



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sermon Title and Scriptures

May 3, 2020

“Examples Set for Us”

1 Peter 2:21-25; Acts 2:42-47

Sermon Title and Scriptures

May 10, 2020

“Holding On”

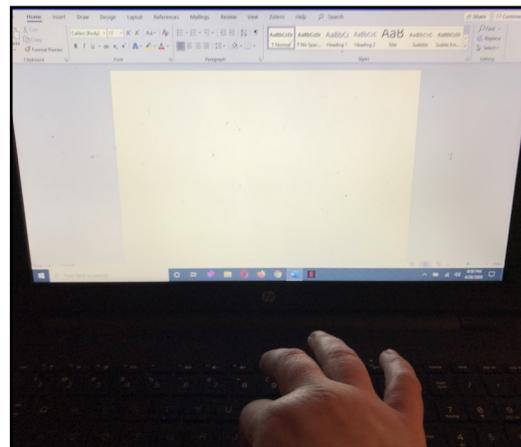
1 Peter 2:1-5; Acts 7:55-60

Keeping in Touch

One of the most common things we hear in our conversations with members of our church family, are requests for information about others. “How are The SuchAndSos doing?” “Has anyone heard from [fill in the blank]?” It’s clear that our care and concern for one another isn’t diminished by social distancing.

We’d like to open up some of this space to let us all catch up with one another, an effort to bolster “the ties that bind, our hearts in Christian love.” If you are interested in participating please send in a short note (50-100 words or so) and/or picture, letting everyone know how your household is doing. You can share a little about your new daily routine, challenges you are facing, small joys you have discovered, or anything else you want to share with the Central community.

Please email to TheCCCall@gmail.com, or send letters to the church office address. The deadline for submission will be **May 8**.



We would like to wish Jean Hagerman a belated Happy Birthday. On April 12th, Jean turned 90 years old. We are so very sorry about the omission of your name on our birthday calendar. We do hope that your day was special and that you were able to do all that you wanted to on that wonderful day.

Happy Birthday, Jean!

Congregational Concerns

Regina Maness, mother of Marilyn Ferguson

Vicky Claborn

Dan Hicks

The family of Herb Knight

The family of Caleb Lipscomb

Beth Taylor

Peter Nozza

Ginger Williams

Linda McCoy

Lisa Lynch

James Willingham

Greg & Paula Walton

Marilyn Elsass

Barb Rossetter

Easton Lewis, great-grandson of Mary Harris

Mary Pering

Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray

Jaden Willingham

Karen Sunderwirth

Vicky Turner

Judy Gibson, friend of Maryann Wakefield

Shirley Cobb

Evelyn Looney

Debra Gleghorn

Traci Vargas & children

John Thurman

Mary, friend of Robert and Beth Taylor

Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier

Rosa Lee Butts

Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs

Victoria McIlwain

Janice McGee

Ann Simon

Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn

Paul Martin

Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth

Retha McDowell

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



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Youth News

While we are unable to meet in person, the teens are staying in touch via the app GroupMe.

Right now we are just offering each other support and solidarity, and an opportunity to share prayer concerns. As we move past the end of the school year and any related requirements, we



will be playing some games online as a way to continue to build comradery (and maybe win pizza). If there's a young person in your life—grades 7-12—who would like to join our online youth group community, please contact the church office.

MINISTER'S Message

A few weeks ago, we welcomed Jesus Christ back into the world to walk with us once again. Although this year, we welcomed Christ in a new and interesting way. Even though we were in our homes on Easter morning, it did not stop us from coming together and it did not stop Jesus from rising from the dead as promised. So, what is next? As we prepare to enter back into the world ourselves, in a way, it is now more important than ever to think about what we are going to do when we do come back together, when we can gather with one another and be active in God's creation. This Sunday we are going to be looking at that question through scriptures. And I thought we could begin to think about this now with the first verse of one of our scriptures. In 1 Peter 2:1 we are given these words by the author: *Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.*

While we prepare to re-enter into the world, to re-imagine our place in this world, let us remember these words and come back into the world as Jesus came back into the world. After the way he had been treated, he could have come back angry. Angry at those who crucified him and angry at the disciples for turning away from him for a time. But he didn't. He came back and reminded the disciples of what their calling, their mission was in this world. Let us do the same.

As I spoke with Rhonda Stewart, we talked about how this time, as uncertain and unnerving as it may have been, has been a reconnection with all human beings. The love and support that has been shown during this time is amazing. People have gone out of their way to try and find new and exciting avenues to help their fellow human beings. Let us not back track when we can finally be together with everyone. We need to remember the feelings that we felt, the help that was given, and continue to live our lives in that way, and these words from 1 Peter do nothing but remind us of what God's calling on our lives is supposed to look like in the world.

Go ahead and rid yourselves of all that is on the author's list, but never, never rid yourselves of the love that you have felt from one another, for one another, and from God. Let us return to the world once again full of hope, of acceptance, and of the teachings that God has sent to us through Jesus Christ.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

In Christ's Love for All,

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

Ministry Team

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Rev. Geoff Weinman, Senior Minister
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister
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