## Central Christian Church Disciples of Christ



Mid June 2020 Edition

#### **Elders Meditation**



6th Avery Osgood 8th Richard Nicholson 10th Jim Gossett 12th Lois Brown 16th Renee Phillips 17th Jan Carter 18th Norma Smith 26th Janet Smith On Sunday, June 14, 2020, I took what will probably be my last vote in the Iowa House of Representatives (there is always the possibility of a special sesbefore sion my term up). That vote represented the first time in my twenty years in the House that a session was held on a Sunday. The return to the legislature on June 3 marked the longest time I have been in public since the pandemic crossed our land.

I, like so many, have developed "pandemic fatigue." I'm tired of not being able to attend church, get tired of remembering to take my mask every time I do have to go out, and miss my friends and relatives.

And yet, the storm continues to rage.

When session was over on Sunday, June 14, I drove to my

secluded cabin on my mother's farm in southern Iowa for a little rest and relaxation. I am writing this on Monday morning, June 15, as the southern breeze blows through the cabin and the birds are singing. It is a perfect morning.

Let us rejoice that in these challenging times that the beauty of God's world still surrounds us: morning has broken and the blackbird is singing. The sun rises just like it did on that first morning. God is keeping us in the palm on his hand and we will be able to enjoy each other's company soon. For that to happen, we must continue to stay safe, be good neighbors by not spreading this terrible disease, and modeling proper conduct.

- Mark Smith, Elder

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Your Elders held another virtual meeting on Thursday June 11.

Sarah Sade is working on the calling tree. We hope to have that ready to go soon.

The elders are working on plans for a possible drive thru communion service. We purchased 3 headsets that transmit over FM radios. The thought is you would park in alternating spaces and everyone would

remain in their cars. We would let you know in advance what frequency to set your radio on. An elder would lead the communion service with a meditation and then we would all share communion. Each of you would bring your own communion elements. As you leave the parking lot, there would be a receptacle to drop off your offering. Please let us know if you are interested or have any other suggestions.

Jim Gossett



#### **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

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