

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ



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6th Mary Coleman
 10th Stu Nevins
 12th Carole Weber
 13th Carl Osgood
 23rd Emily Manis
 28th Shawna Cutler

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Board Splinters

The board meeting was called to order by Colette Bengé, board chair. Members in attendance were Allen Miller, Pat Sommerlot, Judy Osgood, Marla Cook, Melia Chapman, Brandon Ruopp, Mary Jane Hazelwood, Ron Bengé, Beth Campbell and Carolyn Thompson,

Beth Campbell gave the opening prayer. The August minutes were approved as written.

Property: Allen Miller reported that he and Steve Huseboe are working on insurance updates for the church. Also looking into getting the steeple put back up.

Personnel: Pat Sommerlot got the name of a person that might be interested in the outside spring/summer work for the church.

Finance: Ron Bengé and Mary Jane Hazelwood are working on the 2021 budget. Ron suggested the board chair send letters to the congregation about stewardship.

Deacons: Carolyn Thompson No report.

Treasurer: Mary Jane Hazelwood shared that we received a check from Week of Compassion for \$250, for wind storm relief. She added it to the tornado relief fund. She shared the August financial report.

Elders: Beth Campbell is getting information to the elders concerning indoor/outdoor services. Elders are still giving Sunday meditations and answering phone messages.

Congregational Representative: Marla Cook reported that people are asking about a minister. Would like updates in monthly newsletter.

Missions: Judy Osgood. No report.

Christian Ed.: Melia Chapman. No report.

DWF & Communications: Sara Sade. No report.

Search Committee update: Beth Campbell reported the committee met Sunday after service with Andy Elliott. He is interested in being our minister, bi-vocationally. He has agreed to be our interim minister.

Old Business: None

New Business: Shared guidelines for resuming inside services. Postponed moving inside on Oct. 4th. Discussed Jim Gossett's information on Facebook live and YouTube streaming of services.

Starting in October the board and Elders will be meeting inside. No other meetings allowed at this time.

Colette will visit with the Nominating committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Thompson,
 Secretary pro-tem

Personnel

Mike Nablo resigned as our custodian; due to health and physical limitations.

A candidate was interviewed and hired. Mary Koshak will help us through the winter months and then we will reassess in the spring.

We welcome Mary!

Personnel Chair,

Pat Sommerlot

Elders

At the board meeting Thursday, September 17, 2020, the board discussed a list of steps that will be taken to open our church up for having services inside the building. This list of guidelines will be included in this newsletter. We hope to hear from members about any other conditions or precautions we should add before we pick an opening date. We are also looking into what we need to add to our sound booth, if anything, so that we can begin streaming on Facebook or

posting video to our Church web site. That way everyone can choose which way is the safest way for them to be part of the church. If we need any equipment, we will write a grant request to the Regional office and hope for their approval to help us. Pastor Andy is going to talk to the person in Newton who set up the sound/video system for the Newton Christian Church and see if he can help us. We will continue parking lot services for now and hope to be able to switch before the weath-

er becomes too cold for Mark to sit outside on his bike. Many thoughts and concerns were discussed about resuming indoor services at the board meeting and we all agreed that we are not only offering one type of service but to offer a choice. So, all can feel safe during this time of crisis.

Elder Chair,

Beth Campbell

Finance/Treasurer News

The total giving/receipts for August 2020 is \$7,899.00.

Of that total, \$100.00 was memorial money.

Expenses have been low, due to limited building usage and fewer salaried personnel.

We received \$250.00 for storm relief from the Week of Compassion.

Thanks to all for your continued giving through this time!

Treasurer,

Mary Jane Hazelwood

From J.C. Hoglan Elementary School Nurse:

I wanted to say Thank You for your donation of underwear for my office. It is so nice to know when our littles have an accident we can get them cleaned up and back to class.



From Fisher Elementary Nurse:

Thank you so much for the awesome donation of undies for our students at Fisher Elementary. It is very much appreciated and helps more than you know!

Disciples Home Missions

“Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it?” James 2: 14

“I was thinking about you and prayed for you. But I wanted to do more than pray, I just wanted to reach out and call you.” Has someone ever told you this? It is special to know they prayed for you, but when they reach beyond the prayer and connect with you, it is extra special.

The encounter reminded me of the quote from one of my

prophets and sheros, Civil rights advocate and justice warrior Fannie Lou Hamer. – ‘You can pray until you faint, but unless you get and try to do something, God is not going to put it in your lap’ The sages taught me that after we pray, we need to put legs on it by stepping out in the direction of what we prayed for. Prayers fortify us to take the actions that we are called to do. Prayer is not a substitute for following through on what was shared during the prayer. “For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, “Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!” and

walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup— where does that get you? Isn’t it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?” James 2:15-17

We live in a world that is waiting for us to follow through on what we prayed for. Prayers fortify us to take the actions that we are called to do. Put legs on those prayers and walk in the direction of the words of our prayers.

Praying and Walking,
Rev. Sheila P. Spencer



Indoor Service Update

We will not be resuming indoor services in October. We have a little more planning to do. We want to be able to offer you more than one option for worship. That way you can choose which option is most comfortable for you.

When we resume indoor services, here are the guidelines we have adopted.

Guidelines for resuming Indoor Services

Disinfecting will be done before each gathering.

(A specific list will be provided to those doing the disinfecting.)

In the sanctuary, immediate family units may sit together. Seating for each family unit should be 6 feet apart, spread throughout the sanctuary.

Areas for seating and not seating will be marked.

Everyone should wear a mask, except the one speaking from the pulpit or Lord’s Table.

No singing.

Hymn books, Bibles and attendance pads will be removed from the pews.

No handshakes, embracing, or hugging.

Offering plates will be in the back of the church.

Communion- the bread and juice will be in individual plastic cups on the communion table.

There will be baskets on the table for disposal of the cups.

Greeters will wear disposable gloves to open the doors for people.

People will be dismissed by rows after the service.

Hand sanitizer will be on the tables in the gathering area.

If you have additional suggestions, *please feel free to contact one of us.*

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Board Chair,

Colette Bengé

News from the Congregation

Kathy Wetherbee is doing OK. She says she's hangin' in there. The State Center Nursing home is still on lock-down. She welcomes cards and notes from her church family. Her address is 702 3rd Street NW, State Center, IA 50247

Merry Newton had no house damage from the derecho. She only lost 1 branch from a tree. Even though she has been home most of the time since February, she did go get a flu shot. Merry has 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren with one more due in November.

Jan Bringman sends her thanks to the members who helped clean up her yard after the derecho. She is also grateful to the members who came on short notice to help move furniture out of the garage. Jan had to have the garage demolished.

Sarah Sade on behalf of Group Rebecca, she delivered 12 pair of underwear to each elementary school. She has several quilts ready to deliver to the nursing homes when they open for visitors.

Larry Southard just got started harvesting beans. After the harvest he plans to spruce up the farm.

Peggy White keeps busy with driving a school bus 3 times a day as well as driving school groups to various events. Since baking is her passion, she makes time to do that. Peggy tempts us by posting pictures on Facebook of her wonderful treats.

Janet Swanson shared news about her father, Vernon West. He is 101 and still lives at home where he keeps busy mowing the yard and tending to his flowers. During the derecho his beautiful oak tree fell on the house. He likes to sit on his porch.



Prayer Concerns

Family of Sam Campbell, Stan & Jan Hatch, Caleb's Great-Grandfather, Dennis (Stone Sanitation), Tim Ebersole, Joyce Grogan, Gail Halsted, Dennis Paxson, Marjorie Cobb, Shelly Wogan, Gracie Overton, Mary Horn, Marilyn Denton, Jackie Fiscus, Tammy Losing & Family, Lorin Miller, Loren Nickel, 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, 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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