

Central Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
September 2025



Pastor's Pondering

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Many of you may know the hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Here is the first verse.

*"Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light."*

September is a beautiful month of changing colors and cooler temps. The crops are being harvested and God is preparing us for the winter months. Change is happening around us all the time. Sometimes it is difficult to manage change. The song words above express very deeply how we feel sometimes. But read the words carefully, God is there and he has taken your hand. He will not let go, we have his eternal promise. Let Jesus lead you, through the Holy Spirit. Feel His presence. Take a time to sit back in the cooler month of September and refresh yourself. God still has your hand.

Keep your lamp full of oil and ready to be lit, let God be with you and know that he will never let go of your hand.

Blessings and Shalom

Pastor Mike

PS Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone will open the door, I will come in to him and eat 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



September Birthdays

2 Sharon Huseboe

8 Jeff Sommerlot

13 Sharon Swope

18 Melissa Osgood

19 Sherry Eggers

20 Robin Anctil

21 Autumn Thompson

22 Peyton Levis, Bev Swearingen

24 Ed Phillips, Wade Muir

27 Jill Herink, Jody Maxted

29 Steve Huseboe

September Greeters: Donna McNamee and Janet Swanson

September Deacon: Rhonda Spence

September 7

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Andy Burt

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: "Formed From Clay"

Hymns:

#6 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

#588 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

#99CP "Make Me a Servant"

#344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

September 14

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Psalm 14, Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: "Where Are the Sheep"

Hymns:

#86 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#558 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#340 "Softly and Tenderly"

#352 "Spirit Song"

September 21

Elder: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Ruth Pearson

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: "Trouble On the Horizon"

Hymns:

#461 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

#579 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

#259 "Spirit of the Living God"

#35CP "Shout to the Lord"

September 28

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Mary Abens

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: "Honest or Dishonest"

Hymn:

#76CP "Wellspring"

#630 "We Shall Overcome" v.(1, 2, 6)

#528 "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

#77 "On Eagles Wings"

Elders Meditation



Elder's Meditation– By Mary Jane Hazelwood

September (...” Try to remember....”) isn’t like spring. But to me it is very much a time of new beginnings. Since I was raised in a family of teachers (at one time both parents and my sister were all teaching) the beginning of the school year was an eventful time of year. OK, I’m stretching to include the end of August, but indulge me! As a student and then teacher myself, except for a few post college years working at Younkers, I was in school one way or another for over 35 years of my life.

Starting in elementary school, in a former creamery building in Stuart, moving to Murray, Brighton and then Prairie City for high school, the beginning of the school year many times also meant a new home, new friends, new activities and a new church. I remember when I went away to college quickly making friends who still are part of my life.

Our church year is similar. Some of our activities begin anew in September. Bell choir and vocal choir start, Pastor Mike’s Bible study resumes, and Lydia Circle joins together for study and trouble making!

For some churches, particularly in Orthodox traditions, September 1st has spiritual significance, marking the Feast of the Indiction and the beginning of the civil and liturgical year, reflecting an agricultural cycle of harvest and preparation for a new cycle of planting and ministry.

In many cultures and Biblical times, September marked the end of the summer harvest and the beginning of preparations for the next agricultural cycle, fostering a sense of a new beginning.

September 1st is a significant date in Orthodox Christianity, known as the Feast of the Indiction and the Day of Creation. It marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, representing a new spiritual cycle, and often includes themes of renewal and new beginnings in services and prayers.

The concept of new beginnings is a recurring theme in Christian theology, and September provides a natural point to connect with these themes, encouraging reflection, faith, and a fresh perspective on life, as seen in sermons and blog posts.

During the month of September, the Hebrews entered the promised land. And the custom of beginning a new year with autumn.

As we gather each Sunday, we have the same chance for a new beginning. Communion time is an opportunity to refresh our relationship with God (and remember the sacrifices of Jesus) every week, not just in September or spring. May your new beginning bring peace and blessings!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:



Please pray for our members and families. Hold in prayer the following:

David and Linda Halvorsen, Peggy White.

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





Triple Summer Berry Fluff

★★★★★

Triple Summer Berry Fluff Salad, is basically a fluffy fruit salad, with a creamy strawberry b loaded up with plenty of raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and of course marshmallows

Course Salad
Cuisine American

Keyword easy salad recipes, easy side dishes

Prep Time 5 minutes

Refrigerate 4 hours

Total Time 4 hours 5 minutes

Servings ~~18~~ 24

Calories 228kcal

Author Nicole Cook

Ingredients

- 2 cups sour cream
- 6 ounces strawberry jello
- 3 cups sliced strawberries
- 2 cups raspberries
- 2 cups blueberries
- 16 ounces whipped topping
- 4 cups mini marshmallows

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, combine the sour cream and strawberry jello together until well blended.
2. Gently fold in the fresh berries.
3. Add the marshmallows.
4. Fold in the whipped cream until well combined.
5. Refrigerate at least 4-6 hours (overnight is best!)
6. Serve chilled.

Important Updates-You need to know!

LIVESTREAMING NOW ON YOUTUBE

We are now livestreaming our Central Christian Church services on YouTube. This has solved several problems we were having with Facebook. We are still providing a link on Facebook with takes you directly to YouTube and the Central Christian Church Marshalltown page. Not only can you see the most recent services but also many from 2021 and 2022. I promise this will be easy for you! We also have a link on the church website.

We had to upgrade the church wifi. Now we no longer have the restriction of running the copier and Sunday morning! It is now plugged in and ready to go at all times! There is a new member wifi user name and password. It is;
user name - cccmember

Password – Welcome2u

Finance Report July 2025

Total Revenues: \$14,162.00 Total Expenditures: \$22,810.00 Net loss for July: (\$8648.00)

Year-to-date Revenues: \$64920.00 Year-to-date Expenditures: \$101,185.00 Net Loss for Year to date: (\$36,265.00)

Concerns:

Building maintenance
Air conditioner unit replacement
Insurance

Finance Chair– Mary Jane Hazelwood

Announcements

Church Attendance

8/3- 34

8/10- 29

8/17- 33

8/24- 34

Gatherer's

Friday September 12th

5:30pm at Pizza Ranch

Hosted by Jim and Carolyn
Thompson

Please let Carolyn or Peggy know
by Wednesday September 10th if
you would like to be added to the
reservation.

September Mission

Our mission for September will be collecting school supplies for our local schools. A list of most needed supplies will be on the Mission shelves. Let's be generous for our Marshalltown kiddos!

Successful Sale!

We had another successful sale on August 8 and 9! We had a great group who worked hard to get the sale ready to go. We had so much fun and laughed so hard! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way from donations, to picking up donations, moving tables, putting up curtains in the ramp, pricing, organizing and arranging, donating food and fixing us lunch! Also for working the days of the sale taking money, sacking and/or helping carry out, and keeping the sale items straight and organized and fixing us lunch! Lastly, thank you to the guys who put out the signs and endured the heat and humidity while greeting our shoppers.

Thank you for your help cleaning up after the sale. Items were donated to the Caring Center, 2nd Chance on 3rd and Thrifty Relief. There are still boxes of things to be donated. I'm working on that! 😊

Our deposit for the sale was \$1750.10!!! Well done, good and faithful servants! O

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			1:15 Bible Study 4:00 Wor- ship/Mission Mtg 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir	1:30pm Grief Support		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 Church Service In-person/online			1:15 Bible Study 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir		Gatherer's 5:30pm Pizza Ranch Jim and Carolyn Thompson	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00 Church Service in-person/online Refreshments		5:30 Group Rebecca	1:15 Bible Study 3:00 Elders Mtg 4:00 Board Mtg 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir	1:30pm Grief Support		9:30 Group Lydia Judy O's house
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00 am Church Service in- person/online			1:15 Bible Study 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir			
28	29	30				
10:00am Church Service in-person/ online						

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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.