



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Thank You!

Thank you for all the Love and Prayers plus cards, notes, texts, phone calls and gifts during my recovery for my second knee replacement. I am making good progress and I deeply appreciate each of you for sharing with me in many ways during this time.

*Love,
Shirley Musser*

Breakfast with Santa is coming

We are starting to prepare for Breakfast with Santa, which will be held on December 11, from 9-11 a.m. Due to ongoing concerns about Covid-19, we will plan on doing another drive-through event like we did last year. Please contact the church office or Patsy Tipton if you are interested in volunteering. Financial contributions can be designated **Breakfast with Santa**.

Children, youth outing Dec. 18

The elementary and youth kids will be going to Sight and Sound theatre on December 18th! This will be our first outing since COVID. We are excited to start doing things as a group again, but we still need to be careful. Usually during these outings, we would allow members and their family to join us. This year we are going to have to keep our group small so we can follow COVID guidelines. If you would like to make a donation to help fund this trip, you can put it in the offering plate on Sunday or turn it into the office. Please put **Sight and Sound** in the memo.

New Chancel Choir section leader: Nate White

It is our pleasure to introduce new tenor section leader **Nate White!** Nate is a 2020 graduate of Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Missouri. While a student there Nate played in the band and sang in the Kickapoo Choir under the direction of Nathan Cornelius. Nate is currently a student at Missouri State University where he is majoring in instrumental music education with a vocal endorsement and a recording certificate. Nate's immediate plans after completing his undergraduate degree include teaching K-12 instrumental music with the eventual plan to return to academia to complete both the masters and doctorate in music. His ultimate career goal is to be a collegiate concert band director. Outside of music Nate enjoys creating hand-coded websites and playing video games. Nate's family includes mother, Desiree Moreno, the director of nursing at a retirement home, father Russell White, a pharmacist, and brother Mitchell White, a salesman for T-Mobile. Nate found out about Central Christian Church through his voice teacher, our own Carly Wingfield. Welcome Nate!



Congregational Concerns

Bev Vestal	Norma Knight	Rhonda Stewart	Ginger Williams
Patty Thurman and family, on the loss of her brother William Francis			Robert Taylor Shirley Potter
Betty Jo Gardner	Evelyn Looney	Lisa Lynch	Don Nix Chris Cobb Frank & Pat Dodd
Greg & Paula Walton	Nan Olmsted	Paul & Sharon Martin	Hattie Penland Gary Wright
Glendon Walker	John Thurman	Linda McCoy	Dana Powell Karen Hahn
James Willingham	Diana Criger	Beth Taylor	Lorene Murray Vicky Claborn Dan Hicks
Debra Gleghorn	Jaden Willingham	Rosa Lee Butts	Victoria McIlwain Karen Sunderwirth
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier		Traci Vargas & children	Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth
Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin		Barb Rossetter	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)

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service—starting at 9:30—at
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**FINANCIALS &
ATTENDANCE**

10/31/2021
General Fund
Contributions: \$4,197.52
Attendance: 75
Online service views: 71*

11/7/2021
General Fund
Contributions: \$9,086
Attendance: 79
Online service views: 41*

*At the time of publication

Serving Schedule

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
November 14	Mark Bowdidge	Shirley Musser	Alyssa Spradlin	Bill & Karen Fischer
November 21	Cheryl Horton	Larry Graham	Carolyn Deeds	Kay & Joe Parrish
November 28	Jim Ferguson	Phillip Brown	Wilma Frazier	
December 5	Luther Young	Joe Pyles	Kay Parrish	Everett & Carolyn Deeds
December 12	Carolyn Deeds	Bill Fischer		Geoff Weinman
December 19	Everett Deeds	Carol Pyles	Wilma Frazier	
December 26	Dorothy Thurman	Kay Parrish	Carolyn Deeds	

MINISTER'S *Message*

One of my responsibilities as your associate minister is to oversee some of the administrative aspects of our mission to God's world outside our walls. Central Christian Church has a long history of outreach and hospitality; I'm happy to handle the paperwork and logistics for the good work we do together as the Body of Christ. This month I want to highlight four things we are doing as capital-c Church.

Over the last 20+ years, we have provided a safe afterschool space for our neighbors at Boyd Elementary, complete with recreation, opportunities for enrichment, tutoring assistance, and dinner. Many of you have supported Culture Club through regular designated giving and memorial contributions. With the school's move to Division Street and our program's ending, we were left with a fund balance, unsure of how to honor the gifts of the congregation. Several long-time volunteers now make up the **Culture Club Legacy** committee. As we become aware of needs from the school, this committee will ensure that money donated to Culture Club (in the past and in the future) will continue to work for the good of our youngest neighbors.

We will host (drive-through) **Breakfast with Santa** on December 11, from 9-11 a.m. Last year's Covid-safe event gave us the opportunity to continue our holiday tradition while still observing appropriate protocols. We will do it all again this year, still keeping the safety of one another in mind. There will be breakfast sandwiches, gift cards for children, goody bags and popcorn tins for every car, and, of course, Santa.

The Outreach Committee has provided consistent assistance to our neighbors throughout the pandemic through the **Reaching Out** fund; that money comes from the Endowment Committee to support this work. While there are many programs and organizations that work to meet the emergent needs around us, some people fall through the cracks and Central does a lot to provide safety nets as we are able. Going forward, look for monthly updates on how we are working to meet some of those needs.

Crisis cold weather shelter season started on November 1, and will run through March 31, 2022. One of the most recent acts of the Outreach Committee has been to commit \$5,000 to help meet the food and shelter needs of our unhoused friends and neighbors. We will be working with our friends at Community Partnership of the Ozarks, as well as a collective of sibling churches, to do the hands-and-feet work of Jesus. Covid has made protecting some of our most vulnerable neighbors— each one a beloved child of God—more complicated and more expensive. It will take all of us to provide hope and respite . . . and dinner.

The Outreach Committee has approved covering \$100 of the food costs related to Central Christian providing dinner for our unsheltered neighbors once a month during this time. I've already signed us up to provide a pizza dinner on the Friday after Thanksgiving for our November offering. **If you would be interested in helping prepare meals in December, January, February, or March, please let the church office know.** Meals can be collaborative—prepared at home and brought to the church—or collective— prepared together in the church kitchen. Either way, I will deliver them each month to the Veterans Welcome Home Center in time for dinner. Volunteers to serve the food are welcome but not required.

Grateful to serve such a generous congregation,

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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