

# Central Christian Church Disciples of Christ



January 2020

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2nd Hanna Stevenson
2nd Kim Shutt
5th Mark Smith
6th James Maxted
7th Carolyn Thompson
13th Betty VanWardhuizen
13th Melia Chapman
18th Cathy Wetherbee
22nd Marla Cook
25th Jacob Chapman
25th Karen Nablo
27th Melvin VanWardhuizen
28th Harold Kelling

## December 2019 Board Splinters

In attendance: 15 board and incoming board members and 2 guests. The December meeting of the Central Christian Church Board was called to order by Chair Robin Anctil, who gave the opening prayer. Minutes from November were approved as written.

Calendar check was completed.

**Property:** Bob Cook noted that furniture can be moved into the office, but he needs more help. That will happen on Saturday

**Personnel:** Marcia Gossett and Pat Sommerlot Marcia Gossett reported that contracts will be completed and signed by the end of the year.

**Finance/Treasurer:** Jim Gossett reviewed the budget in progress and that it was approved as presented at the Annual Meeting. November figures are:

Giving \$9,257 vs \$11,935 monthly budget

Expenses \$15,127 vs \$15,346 monthly budget

Basic Mission Finance contribution for 2020 will be determined when all contributions for the year are in. There is still money left from insurance and tornado relief. Beth will need/receive a check for her Nicaragua mission trip. (February, 2020)

**Missions:** Judy Osgood reported that Thanksgiving offering was \$446.00.

On December 16, she delivered donated toys to the Salvation Army for their Christmas campaign. They were appreciated. The grocery donations from the grocery cart were also taken there for SAL's Cupboard. We are still collecting boys' size 6-8 sweat-pants and underwear for the local school nurses. This will continue through the end of the year. January 2020 mission project will be collecting non-food supplies for the House of Compassion supply closet.

**Deacons:** Carolyn Thompson Deacons schedules for the next 2 years are complete and will be distributed.

**Worship:** Robin Anctil No Report.

**Christian Ed:** Melia Chapman No Report.

**Elders:** Jim Anctil shared that the Elders worked on schedules at the meeting immediately before this one, and that Beth Campbell will be Elder Rep. on the Board.

**Congregational Representatives:** Marla Cook and Carolyn Thompson Carolyn Thompson passed along compliments to Marcia Gossett for the beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the church. Marla Cook had no report.

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## Continued December 2019 Board Splinters

**DWF:** Sarah Sade noted that the following items were distributed:

Four cards sent in November, 13 quilts to Marshalltown nursing homes and 7 boxes of Kleenex to elementary schools.

Gifts were given to our Silver Connections. Pillow cases, lap quilts and fabric tissue box covers were made from Christmas fabric. Each also received a ceramic snowman for room decoration.

### ***Pastoral Search:***

Colette Bengé gave an overview of the first meeting with Interim Regional Minister Richardson. She reviewed the types of ministers (ordained, licensed, shared etc.) and things to consider as we determine salary possibilities. Randy Allman will be with us through the first Sunday of January. After that Reverend Richardson will help find pastors and be available to join us as a pastor to substitute. Robin has some names of folks who might help as substitute until (and if) an interim can be found. Reverend Richardson did note that there is not an abundance of pastoral candidates at this time.

### **Committee Representatives to the Board for 2020 will be:**

Missions: Judy Osgood  
Deacons: Carolyn Thompson  
Worship: open  
DWF: Sarah Sade  
Property: Alan Miller  
Personnel: Pat Sommerlot

Finance: Bob Duke

Christian Education:

Melia Chapman

Congregational Reps:

Jan Bringman and Marla Cook

### ***Old Business:***

- Since there have been some questions about the intent of the Congregational Representatives' roles, the By-Laws were consulted. The intent is to facilitate communication and help present solutions when there are issues, not just to channel concerns to the Board. It was suggested that the By-Laws be available to folks coming into new roles, and could also be posted on the church website. Additionally, the By-Laws were last updated in October, 2013.
- The Church Use Form has been updated to reflect current security policies. Groups using the building will need to fill out a form, designate a person to be accountable for making sure the building is locked when event is over, and to be renewed annually. A motion to accept the new Church Use Form as presented was made by Judy Osgood, second by Jim Gossett, and approved.

### ***New Business/Other Items:***

- ♦ Bob Cook reported that the church steeple is on its way back to the roof probably on Dec. 20.

- ♦ And, the water fixture in the kitchen near the coffee maker has been leaking. Since it is seldom used to fill coffee urns, the board agreed that it can be capped off. Sink faucets are also leaking, so they will be checked after Christmas and (hopefully) washer replacement will be the solution. Some shut-off locations are either far away or unknown.
- ♦ Office furniture will be moved on Saturday.
- ♦ Ron Bengé noted that bank signature cards need to be updated to reflect changes in the finance committee.
- ♦ Robin noted that there is a form to be filled out regarding our tax-exempt status.
- ♦ With Board and committee changes, building key assignments will need to be reviewed. Some keys will need to be turned in or re-assigned.
- ♦ Robin Ancil expressed appreciation for the work the Board has done through her year as Chair.
- ♦ A member requesting a key was referred to the Safety Committee, and will be informed when the next meeting is planned.

Meeting was adjourned.

# Congregational Annual Meeting - 2020 Minutes

Board Chair Robin Anctil called to order the annual meeting of Central Christian Church. Her agenda consisted of four items:

1. 2019 Annual Report, presented by the Board Chair
2. 2020 Slate of officers, to be presented by the Nominating Committee
3. 2020 Budget, to be presented by the Treasurer
4. Adjournment

Members of the Church Board were asked to stand and be recognized for their work through this year. Board Chair Robin extended thanks for their leadership and dedication to this church.

Robin then highlighted a few of the accomplishments seen through 2019. They included:

1. Raising over \$10,000.00 for improvements to the church kitchen, including flooring, vent hood cleaning, a new stove, a new refrigerator and a new ice maker.
2. We continued to make repairs and improvements due to tornado damage in 2018. This included roof and gutter repairs, window repairs, landscaping and more. The steeple is almost ready to be placed back on top of the church. This should complete the repairs.
3. We have supported numerous mission projects including Beth Campbell's trip to Nicaragua, school supplies, diapers and supplies for the Stork's Nest, denominational offerings, and more.
4. We partnered with the Marshalltown Police Department to implement a new Church

Safety Committee, a safety policy, re-keying the church and providing safety training for all members.

5. We held a successful rummage sale and turkey noodle dinner again this year, bringing record numbers of people into the building.

The news was not all positive, though:

In October we received Pastor Diana Frieberg's resignation, effective November 30. Pastor Diana served us well during her time here and will be greatly missed. A Search Committee has been established to work with the Regional Interim Minister to select an Interim Pastor and then go through the process of selecting a new Pastor.

Search Committee Members are Colette Bengé, Beth Campbell, Mary Hazelwood, Erin Jacobson, Jeff Sommerlot and Carolyn Thompson. We thank them in advance for work on behalf of the congregation.

Jim Anctil, Nominating Committee Chair, noted that the Nominating Committee worked hard to fill the ballot. 27 new names, plus carry overs are included, showing how many people it takes to serve the church and congregation. Core positions were presented as follows:

Board Chair - Colette Bengé  
Board Vice Chair - Brandon Ruopp  
Board Secretary - Erin Jacobson  
Board Treasurer - Mary Hazelwood

Additionally noted was that Lois Brown has been named as Elder Emeritus.

Since there were not contested posts, the entire ballot was put to a single verbal vote.

Motion to accept the full ballot as presented was made by Ron Bengé. Jim Maxted seconded the motion. The ballot was approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jim Gossett. At this time, income is projected to exceed the budgeted amount.  
Budget for 2019: \$156,720  
Expected income: \$170,646

Giving for 2020 as indicated by pledges and estimates based on giving history looks to be lower, resulting in a higher Faith Line.  
Faith Line for 2019: \$10,945  
Faith Line for 2020: \$29,182

The amount for 2020 will depend somewhat on the amount allocated for Pastor Salary.

A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Ken Fiscus. Seconded by Carolyn Thompson. The budget was approved.

There were no further business from the congregation. Meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Robin Anctil.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hazelwood  
Board Secretary

## Mission News

Our January mission is collecting non-food items for the House of Compassion Supply Closet. As always, shelves will be available to place your donations. January is always a hard month at the House of Compassion. So, please help as you can. Our donations will be delivered to the House of

Compassion on Monday, February 3rd.

The needs there are for items such as: personal hygiene products (toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream and razors, etc), over the counter medications

(this IS cold and flu season!), bandaids, antibiotic ointment, paper products--especially toilet paper and kleenex, laundry products, light bulbs, trash bags, regular dish soap, and cleaning products.



## Gatherers

Date, Time and Place to be announced.



## Farmer's Market

This was another season of wonderful produce! Many thanks to the members who shared fruits and vegetables from their gardens. The entire free will

offering goes to The New View. The total amount for 2019 is \$497.49. Good news.... only 5 more months until asparagus and rhubarb!



## 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 tech-

nology 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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**

## Celebration of Life



Virginia M. Gilson, 95, of Marshalltown, IA, passed away on December 18, 2019, at Bickford Cottage in Marshalltown. A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, December 23, 2019, at Central Christian Church in Marshalltown with the Rev. Suzie Moore officiating.

Virginia M. Gilson was born on January 10, 1924, growing up on a farm near Beaman, IA. She was the daughter of Albert and Lucille (Cole) Kitzman. Virginia was united in marriage to Thomas R. Gilson in 1946 at The Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. Tom was a WWII veteran who had earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. They were a devoted couple until his death in 2011.

She is survived by her son, James E. Gilson, and his wife, Mary Alice Blake Gilson of West Des Moines.

Virginia was a longtime volunteer, along with Tom, for Central Christian Church. In her younger days, she volunteered with disabled children. She was a member of

DAR, Beta Sigma Phi, DWF, and Merry Mixers.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and her siblings: Kathryn Kitzman, Ruth Hayden, Joan Sievers, and Russell Kitzman.

Her family is grateful for the caregivers at Bickford Cottage, Danessa, Melissa, Laura and Mary and also Karla of Iowa River Hospice. She will also be missed by dear friends, Janet and Don Swanson and Marilyn Rhodes who were extraordinarily kind.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred for Iowa River Hospice or Central Christian Church.



## Prayer Concerns

Jack Burrignt, Merry Newton, Mark Weaver, Linda Aschan, Terry Graves, John Osgood, Danielle Mooers, Donna McNamee, Jan Bringman, Gloria Morrison, Rich Matherly, Jeff Sommerlot, Allen & Jamie Smoldt, Chuck Netolicky, Lois Brown, Linda Blackford, Kevin Meyer, Jackie Fiscus, Marilyn Denton, Jim Maxted, Amanda Bearman, Don Romig, Catherine Hickok, Corban Pierce & Family, Tammy Losing & Family, Ruth Himes, Bill McLeland, Virginia Gilson, Dorothy Borton, Barbara Burt, Bobby Weishaubt, Shawn Cooke, Carol Hoing, Lisa Smith, Karen Barret, Leanna Bowers, AnnaMarie Charloft, Allison Sherman, and those who are homebound



*Mary Abens*  
In Memory Of:  
*Ed and Lois Erickson,*  
*Don and Audrey Abens,*  
*Donna Abens*



*The Cutler Girls*  
In Memory Of:  
*Lloyd and Gay Cutler*



*Rick, Sharon and Steve Huseboe*  
In Memory Of:  
*Merle and LaVerne Huseboe*



*Andy Burt*  
In Memory Of:  
*Avon T. Burt*



*Jim and Elaine Fiscus*  
In Memory Of:  
*Gerald and Mae McKibben*  
*Lawrence and Dorothy Fiscus*



*John Osgood*  
In Memory Of:  
*Dorothy Osgood*



*Jean Boone*  
In Memory Of:  
*Jim Creason*



*Virginia Gilson, Jim and M.A.*  
In Memory Of:  
*Tom Gilson*



*Ramona Osgood*  
In Memory Of:  
*Jim Osgood*



*Bob and Marla Cook*  
In Memory Of:  
*Loved Ones*



*Jim and Marcia Gossett*  
In Memory Of:  
*Loved Ones*



*Dennis Paxson*  
In Memory Of:  
*Jess and Stella Quam,*  
*Oliver and Margret Paxson,*  
*Ronald and Betty Shutt,*  
*Richard Paxson*



*Dennis Paxson  
In Memory Of:  
Tom Richmond*



*Jeff and Pat Sommerlot  
In Memory Of:  
Robert and Joan Sommerlot  
Dorothy Putney*



*Larry R. Southard  
In Memory Of:  
Marlys J. Southard*



*Ruth Pearson  
In Memory Of:  
Perry Pearson,  
Troy Pearson*



*Valerie Sondag  
In Memory Of:  
Bob Sondag*



*Jim and Carolyn Thompson  
In Memory Of:  
John, Lois and Dan Overholt,  
Marylou Thompson*



*Barry and Renee Sedlacek  
In Memory Of:  
Ervern and Berenice Sedlacek  
Hjalmar and Edna May  
Hellberg*



*Larry R. Southard  
In Memory Of:  
Boyd, Grace, Richard and Tom  
II Southard*



*Vernon West  
In Memory Of:  
Marie West*



*Mark Smith  
In Memory Of:  
Eugene Smith  
Steve Smith*



*Larry R. Southard  
In Memory Of:  
Willis and Norma Dowden*



*Jean Whitmore  
In Memory Of:  
Don Whitmore,  
Millard and Ida Smith,  
Charlotte Bonaventure*

### January Schedule

#### January 5

Worship: Mary Abens  
Elder: Beth Campbell  
Driver: Ed Phillips

#### January 12

Worship: Robin Anctil  
Elder: Mary Hazelwood  
Driver: Jeff Sommerlot

#### January 19

Worship: Jim Anctil  
Elder: Jim Anctil  
Driver: Jim Anctil

#### January 26

Worship: Jan Bringman  
Elder: Mary Abens  
Driver: Dennis Paxson

#### Greeters

Jim & Jody Maxted  
Robert Breno  
Connie Cooper

#### Deacons

Ed Phillips  
Rhonda Spence  
Ron Benge  
Janet Smith  
Ramona Osgood

#### Sound Booth

Mark Shutt



**November 2019  
Regular Giving Total  
\$9,257.00**

**November 2019  
Regular Expenses  
\$15,127.00**

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

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



# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Office Closed</b>	2	3 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	4
5 9am Adult Sunday School 10:10am Worship 10:30am Youth SS 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	6 <b>Epiphany</b>	7 <b>LifeLine Screening All Day</b> 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	8 9am Ups nDowns 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Mixed Vocal Choir Practice	9 1pm Group Deborah, Esther, Myrtle Furman 6:30pm Property, Personnel, Finance	10 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	11 <b>National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</b>
12 <b>Food Box Sunday</b> 9am Adult Sunday School 10:10am Worship 5-7pm Nesting Congregation	13	14 7-9pm Heart of Iowa Chorus 7pm Group Rebecca	15 9am Ups nDowns 6-8pm Nesting Congregation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Mixed Vocal Choir Practice	16 9am Quilters 6:15pm Elders 7pm Board	17 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	18 9am Group Lydia
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# CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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: Colette Bengé

Elders Chair: Beth Campbell

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Organist: Colette Bengé

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Administrator: Karen Nablo

January 2020 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*