



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Church Prayer Chain

The Care Team is in the process of reorganizing the Church Prayer Chain in the next few weeks. We have lost some of our participants and need some new ones. Consider being part of this ministry sending prayers to God for our community of faith, friends, and relatives. For more information, call Shirley Musser or the church office.



Thank you to the Congregation for cards and prayers during my latest health issue. I'm feeling better and able to stay in my apartment with home health care.

*Love,
Hattie Penland*

Central Christian Church –

Thank you so much for your continued support of our unsheltered population and of the outreach work that we do at The Connecting Grounds. We are blessed by our connection and partnership.

*Love,
Christie Love*

Boyd School Supply Drive

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Boyd School Supply Drive. We have almost wrapped up the drive for this year. I will purchase the rest of these items this week. Support for the Boyd School Supply Drive will be accepted through August for those interested in participating this year. Additional offerings can be designated Supply Drive.

CWF News

- CWF will resume Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 in the McGinnis Fellowship Hall. It will be followed by a pot-luck lunch in the old fellowship hall.
- CWF is no longer doing School Kits, Health Kits, or Missouri Family Food Packs (too labor intensive). We are, however, collecting money for Women's Prison Packs and blankets for Church World Services. Each is \$10. You may write a check to CWF or the church with CWF on the memo line. Please also indicate to which you want to donate.

Congregational Concerns

Chris Cobb	Sharon Martin	Pat Dodd	Don Nix	Greg & Paula Walton
Hattie Penland	Nan Olmsted	Gary Wright	Bev Vestal	Paul Martin
John Thurman	Linda McCoy	Dana Powell	Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin	Karen Hahn
Joyce Mallard	James Willingham	Dan Hicks	Lisa Lynch	Diana Criger
Lorene Murray	Virginia Thomas	Vicky Claborn	Debra Gleghorn	Jaden Willingham
Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray		Karen Sunderwirth	Barb Rossetter	Victoria McIlwain
Traci Vargas & children	Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier		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)

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

8/8/2021

General Fund
 Contributions: \$5,663
 Attendance: 63
 Online service views: 16*

8/15/2021

General Fund
 Contributions: \$3,426
 Attendance: 73
 Online service views: 11*

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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Elder Serving Schedule

Offering

Communion

August 22	Marilynn West	Dorothy Thurman
August 29	Larry Graham	Mark Bowdidge
September 5	Shirley Musser	Cheryl Horton
September 12	Joe Pyles	Jim Ferguson
September 19	Phillip Brown	Luther Young
September 26	Carol Pyles	Carolyn Deeds
October 3	Bill Fischer	Everett Deeds
October 10	Kay Parrish	Bob Thurman
October 17	Michael Olmsted	Cal Wise

*At the time of publication

MINISTER'S
Message

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10 (NRSV)

“Dear God, I want a pony.”

“Dear God, I want more money.”

“Dear God, I want_____.”

This passage from Luke’s gospel has often been reduced to something akin to a magic incantation or spell. I believe in the power of prayer. I believe God cares about even the most minute aspects of lives, even the things that might seem trivial. I also believe God looks at our hearts and our intentions.

“Dear God, give me wisdom and courage.”

“Dear God, help me to find light and hope, and to reflect light and hope.”

“Dear God, lead me in the ways you would have me go.”

In I Kings 3, God tells Solomon that he can have anything he asks. Solomon reflects on the abundance into which he had been born and requests wisdom and discernment; he wants to ensure he knows how to be a good steward of everything with which he had been entrusted. This pleased God:

“Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself . . . I will do what you have asked. . . Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.”

Solomon’s prayer had less to do with personal gain and more to do with wanting to grow into the best version of himself, the best steward of all the resources at his disposal and in his care. We gain everything—that which actually matters—when our focus is on that which glorifies God with our lives. It is through that lens that we best understand the passage from Luke.

With prayers that we may all grow in wisdom, maturity, and godliness,

Alyssa

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Specially prepared for:

Sunday Mornings

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

10:30 am Fellowship

10:45 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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