



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of **Colleen Stockton**, who passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2020.



We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of **Cheryl Gayles**, who passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021.

End-of-Year Giving Statements

End-of-Year giving statements will be emailed. Please make sure the office has a correct email address on file. If you need a printed copy of your statement, please contact the church office.

Covid close to home

The church prayer chain and ministers have received reports of people in our congregation who have tested positive for Covid-19, or who are taking care of a family member who has tested positive. Please keep all of these individuals and family, and those of so many others around the world, in your prayers.

Candlelight Christmas Eve



Socially distanced, mask-wearing, seating-assigned Candlelight Christmas Eve in McGinnis Fellowship Hall—not what we're used to, special in its own right.

Live-stream only worship in January

As the virus has gotten worse and is expected to continue in the winter months, out of concern for our members and the community of Springfield, we have decided to hold **only live-stream services for January which can be seen every Sunday at 9:30am on the church website, www.centralchristianspringfield.org**; the video will be available at any time after.

Crosslines Needs Hygiene Items

Many thanks to all the folks who leave food and hygiene items in the Crosslines grocery cart! Items most needed are shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Hygiene items are not available through Ozark Food Harvest, so we rely completely on private donations of these things. We always run out of hygiene items and cannot fulfill requests for them on our work day. Central volunteers work at Crosslines on the second Tuesday of every month.

Thank you!
Your Crosslines Team

Attention!!!

Please turn in Best Choice labels to CWF. Thank you!

Newborns in Need needs you

Can you sew? If so, Newborns in Need can use your help. The organization needs people to sew quilt pieces together for baby quilts. You can do this at home or at the Newborns in Need office, 1940 S. Glenstone, Suite S.

Congregational Concerns

The family of Colleen Stockton, on her passing

Karen Hahn
Greg & Paula Walton
Debra Gleghorn
Traci Vargas & children
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn
Karen Sunderwirth
Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray

Joyce Mallard
Hattie Penland
Anna Marie Walker
Victoria McIlwain

Linda McCoy
Lorene Murray
Mary Pering

Jaden Willingham
Ginger Williamson
Rosa Lee Butts
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier

The family of Cheryl Gayles, on her passing

Lisa Lynch
Vicky Claborn
Virginia Thomas

Diana Griger
Evelyn Looney
Beth Taylor

Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs
Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth

Dana Powell

James Willingham
Ann Simon
Dan Hicks

John Thurman
Barb Rossetter

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

**Livestream our Sunday morning service—starting at 9:30—at www.centralchristianspringfield.org.
Connect with us on social media:**



Like us on Facebook at Central Christian Church DOC - Springfield, MO



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at Central Christian, Springfield, MO

Double Vision?



Chancel Choir section leader Margaret Jordahl (right), was mistaken for former Chancel Choir section leader Carly Wingfield (left) for her first few Sundays with us last fall. If you joined us for the Livestream on Jan. 3, your eyes were not deceiving you. Both women were present to share their beautiful singing gifts with us during morning worship.

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

12/24/2020

In-person attendance: 70
Online service views: 32

12/27/2020

General Fund

Contributions: \$2,267.49
In-person attendance: 58
Online service views: 52*

1/4/2021

General Fund

Contributions: N/A
Online service views: 69*

*At the time of publication

Bids received for roof repair

Executive Committee makes recommendation, plans to proceed

At last 2020 is behind us and we can start looking to the future for 2021. Along with that theme, we are continuing to work on projects that have needed to be completed; however, the pandemic has caused our church and staff to adjust the way we are working on projects. From an Operational standpoint we have completed the following projects:

- Repaired the drainage problem in the elevator pit
- Integrated Livestreaming into our church services thanks to Geoff and Alyssa
- Purchased a disinfectant fogger for today and the future for the building.

One of the major Operational items yet to get fixed is the leaking roof over McGinnis Fellowship Hall, the rest rooms, and the office suite. Thanks to the on-going efforts of our resident engineer—Ray West, who is also our Property Chairman—we have received bids for fixing the roof leaks. We have decided to award the contract to Delta Roofing who actually came in with the low bid as well as a comprehensive plan based on the specifications that Ray established for fixing the roof. The Delta bid was \$101,920 but we are asking for \$105,000 from the Endowment Committee which would allow for any unexpected problems that would cause a “change order” in the original bid. This bid also came with a 25 year manufacturer’s warranty which will be around long after your Board Moderator is gone. Delta Roofing also made us aware that they probably would not start the roof repair for several weeks due to a heavy backlog of work.

With that being said, we now enter the realm of how to pay for this roofing project. The pandemic has created a situation of attendance both in church and on-line which has affected our ability to launch a Capital campaign. So we, the Executive Committee, have decided to utilize some funds that have been approved from our Endowment Committee pending the approval of our congregation. With the stock market rebounding as it has since the early part of 2020, we have been so blessed to have the availability to access a cash reserve that was set aside early on without affecting the Endowment to any large degree.

We still have a designated fund for the various building projects that was opened during the last Capital Campaign that we encourage our congregation to contribute. Remember we have a 130+ year old church that still has items needing to be fixed and updated so all the contributions we can get will be appreciated. This letter is somewhat general in substance; however, any questions you have can be directed to me or the Church office. Unless we get a large amount of negative feedback, which I don’t anticipate, we plan to contact Delta Roofing and get on the schedule for installation as soon as possible. We ask for your prayers in moving forward with this project. Stay warm and, above all, Stay Safe!

Bill Fischer

Board Moderator

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Return Service Requested

Specially prepared for:

Sunday Mornings

**9:30 am Worship Livestream
on the church website**

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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