



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Don't forget to call, write your Care Partners

When Covid-19 was classified as a pandemic in March, little did we know we would still be affected in August. We have many church friends still at home. A call from you brightens their day. I want to thank you for your care and concern for those on your Care Partner list. Let's be sure we call them again this week.

"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10.

Carolyn Deeds



To my Central family,
Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. I know for a fact if it hadn't been for those prayers I wouldn't have done as well as I did. The cards as well helped my spirits.

Love, Dana

Communion supplies available

We have pre-packaged communion elements in the church office for those who are participating in worship via our livestream. You are welcome to pick up the individual-serving packages during regular office house.


Chalice mask order: Deadline Aug. 16

You may have noticed several members of church staff wearing masks featuring the Disciples chalice on Sunday. If you would like one of your own, please let us know by Sunday, August 16. Masks are \$12, and are available in red, black, navy, and grey.



New Regional Minister joins Mid-America

The **Rev. Dr. Christine K. Chenoweth** joined The Christian Church of Mid-America as **Transitional Regional Minister** on August 1. Dr. Chenoweth will be based out of the Regional office in Springfield, and work primarily with congregations in the southern half of the state. Dr. Chenoweth attended Brite Divinity School where she earned a Master of Divinity, with a concentration in pastoral counseling, and a Doctor of Ministry, in pastoral theology and pastoral psychotherapy. She has spent more than 30 years in private practice doing pastoral counseling and community mental health work. She has served in interim ministry in both the congregational and regional settings. Originally from Oklahoma, she comes to us from the Southwest Region where she serves as Community Regional Minister for Fort Worth & Surrounding Area. Her joy in ministry there has been working with congregations and pastors in the search and call process. She joins Rev. Ron Routledge, who serves out of the northwest, and the Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, who serves out of the northeast. Welcome, Christine!



Congregational Concerns

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

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

**If you can't join us in person, please remember
that we are livestreaming our Sunday morning
service—starting at 9:30—at
www.centralchristianspringfield.org**

Boyd School Supply Drive

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| 32 black/white composition notebooks | 37 packages of skinny black whiteboard markers |
| 165 packages of pencils | 126 packages of multicolored expo markers |
| 47 pencil boxes | 13 packs of gallon-size Ziploc bags |
| 73 fisca scissors | 12 packs of sandwich-size Ziploc bags |
| 191 glue sticks | 18 packages of colored pencils |
| 58 packages of washable markers | 50 tubs of play doh |
| 37 packages of crayons | 0 ink pens (need met) |
| 60 large erasers | 20 packs of baby wipes |
| 280 pronged folders | 22 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper |
| 197 boxes of Kleenex | 17 plastic rulers |
| 44 rolls of paper towels | |
| 0 containers of (need disinfectant wipes met) | |
| 0 hand sanitizers (need met) | |
| 55 spiral notebooks | |

Updated on 7/20/20 and 7/28/20

FINANCIALS

7/26/2020

General Fund
Contributions: \$1,071
In-person attendance: 58
Online service views: 47*

8/2/2020

General Fund
Contributions: \$6,596
In-person attendance: 62
Online service views: 25*

*At the time of publication

Central Christian Church, through the years: A brief history, part 4

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

Rev. Joe Detamore was minister for the next four years. He focused on stewardship and evangelism. It was during this time that the new Education Building was dedicated. Rev. Detamore helped the church look at what they wanted for the future. His wife was regarded as a major part of his ministry as she had many talents and was appreciated for establishing the day kindergarten.

Probably the most remembered by current members of past ministers is Michael McGinnis who accepted the call to be minister in January 1963. He was Central's youngest minister and was told he was acquiring "a dying church." In 1963 many older downtown churches were losing members due to the population growth moving to the south of town and some churches were even closing. This was changing the church from a "Community church" where people generally lived close by to one where all were scattered. Some of the North side churches were going door to door to recruit members and even busing people to church. Also competing with TV changed some of the evening services. Some members did leave for the closer churches but many stayed, and with the help of the dynamic Michael McGinnis the church continued to Maintain. One of his first moves was to visit every home with church members all 1,100 of them. He went beyond the borders of the church to serve and when he became ill with terminal cancer he continued to council when he could. This was one of the most devastating events for the members at that time though he lived many years beyond that initial diagnosis and even beyond his ministry. It was during this period the Vietnam war began and involved many young men in the church. It was a sad experience to lose these active and beloved of the church including the young Kirby Wilcox. Kirby had also been a graduate of West Point Military Academy. It was especially sad because of the controversy about the United States being there and the treatment of those who served upon their return home.

One of the most often repeated events of this time period was when the ceiling fell in 1970. In the Remembrances Book several members talked of this as their most memorable event including the organist Garner Phillips, who thought her final note on the organ that day caused it. That original ceiling was covered with tile which remained until recent years covering the current beautiful arch.

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Return Service Requested

Specially prepared for:

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am Worship

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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