



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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February 25, 2025

## Mid-Town Concerts

The Candace French Memorial Keyboard Concert

Sunday, March 2, 3:00 p.m.

featuring

Hayden  
Vaughn

organist, pianist,  
collaborative pianist



Hannah  
Messerschmidt

pianist, entertainer, educator



John  
Akins

composer, pianist,  
music educator



Mark  
Lawley

pianist, conductor,  
music educator

Central Christian Church



MARCH 5, 2025

12:00 PM, 5:30 PM

& 8:15 PM

IN THE CHAPEL

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WEDNESDAY



***Congregational Concerns***

Lucas Lynch    Bonnie Hayden, Hayden Vaughn's grandmother    Wilma Frazier    Frank Dodd    Kay Corder  
 Doris Thornton    Cal Wise    Everett Deeds    Maryann Wakefield    Gary Morris  
 Jimmy Carson, Ken Hillen's Uncle    Sharon Martin    Fred & Norma Spence    Darrell Copeland  
 Larry Graham    Greg Walton    Richard Lee    Joyce Moots    Winnie Young    Howard & Lynda McCoy  
 Patty Thurman    Rhonda Stewart    Lisa Lynch    Charles Marshall    Jim & Elaine Spradlin    Kitty Manary  
 Gary Wright    Dan Hicks    Pat Dodd    Patty Soukup    Steve Vestal    Jean Hagerman    Don Nix  
 Annie Anderson, Daughter of Charlie & Carol Mabry    Robert & Beth Taylor    William Francis    Shirley Potter  
 Rebecca & Justin Ebert, Daughter of Ray & Sharon Lowry    Evelyn Looney    Paul Martin    James Willingham  
 Barb Rossetter    Karen Hahn    Karen Sunderwirth    Zach D., Friend of Jayden W.    Gloria Brown and family  
 Tammy Larimore, friend of Carol Pyles    Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier

*(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)*

**Livestream our Sunday morning  
 service—starting at 9:30—at  
[www.centralchristianspringfield.org](http://www.centralchristianspringfield.org).  
 Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at  
 Central Christian, Springfield, MO



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**FINANCIALS &  
 ATTENDANCE**

**2/16/2025**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$3,659.00  
 Attendance: 60  
 Online service views: 55\*

**2/23/2025**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$2,742.40  
 Attendance: 70  
 Online service views: 32\*

\*As of 2/24/2025

	<u>March 2</u>	<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 16</u>
<b>Elders</b>	Bill Fischer Luther Young	Everett Deeds Sharon Lowry	Jan Richerson Carolyn Deeds
<b>Deacon Team Leader</b>	Everett French	Patsy Tipton	Bill Fischer
<b>Invocation and Offering</b>	Kay Parrish	Ginger Williamson	Sharon Lowry
<b>Communion &amp; Fellowship Prep.</b>	Bill & Karen Fischer	Joe & Carol Pyles	Darrell & Linda Zweerink
<b>Usher</b>	Christine Peter		
<b>Greeter</b>	Jan Peter		Ginger Williamson

# Thoughts from the congregation

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What is a covenant? We Christians often speak of the “New Covenant.” But what do we mean? What are we talking about?

Smith’s Bible Dictionary describes covenant as, “*A contract(s) between men, and between God and men.*” Webster’s New World Dictionary of the American Language defines covenant as, “*A binding and solemn agreement made by two or more individuals, parties, etc. to do or keep from doing a specified thing; compact.*” Also, “*Promises made by God to man, as recorded in the Bible.*”

As members of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ we probably think of the word in Biblical terms. Even so, think about some of the words used in the definitions above; *contract, binding and solemn, to do or keep from doing, promises.*

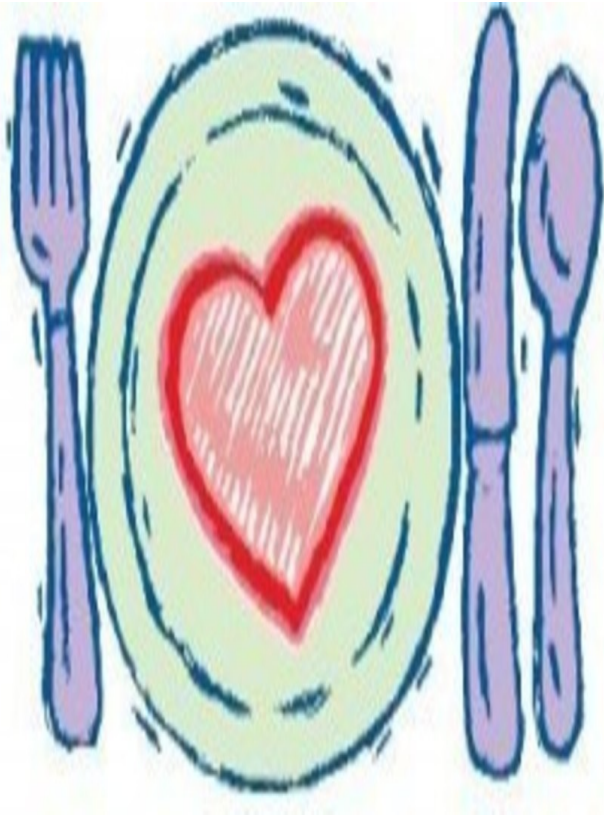
Within the sixty-six books of the Bible there are various references to covenants made between God and humans. Probably the most easily remembered are the ones between God and Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and with humankind through Jesus. The Bible also references other covenants God made with the Israelites, and humankind’s failure to live up to their end of the covenant. Finally, through the blood of His Son, Jesus the Christ, God made an everlasting covenant with humankind. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Believers in Rome puts it this way, “***So since God’s grace has set us free from the law, does this mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don’t you realize that whatever you choose to obey becomes your master? You can choose sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God and receive His approval. In those days, when you were slaves of sin, you weren’t concerned with doing what was right. And what was the result? It was not good, since now you are ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.***” (Romans 6:15-16, 20-23, NLT) We are told by the Apostle John that Jesus said, “***I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.***” (John 5:24, NLT)

We’re told by the author of the book of Hebrews that under the previous covenants, “***the sacrifices under the old system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.***” Heb. 10:1b, NLT) Further from the book of Hebrews chapter 10, Jesus says to His Father, “***...Look, I have come to do your will. He cancels the first covenant in order to establish the second. And what God wants is for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.***” (Heb. 10:9-10, NLT)

In his first letter to the Corinthians the Apostle Paul established the words of institution for the celebration of the establishment of the “***New Covenant.***” “***For this is what the Lord himself said, and I pass it on to you just as I received it. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘this is my body, which if given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant between God and you sealed by the shedding of my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.***” (1 Cor. 11:23-25, NLT) Paul goes on to say by eating the bread and drinking the wine we are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

Though the Apostle does not say this exactly, by Jesus telling us to remember Him each time eat the bread and drink the wine we are acknowledging and reaffirming our acceptance of the Covenant between ourselves and God.

# Around the Church



## Fellowship Dinner – **March 9th after worship**

Join us as we begin the season of Lent together, sharing a meal and being in community and fellowship with one another. You are invited to come together as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season and the journey to the cross. We hope to see everyone there, and if you have a desert you would like to share, please bring it with you!

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## Memorial Scholarship Application Available

Students entering college or vocational training school in the fall are invited to apply for the scholarships Central Christian offers yearly.

To be eligible, the applicant should:

1. Be a member or active participant at Central . (Or applicant's family member)
2. Have at least a 2.5 GPA
3. Have been approved/accepted for enrollment into a post secondary school.

**Stop by the office for applications. The deadline for the scholarship applications will be April 13th.**



# FOR SUNDAY MORNING

*Sermon Title and Scriptures*

*March 2, 2025*

*Exodus 34:29-35 & 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

*"With Great Boldness"*

*Sermon Title and Scripture*

*March 9, 2025*

*Psalm 91:9-16 & Luke 4:1-13*

*"Full of the Spirit"*

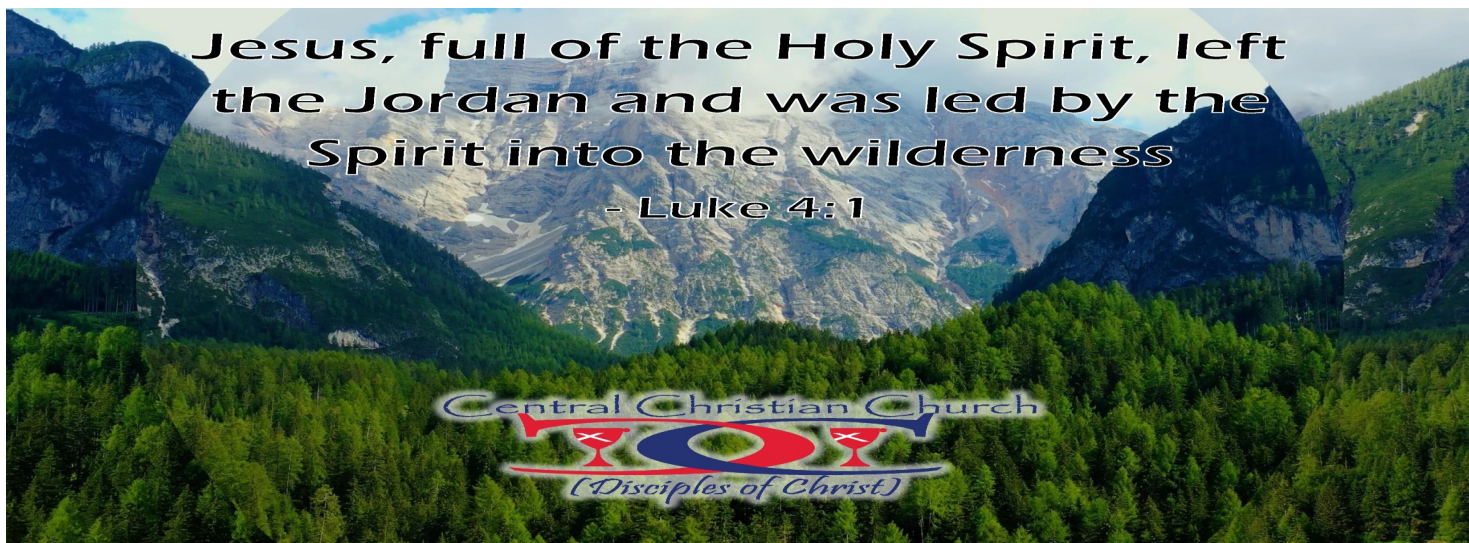
## Live Streaming Again!

If you will be unable to be with us this Sunday for our worship service, starting at 9:30am, or for the Mid-Town Concert Series Candace French Memorial Keyboard Concert, beginning at 3pm, you will be able to see it via live stream on our website and our YouTube page.

### MARCH 2



### MARCH 9



# Celebrations!!!



## March

3/3 – Vicki Nelson

3/4 – Scott Roan

3/12 – Kim Eoff

3/14 – Greg Walton

3/15 – Deyoveion

Vargas

3/16 – Carl Frazier,

Jody Hahn,

Charles Marshall

3/20 – Kristine Roan

3/21 – Diane Miller

3/22 – Dennis Hahn,

Karen Hahn

3/23 – Kentraya Vargas

3/27 – Debra Gleghorn

3/29 – Jon Thomas



## April

4/1 – Macy Lynch

4/2 – Patricia Peebles

4/4 – William Koo,

Tiffany Lynch

4/5 – Jill Slack

4/6 – Jordan Edel

4/7 – Josh Thomas

4/8 – Wilma Frazier,

Kevin Ritter

4/11 – Jim Ferguson

4/12 – John Deeds,

Jean Hagerman

4/14 – Gavvy Eoff,  
Belina Njuki

4/15 – Bill Grier

4/16 – Shirley Potter

4/19 – David Frazier

4/20 – Teresa Allen

4/21 – John Ferguson

4/22 – Phil Brown,

Howard McCoy,

Traci Vargas

4/25 – Bill Fischer

4/26 – JC Hicks

4/27 – Peggy Patton

4/28 – Jo Gardner,

Julie West



# Thoughts from the congregation

Throughout the month of October we asked everyone to describe Central Christian using just three words. Many people turned in the three words they use to describe Central and we made a word cloud from the words. In the word cloud, the bigger the words are, the more they were turned in to the church office. This was the bulletin cover for our Homecoming Sunday to remind us what it is that Central Christian is to us and to our community. Below is the word cloud. Let it be there for you to remember all that Central has done for you and all that it will be doing in the future for all God's creation.

*This is who Central Christian is and this is who we all strive to be.*





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Specially prepared for:

*God's Beloved Child*



Ministry Team

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Sunday Mornings

**9:30 am Worship,**  
in person and via our  
Livestream

**10:45 am Fellowship**

**11:00 am Sunday  
School**