Sunday, January 17th  
Sunday, January 24th  
Sunday, January 31st  
Sunday, February 7th  
Sunday, February 14th  
Sunday, February 21st  
Sunday, February 28th

Mary Hazelwood  
Mary Abens  
Beth Campbell  
Melissa Osgood  
Mary Hazelwood  
Joyce Grogan  
Mary Abens

## January Deacons

Captain: Ed Phillips  
Rhonda Spence  
Sarah Sade  
Janet Smith  
Val Sondag

## February Deacons

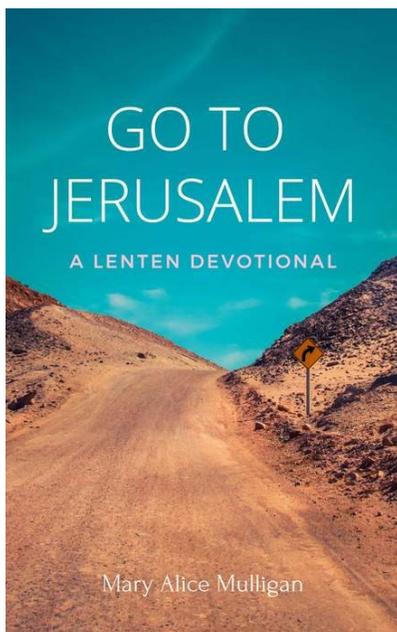
Captain: Carolyn Thompson  
Deb Lakey  
Autumn Thompson  
Karen Nablo  
Jeff Sommerlot

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10am Worship Drive - Up	4	5	6 <b>Epiphany</b>	7	8	9
10 10am Worship Drive - Up	11	12	13	14 6:30pm PP&F	15	16
17 10am Worship Drive - Up	18	19	20	21 6:15pm Elders 7pm Board	22	23
24 10am Worship Drive - Up	25	26 <b>Newsletter article deadline</b>	27	28	29	30
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## 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.

## Lenten Devotional Order Form

Due by Sunday, February 7, 2021

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ devotional(s)

Enclosed is \$5.00 for each devotional ordered.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Devotionals will be mailed to you on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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Elders Chair:

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Benge

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo



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*