



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)  
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## All Saints Day, this Sunday

This Sunday our morning worship service will include a time of remembrance for members of the Central Christian Church community that we have lost over the past year. The tradition of All Saints Day dates back 1600 years, initially in the spring but moving to the fall in the 8th century. This is an observance of remembrance, as well as an opportunity to remind us of the spiritual connectedness between the church universal and the realm of the Divine.

## Two ways to attend the Mid-town Concert Series

### **In Person**

Join us in person in Central's spacious sanctuary for a socially distanced live experience. In accordance with local ordinances face masks will be required but if you forget your mask we'll have disposable masks available.

### **Online**

Join us online for a live stream broadcast of each of the season's concerts on Central Christian's YouTube channel Central Christian, Springfield MO or on the church website [CentralChristianSpringfield.org](http://CentralChristianSpringfield.org).

**The Mid-Town Concert Series**  
*a ministry of Central Christian Church*

*presents*

**VICKY CLABORN**  
*Organist*

Sunday, November 1, 2020 • 3:00 p.m.



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## Ushers Needed for MTCS

Three ushers will be needed for each of the upcoming Mid-Town Concert Series performances, on Nov. 1, Dec. 13, Feb. 7, March 7, and April 11. No refreshments will be served. There will be a sign-up sheet on Lisa's desk. Thank you—Carolyn Deeds

*We are entering into yet another Stewardship season. Join us on Nov. 8, 15, 22, as we contemplate what it means to be a church together and good stewards for all God's world. At this time in our world it is never more important to be...*



## Congregational Concerns

The family of Bill Zoller, close friend of Patsy Tipton and her mother Joan Fletcher Linda McCoy  
Larry Graham and family, on the loss of his brother Marilyn Ferguson, on the passing of her mother Regina Maness  
David Claborn, on the passing of his brother Jerrell Claborn Jerry McCoy, brother of Lisa Lynch and Howard McCoy  
The family of Delilah Krasser, on her passing Paul Hunt, friend of Diane Bailey James Willingham Dan Hicks  
Greg & Paula Walton Hattie Penland Diana Criger Lorene Murray John & Kitty Mannary Lisa Lynch  
Evelyn Looney Mary Pering Anna Marie Walker Virginia Thomas Victoria McIlwain Debra Gleghorn  
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs John Thurman  
Judy Gibson, friend of Maryann Wakefield Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth Beth Taylor Retha McDowell  
Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Traci Vargas & children Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier  
Vicky Turner Rosa Lee Butts Jaden Willingham Vicky Claborn Ann Simon  
Karen Sunderwirth Barb Rossetter Ginger Williamson

*(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](http://www.centralchristianspringfield.org)**

## State of the Church report *Summary*

*A full version of the State of the Church report, as submitted by the Executive Committee was printed in the Oct. 20th issues of The Call. A digital copy is available on the church website, [www.centralchristianspringfield.org](http://www.centralchristianspringfield.org). A printed copy can be requested from the church office.*

### What we've done:

- Began offering **modified hybrid worship** services (online and in-person) with safety protocols in place—mandatory masking, social distancing in the pews, limited singing and congregational responses, and disposable communion cups and wafers.

### FINANCIALS

*As we took the extra precaution of not meeting in-person for three weeks, financials are not available for Oct. 1, 8, or 15.*

**10/4/2020**

Online service views: 72\*

**10/11/2020**

Online service views: N/A\*\*

**10/18/2020**

Online service views: 68\*

**10/25/2020**

General Fund

Contributions: \$7,365

In-person attendance: 65

Online service views: 75\*

\*At the time of publication

\*\* We did not live-stream a service on Oct. 11.

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- Restarted **Sunday School** with all adults meeting in the fellowship hall with an interesting combination of several different teaching techniques in a rotational basis.
- Replaced the sump pump, which **will automatically pull the water out of the elevator pit**.
- **Purchased a Disinfecting Fogger** to use to sanitize the church building after each use, to combat Covid-19 as well as regular flu season germs. The total cost was \$800, and included the disinfectant concentrate.

## Looking Ahead:

- The **replacement of the roof** is still an on-going project. The pandemic has set us back in gaining bids but also **finding the funding** for the roof. We have determined that we will use funds out of the **Endowment cash funds** to pay for the project and then **start a Capital Campaign** when we are able to have the congregation back in the church without limitations. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in contributing to the Capital Building Fund, please let Geoff or Alyssa know as we already have a special Designated Fund set up for the building projects.
- Weekly **giving is down**, of course, due to the virus and limitations placed on the church but the good news is that we have been able to pay the bills. Just a reminder that if anyone can't make it to Sunday church services that **offerings can be mailed to the church** or **giving can be done online** through the Central Christian website. As a committee, we are trying to be good stewards of the resources which we have for maintaining the physical infrastructure of the church but we continue to pray for guidance as we navigate through these uncertain times.
- **Stewardship month** is right around the corner in November. This is a time to prayerfully consider the commitment we make to the programs and facilities of Central Christian Church. Geoff has a full month of activities for Stewardship up to and including each of us completing our stewardship cards and depositing them in the Chest of Joash. As we read in **2 Corinthians 9:7**, **“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”** This is a powerful message that God has sent to us!

We are diligently trying to keep the church as safe as possible, but we **still appreciate those of our congregation that are not comfortable in attending in person**. Hopefully soon we will be back to a full congregation with little or no restrictions on attending church. We miss each and everyone that we have not seen since March. Be safe and stay healthy.

*Yours in Christ,  
The Executive Committee*

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**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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