

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

May 2026



Pastor's Pondering

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"O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is not water." Psalm 63:1

We are entering the planting season, we will see the farmers out in their fields planting, we will see the gardeners in their gardens hoeing the weeds.

What do we find ourselves doing on a warm spring day when it comes to planting, hoeing and hoping for rain?

God has given us a marvelous ability to plant, hoe and harvest but it takes God's nature to provide the sun, rain and dirt to make the plants grow. Without nature's benefits all we will get is dry land.

Sometimes our daily lives are like a garden, we get ready for spring, we plant new friendships, we pull the weeds of anger, sadness and discontent that get in our way, but we forget about letting God into the mix.

We need God's input when we settle in new relationships and new meeting places. God puts his rain and sunshine into the mix filling in the quiet spaces as a relationship grows, as a new commitment comes into being.

Let God be right in the middle of the fun.

Go out and give away a smile and a hug.

*Blessings and Shalom
Pastor Mike*



2026

Church Board and Committee members

Board Chair: Jim Gossett

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Deacons: Carolyn Thompson, Ed Phillips, Rhonda Spence

DWF: Sarah Sade

Elders Chair: Mary Abens

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

Elder Emeritus: Sara Sade



May Birthdays

- 10 Judy Osgood
- 18 Sarah Sade
- 19 Merry Newton
- 24 Colette Benge
- 25 Tammy Losing
- 26 Scott Losing
- 30 Mary Hort
- 31 Jackie Fiscus



May Greeters: Carolyn Thompson and Sarah Sade

May Deacon: Carolyn Thompson

May 3

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10

Sermon: "Stones"

Hymns:

#273 "Built on the Rock"

#272(v1,2,5) "The Church's One Foundation"

#55(CP) "This is Holy Ground"

#707 "Marching to Zion"

May 10(Mothers Day)

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Mary Abens

Scripture: Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21

Sermon: "Praise God"

Hymns:

#609(v.1,3,5,6) "Take My Life"

#550(v.1,2,4,5) "There's Within My Heart"

#352 "Spirit Song"

#261 "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

May 17

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Allen Miller

Scripture: John 14:1-14, Acts 1:6-14

Sermon: "Why Are You Looking Up"

Hymns:

#480 "I Love to Tell the Story"

#225 "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

#432 "O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life"

#33 "How Great Thou Art"

May 24 (Pentecost)

Elder: Mary Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Mary Hazelwood

Scripture: Numbers 11:24-30, John 20:19-23

Sermon: "Seeing RED"

#241 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

#237 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

#94(CP) "Breath On Me"

#249 "Spirit"

May 31

Elder: Mary Abens

Worship Leader: Ruth Pearson

Scripture: Psalm 8:2, Cor 13:11-13, Matt 28:16-20

Sermon: "Receive the Holy Spirit"

Hymn: #39(CP) "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#430 "Lo, I Am With You"

#86(CP) "Change My Heart, O God"

#477 "Pass It On"

Elders Meditation



What's your favorite season? Do you have one? Some people like summer, the season of growth and bright, sunny days with long, starry nights. Some, including me, prefer the vibrant colors and the crisp air of fall. Plus all the rewards it provides for the work put in gardens, fields, and farms. And, believe it or not, some even like winter, when God's great outdoors takes a rest, often hidden under lots of snow.

Living here in the midwest, it's hard not to love spring, with the beauty of new life springing up all around us. It's not just because the tulips and daffodils have pushed through the last traces of winter or because the grass has turned green or the buds are popping out or even the robins and songbirds have returned from their winter habitats. But because it is the time when we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and the New Life that comes to all who put their trust in Him. And the best part is that New Life is available to everyone.

May you all enjoy God's blessings.

Prayer: We thank you, Loving God, for the miracle of spring and for the miracle of new life offered to us through the Resurrection of your son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Marla Cook, Elder



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, John Schneiderman, Janet Graves, Sherry Eggers, Bev Swearingen, Julie Burns, Jeff Hazen, Lucas Schultz, Gloria Wood, Merry Newton.

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





Disciples Women's Fellowship

Thank you for all you do for our community!

(Happy Mothers Day!)

Thank you kindly for your generosity and ministry! Fisher Elementary and our community is blessed to have thoughtful and contributing parishioners as yourself. May your blessings be multiplied!

Disciples Women's Fellowship, Group Rebecca

I wanted to say a huge thank you for you donation of underwear to Hoglan. Very grateful for all that you do to support us.

Group Rebecca, Thank you for the big donation of underwear to Woodbury school. It is much appreciated and will be very helpful for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.!

Group Rebecca, Thank you for your regular donations to Anson Elementary. It is very much appreciated!

Report for April

Nothing to Report as we have not received the updated numbers.

Announcements



Gatherer's-May

Friday May 15

5:30pm

Ocean City

Hosted by:

Peggy White and Colette Bengé

Please let Carolyn Thompson know by Wednesday May 13 if you would like to reserve a spot.

May Missions

The mission for May will be blankets for Church World Service. Currently the cost for each blanket is \$10.00. Mother's Day is in May so purchase a blanket in honor of or in memory of your mom by donating however much you can to be sent to Church World Service to purchase the blankets. Donation envelopes will be available.



May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 Church Service		10:00am Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.	1:30pm Bible Study 4:00pm Worship/ Missions Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir	1:30 pm Grief Support		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00 Church Service Refreshments/Foodbox			1:30pm Bible Study 4:00 Elders Mtg 5:00pm Vocal Choir 6:00pm Bell Choir Last Choir Practice	10:00am PRC	5:30pm Gatherer's Ocean City Chinese	9:30 Group Lydia Eat Out
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00 am Church Service		5:00pm Group Rebecca	1:30pm Bible Study 4:00pm Board Mtg	9:15am Quilters 1:30pm Grief Support		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00am Church Service		News Articles Due			News Letter Published	
31 10:am Church Service						

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

2026 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.