

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

January 2024



Happy New Year!

As most of you know, with the unexpected departure of our pastor and board chair, I was suddenly given the new responsibility as board chair at CCC a month sooner than expected. To tell you the truth, I really didn't want the job. I returned to Central just a little over a year ago. I doubted that I could be the board chair you all deserved. But once we got rolling, I learned the most important thing I would ever need to know: The elders, board members, musicians, worship leaders, deacons, church secretary and other leaders in ministry at this church are nothing short of fabulous!! So many of you stepped up and got to work to keep our worship services running smoothly. We planned for Advent. We decorated the sanctuary. We began planning for the upcoming weeks between Christmas and Ash Wednesday. (Yes, it's early this year-February 14th.)

Something else I've learned about the members here is that we really care about each other. Sure, there are disagreements and differences from time to time, but when it really matters, we support and take care of one another. Sadly, I have heard too many stories about how too many of you have been hurt or discouraged this past year. We can't change what has happened but we can look forward with hope to a new year, one where we continue to work towards healing and allowing the gifted superstars of ministry in this church (and there are many) to serve in the ways God has called them with joy and gladness.

I'd like to share some of my goals as board chair for the upcoming year. Top of my list is to finish up the new by-laws and get them out to you once they are completed. As I write this, the nominating committee is hard at work seeking to fill church leadership and service positions.

Soon, we will be engaging in conversations with Josh Patty and forming a search committee as we prepare to invite our next pastor to lead us in our ministries here at CCC. Please pray for all our endeavors.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be celebrating the Baptism of Jesus in which we are invited to remember our own baptism and our membership into the family of God; and Epiphany where the wonders of God's presence are revealed to us. May we seek God's mercy and wisdom as we begin this journey into the New Year.

May we serve God and each other with grace and with love. May we go boldly forward as Church, the Body of Christ, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have a blessed New Year,

Glenda Hughes, Board Chair

Central Christian Church Board Tidbits December 20, 2023

Glenda Hughes, board Vice-chair, called the meeting to order & gave the opening prayer. 10 members were present.

The November minutes were approved & the January calendar events were reviewed.

Property- *Jeff Sommerlot* – the asbestos test was negative. Has had many “yes” comments about the present pew arrangement. Fire inspection is coming up in the next few months.

Personnel – *Jan Bringman* – contracts are ready to be signed. Mary Jane Hazelwood will fill in for Becky December 26th.

Treasurer- *Mary Hazelwood* – went over the November finance report. She will ask the Finance committee to help her when needed. She is working on the online giving process.

Deacons- *Carolyn Thompson* – would like feedback about the communion bread. Need more volunteers to make the loaf of bread.

Elders- *Mary Abens* – need more visitation Elders

Congregational Representative – *Jan Bringman* – the birthday list needs to be updated

Missions- *Judy Osgood* – will take donated items to the Caring Center. Beth Campbell will provide a list of items needed for her mission trip in late January.

DWF - *Sarah Sade* – groups continue providing underwear, socks & kleenex to area schools. All 3 circles will resume their own study books in January. Lydia helped set up for the Holiday Stroll meal. A holiday designed lap quilt & quilted bag were given to Dietta Nevins. \$50 was given to CIRSI. 3 flower bowls were delivered. Cards were sent each month to acknowledge illness within the church. The penny collection collected for the fall will be presented as a check to the police department for their K-9 fund.

Worship Team – continuing to meet

Old Business

Indoor Farmer’s Market - Mary Abens will pursue this for January

New Business –

*By-laws – board members discussed the draft.

*Josh Patty visit – he will meet with the Elders on Jan. 4th. Church members will be able to visit with him individually after this meeting.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Bengé, Board Secretary





2023

Church Board and Committee members

Board Chair: Glenda Hughes

Vice Board Chair:

Board Secretary: Colette Benge

Treasurer: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Property Chair: Jeff Sommerlot

Personnel Chair: Jan Bringman

Vice Personnel Chair: Pat Sommerlot

Finance Chair: Mary Abens

Finance Vice Chair: Ruth Pearson

Missions: Judy Osgood, Beth Campbell, Marla Cook

Congregational representative: Jan Bringman

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Deacons: Ed Phillips

DWF: Sarah Sade

Elders Chair: Mary Abens

Elders:

Term ending 2023

Jan Bringman (V) Beth Campbell (M),
Janet Swanson (V)

Term ending 2024

Marla Cook (M), Andy Burt (M), Dietta Nevins (V)

Term ending 2025 :

Mary Abens (M), Mary Jane Hazelwood (M), Glenda
Hughes (M)



January Birthdays

3 Mary Mitchell
6 Jim Maxted
7 Carolyn Thompson
13 Betty VanWaarhuizen
16 Val Sondag
18 Cathy Wetherbee
19 Alyssa Stoneking
22 Marla Cook
27 Melvin VanWaardhuizen



January Greeters: Jeff and Pat Sommerlot

January Deacon: Ed Phillips

January 7th

Elder: Glenda Hughes

Worship Leader: Allen Miller

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9

Hymns: TBT

January 14th

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Ruth Pearson

Scripture: TBD

Hymns: TBD

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January 21

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: TBD

Hymns: TBT

January 28

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Sarah Sade

Scripture: TBD

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:

Carl Osgood; Michelle Gilmore; Dorothy and Frank Borton; Aaron Wogan;
Helen Barger; Joyce Grogan; Janet Graves; Jeff Osgood

- 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, check which groups you want it to go to, if it's confidential and sign your name



Elders Meditation

Psalm 74:16-17

The day is yours, and yours also the night;

you established the sun and moon.

It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth;

you made both summer and winter.

December had 31 days like it always does but it seemed like a very short month. My days were filled with preparation for Christmas and time spent with kids and grand-kids. Each day ended with about half of my to-do list done. The weather was pretty nice, but even on the grey days, the sparkling Christmas lights made it seem brighter.

The calendar says that January also has 31 days, but it always seems to last so much longer. After New Year's Day, there's just a long stretch of winter. However, every season has possibilities. Any day can be a day to call or write family and friends and share a memory or let them know you love them. A snowstorm can be a chance to snuggle under a blanket with a good book and appreciate NOT being outside. A cold snap can be a chance to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with an extra dollop of whipped cream on top. As a last resort, there's always that to-do list! And while not as bright as the Christmas lights, I'm still hoping for one of those light, glittery snow globe snows (that melts the next day, of course).

Let us thank God for this time of year, even if we are only thankful for how much we will appreciate spring. Peace and blessings to you and remember - the days are getting longer now!

Mary Abens



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

We need a volunteer to take pictures for our directory.

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

For the month of November 2023

Revenues for November: \$5822.00
Expenses for November: \$8105.00

Year to date: revenues: \$113,502.00
expenses: \$104,362.00

Mary Jane Hazelwood

January Mission

In January we will be supporting Beth Campbell's next trip to Nicaragua. Cash donations are always welcome and in addition to that, their Sunday school teachers would also like to have some paint with water books. The kids would like frisbees, soccer balls, marbles and jacks. Beth would use the cash donations to buy Spanish kids Bibles and medicines.

Beth will be leaving for Nicaragua on January 28th so please have your donations to the church by January 25th. Place them on the mission shelves in the Gathering Area.

Judy Osgood, Missions

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to help decorate the church for the Christmas season!

Beautiful!!!



December Mission!

Thank you to everyone who donated warm winter wear for our Caring Center in Marshalltown Iowa. Great job Everyone! A special thank you to the Mission Team!

Disciple Women's Fellowship Highlights!



All groups continue providing underwear, socks & kleenex to area schools.

All 3 circles will resume their own study books in January.

Lydia helped set up for the Holiday Stroll meal.

A holiday designed lap quilt & quilted bag were given to Dietta Nevins.

\$50 was given to CIRSI.

3 flower bowls were delivered.

We received a thank you card from Jackie Fiscus which read- I would like to thank you all for the beautiful rose bowl I received following my recent hospital stay. I would like to thank Central for all the continued thoughts and prayers.

Cards were sent each month to acknowledge illness within the church.

The penny collection collected for the fall will be presented as a check to the police department for their K-9 fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering room for anyone who would like to bring fresh flowers for our Sunday Worship service.

Refreshment Sunday this month is January 14, if you would like to share some goodies, there is a sign-up sheet in the gathering room.

Rev. Joshua Patty will be at Central Christian Church will visit with the congregation on January 4. Rev. Patty will meet with the Elders then hold an open forum with church members to talk about moving forward at CCC. He will then talk with those who are interested in more information about forming a search committee for an interim pastor. More about this visit will be announced as the details are finalized.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 21 after church.

Gatherers-hosted by Jeff and Pat Sommerlot will take place on Friday January 19th. Mark your calendar's as more details will follow, so stay tuned!

Becky your Office Manager-ME, would like to thank Central Christian for the beautiful Birthday Card, and Christmas greetings!



January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 New Years Day!	2 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	3 1:00pm Worship Team 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir	4 Elders Meeting 12:15 pm Josh Patty here	5	6
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		
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	9:00am Quilters		9:00am Group Lydia
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 10:00am Church Service in person/online	29	30	31			
		6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			

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Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Hours:

**Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 1 pm**

2023 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.