

Central Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
October 2024



Pastor's Pondering

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Fall is here and we are all seeing a change in not only the weather but the activities of the church as a whole. I enjoy the excitement of the increase in activity. Before you know it there will be snow (I am not a fan of snow) enjoy Thanksgiving and the start of Advent. Over the last two centuries we have seen the life of Jesus from his birth to his resurrection. During Advent we wait and watch patiently as the anticipation of Jesus birth comes into view. But I am ahead of myself. James has told us to bide our tongues so I too should bide my words and not get ahead of the season.

Fall is a reminder of the resting period of life around us as we watch the leaves turn from vibrant green to oranges and red and them fall to the ground. The tree and grass will enter into a time of rest and strengthening. This is how we should be also, Jesus encourages us to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. The sabbath is for us, we all need to rest our bodies as nature rests its own. God does not expect us to run, work and play nonstop. With rest we renew our bodies and our souls. Our faith increases and we realize that God is at the center of this time of rest. As the fall does, we will become refreshed and renewed.

I look forward to being with you this fall and throughout the year as we rest, celebrate and grow in Christ.

Additionally I want to thank your all for the wonderful installation service and the time of refreshment. The quilt presented to me is beautiful and very meaningful. Thanks to all for the cards and gifts of cake, candy and coffee.

Blessings and Shalom

Pastor Mike

Revelation 3:20



From the Board Chair:

I am not a rich person. Maybe I could have been. I have always been responsible with money. I have a budget. I don't spend beyond my means, and I try to make financially responsible decisions. But the truth is, I tend to follow my heart much better than I follow sound financial planning advice.

This is probably not a good quality for a Church Board Chair. I've served on boards before, and to tell you the truth, when they pull out the budget, all I hear is "wah, wah, wah", much like that Charlie Brown cartoon. I confess, I'd rather talk about what the mission team and elders have to say about their work in the church rather than look over spreadsheets. So, I am grateful for those who take a special interest in our church finances because they too are an important part of our work as Church. Looking out for our financial resources and spending is a special kind of ministry in itself. It is good stewardship.

Stewardship is an important aspect of our worship.

Stewardship is about much more than just giving money. 1 Peter 4:10 tells us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." God's grace is abundant, and is freely given, to each of us individually, and to all of us and in everything we do as a church community.

When we think about stewardship, we think about the ways we care about the church and the world. Stewardship is caring for the church-including the people who share in worship and ministry in this place, the activities of the church, and not least of all, taking care of the building and finances of the church.

It is through our worship, our work, and our stewardship that God meets us. It is in these things that we experience God's presence, grace, and mercy. We are all called by God to be participants in God's great plan, to tell the Good News of God's love and saving grace.

Please continue to pray for our church, our board, and all that we do in Christ's name. Remember to lift up those who serve and those who support our ministries with their time, talents and money. And as always, continue to care for one another as Jesus cares for us.

--Glenda Hughes Board Chair

Church Board Tidbits--Cont'd.

Pastor's report – studied & prepared 5 Sunday services, Bible Study on Wednesdays @1:15. Attended: Worship Team, Elders, and General Board meetings. Made phone calls & visited with congregants, attended Gatherers, worked with Music Team & assisted with Oktoberfest.

Old Business

The survey document the Search Team has been working on is almost done.

New Business

Glenda shared the Journey Together document for becoming commissioned.

Board approved the estimate for additional organ repair.

Pastor Mike gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Benge, Board Secretary

Search Team Update

One important aspect of the search team is listening to others talk about what is important to them. I am in awe of the ways we come together to be the church not in spite of our differences, but because of them. The surveys are trickling in and it is not at all surprising that your top choices for “Most Important Pastoral Skills” are pastoral care, worship, and spiritual development. Ethics was also a top choice. Ethics is described as being able to help members think critically about the relationship of their faith to issues of justice, ethics and morality. Others checked Biblical knowledge and theology, proclamation of the Word, and effective communication. The Congressional Profile is coming along and I continue to add to it as more people talk about who we are and what we are looking for in our next pastor. One thing that is important to know, we are not all exactly the same, but we are all one in Christ. Please pray for our efforts and for what God is doing as we continue this process.



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Church Board and Committee members

Board Chair: Glenda Hughes

Vice Board Chair: Jeff Sommerlot

Board Secretary: Colette Bengé

Treasurer: Mary Jane Hazelwood

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Property: Allen Miller, Steve Huseboe, Bob Cook

Personnel Chair: Pat Sommerlot

Finance Committee: Pat Sommerlot

Finance Chair: Ruth Pearson

Missions: Judy Osgood, Beth Campbell, Marla Cook

Congregational representative: Carolyn Thompson

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

Deacons: Ed Phillips, Rhonda Spence

DWF: Sarah Sade

Elders Chair: Mary Abens

Elders: Beth Campbell, Vickie Judkins-Mickolas, Jan Bringman, Jim Gossett, Glenda Hughes, Mary Jane Hazelwood, Andy Burt, Marla Cook, Beth Judkins-Mickolas

Honorary Elder: Dietta Nevins



October Birthdays

4 Erin Sternhagen

10 Stuart Nevins

12 Carole Webber

13 Carl Osgood

23 Derek Dalluge

23 Emily Manis

28 Shawna Cutler

October Greeters: Allen Miller**October Deacon: Ed Phillips****October Pastor Mike Carlson****October 6**

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Sarah Sade

Scripture: Hebrews: 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Hymns:

#275 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

#95 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" v.1,3,5

#207 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#17CP "My Life Is in You Lord"

October 13

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16

Hymns:

#91 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" v.1,4,5

#561 "It Is Well with My Soul"

#558 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#537 "My Hope Is Built"

October 20

Elder: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Allen Miller

Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-10

Hymns:

#90 "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

#344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#357 "We Call Ourselves Disciples" v. 1,2,4

#35CP "Shout to the Lord" sung twice

October 27

Elder: Glenda Hughes

Worship Leader: Glenda Hughes

Scripture: Hebrews 7:23-28

Hymn:

#233 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#234 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#33 "How Great Thou Art"

Insert- "I'm Gonna Sing"



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:



Please pray for our members and families. Hold in prayer the following: Rick and Molly Spence (Rhonda's brother and sister-in-law), Richard Nicholson.

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.
- ◆ Pray for those affected by flooding and other natural disasters.
- ◆ Prayers for those affected by the severe weather throughout the country.
- ◆ Pray for World Peace.

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, and check which groups you want it to go to. Let us know if it's confidential, and sign your name



Elders Meditation



October already! We start the season I've heard referred to as "HallowThanksMas", where stores have trick-or-treat candy and Thanksgiving decor on the shelves with Christmas music playing while you shop. The mixed marketing messages make my head spin! Maybe I'm just a procrastinator (and I am), but instead of thinking about holidays that are months away, I would like to take one day at a time. I hope to take some time this month to enjoy the (hopefully) cooler fall weather, take some walks and deep breaths, thank God that I can do those things and focus on peaceful, positive thoughts.

Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Prayers for everyone to find some time for prayer, for meditation, for being still and listening to God's voice. May the God of peace be with us all.

~Mary Abens

Pastor Mike Carlson Installation Service



Central Mixed Choir Sang "On Eagles Wings"

The Installation Service was very meaningful and I feel very blessed. Thank you all for the time and talent that was presented. I am very thankful for the quilt, cake, and cards. Blessings to you all and off we go to a blessed future at CCC. Thank you all.
Love and Light! Pastor Mike and Konnie



Announcements

Gatherer's

Gatherer's will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 5:30pm at Opa's Grill. Hosting will be Val Sondag. Please let Carolyn or Pat know by Tuesday October 22 by noon if you plan to attend. Please join us for a fun evening of good food and wonderful fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Samaritan's Purse

Consider donating \$10 for the Samaritan's purse to help with shipping of shoe boxes. Or fill a shoe box. Please see Sarah Sade if you are interested!

October Mission

Nicaragua at Central

For years, we have graciously and lovingly supported Beth in her outreach and ministry to people of Santa Emilia. In return, Beth has shared with us the stories of the people we have touched with our generosity! This year, Beth has taken it one step beyond and has welcomed Julieth into her home while she works through the immigration process and makes Marshalltown her home. Beth and Julieth are learning a lot about the process, and are finding that there are sometimes expenses that unexpectedly crop up. The Mission Team is asking that we continue to help support this ministry by making a donation to help cover the cost of getting a social security card and Green card to help kick start Julieth's ability to find a job and work to support herself while she works through the process!

Thank you so much for your support for this unique and powerful ministry!

The Mission Team

August Finance Report

Regular giving: August \$6140.00			YTD: \$48,271.00
Total Giving: August \$6200	Budget \$9958.00		YTD \$73236.00
Expenses: August \$12,522.00	Budget \$11088.00		YTD \$87307
	(\$6322.00)		(\$14071.00)

Mary Jane Hazelwood, Treasurer

Announcements

Rummage Sale Update

The 2024 sale did well. Total money taken in so far is \$2171.58, plus supplies. We do have 2 items we are trying to sell online. So, hopefully, we can bring in another \$400-\$500. Will keep you informed.

Thank you all, for donations, helping set-up, pricing, helping customers, tear down and delivering left overs to charitable organizations. Thanks to the guys for all the heavy work, helping to carry out for customers, even a couple deliveries.

The food was great!

There was a lot of bonding, and so much laughter. Thank you so much!





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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:50 Hymn Sing 10:00 Church Service In-person/online			1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Elders 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00am Church Service in-person/online Refreshments Food Box		5:00pm Group Rebecca 6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Board 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	9:15am Quilters		9:30am Group Lydia At Judy O's house.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00 am Church Service in-person/online		6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus News Articles Due	1:15pm Bible Study 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	New Letter Published		
27	28	29	30	31		
10:00am Church Service in-person/online		6:30pm Heart of Iowa Chorus	1:15 Bible Study 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			

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Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

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2024 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.