

Central Christian Church Disciples of Christ



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6th Avery Osgood
8th Richard Nicholson
10th Jim Gossett
12th Lois Brown
16th Renee Phillips
17th Jan Carter
18th Norma Smith
26th Janet Smith

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Elders Meditation

I want a church that loves so courageously that we will stand up and insist that the killing of black and brown people must stop, and will work to remove those in office who fail to enact laws and policy accordingly.

I want a church that loves so radically that we are always putting up chairs to make room for more, always leaving empty chairs at the table, expecting that many more will come, turning no one away.

I want a church that loves so generously that our priority will be the elimination of poverty, to ensure that everyone has enough to eat, safe and decent housing, healthcare, a living wage and quality

education that is not based on your zip code.

I want a church that loves so creatively that we are willing to dismantle structures, traditions, and processes that dishonor humanity and marginalize any among us.

I want a church that loves so completely that we are not satisfied until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I want a church that follows Jesus, and is therefore committed to work for all of this. Let's get to work, church!

Rev. Terri Hord
Owens
General Minister
Disciples of Christ



Celebration of Life



James Eugene Ruopp, 88, of Marshalltown, IA, passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, at his residence. Private Family Funeral Services were held Friday, May 8, 2020. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Central Christian Church and Iowa River Hospice.

Jim was born October 23, 1931, to Albert and Elda (Smith) Ruopp in Marshalltown. He was a 1949 graduate of Green Mountain High School. Jim was united in marriage to Shirley Ewoldt on January 7, 1951, in Marshalltown. Jim and Shirley farmed the family's Century Farm in rural Marshalltown for 60 years. Jim was a member of the Central Christian Church in Marshalltown, the Cattlemen's Association, a past president of the Marshall County Farm Bureau and the Iowa Chapter of the International Flying Farmers.

Jim is survived by his four sons: Mark (Connie Widmar) Ruopp of Marshalltown, John (Melinda) Ruopp of Green Mountain, IA, Wade (Patty) Ruopp of Marshalltown, Dave (Joann) Ruopp of

Gladbrook, IA; four grandchildren: Brandy (Sean) Buell, Thomas Ruopp, Brandon (Jeana) Ruopp, Kyle (Leah) Ruopp; seven great grandchildren: Eden, Sage, and Ailin Buell, Parker Ruopp, Dane, Madison, and Morgan Ruopp; and his brother, Donald (Beverly) Ruopp of Marshalltown. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Ruopp in 2013; brother Rodney Ruopp; grandson Ryan Ruopp in 2002.



Prayer Concerns

Military personnel separated from their families due to non-essential travel ban, the entire nation/world, Mary Horn, Marilyn Denton, Jackie Fiscus, Tammy Losing & Family, Lorin Miller, Dennis Paxson, Loren Nickel, Bob Duke, Mark Weaver, Linda Aschan, Terry Graves, Jan Bringman, Gloria Morrison, Rich Matherly, Allen & Jamie Smoldt, Chuck Netolicky, Lois Brown, Linda Blackford, Kevin Meyer, Jim Maxted, Amanda Bearman, Don Romig, Catherine Hickok, Corban Pierce & Family, Bill McLeland, Dorothy Borton, Bobby Weishaubt, Shawn Cooke, Carol Hoing, Lisa Smith, Karen Barret, Leanna Bowers, AnnaMarie Charloft, and those who are homebound

News from the Congregation

Jim and Carolyn Thompson just want to say hello to everyone. We hope you all are well. We are fine. We are still staying at home, except for our weekly trip to Grinnell to see Jim's dad and my trips to the grocery store.

We will be glad when this is over and we all can be together again. Until then stay safe. We miss you.

Ken & Anne Fiscus go outside and move around. They can go for a ride in their van. All the meals are delivered to their room. The Fiscus family have had two Zoom "gatherings." They have gotten to see how their newest great grandson has changed and saw another great grandson take his first steps.

Frank and Dorothy Borton have been taking car rides and have gone to a few restaurants. They are mainly staying put!

Jim Hemphill says his garden is "out of control." He drove a total of 305 miles decorating 43 graves at Indianola, Lorimor, Creston, Lenox, and Marshalltown.

Ron Benge reports that the garden is looking good! He is taking care of sugar snap peas, kohlrabi, radishes, lettuce, spinach, corn, broccoli, cabbage and beets. He also has been mowing!

Jean Whitmore misses everybody and will be glad when we can worship together.

Colette Benge has been weeding and planting lots of flowers. The reblooming Lilac bushes were beautiful and fragrant. She is still trying some new recipes as well as favorite rhubarb treats. She plans to have piano students return for lessons in June.

Beth Campbell has been gardening and adding more flower beds to her yard. Now if it would just stop raining so I can pull all the weeds that are growing. I've also been at the church parking lot often teaching Zakarria to ride the bike she got at Christmas. Hope you are all well and can't wait to see you in person!!

Mission - Emergency Food Box



The Emergency Food Box will continue with its adjusted schedule through the summer months. The open hours are 1:00 - 4:30 Monday thru Thursday. If

you have friends or family who are struggling due to job loss, reduced hours, or increased food needs due to college students who are now home, please inform them we are here to serve anyone for whatever reason.

Marshall County families can be served once a month. They only need to show a valid ID. The Emergency Food Box address is 109 S. 3rd Street, Marshalltown. Phone number if you have questions is 753-0486.

Beginning June 1, we will begin accepting food donations once

again, during open hours. Suggested foods are canned fruit and vegetables, soups, peanut butter, pasta, Mac 'n Cheese, and cereals.

Monetary donations are always appreciated. It is suggested they be sent to Emergency Food Box, PO Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158. The Emergency Food Box especially wants to thank the community for its generous support during the past couple of months.

Elders

The Elders held a virtual meeting on Thursday May 21. In attendance were Mary Abens, Beth Campbell, Mary Hazelwood, Melissa Osgood, Pat Sommerlot and Jim Gossett. We reviewed our recent phone calls with our shut-ins. We also discussed what we could do for helping, connecting and being the church with the congregation. The following are some plans that we made. Please feel free to forward any comments, or other thoughts you have to an Elder or Karen Nablo in the church office.

- A bi-monthly newsletter will be published on the 15th and 30th each month.
 - ◊ The elder's phone numbers and email addresses will be included.
 - ◊ Each newsletter will include an Elders meditation or devotional.
 - ◊ Each elder will do a brief summary of shut-in calls.
 - ◊ We are working with Karen Nablo to update and maintain the prayer list. Please send any updates to the Elders or Karen.

- Sarah Sade will lead an effort to establish a calling tree with our members. Please contact Sarah, any Elder or the church office if you would like to help with calling or to receive a call.
- We encourage members to contact the Elders and church office about your needs or concerns. We will do everything we possibly can to help you. You are not alone!
- We discussed a drive-in service but decided to consider that for the future.
- The Elders will hold a weekly virtual meeting.
- Many of our members have been on Facebook and watching services given by Pastors Suzie Moore and Tim Murtaugh. It is truly a blessing to worship with them.

Their Facebook services can be found as follows:
From your home page click in the search box and type in one of the following and hit [enter].

For Pastor Tim Murtaugh
[first christian church cadillac mi](#)
Click on the video you want to watch

For Pastor Suzie Moore
[Pastor Suzie Moore](#)

Click on the first Suzie Moore on the list

Click on the [more] drop down on the right

Click on videos from the list
Select the one you want to watch

This works on my computer and I hope it will on yours. Once you have pulled it up or Friended them, it should be easy.

Please share this prayer with me.

“Dear God our kind and forgiving Heavenly Father. We are thankful for all of our blessings. We pray for all of those who are making great sacrifices for our good. We mourn with all of those who have lost their lives to the virus. We pray that you be with and comfort their families and friends. We especially pray for the doctors, nurses, other health care providers and essential workers that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our care and safety. Help us to “be the church” until the time it is safe to meet together in person. Until then we are the church. In the holy name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.”

Jim Gossett
Elder

Elders' Reports

John and Mary Coleman are doing well even though they have been confined to their room for several weeks now. They were recently told that they soon will be able to venture out again. Not

exactly sure what the will mean, but they are looking forward to that.

Bob Duke is continuing his recovery, and his doctor is pleased with his progress. Bob is even starting

to get outside and do some gardening.

John, Mary, Bob and Sally all say hi!!! Please keep them in your prayers.



**Just to be clear,
the Church has not been closed,
so it doesn't need to be re-opened.
We have simply stopped worshipping
in our buildings for a time
to protect the health & well-being
of our people & our communities.
The Church does not require a building
in order to be the Church.
What is required is love, compassion,
& the presence of God.**



From Pastor Ellcey and Barbara:

Thank you for the many cards, notes, calls, prayers, and offers of assistance during my time in the hospital and illness. It is a comfort to know you are thinking of us and remembering us. I am mowing slowly but grateful to be on the move. Praying for you that you are safe and well. Blessings, Grateful.

From the Mike Nablo Family:

Thank you for all of the words and cards of sympathy and encouragement in the heavenly homecoming of our Mother,

Grandmother, Great Grandmother Paula Nablo.

From Emergency Food Box:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$830 to the Emergency Food Box. Your kindness makes it possible for us to help meet the emergency food needs of people in Marshall County who are referred to us.

The Emergency Food Box program is supported entirely by donations from individuals, organizations, and churches. We are grateful that you have chosen to be part of this program.

On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, we again say “thank you for your help!” Your support is greatly appreciated.

From Sarah Sade and the Quilters:

A big thank you to Shirley Adams for keeping herself busy tying quilts these past weeks. When we are able to visit nursing homes again the quilts are ready for distribution.



Church Board News

Board members, via email, approved the motion by Mary Hazelwood: In light of our closure because of the Corona virus, and because giving has temporarily decreased, I move that our basic mission donation (\$1191.00 per month) be temporarily held back. Motion seconded by Ron Bengé.

There were no committee reports.

Colette Bengé, Board Chair



Tidbits from Colette

*All summer camps have been canceled.

*Please keep up with your pledges/offering. Church expenses continue even though we are not having worship services or meetings. You can mail in your giving or drop it in the locked mailbox outside the ramp doors.

*If you have prayer concerns, please call the office. Karen will contact the Elders.

***Search process** – I contacted the Regional Office. The response was “there are not a lot of candidates in the “pool.”

*If any of you have suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me, a board member, an Elder, or the office.

God be with you till we meet again!

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June 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