



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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Breakfast with Santa

Our annual community event will be a drive-through offering this year, with Santa in the portico to hand out presents, bags of food, and hot breakfast sandwiches. Santa's Springfield-based elves have been working to gather those items—including gift cards—since the children will not be able to shop for guardians in the downstairs fellowship hall. As this is going to be a new way of celebrating a cherished event, we are not entirely sure what to expect. We are planning for around 150 children and 300 total in attendance. The support of the members of Central Christian Church has always been essential to the success of this program and this year is no different. Whether it is helping on December 12th or by monetary donations we are going to need the support of the entire church. We very much love our Breakfast with Santa event and are excited about the new possibilities this might bring for the future. If you'd like to support this outreach ministry of the church, please indicate so on your envelope or check.

This Sunday will be our "Commitment Sunday." On this day we commit ourselves to another year of working through Central Christian Church to do the mission and ministry God is calling us to do. Join us by sending in your commitment cards or placing them in the Chest of Joash on Sunday morning. At this time in our world it is never more important to be...



Decorating the church building

You are invited to join us following morning worship and Sunday school this Sunday, Nov. 22, to help us prepare our worship spaces for Advent and Christmas. In observance of safety protocols, we will not be having lunch together in McGinnis Fellowship Hall afterwards.

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.

Upcoming Advent Events

- **Hanging of the Greens***—Sunday, Nov. 29th at 9:30 a.m.
- **Choir Cantata***—Sunday, Dec. 6th at 9:30 a.m.
- **Breakfast with Santa**—Saturday, Dec. 12th, 9–11 a.m.
- **Mid-Town Concert Series: Keyboards at Christmas***—Sunday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m.
- **Candlelight Service***—Thursday, Dec. 24th, 6 p.m.

*All Services will be Live Streamed to our website.



A big Thank You to Alyssa for coming on a Saturday night to support me and the Fair Grove band.

Luc Deeds

Congregational Concerns

Joyce Mallard Helen Jernigan Karen Hahn 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

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.

Loving our unsheltered neighbors

Let us be mindful of our neighbors who do not have 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. 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, Gloves, Laundry detergent, Pre-packaged snacks, Socks, Backpacks, Bottled water, and Pop-top canned goods.

FINANCIALS

11/8/2020

General Fund
Contributions: \$10,199.95
In-person attendance: 77
Online service views: 54**

11/15/2020

General Fund
Contributions: \$2,648.08
In-person attendance: 70
Online service views: 39**

*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.

Share a Toy, Share the Joy!

Crosslines collecting toys for children for Christmas

Toys will be distributed on December 19 at Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Toys can be donated at the fairgrounds, Dec. 14-15, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., or at Crosslines, 615 N. Glenstone, before Dec. 14.

Crosslines' Amazon wish list can be found at

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TOAQZF0IFTA6?ref=wl_share.

Crosslines' Wal-Mart wish list can be at

www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood/0b7787ea-24a5-452b-af26-3590a63bbd11/view.

Additional information about Crosslines' holiday efforts can be found at

crosslinesholiday.org/.

Suggested Christmas gifts include:

Infants

Shape sorter

Board books

Rattles

Pull toys

Duplos

2-4 years old

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Magnetic blocks

Dress-up shoes/sets

Play sets (cooking, tools)

V-Tech toys

5-7 years old

Legos, slime

Paw Patrol items

Doc McStuffin items

Cars/trains/trucks

Action figures

8-10 years old

Craft kits

Legos

Walkie talkies

Remote control cars

Polly pockets

11-13 years old

Drawing supplies

Metal water bottle

Headphones

Craft kits

Science kits

Teens

Make-up

Perfume/body wash

Hair straighteners

Drawing supplies

Headphones

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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
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