



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Christian Women's Fellowship collecting for others

This year CWF is putting together School Kits and Missouri Family Food Boxes, plus collecting money for Missouri Women's Prison Packs and blankets for Church World Services. We also collect and send in used eye glasses.

The items needed to finish 75 **school kits** are:

- 22 Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- 369 New pencils with erasers
- 11 Large erasers
- 66 Boxes of 24 Crayolas

To fill a **Missouri Family Food Box**:

- 3 different cans of vegetables
- 3 different cans of fruit
- 3 cans of tuna
- 1 can of pasta sauce
- 1 pound of pasta
- 3 packages of macaroni and cheese
- 1 jar of peanut butter



Missouri Women's Prison Packs, and **blankets for Church World Services** are \$10 each. Checks can be written to Christian Women's Fellowship or CWF.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your spirit of partnership to work together to meet the needs of those at risk in our community.

Thank you very much for your donation!

Blessings to you!

The Connecting Grounds

Leaning into our legacy

Why we are revisiting Central's history

In this issue of *The Call*, you'll find the second installment of Diane Phillips Bailey's outstanding work tracing the history of Central Christian Church. Some of this might be familiar to long-time members, but new information to newer members of our church family. Diane's mother, Garner Phillips, wrote *Forward Through the Ages: A History of Central Christian Church*, a book chronicling the church's early years. As we have grappled with the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, it seemed worth revisiting that history, and everything since the book's publication, to remind us of the resilient spirit that has been handed down in this congregation over generations.

Congregational Concerns

Marilyn Elsass	Hattie Penland	The family of Lucille Sachs	Gary Wright	Janice McGee	
Howard and Lynda McCoy, on the loss of their daughter		Rosann Gordon	Regina Maness, mother of Marilyn Ferguson		
Chrystal Melton	Paul Martin	Vicky Claborn	Dan Hicks	Beth Taylor	Linda McCoy
Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs		Retha McDowell	Ann Simon	James Willingham	
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn		Greg & Paula Walton	Marilyn Elsass	Vicky Turner	
Judy Gibson, friend of Maryann Wakefield		Jaden Willingham	Karen Sunderwirth	Traci Vargas & children	
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier		Shirley Cobb	Mary Pering	Evelyn Looney	Debra Gleghorn
Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth		John Thurman	Victoria McIlwain	Rosa Lee Butts	
Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray		Lisa Lynch	Ginger Williamson	Barb Rossetter	

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



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Boyd School Supply Drive

We are working with Central Assembly of God to meet the school supply needs of students at Boyd Elementary. Due to restrictions, there is some concern about purchasing the needed number of hand sanitizers easily. Please consider picking up some of these items (especially large bottles of hand sanitizer) as you are able, or contributing financially to their purchase.

230 black/white composition notebooks

220 packages of pencils

55 pencil boxes

75 fiscar scissors

280 glue sticks

70 packages of washable markers

80 packages of crayons

80 large erasers

280 pronged folders

200 boxes of Kleenex

50 rolls of paper towels

85 bottles of disinfectant wipes

85 hand sanitizers

75 spiral notebooks

38 packages of skinny, black whiteboard markers

128 packages of multicolored expo markers

13 packs of gallon-size Ziploc bags

13 packs of sandwich-size Ziploc bags

30 packages of colored pencils

60 tubs of play doh

45 ink pens

30 packs of baby wipes

30 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper

30 plastic rulers

FINANCIALS

6/28/2020

General Fund

Contributions: \$1,562.79

In-person attendance: 61

Online service views: 61*

7/5/2020

General Fund

Contributions: \$7,835.92

In-person attendance: 61

Online service views: 59*

*At the time of publication

Central Christian Church, through the years: A brief history, part 2

Garner Phillips, who put together the Forward Through the Ages history of this church for its 100th anniversary, quoted Paul Tournier from his book Learn to Grow Old. "A sense of history is needed if one is to make sense of life; for if we look only at the point where we are, we will see neither where we came from nor where we are going." Present and future generations need to see where Central, as a congregation, came from and how to proceed. We need to understand the good times and the difficult times through the years from 1889 to 2020. With this understanding, we will find the hope during these difficult times that Central will have good times together again.

----- Diane Phillips Bailey

During the early 1900's, Central, as well as the rest of the Country was devastated with WWI and the Spanish Flu. It is believed the war was a factor in spreading the Flu as men were traveling country to country and under less than sanitary conditions. There were about 50 million people who died from the flu plus those from the war. The flu lasted for about a year as there were no good medical treatments for it. At the same time from 1917-1918 the United States was involved in WWI, joining three years into the battle. Five of Central's young men fought for the Country and a Memorial Flag was placed in the Chancel. There was much activity to help the war needs especially the women participating in Red Cross, YMCA and other activities. They were also active in helping the families left at home while their family member fought. The big emphasis following those years was evangelism and building the Church. Rev E.C. Sechler became minister 1920 serving until 1932. During that time the Sunday School program, Wednesday evening services and the Centralizer church paper were begun. The building of the current church building was also underway. It appears Rev. Sechler worked too hard and it is reported his health suffered; he was not able to work for some time and then suffered a relapse later. He was replaced by Rev. Harvey Humphrey who began in 1925 as a supply minister but stayed on when Rev. Sechler couldn't return to his duties. The Great Depression created much need for church members and the church was also struggling financially. E.A. Martin reportedly recognized the church's inability to make its mortgage payments. He and two other Board Members went to the Lender in St. Louis asking for relief. They were told to go home and do the best they could. The congregation formed a "200 Club," setting up 4 teams and each team was to generate \$50 monthly to send to the Mortgage Holders. After two or three years, they were once again able to make those payments in full.

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10:30 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
Joyce Thomas, Children's Director
Ken Hillen, Church Caretaker

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