



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

Volume 57, Issue 23, November 13, 2018

Sermon Title and Scriptures

Nov. 18, 2018

“What Shall We Bring?”

Psalms 15; Micah 4:3&5, 5:2-5a, 6:6-8

Sermon Title and Scriptures

Nov. 25, 2018

“Blindness”

Psalms 34:18, Mark 10:46-52

This Sunday at Central

Springfield Gospel Chorus

The Springfield Gospel Chorus will be providing music during the Nov. 18 morning worship, and giving a concert in the sanctuary at 3 p.m.

Fellowship dinner

A fellowship dinner will be held on Nov. 18, following Sunday school. Don't miss out this opportunity to visit, catch-up, and enjoy a delicious meal. Bring a friend!

CWF pie and cake sale

Do you need a dessert for Thanksgiving? Then you are in luck! The CWF is having their pie and cake sale on Nov. 18, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Breakfast with Santa

We will host Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 8. Please start making plans now for ways you can contribute to this delightful outreach effort, through volunteer time and/or monetary support for the Christmas store. Once again we will be providing local children with an opportunity to pick out presents for their family members, tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas, and eat a delicious pancake breakfast. How will you help make Christmas special for these families?

Looking Ahead

- Nov. 27—Seeking Knowledge, Gaining Fellowship, 5:30pm
- Dec. 2—Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 9—Cantata
- Dec. 9—Candy/cookie/fruit bread sale
- Dec. 9—First Aid/CPR Training, 1 pm
- Dec. 16—Congregational Meeting
- Dec. 16—Mid-town Concert Series, 3 pm

Welcome New Babies!

Audrey Lynn West

September 3, 2018

Daughter of John and Pam West
Granddaughter of Ray and Marilyn West

Colt Stockton Shockley

October 18, 2018

Son of Justin and Kerry Shockley
Grandson of Carolyn Condict

Carson Axle McCoy

November 2, 2018

Son of James and Carrie McCoy
Grandson of Howard and Lynda
McCoy

Congregational Concerns

Barbara Presley Dan Hicks Marjorie Ray John Manary Eldon Cobb Mary Gleghorn Traci Vargas & Children
 Marilyn Elsass John Thurman Marjorie Arnold Karen Sunderwirth Kathy Osborne James Willingham
 Mary Pering Debra Gleghorn Lisa Lynch Rosa Lee Butts Lynda McCoy Jim Patton Rev. Katrina Palan
 Lorene Murray Herb Knight Greg & Paula Walton Victoria McIlwain Janice McGee
 Mary Jane Cross Evelyn Looney Beth Taylor Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier
 Marvin Prosser, Brother-in-law of Joyce Moots Shelbee Maudlin, Friend of Rita & Bill St.Gemme
 Lori Harach, daughter-in-law of Gary and Nancy Morris Isaac Ferguson, 8 mo. old Friend of Karen Sunderwirth
 Barbara Gard, Daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Rex Scott Biggs, Son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs
 Johnny Odell, Son-in-law of Ann Hudging

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



	<u>November 18</u>	<u>November 25</u>	<u>FINANCIALS</u>
Elders	Marilynn West Wilma Frazier	Bob Thurman Dorothy Thurman	<u>11/04/18</u> General Fund Contributions: \$ 7.817 Attendance: 131
Deacons	Bill Fischer – Mary Bermond Karen Fischer Don Horton Paula Letterman Bob Lynch Tiffany Lynch Sean McGinnis Nan Olmsted Barb Rossetter Josh Thomas Larry Thomas Lynette Thomas Carma Weinman Darrel Zweerink	Everett French – Diana Criger Carolyn Condict Marilyn Ferguson Debra Gleghorn Sandra Graham Bill Grier Helen Gunther Dan Hicks Teresa Hicks Ken Hillen Joyce Moots David Moots Kathy Osborn Dewayne Rout	<u>11/11/18</u> General Fund Contributions: \$4,624.59 Attendance: 135
Invocation and Offering	Michael Olmsted	Mike Weinman	
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Bob & Dorothy Thurman Bob & Tiffany Lynch	Jim & Marilyn Ferguson Darrell & Linda Zweerink	
Usher	Janice McGee	Gary Witt & Vicky Turner	
Greeter	Rhonda Stewart	Glendon & Anna Marie Walker	
Fellowship Pianist	Mark Bowdidge	Vicky Claborn	

Stewardship

The 20th chapter of Acts says in verse 35 “You’ll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, ‘You’re far happier giving than getting.’” These are words that we have lived our lives following and believing, and now we are in the midst of putting them into action again for 2019. The three weeks of Stewardship study is our commitment to the church to continue the on-going outreach to our community, whether it be Crosslines or Boyd School or the Mid-Town Concert series. Central Christian is not the biggest church in Springfield, however, the programs that allow each of us to touch our community speaks volumes as to the size of our Christian hearts. This upcoming Sunday, November 18, is Commitment Sunday and is our chance to return a portion of the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. This will not only allow us to continue our Outreach but also maintain this wonderful facility that we are fortunate to have for our services and various additional activities each week. We have a Staff at Central giving us guidance each week from the pulpit but also to support us whether having an event in the church or visiting a loved one in the hospital or a nursing facility. All this requires us to make a Commitment and November 18 is that day.

November 18 will also be special for several reasons. First off, we will have special music in the morning service from The Springfield Gospel Chorus as well as a Sunday afternoon performance in our sanctuary in the Mid-Town Concert Series. If you have not heard them sing you really need to be in attendance as these words do not begin to describe how very good this Chorus sounds.

Secondly, CWF will be having the first of their two yearly bake sale. This, I can tell you firsthand, happens prior to Thanksgiving and is timely for the sweet defining touch for Thanksgiving dinner with our families.

Finally, we will have a Commitment Sunday Chili dinner beginning after church. Special thanks to Gary and Nancy Morris and Patsy Tipton for their help in preparing this wonderful dinner. The bill of fare will include chili, hotdogs should anyone want a coney(s), veggies to munch on with the chili and finally desserts. If anyone is hungry after all this then it is their own fault.

With all that is taking place Commitment Sunday, each of us should make a concerted effort to be in attendance but also invite someone that you know is looking for a church home or hasn’t been in church recently. We are a giving church and have so much to offer! Scripture in 2 Corinthians chapter 9 tells us “God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you’re ready for anything and everything. Yes, God will give you much so that you can give away much and when we take your gifts to those who need them they will break out into thanksgiving and praise to God for your help.”

SEE YOU SUNDAY!!!!

Bill Fischer

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Specially prepared for:

**Sunday Mornings
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School**

Ministry Team

**Greg Walton, Board Chair
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Minister
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister
Dr. Mark Bowdidge, Music Director
Vicky Claborn, Organist
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director
Joyce Thomas, Children's Director**

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**This year the church will again
be decorated with Poinsettias
during the Advent and
Christmas season.**

This year our poinsettias will be big and beautiful with lots of all-red blooms. If you would like to give one or more Poinsettias, please complete this form and drop it by the Church Office.

The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

I (we) wish to give _____ Poinsettia(s).

I (we) wish to give \$_____ To Support Musical Guests for Cantata

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Plant(s) given in (Honor) or (Memory) of : (please print clearly)

Payment enclosed in the amount of \$_____ (Cash) (Check)

I wish to take the poinsettia home _____

The plant may be taken to a shut-in _____



Advent Devotional Books

We have an Advent Devotional Book available for you to read during the Advent Season this year. Advent will begin on Sunday, December 2nd. If you would like one of these books will be in the lobby on Sunday, November 18th.

Feel free to pick one up for your household to have this season. It is always good for us to read and think about the meaning of Christmas, what it means for the world, and what it means to us personally. Let this book bring you into the spirit of season.

Central Christian Church would like to thank the Sue Brown, and her family, for the gift of a piano to Central Christian Church. The Brown family donated a Samak studio piano to the church and it arrived on Thursday, November 8th. The new piano is in the basement and ready to be played. If you have a talent for the piano, go down and give it a try.

