



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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**There will be a Church Board meeting,
Sunday, September 26, in McGinnis
Fellowship Hall after morning worship.
Please plan to attend.**

Faith Forward

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mid-America had scheduled an event, Faith Forward, for Saturday, September 25, 2021. Per the region, “due to the continuing spread of COVID-19, we will be unable to meet in person for this event.” **A virtual event will take place from 1-3 p.m., and will include**



- Strengthening a Vital **Disciples Women** Ministry: Led by Pastor Jennifer Long, DW Coordinator

Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Central’s associate minister, will present on the life and ministry of Rev. Sadie McCoy Crank, one of the first women ordained in our denomination. She and her husband, the Rev. J.R. Crank, served congregations and communities around southwest Missouri beginning in 1903.

- Learning from Our **Mid-America Global Ministries Mission Co-Workers**—Dr. Larry and Debbie Colvin
- Communion service and closing

A link for viewing this abbreviated event will be posted when it becomes available.

This quilt was created by Karla Myers, an elder at Nixa CC. It will be raffled off for \$20 a ticket. to support the work of Week of Compassion in the Mid-America Region. The applique quilt blocks were discovered 20 years ago by one of Nixa’s former ministers, Ruth Ann Jones, and later shared with Myers for quilting. The drawing for this queen-size quilt and two matching pillow cases will be held during the Disciples Women workshop at Faith Forward. Need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, contact Susan Moore at smoore.ccma@gmail.com.



Congregational Concerns

Lisa Lynch	Jim Ferguson	Don Nix	Frank & Pat Dodd	Chris Cobb
Paul & Sharon Martin	Greg & Paula Walton		Hattie Penland	Nan Olmsted
Gary Wright	Bev Vestal		Glendon Walker	John Thurman
Linda McCoy	Dana Powell	Karen Hahn	James Willingham	Dan Hicks
Diana Criger	Beth Taylor	Lorene Murray	Vicky Claborn	Debra Gleghorn
Jaden Willingham	Rosa Lee Butts	Victoria McIlwain	Karen Sunderwirth	Barb Rossetter
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier	Traci Vargas & children	Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth		
Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin		Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray		
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.**

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SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at
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Elder Serving Schedule

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion</u>
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
October 24	Linda Zweerink	Gwen Thomas
October 31	Gary Morris	Marilynn West
November 7	Dorothy Thurman	Wilma Frazier
November 14	Mark Bowdidge	Shirley Musser

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

9/5/2021

General Fund
Contributions: \$8,139.79
Attendance: 68
Online service views: 94*

9/12/2021

General Fund
Contributions: \$6,684.00
Attendance: 83
Online service views: 21*

*At the time of publication
9/13/2021

MINISTER'S *Message*

I have made my way back to Central Christian Church after my 3-month sabbatical. I want to thank everyone in the church for allowing me the opportunity to rest, to recharge, and to relax for a bit. I also want to thank you for being there for Rev. Alyssa Spradlin this summer, and to Rev. Alyssa Spradlin for taking on the task of being the sole minister. If you were here this summer you know what a wonderful job she did, and, if you were unable to worship with us this summer, just ask anyone and they will tell you what a great job she did.

I wasn't able to travel as I had planned due to COVID and other health aspects that popped up (not mine). But I was able to take the time to do some much needed work around the house. In God's infinite wisdom plants, grass, and other vegetation does not stop growing just because you do not have the time to mess with it. My backyard flowerbed, which is around 1,500SF, had become what I referred to as the jungle. As I took many weeks, more than I thought, to clean it out, treat it for new weeds, and cover it all up with mulch, I realized that I did not mind the work so much. Yes, it was not always easy (taking out stumps rarely is), and it was hot on many occasions, I kept coming back to do the same work over again each morning. I just kept wondering what it was that made me put it off for so long.

Not everything that we have the opportunity to accomplish in this world is always going to be easy, and who knows, we might actually come to like the work and want to keep at it, but we have to try. John F. Kennedy said, "Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try."¹ No matter how hard we think a task is going to be, we have to try. God created the world in 7 days, now we probably not going to accomplish that feat, but as we continue to hear about God's love and our place in that love, think of how we can change the world through that love. All we need to do is try and we can accomplish all things.

I look forward to seeing everyone again and to work with you all to try and see what we can do.

In Christ's love for All,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "GEOFF". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

1. <https://teambuilding.com/blog/inspirational-work-quotes#:~:text=Hard%20work%20quotes%201%20%E2%80%9CBe%20humble.%20Be%20hungry%2C%20your%20success%20be%20your%20noise.%E2%80%9D%20-Frank%20Ocean%2C%20musician>

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Return Service Requested

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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