



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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***Sermon Title and Scriptures***

***March 8, 2020***

*“Temptation”*

***Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11***

***Sermon Title and Scriptures***

***March 15, 2020***

*“Living Water”*

***Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42***

## **Lenten Fish Drive**

We are collecting food—with an emphasis on proteins—for Ozarks Food Harvest during the period of Lent, March 6-April 20. While the emphasis is on canned or pouched fish, other nonperishable food items and monetary contributions will also be gladly accepted.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

**March 8:** CWF Love Gift Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

**March 16:** Executive Committee, 5:30 p.m.

**March 26:** Poor People’s Campaign in Springfield

**March 31:** Seeking Knowledge, Gaining Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.

**March 31:** Registration due for DSM

**April 5:** Palm Sunday— Cantata, 9:30 a.m.

**April 9:** Maundy Thursday— in the chapel, 6 p.m.

**April 10:** Good Friday—Combined service at Central, 6:30 p.m.

**April 12:** EASTER, 9:30 a.m.

## **Daylight Savings Time**

Set your clocks forward an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 7, 2020

Thank you to everyone who brought cookies for the MTCS reception on Sunday.

## **Youth hygiene drive**

The youth are collecting supplies for hygiene kits for Lent, to be given to Crosslines. Each kit can be created for around \$10. Monetary contributions will be gladly accepted. If you are interested in purchasing items, please do so based on the first letter of your last name.

Shampoo (A-C)

Toothpaste (D-F)

Soft bristle tooth brush with cover (G-I)

Hairbrushes/combs (J-L)

Bar soap (M-N)

Two washcloths in two different colors (O-Q)

Deodorant (R-S)

Emory board (T-V)

Plain petroleum jelly/hand cream (W-Z)

Feminine hygiene products (anyone)

## **Scholarship Time**

It’s time once again to invite applications for the annual scholarship awards. Any student who has finished high school, or is a senior in high school who will graduate in the spring of 2020, and is planning to continue their education may apply. Two letters of recommendation are required, as well as proof of enrollment or acceptance in a college/ university, or trade school. If you have received one scholarship, you may apply one additional year. We are proud of our students and wish to encourage them in their educational pursuits. A student need not be a member of Central, but should have close ties to the church.

**Deadline: March 29** – All applications due to the church office.

Come in to the church office soon and pick up your scholarship applications!

—Dorothy Thurman and Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee

**Congregational Concerns**

**The family of Barbara Presley**      Ginger Williams      Linda McCoy      Lisa Lynch      Herb & Norma Knight  
 Vicky Claborn      James Willingham      Vicky Tucker, sister of Ken Hillen      Barb Rossetter      Dan Hicks  
 Easton Lewis, great-grandson of Mary Harris      Mary Pering      Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray  
 Jaden Willingham      Evelyn Looney      Greg & Paula Walton      Judy Gibson, friend of Maryann Wakefield  
 Vicky Turner      Shirley Cobb      Karen Sunderwirth      Debra Gleghorn      Traci Vargas & children  
 John Thurman      Mary, friend of Robert and Beth Taylor      Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier      Paul Martin  
 Rosa Lee Butts      Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs      Victoria McIlwain      Janice McGee  
 Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn      Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth      Retha McDowell  
 Marilyn Elsass      *(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)*      Ann Simon



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	<u><b>March 8</b></u>	<u><b>March 15</b></u>	<u><b>FINANCIALS</b></u>
<b>Elders</b>	Gwen Thomas Joe Pyles	Wilma Frazier Shirley Musser	<u><b>2/23/2020</b></u> General Fund Contributions: \$2,926 Attendance: 123
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Everett French-</b> Diana Criger Carolyn Condict Marilyn Ferguson Debra Gleghorn Sandra Graham Bill Grier Helen Gunther Dan Hicks Teresa Hicks Ken Hillen Joyce Moots Dave Moots Kathy Osborn Dewayne Rout	<b>Patsy Tipton -</b> Jim Criger Kylie Criger Jack Edel Pat Edel David Edel Geoff French Susan Haynes David Lane Charlie Mabry John Manary Don Nix Faye Nix Dana Powell Jan Richerson Larry Wakefield	<u><b>3/1/2020</b></u> General Fund Contributions: \$7,159 Attendance: 128
<b>Invocation and Offering</b>	Carolyn Deeds & Kaylee Deeds	Michael Olmsted	
<b>Communion &amp; Fellowship Prep.</b>	Youth Group	Gary & Sandy Wingo Joe & Carol Pyles	
<b>Usher</b>	Don & Faye Nix	Paul & Sharon Martin	
<b>Greeter</b>	Robert & Beth Taylor	Bill & Rita St. Gemme	
<b>Fellowship Pianist</b>	Mark Bowdidge	Vicky Claborn	

# MINISTER'S Message

On Wednesday, February 26th we began the Lenten season. With the beginning of the season, it is important to understand what that means for us as Christians and as children of God. The Lenten season is our journey with Christ, the journey that takes him from life, to death, to resurrection, and on to new life. We use this season to journey with Jesus, as he tries to understand his place in the world, working to understand our place in this world, and looking to understand Christ after the resurrection. Ash Wednesday is the service that starts the Lenten season and it continues on for 40 days, representing the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted.

Ash Wednesday has the theme of death and with it comes our understanding that we are mortal, that death is inevitable. *“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return”* (Gen. 3:19, NRSV). We do not know when it is that death will come and take us, but what we can do is prepare ourselves, make a connection with God, so that when death does come, we will be ready. It is how we prepare ourselves for the coming death and what we do with our lives in our time on earth that the Lenten season helps us to understand. This is where the idea of repentance comes into play. In the Christian Testament (The New Testament) the idea of repentance is one of reconnecting with God and the idea of changing one’s mind, coming to a new way of thinking.

So, as we journey through this season of Lent, starting from Ash Wednesday, if you choose to engage in the tradition of giving something up for 40 days, that is great. But what I challenge all of us to do is to try not to just give anything up, but to add to ourselves by being more aware of our relationship with God and our relationship with all of God’s creation. For when we meet God, in our new life, we will fully become aware of who God is, but before we meet God, we need to be fully aware of who we are and who God is calling us to be. This is the perfect time to understand ourselves and how our relationship with God has prepared us for our journey to the end and then to resurrection. Have a wonderful Lenten season and a beautiful relationship with God.

In Christ’s Love for All,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "GEOFF". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

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**Specially prepared for:**

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

**Ministry Team**

**Bill Fischer, Board Moderator  
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Senior Minister  
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister  
Dr. Mark Bowdidge, Music Director  
Vicky Claborn, Organist  
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director  
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