



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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## New Chancel Choir section leader: Hannah Hall

It is our pleasure to introduce new alto section leader **Hannah Hall!** Hannah is a 2021 graduate of Ozark High School. During her years at Ozark, Hannah was an active participant in the choral music program, most recently as a member of the Women's Chamber Choir and Varsity Chorale lead by dynamic team Amy Brammer and John Wilkins. Hannah is now a student at Drury University where she majors in music education. As a student at Drury, Hannah sings with both the Drury Chorale and Drury Singers directed by Dr. Jim Davidson. Once she completes her undergraduate education Hannah plans to pursue graduate and advanced studies in music education. Her ultimate career goal is to teach high school choral music specifically and introduce music to young people in general. In her spare time Hannah enjoys participating in watching theater, writing, playing guitar, watching movies, and spending time with her dog. Hannah's family includes her father Josh, senior pastor at Selmore Baptist Church in Ozark; her mother, Rachel, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Ozark South Elementary; and three siblings, Sophie in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Levi in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Jackson in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Hannah heard about Central Christian's Chancel Choir section leader position through her voice teacher, Rebecca Claborn, daughter of our own David and Vicky Claborn. Hannah, we welcome you to Central Christian Church!



### **Board meeting updates**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the board meeting on Sunday, September 27. If you were unable to attend and would like the information presented, please contact the church office. We will be happy to email the church financials, as well as the meeting minutes when once they are finalized.

### **Faith Forward, rewind**

If you missed Alyssa's presentation on Saturday at the Region's Faith Forward event, an archived video is available on the church Facebook page.

***Volunteers needed for Fellowship prep. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. Responsibilities include cutting the donuts and putting them on plates, and serving coffee/tea after morning worship.***



Thank you to the people that go out of their way to help people, especially the ones with walkers.

*Rhonda Stewart*

Dear Central Christian,  
Thank you for all of the graduation goodness—gifts, cards, and that lovely stole from the congregation. Thanks, too, for all of your support, encouragement, and patience while I provided sabbatical coverage over the summer.

*With great fondness and affection,  
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin*

### Congregational Concerns

Shirley Musser	Lisa Lynch	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](http://www.centralchristianspringfield.org).**

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### **Elder Serving Schedule**

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion</u>
<b>October 3</b>	Bill Fischer	Everett Deeds
<b>October 10</b>	Kay Parrish	Bob Thurman
<b>October 17</b>	Michael Olmsted	Cal Wise
<b>October 24</b>	Linda Zweerink	Gwen Thomas
<b>October 31</b>	Gary Morris	Marilynn West
<b>November 7</b>	Dorothy Thurman	Wilma Frazier
<b>November 14</b>	Mark Bowdidge	Shirley Musser
<b>November 21</b>	Cheryl Horton	Larry Graham
<b>November 28</b>	Jim Ferguson	Phillip Brown

### FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

9/19/2021

General Fund  
Contributions: \$21,488.84  
Attendance: 81  
Online service views: 23\*

9/26/2021

General Fund  
Contributions: \$4,398  
Attendance: 87  
Online service views: 25\*

\*At the time of publication

MINISTER'S  
*Message*

“Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, ‘Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.’ Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ‘Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.’”

Esther 4:13-16

Queen Esther is in a difficult spot. She is a woman of Jewish faith and heritage living under the rule of a king who is not. One of the king’s chief counselors has called for the death of all of her people, and the king has gone along, not realizing the decree’s impact on his wife and her family. Palace protocol only allows her to visit the king if he requests her—which he hasn’t done in a month; the penalty for arriving in his presence without an invitation is death.

Her uncle reminds her that she may very well die anyway, and without the trade off of saving her people. Mordecai says, in effect, “God may deliver us without you but what will not intervening on our behalf cost your soul? You were plucked from nowhere to be elevated to this position of royalty. Do something with that privilege.”

It is easy to get comfy in our lives, especially if life has not always been comfy or easy. It is hard to think of putting our lives, our reputations, or our comfort on the line when they may have been hard-won. And yet, as with the words of Mordecai, perhaps we have come to our present spots of comfort, “for just such a time as this.” How can God use you this day?

With prayers for you to be bold even when it’s scary or uncomfortable,

*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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