

Central Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

November 2025



Pastor's Pondering
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*Talk boldly to Jesus,
let Him hear from you
He wants to know
what you need Him to do.
Communicate with Him,
for He is your Friend
His ear He wants you
with your cares to bend.
Talk confidently to Jesus,
says what's on your mind
tell Him what's in your heart
and His peace you'll find.
Converse with Him,
for it is His desire
let Him know everything
that you need and require.
Talk openly to Jesus,
He wants to impart His grace
but, you must be the one...
who boldly seeks His face! Deborah Ann Belka*

As November slowly slides into our site. The cooler air and the smell of the leaves as they fall quietly from the trees. We can sit quietly in the warmth of our homes and think of how Jesus has enveloped our mind, heart and soul with the continued warmth of his love. We can talk boldly with Him as he listens to our pleas and responds to your questions. Feel the warmth of His touch as he blesses you.

Please, as the time passes and the courage to come face to face with your Savior is strong in your thoughts, give Him your time and your love.

Blessings and Shalom, Pastor Mike

Central Christian Church Board Meeting Tidbits October 15, 2025

Jim Gossett, Vice-chair, called the meeting to order. 6 members plus Pastor Mike were present.

Carolyn Thompson gave the opening prayer.

September minutes were approved and November calendar events were reviewed.

Property- (via email from Jeff) The only thing I have to report is that Allen was going to contact Hay Construction about the ramp windows. He didn't get back to me before leaving for Mississippi.

Personnel - Beth Campbell- absent

Congregational Rep – Carolyn Thompson- someone said the choir sounds nice.

Finance – Pat Sommerlot-absent

Treasurer- Mary Hazelwood -reviewed the current finance report

Deacons- Carolyn Thompson – all is going well

Elders- have been visiting the homebound

Missions- Judy Osgood – took the school supplies to the main office

DWF - Sarah Sade – 3 rose bowls were given this past month, 108 pairs of underwear (both boys & girls) were distributed to the 6 elementary schools, gave a \$25 check to Becky as a thank you for doing the DWF booklet

Worship Team – planned the reception for Pastor Mike's Installation, discussed details for the Holiday Stroll meal.

Pastor's report – studied & prepared 4 Sunday services. Attended: Worship Team, Elders & General Board meetings, made phone calls & visited with congregants and hospital visits. Attended Gatherers, worked with Music team, continued "Moment with God" morning meditation live on Facebook, Facilitated Grief Group, October Bible Study on Revelation, attended Regional Assembly.

Old Business

Called Mike as our settled pastor. Approved the letter of calling to Pastor Mike. Jim Gossett will contact permanent members of the Pastoral Relations Committee.

New Business

Carolyn Thompson & Colette Bengé will serve on the Nominating Committee.

Mary Jane Hazelwood will explore purchasing an AIC (defibrillator)

Pastor Mike gave the closing prayer Meeting adjourned Respectfully submitted, Colette Bengé, Board Secretary





2025

Church Board and Committee members

Board Chair: Jeff Sommerlot

Vice Board Chair: Jim Gossett

Board Secretary: Colette Benge

Treasurer: Mary Jane Hazelwood

Property: Jeff Sommerlot, Allen Miller, Steve Huseboe, Bob Cook

Personnel/Congregational Rep: Beth Campbell, Carolyn Thompson, Peggy White..

Finance Chair: Pat Sommerlot

Missions: Judy Osgood, Beth Campbell, Marla Cook

Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

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

Honorary Elder: Sara Sade



November Birthdays

2 Jan Bringman

11 Ruth Pearson

11 Gloria Wood

20 Lanese Thompson

23 Pastor Mike Carlson

26 Larry Southard

26 Nash Daniel

28 Cathy Hickok

29 Mary Abens

November Greeters: Carolyn Thompson and Sarah Sade

November Deacon: Carolyn Thompson

November 2

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Judy Osgood

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 1:1-4, Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: "Carve Your Initials into the Tree"

Hymns:

#2 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#452 "Here I Am Lord"

#636 "Abide With Me" (v. 1, 3, 4)

#17CP "My Life is in You, Lord"

November 9

Elder: Marla Cook

Worship Leader: Marla Cook

Scripture: Haggai 1:15-2:9 Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: Nicaragua update (Beth Campbell)

Hymns:

#86 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#on screen "He's Got the Whole World"

#259 "Spirit of the Living God" sing twice

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

November 16

Elder: Andy Burt

Worship Leader: Ruth Pearson

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: "Something New"

Hymns:

#252 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v. 1, 2, 5)

#618 "How Firm a Foundation" (v.1,2,5)

#55CP "This is Holy Ground"

#184CP "Soon and Very Soon"

November 23

Elder: Beth Campbell

Worship Leader: Beth Campbell

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6, 16-18, Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: "Christ the King"

Hymns: #276 "We Gather Together"

#658 "Restless Weaver"

#714 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

#715 "Now Thank We All Our God"

November 30

Elder: Mary Hazelwood

Worship Leader: Mary Hazelwood

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: "Hiding In Darkness"

Hymns: #125 Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

#128 v.1 "One Candle is Lit", #133 "Like a Child"

#132 "When God is a Child", #142 "People Look East"

Elders Meditation



As a kid, did you ever play the word game where you were given a word then had to give a word for each letter? Like J-O-Y, J= jelly, O= organs, Y= yams. Sometimes my teachers would have us do it with a vocabulary word or just as busy work when we finished a project or assignment early. I thought I'd try it with the word I always associate with the month of November, THANKSGIVING, and what I'm thankful for. Here we go;

T= Thank you for Today

H= Thank you for my Health

A= Thank you for my Ancestors

N= Thank you for Nature

K= Thank you for the Kindhearted

S= Thank you for the Sunshine

G= Thank you for Gravy

I= Thank you for Ice cream

V= Thank you for the Valleys

I= Thank you for Independence

N= Thank you for our Nation

G= Thank you for your Grace

Now your list may be different than mine, in fact, I'm sure it would be. But the most important part is thinking about how thankful we are to God and all the benefits we have received from Him. And since it is the month of November, it seems like the perfect time to give God our sincere thanks.

Psalms 100:4 says, "Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name."

I give thanks for you, my church family, and wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving season. Marla Cook



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, Derrica Krutsinger, Specialist Tanner Curley (Jim and Marcia Gossett's grandson, stationed in Syria), Nancy Burright (Beth Campbell's mother), Christa Smith Carlson (Pastor Mike and Konnie's sister in-law)

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



Pastor Mike's Installation



Holiday Stroll

Saturday November 22

Our Church will be serving a free-will
offering Lasagna Dinner-stay tuned
for further details...

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for those that are able to help and/or
provide a dessert.



October Gatherer's –Good time at El Capitan



THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

Rich and I are truly touched by the compassion and care you have shown us during our health issues. Your support has made this journey so much easier. Thank you all for standing by us with love and encouragement.

With much love and gratitude
Rich and Shirley Nicholson
Sent from my iPad



Central Christian Church Family.

I feel humbled and awestruck at the same time. Thank you for the call to be your settled minister and thank you all for the cards, gifts and the Chalice and Paten. I am overwhelmed and honored. Konnie and I feel like part of the family and we look forward to a long relationship. Thank you all again for this opportunity Blessing and Shalom Pastor Mike and Konnie.

DWF

Thank you so much for the underwear for the Fisher Students-it was so kind of you!! Nurse Heather

To the Disciples Women's Fellowship group- Thank you so much for donating again to Woodbury school. Having a well supplied clothing closet makes those lunch room spills a lot easier to handle! And this fall I've had a lot of kids accidentally spilling fruit cups and juice on their pants. Nancy RN

Finances for the month ending September 30, 2025

Current month:

Revenues \$20,138.00
Expenses; \$26003.00

Year to date:

Revenues: \$93,702.00
Expenses: \$148,356.00

Upcoming financial obligations; insurance, winter utilities

Mary Jane Hazelwood, Treasurer

Announcements

Church Attendance

10/5- 32

10/12- 33

10/19- 37

10/26- 32

Gatherer's

November 22, 2025

Lasagna for our Holiday Stroll Dinner



November Mission

November brings donations for the Animal Rescue League for the first two weeks. We'll have a list of their needs available. Those donations will be collected through November 16th.

November 17th, we will start collecting toys for the Salvation Army toy give away for families in need. I will find out the date they have to have them by and we'll collect up until then. Toys for all ages will be needed. Do not wrap them but we'll put them under the Christmas tree in the Gathering Area.



Food Box Sunday

The 2nd Sunday of each month has always been Food Box Sunday here at Central. The nonperishable food items are taken to the Emergency Food Box.

Food insecurity is at an all time high right now! On Sunday, November 9th, I would love for the food cart to be FILLED with our donations. I will move the cart to the Gathering Area to make it easy for everyone to place their donations. We are so blessed to have plenty to eat. Please share generously with those who do not have that blessing. Thank you! Judy

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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						Pastor Mike Vacation
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 Church Service In-person/online Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	1:15 Bible Study 4:00 Wor- ship/Missions Mtg 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 Church Service in-person/online Refreshments/Foodbox Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	1:15 Bible Study 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	Pastor Mike Vacation	9:30 Group Lydia Judy O's house Pastor Mike Vacation
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 am Church Service in- person/online		5:00pm Group Rebecca	1:15 Bible Study 3:00 Elders Mtg 4:00 Board Mtg 5:00 Vocal Choir 6:00 Bell Choir	9:15 Quilters 1:30 Grief Support		Holiday Stroll
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00am Church Service in-person/ online			No Bible Study No Choirs	Thanksgiving Day!		
30 1st Week Ad- vent						

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Deacon Chair: Carolyn Thompson

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.