



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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February 21—anticipated date for return to in-person worship option: READ MORE inside

Lenten opportunities to serve our neighbors

OFH Food Fight 2021

Once again, we are joining with Ozarks Food Harvest for the **Food Fight 2021** for the month of February. However, this year things are going to be a little different. Because of the circumstances we are asking for monetary donations in order for Ozarks Food Harvest to give the best help possible where help is needed. If you would like to donate, you can do so on our website under the Online Giving tab or you may donate to the church office. Thank you for your generous support in the past and the support you will be giving this year.

Youth service project

The youth group will be collecting items to make care kits for our unsheltered neighbors during Lent. Those kits will be given to The Connecting Grounds for volunteers to distribute as they check on people trying to stay warm and dry out in the elements. Suggested items include Hot Hands, bottled water, antibacterial wipes, small flashlights, AA and AAA batteries, and high-protein (shelf-stable) food items. Tarps, blankets, sleeping bags, and inclement weather gear are always needed. A tub will be available near the display case off the front lobby, for those who wish to support the youth group service project. Financial contributions can be made to the church, with "TCG" in the subject line.

Partnering with Crosslines

To do: Volunteer at Crosslines with Central, one Tuesday a month.

To donate: Hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, etc.)

Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining our Crosslines team. Hygiene items can be dropped off in the Crosslines cart near the Benton Avenue doors.

MTCS for February, postponed

The Mid-Town Concert Series presentation of Drs. Kristine Harris and Benjamin Harlan has been postponed due to an injury by one of the performers. The concert will be rescheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. We invite you to join us for our next offering in the season on Sunday, March 7, when we present the annual Candace L. French Memorial Piano Concert, featuring Washington, D.C. based pianist Haskell Small.

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 office.

Tentative date set for return to in-person (hybrid) worship

First Sunday in Lent—February 21—identified as target date

After much prayer and discussion, Central Christian Church has decided that we will resume in-person worship services on February 21, 2021. This date is a target and not definite. We will still be watching the news, listening to experts, and taking in what our city officials are recommending. February 21st is what we are hoping for, but this is not written in stone. It can, and will, be changed if events in the future warrant the church to take further precaution. When we return, we will still be social distancing, we will still be wearing masks, and we will still be taking all the safety steps we were taking before the suspension of in-person worship. We all miss worshipping in our sanctuary and not being able to see each other face-to-face on Sunday mornings, but we must understand that all this is being done for the welfare and the health of our congregation and for our community.

February 21st is the first Sunday of the season of Lent. Lent is a special time in the life of the church. It is the time for all of us to remember who we are, what we are called to do, and that our actions will be seen by all as an outward display of the Christian life we strive to live. As Christ makes his way to the cross, taking each step

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

1/03/2021

General Fund
Contributions: N/A
Online service views: 103*

1/10/2021

General Fund
Contributions: N/A
Online service views: 84*

1/17/2021

General Fund
Contributions: N/A
Online service views: 105*

1/24/2021

General Fund
Contributions: N/A
Online service views: 138*

1/31/2021

General Fund
Contributions: N/A
Online service views: 38*

*At the time of publication

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deliberately, we are reminded of the grace, the love, and the salvation that comes to us through Jesus Christ and everything that we are called to live in our lives.

We hope to see everyone starting on February 21st, but if you are still uncomfortable with public gatherings, we understand. Always remember that our services are **Live Streamed every Sunday at 9:30am** from our website at www.centralchristianspringfield.org or from our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjzkTleHuE6rqKICkvooot5A>.

Congregational Concerns

The family of Dennis West, brother of Cheryl Horton, on his passing	The family of Betty Bowsher, on her passing			
The family of Lucy Evans, sister of Sharon Martin, on her passing	Howard McCoy	Linda McCoy		
Marjorie Ray	Dana Powell	Karen Hahn	Joyce Mallard	Lisa Lynch
Diana Criger	James Willingham	Greg & Paula Walton	Hattie Penland	
Lorene Murray	Vicky Claborn	Evelyn Looney	Debra Gleghorn	Mary Pering
Anna Marie Walker	Virginia Thomas	Victoria McIlwain	Jaden Willingham	Ginger Williamson
John Thurman	Karen Sunderwirth	Barb Rossetter	Beth Taylor	Ann Simon
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier	Traci Vargas & children		Rosa Lee Butts	
Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray	Dan Hicks	Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth		
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs			

(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**

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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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