

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

April 2025



Pastor's Pondering

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Daniel 9:3 "The I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes."



As we travel through lent it is important to remember that we as human beings are born into sin and that we are sinful people. But that God's plan of salvation is fully enacted and done. God wants us to remember that we are sinful but as we carry our cross and bear our sins as we travel this road of repentance, Christ is there with us. When we pray for forgiveness with a repentant heart and mind and we leave our burden of sin as

the foot of the cross. We are forgiven. Christ entered the grave taking our sins with him to be never seen again, and they are forgotten by God.

Our sins are taken as far as east is from west. Buried in the deepest sea. All that is required of us is to live a life of gratitude and repentance with Jesus our Lord and Savior.

The picture above is just a reminder for us in this Lenten time to pray. Pray without ceasing. To remember that we are dust and to dust we will return but through the gift of life given to us freely. We will live forever with God. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Travel with me on this Lenten journey as we seek the face of God and leave our sins at Jesus' feet.

Blessing and Grace
Pastor Mike

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. Revelation 3:20





2025

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Board Chair: Jeff Sommerlot

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Elders: Beth Campbell, Jan Bringman, Jim Gossett, Mary Jane Hazelwood, Andy Burt, Marla Cook

Honorary Elder: Sara Sade



April Birthdays

2 Dennis Westphal

15 Jim Fiscus

17 John Schneiderman

20 Sandy Miller

23 Pat Sommerlot

27 Frank Borton

April Greeters: Jeff and Pat Sommerlot, and Allen Miller

April Deacon: Ed Phillips

April 17-Maundy Thursday

Elder: TBD

Worship Leader: TBD

April 6

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Hymns:

#632 "Lead on, O King Eternal"

#538 v.1,4 and 5 "Hope of the World"

#102 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Mary Abens

Scripture: Psalm 118:19-29, Luke 19:28-40

Prelude: "Palm Sunday Glory"

Hymns:

#192 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Special Music-"Let the King Come in"

#108 "Lift High the Cross"

#197 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#191 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

April 20 (Easter Sunday)

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Judy Osgood

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Prelude and Processional-"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Hymns:

#224 "Christ Arose"

Special Music- "Crown Him Lord This Easter Day"

#216 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#16 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#226 "He Lives"

April 27

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Hymn:

#234 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#72 "To God Be Glory"

#254 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

#434 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:



Please pray for our members and families. Hold in prayer the following:
Stephanie Anderson, Elaine Crouse.

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



The month of April feels like Spring to me. The cold of winter is gone. The up and down weather of March is behind us. And the cleansing rains are coming, sometimes slow and gentle, sometimes strong and loud. You can feel it coming. The clouds start building, moving closer, getting darker. The rumbling thunder growing louder. As it builds, you can't wait for it to finally arrive. You know it will eventually come. It's here! The thunder rolls and the lightning crashes, and the clouds burst open. Mighty rushing, windblown rain-soaking the ground faster than it can sometimes handle. The show it puts on is terrifying and gorgeous at the same time. The best part is the sharp contrast after the storm has passed. It's quiet. The pressure is gone and all is calm. The air is sweeter, a light breeze blows and you're able to breathe deeply and slowly, all the chaos is gone. The squirrels chatter again and the birds hop out of hiding and start their singing again. And you're reminded that though we often expect otherwise, it usually isn't in the big and loud and grand things in life where God shows up. More often it's in the small and whispered spaces in between, the tiny crevices of our lives and souls where there's room for the Holy Spirit to take up residence. Enjoy your Spring this April and I hope it will draw you closer to God and the absolute beauty he provides for us daily. May we listen for your voice, God, even when we least expect it. Amen. Marla Cook



Disciple Women's
Fellowship--Thank you
notes.

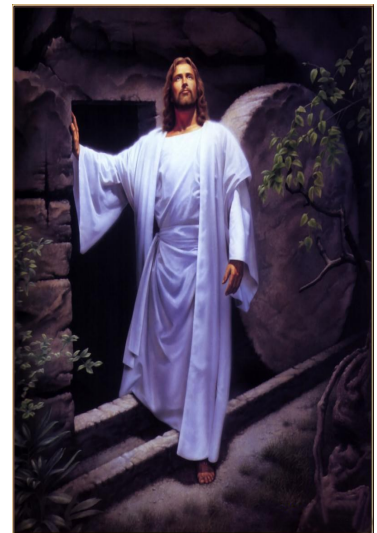
Thank You for the Kleenex
and boys sweatpants you do-
nated, these are ongoing
needs at school, especially in
the winter. Hoping for
warmer weather soon so our
students will be more
healthy! Nancy, RN Wood-
bury School.



God, Thankyou for the gift of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you to: the Lovely Lydia Ladies for the beau-
tiful flowers; DWF for the rose bowl (its living in my
refrigerator so the cats don't eat it!); Becky for the
food delivery and everyone who sent cards and of-
fered up prayers through my surgery and ongoing
recovery. Support from my church family makes so
much difference. Thank you all!

Mary Jane Hazelwood



Important Updates-You need to know!

You may have noticed problems with the AV system the past few weeks; microphone problems, no slides on the screens and no livestream on Facebook.

Bob Cook and I both agree that it is all Facebook's problem. To correct this we are moving the livestream to YouTube.

We are going to make it easy for everyone to continue following us.

There will be a link posted on Facebook every weekend that will take you right to the Central Christian Church Marshalltown page on YouTube.

Not only will you be able to see the most recent services but also many from 2021 and 2022.

I promise this will be easy for you! We will also be posting this link on the church website.

We also had to update our internet and wifi equipment. The member wifi is now;

user name - cccmember

Password – Welcome2u

With this upgrade we no longer have the restriction of not running the copier on Sunday morning! It will remain plugged in and ready anytime. Jim Gossett

Finances:

Revenues actual: \$6469.00 YTD: \$26159.00 Budgeted month: \$10042.00

Expenses actual : \$21138.00 YTD: \$34979.00 Budgeted Month: \$11846.00

Mary Jane Hazelwood

Announcements

Church Attendance

3/2- 28

3/9- 29

3/16- 34

3/23- 34

Gatherer's will meet on Monday April 14th at 5:30PM at the Church.

Game night hosted by Mike and Konnie. Bring a snack to share. All are welcome to a fun evening of games.

April Mission

Our April Missions project will be the House of Compassion Supply Closet. As always their needs are Over the Counter medications, personal hygiene products, cleaning products and paper products especially toilet paper. Let's fill the mission shelves for them!



April 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			1:00pm Prayer 1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Worship Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			9am-1pm Cartwright Makers Market
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:50 Hymn Sing 10:00 Church Service In-person/online			1:00pm Prayer 1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Elders Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday 10:00am Church Service in-person/online Refreshments/Food Box		5:00pm Group Rebecca	1:00pm Prayer and Meditation 1:15pm Bible Study 4:00pm Board Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Service		Cartwright Makers Market 10am-1pm 9:30am Group Lydia At Judy O's house.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday 10:00 am Church Service in-person/online			1:00pm Prayer 1:15pm Bible Study 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir			
27	28	29	30			
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Office Administrator: Becky Neiman

Custodian: Mary Koshak

Organist: Colette Bengé

Choir Director: Valerie Sondag

Office Hours: 9am-1pm , Tue-Fri

2025 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.