



The Call

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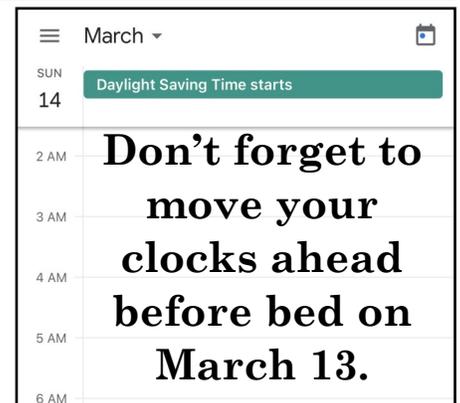
March 2, 2021

Mailing The Call and deadlines

We've received several reports of delays in regards to delivery of printed issues of The Call. Contributors to the church newsletter should plan on submitting items at least one issue sooner (two week earlier) to increase the likelihood readers will receive their information in a timely fashion. A digital copy of The Call is emailed out on the Tuesday of publication. If you would like to receive the digital version, please email office@centralchristianspringfield.org.

CWF NEWS—Love Gift Luncheon update

Because of the Covid pandemic, CWF was not able to have their Pie and Cake Sale before Thanksgiving nor the Candy and Cookie sale in December. We will also not be able to have our regular Love Gift Luncheon on the second Sunday in March. So—we will instead have an imaginary Love Gift Luncheon. You eat wherever you and your family/friends want to eat and make a donation to CWF. You can write a check to Central Christian with CWF on the notation line or write one directly to CWF.



Prayer chain participation

If you would like to participate in the church prayer chain, please contact the church office.

Week of Compassion giving

We recently observed the week for which Week of Compassion is named, Feb. 21-28, with special offerings. If you missed the opportunity to support our denomination's disaster relief, refugee and sustainable development organizations, please know that contribution's can be made through this church at any time.



MTCS for March cancelled

The Mid-Town Concert Series annual presentation of the Candace L. French Memorial Piano Concert, scheduled for March 7, featuring Haskell Small has been cancelled. Please join us for the April 11 MTCS concert featuring soprano Dawn Akins Payne.

Scholarship Time

It's time once again to invite applications for the annual scholarship awards. Any student who has finished high school, or is a senior in high school who will graduate in the spring of 2021, and is planning to continue their education may apply. Two letters of recommendation are required, as well as proof of enrollment or acceptance in a college/ university, or trade school. If you have received one scholarship, you may apply one additional year. We are proud of our students and wish to encourage them in their educational pursuits. A student need not be a member of Central, but should have close ties to the church. Please request an application at office@centralchristianspringfield.org. **Deadline: April 1**

—Dorothy Thurman and Memorial Fund
Scholarship Committee

Congregational Concerns

Ann Simon	Evelyn Looney, on the loss of her sister	JoAnn Fletcher, mother of Patsy Tipton		
Dan Hicks	Greg & Paula Walton	Howard McCoy	Linda McCoy	Marjorie Ray
Dana Powell	Karen Hahn	Joyce Mallard	James Willingham	Lisa Lynch
Diana Criger	Hattie Penland	Lorene Murray	Virginia Thomas	Vicky Claborn
Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray	Debra Gleghorn	Jaden Willingham	Beth Taylor	
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	Karen Sunderwirth	Barb Rossetter	Mary Pering	
Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs	Rosa Lee Butts	Victoria McIlwain	John Thurman	
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier	Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth	Traci Vargas & children		

(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:



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



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FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

2/21/2021
General Fund
Contributions: \$10,672.43
Attendance: 70
Online service views: 104*

2/28/2021
General Fund
Contributions: \$5,187.00
Attendance: 70
Online service views: 20*

*At the time of publication

Our service in God's world . . .

. . . Opportunities for Lenten giving

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 "Youth Lent" in the subject line.

Collecting for Ozark Food Harvest

Once again, we are joining with Ozarks Food Harvest for the **Food Fight 2021** through March 7, and for the **Lent Fish Drive 2021** through Easter. 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.

Roof update

It has been approximately six weeks since my last update regarding the status of our McGinnis Fellowship Hall roof repair. Well, a lot has changed in that period of time, thus the reason for this update. Originally we, the Executive Committee, had decided to award the contract for the roof repairs to Delta Roofing as the low bidder with a bid amount of \$101,000+; we were asking for approval of \$105,000 in case there were any unexpected problems that might arise during the repair.

Since then, with the guidance of our resident engineer Ray West, we have approached the people at Delta about some general conditions that we felt needed to be addressed. These General Conditions would give Central Christian protections in case there were any unforeseen problems that might arise that would negatively affect our agreement with Delta. Additionally, we found some areas that needed to be addressed that would add to the initial bid and these were items that needed to be fixed if we were going to have this job done correctly. The bottom line is that Delta Roofing determined that this project would be more than they were wanting to commit to going forward so they withdrew their bid proposal leaving us to go with the next lowest bid. Before going any further, I want to be clear that Delta is a good, reputable company that has been in business for a very long time but we just simply could not arrive to an agreement regarding the protections for Central Christian Church. We thanked them for participating in the bidding process for our roof and wished them well.

With all this being said, our next low bidder is Kirberg Roofing. They have their home office in St. Louis with a local operation in Springfield. Kirberg Roofing, like Delta Roofing, has been in operation for a very long time, mainly in the St. Louis area but more recently in the Springfield area. The Kirberg bid is \$140,480.00 which is considerably higher than the Delta bid but understand that, with the added areas that we needed to have addressed, the Delta bid would also have been higher. Ray West has done his due diligence on Kirberg and found nothing but glowing remarks about the type and quality of work they perform. We are projecting that the Central Cristian roof project will hopefully start on or about July 1, withstanding any weather delays and, of course, with the approval of our congregation.

As we mentioned before, if anyone has any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to call either the church or me. We are projecting that we will have a completed contract in hand within the next two weeks to start the project if our congregants approve. As I mentioned in the last letter a few weeks ago, we will be funding this project through proceeds from our Endowment Funds. With the COVID-19 virus causing such problems in being able to meet regularly on Sunday and also with a limited congregation, it was best served to bypass a Capital Campaign at this time and use the resources we have been so blessed to have at our disposal. At last, we are excited that we will be moving forward on the roof which is a repair project that is long overdue. Thanks to each of you for your patience in getting this roof repaired.

Bill Fischer
Board Moderator

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Specially prepared for:

Sunday Mornings

**9:30 am Worship, in person
and via our Livestream**

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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