



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)  
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*We have entered into yet another Stewardship season. We hope you'll continue to join us on Nov. 15 and 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...*



## **Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas**

We will again be decorating the church building for Advent and Christmas, including filling the chancel with the big, beautiful poinsettias we enjoy each year. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, please complete and return the form included in this week's issue of The Call. Poinsettias will be \$10 per plant. Plants can be taken home or provided to our homebound members.

## **Loving our unsheltered neighbors**

We've enjoyed unseasonably warm weather over the last week or so. As overnight temperatures dip back into the 30s this week and we anticipate the coming, let us be mindful of our neighbors who do not regular access to a break from the elements. If you have **coats, blankets or sleeping bags** you would like to donate, you can drop them off at the church. We are using the Youth Sunday School classroom as a holding space for donations, which will be taken to or picked up by our friends at The Connecting Grounds. (The youth group is happy to share their space and have Sunday School in the Youth Lounge.) If you want to participate without leaving the house, financial support can be sent to the church with "TCG" in the subject line. Other needed items—which can also be dropped off at the church include:

- Hot hands
- Socks
- Gloves
- Backpacks
- Laundry detergent
- Bottled water
- Pre-packaged snacks
- Pop-top canned goods

## **Weekly issues of The Call**

The Executive Committee has voted to publish the church newsletter weekly through the end of the year. This is to ensure that the Central Christian family stays up-to-date on events and occurrences, as details may change from what we have come to expect. If you have an item for The Call, please email [office@centralchristianspringfield.org](mailto:office@centralchristianspringfield.org).

### Congregational Concerns

**Helen Jernigan** Gary Witt and the family of Vicky Turner, on her passing Karen Hahn  
Lisa Lynch & Howard McCoy, on the passing of their brother Linda McCoy Paul Hunt, friend of Diane Bailey  
James Willingham Lisa Lynch Greg & Paula Walton Hattie Penland Diana Griger  
Lorene Murray Vicky Claborn 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 Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier Retha McDowell Dan Hicks  
Beth Taylor Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Traci Vargas & children Rosa Lee Butts  
Jaden Willingham Karen Sunderwirth Barb Rossetter Ginger Williamson Ann Simon

*(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)**

### ***Support Central while you shop for Christmas***

The church is an authorized beneficiary of Amazon's charitable giving program. **For every dollar spent through AmazonSmile —**

**on almost anything—the church will receive half a percent.**

We're a little difficult to find through searching; there are a LOT of congregations that share our name. By using this link (you can type it in your browser), you will automatically be asked if you want to

support this congregation. Our unique charity link is

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/44-0548740>. AmazonSmile is now

available through the Amazon app; please contact Alyssa if you need

assistance with set-up.

### **FINANCIALS**

**11/1/2020**

General Fund

Contributions: \$4,337

In-person attendance: 66

Online service views: 56\*

**11/8/2020**

General Fund

Contributions: \$10,199.95

In-person attendance: 77

Online service views: 41\*\*

\*At the time of publication  
\*\* The computer that relays our livestream crashed during the service. An audio version of the service is available on the church website.

# Welcome new Chancel Choir Section Leader

*Margaret Jordahl*

Margaret Jordahl is a 2019 graduate of St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City, Missouri. As a student at St. Teresa's Margaret sang in the school choir under the direction of Mr. Steve Perry. But in addition to her school musical experiences Margaret was a paid section leader in the choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the Westport neighborhood of midtown Kansas City. St. Paul's choir has a long history of excellent music and currently the choir is directed by Sam Anderson. Margaret is currently a sophomore music major at Missouri State University where she is majoring in vocal performance. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies Margaret plans to pursue graduate studies in music with the ideal goal of performing and teaching voice professionally. Margaret enjoys spending time watching movies, being the best aunt to her three nieces and completing puzzles. Margaret's family includes parents Mark and Mary Jordahl and sisters Megan and Kelly. Margaret was introduced to Central Christian by MSU's director of choral activities, Dr. Cameron LaBarr.



Welcome Margaret to Central Christian!

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***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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