

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ



May 2021



9th Zach Shutt
 10th Judy Osgood
 18th Sarah Sade
 22nd Teresa
 VanWaardhuizen
 24th Colette Bengé
 25th Tammy Losing
 26th Scott Losing
 30th Mary Horn

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Meditation

Well, it is my month to write the meditation for this newsletter – the MAY newsletter.

As Treasurer, it is interesting to look at the Disciples Center for Faith and Giving website and read about “Building a Narrative Budget”. The parts I have read are not new, they were posted in 2016, but they help define a way of writing a budget that relates more to mission and ministry than just inflow and outflow of money.

For example, within the pastor’s salary, portions would relate to care for the sick, visiting the bereaved, representing the church in the community, teaching the gospel, and providing support for the whole congregation. A narrative budget helps to explain and tell the pastor and congregation’s story.

Categories for spending might include:

- Supporting the Wider Mission of the Church (Disciples Mission Fund)
- Reaching Out to Serve our Community
- Preparing for Conducting Worship
- Educating Our Children, Youth, And Adults
- Caring for Our Church Family
- Equipping and Maintaining Our Platform for Mission

The traditional categories of expenses would be divided among this list.

The interesting thing is that this requires looking at a church’s mission and priorities and having a discussion (or several) that would include everyone. The result as I see it would be way of describing our purpose and what we are doing to achieve it.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the day approaching. - Hebrews 10:24-25

As a member of the Search Committee, I am both hopeful and frustrated. Hopeful that we will find a pastor frustrated that no one is knocking at our door offering to fill that role! Seriously, the Search Committee is pursuing every lead that comes our way, brainstorming ways to continue to find folks to help us temporarily, contacting our Regional Minister for more ideas and names, and looking at different “formats” (sharing a pastor, having a pastor part time and/or who is employed elsewhere full time, being open to different levels of education). We are open to any thoughts and ideas from everyone and knew from the start that this could take time.

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Wishing you all the warmth of spring and the blessings of our Savior!

Mary Jane Hazelwood

Board Splinters

Meeting was called to order by Brandon Ruopp, board chair. 11 members were present. Beth Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved. The May calendar of events was reviewed.

Property – *Allen Miller* – they are waiting for the boiler parts.

Jeff Sommerlot – Mary Koshak will be paid \$22 an hour for outside work.

Personnel – *Janet Smith* – she talked to Mary about setting up tables and chairs downstairs. Karen Nablo needs to change office hours to 8:30-12:30.

Treasurer – *Mary Hazelwood* – gave the March financial report. The assessment for the church increased from \$207,800 to \$969,780.

Deacons – *Carolyn Thompson* – everything is going well. Some people are not seeing that the bread is also in a cup in a separate tray.

Elders – *Jim Gossett* – talked about the starting time of the service. **It is 10:00.** He thanked Karen Nablo for preparing the slides for the screens for the services.

Missions – *Beth Campbell* – the May mission is providing blankets for Church World Service. There is not a set price – just a donation.

DWF – *Sarah Sade* – she will talk with Dietta Nevins about putting the Memorial Service in the newsletter.

Search Committee – *Jeff Sommerlot* – they are working on getting subs.

New Business

The board decided to add singing the Gloria Patri after the Call to Worship and singing the Doxology after the prayer for the gifts. Starting in May, we will sing 2 verses of each hymn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Bengel, board Secretary



Church Office Hours

Changes

Beginning Tuesday, May 4, 2021, the Church office hours will be:

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am to 12:30pm



From Phyllis Merrell at First Christian Church, Pittsburg, Kansas:

Your gift of \$1,000.00 is gratefully acknowledged by the Nicaragua Mission Fund of the First Christian Church, Pittsburg, Kansas.

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

Prayer Concerns

Family of Linda Aschan, Family and friends experiencing the virus, JoAnn VerBeek, Sheryl Cooper, Don Romig, and those who are homebound.

We want to make sure that the Prayer List stays current and that everyone who needs our prayers are included. Many of the names have been on the list for a year or more. In the future, names will remain on the list for 1 month unless you tell us otherwise. If you would like for us to keep them longer, please let Karen or an elder know at that time. 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.- Jim Gossett, Elder Chair



May Schedule

Deacons
 Carolyn Thompson, Captain
 Deb Lakey
 Jeff Sommerlot

Worship Elder
 May 2 Melissa Osgood
 May 9 Mary Hazelwood
 May 16 Mary Abens
 May 23 Melissa Osgood
 May 30 Beth Campbell



Finance/Treasurer News

March 2021
 Giving
 Not Available at
 time of publication

March 2021
 Expenses
 Not Available at
 time of publication

Year to Date
 Giving
 Not Available at
 time of publication

Year to Date
 Expenses
 Not Available at
 time of publication

Budgeted Monthly
 Giving 2021
 \$9,333

Budgeted Monthly
 Expenses 2021
 \$9,552

Special Offerings:
 Week of Compassion
 \$220.00

Easter
 \$310.00

Mother's Day Blanket Sunday

Congregations around the world host CWS Blanket offerings to live out a mission to serve God's people near and far; and that's exactly how two congregations in Washington state became connected.

First Presbyterian Church of Everett has been hosting "Dinner at the Bell" for 18 years. This weekly event is for low-income families, veterans, homeless, people with addictions – any community members in need – all are welcome. Along with a hot meal, guests receive blankets and hygiene kits.

"A lot of places push homeless people a way, and it is nice for churches to open their arms to



help people," said Amanda, a guest at "Dinner at the Bell."

In the same city, only five miles away, Cascade View Presbyterian Church fundraises for the blanket ministry of CWS so that

organizations and churches like First Presbyterian can serve those in need.

"We have a church that believes strongly in how God calls us to love and reach out," says Pastor Luke Hyder of Cascade View Presbyterian. "We as a church want to make tangible differences for those in need."

One church gives money so the other can give blankets, and together they give hope and a tangible reminder of God's love.

Hope is powerful, especially in times like these. Will you answer the call to serve God's people and give hope today?

Pentecost Special Day Offering

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry.

How is the Pentecost offering used?

To help our new church movement continue to take root!

Each year, half of this offering stays in the local region or area where it's collected to start and uphold new churches.

The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call ... to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples.

But they need the nurturing and generous support of people like you.

Please help our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit ... and grow more Disciples every day!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm						1
2 10am Worship In-person and Live Streaming 3pm Nesting Congregation	3	4 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	5 9am Ups-n- Downs 5:30pm Nesting Congregation	6	7 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	8
9 Mother's Day 10am Worship In-person and Live Streaming 3pm Nesting Congregation	10	11 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	12 9am Ups-n- Downs 5:30pm Nesting Congregation	13 6:30pm PP&F	14 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	15
16 Pentecost Special Offering 10am Worship In-person and Live Streaming 3pm Nesting Congregation	17	18 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	19 9am Ups-n- Downs 5:30pm Nesting Congregation	20 6:15pm Elders 7pm Board	21 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	22
23 Pentecost Special Offering 10am Worship In-person and Live Streaming 3pm Nesting Congregation	24	25 Newsletter Article Deadline 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	26 9am Ups-n- Downs 5:30pm Nesting Congregation	27 June Newsletter Published and Distributed	28 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	29
30 10am Worship In-person and Live Streaming 3pm Nesting Congregation	31 Memorial Day	June 1 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	2 9am Ups-n- Downs 5:30pm Nesting Congregation	3	4 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	5

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8:30 am - 12:30 pm

May 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