



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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The Mid-Town Concert Series of Central Christian Church Presents

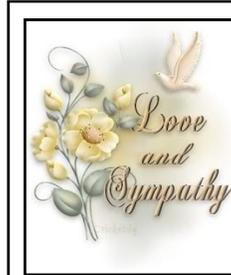
KEYBOARDS AT
Christmas

Sunday, December 12, 2021 • 3:00 PM

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1475 N. Washington Ave. at Division St. • Springfield, Missouri
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We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of **Anne Hudgings**, who passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2021.



We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of **Patricia Jordan**, who passed away on Monday, November 29, 2021.



We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of **Rosa Lee Butts** who passed away on Friday, December 3, 2021.



Thank you to everyone who called, sent cards and prayed for my brother Chris.

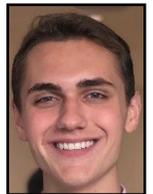
Bill Cobb

Breakfast with Santa—flyer inside
Children, youth trip to Branson—Dec. 18

There will be a Congregational meeting, December 12, 2021, immediately after morning worship. Please join us.

New Chancel Choir section leader: Zach Zielinski

It is our pleasure to introduce new bass section leader **Zach Zielinski!** Zach is a native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and a graduate of Jackson High School. Zach is no foreigner to choral music for he was involved in choir throughout all of high school and was taught by Christi Shinn and Beth St. John and in church choirs during college. Currently Zach is a senior at Missouri State University where he is pursuing a degree in vocal performance. But take heart, Zach will be around another year after graduation! He eventually plans to attend graduate school studying vocal performance. In his free time Zach enjoys cooking, bike rides, reading, and watching movies. His parents are very supportive of Zach and his musical aspirations. They run the family business, a precision machine shop where they make specialized tools and parts for large industrial suppliers such as Proctor & Gamble. Zach is the youngest of three children. He has two older sisters, Saylor and Candless who have made Zach the proud uncle of two nieces and two nephews. Zach's grandmother, Dr. Shirley Zielinski, was one of his biggest inspirations for pursuing music and is the individual responsible for getting Zach where he is today. Zach heard about Central Christian from good friends Margaret Jordahl and Gabe Adams. Welcome Zach to the Central Christian family!



Congregational Concerns

The family of Anne Hudgings, on her passing

The family of Patricia Jordan, on her passing

The family of Chris Cobb, on his passing

The family of Rosa Lee Butts, on her passing

Mary Bermond, on the passing of her sister-in-law, Jan Moutray

The family of Bev Vestal, on her passing

Greg & Paula Walton

Ginger Williams

Lisa Lynch

Dan Hicks

Norma Knight

Rhonda Stewart

Linda McCoy

Gary Wright

Robert Taylor

William Francis

Shirley Potter

Betty Jo Gardner

Evelyn Looney

Don Nix

Frank & Pat Dodd

Nan Olmsted

Paul & Sharon Martin

Hattie Penland

Glendon Walker

John Thurman

Dana Powell

Karen Hahn

James Willingham

Diana Criger

Beth Taylor

Lorene Murray

Vicky Claborn

Debra Gleghorn

Jaden Willingham

Victoria McIlwain

Traci Vargas & children

Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier

Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth

Karen Sunderwirth

Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin

Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray

Barb Rossetter

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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FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

11/28/2021

General Fund

Contributions: \$3,816

Attendance: 96

Online service views: 37*

12/05/2021

General Fund

Contributions: \$9,538.50

Attendance: 120

Online service views: 33*

*At the time of publication

Serving Schedule

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
December 12	Carolyn Deeds	Bill Fischer	Gwen Thomas	Geoff Weinman
December 19	Everett Deeds	Carol Pyles	Wilma Frazier	Gary & Nancy Morris
December 26	Dorothy Thurman	Kay Parrish	Carolyn Deeds	Joe & Carol Pyles

Thoughts from the congregation

I Just Want to Celebrate

For Unto Us A Child Is Born

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace...” (Isaiah 9:6-7a, NASB)

I just want to celebrate!

“Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, ‘Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.’ The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end.” (Luke 1:26-33, NASB)

I just want to celebrate!

“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11, NASB)

I just want to celebrate!

This is the season of Advent. Each day we prepare ourselves, we decorate our churches and our homes, to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Christ child. *“I Just Want To Celebrate”* was recorded by the rock band Rare Earth. It was the lead single on their 1971 album *One World*. It was among the most popular hits of the 1970s. Though a popular secular song, the enthusiasm of the group when performing, particularly the lyrics of the chorus (“I just want to celebrate another day of livin’. I just want to celebrate another day of life”) should exemplify our celebration of Jesus’ birth. It should also exemplify the way we feel as we are born again as a disciple of Christ in accepting Him as our Lord and Savior; and inviting Him to dwell within us.

To the church in Galatia the Apostle Paul wrote, *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”* (Gal 2:20, NASB)

I just want to celebrate!

We’re all familiar with the story of Saul’s (a Pharisee among the Pharisees) rebirth as the Apostle Paul. That was really a 180 change in life direction. He spent the rest of his earthly life celebrating this new life given him by Christ Jesus.

I just want to celebrate another day of livin’. I just want to celebrate another day of life.

Celebrate another day of life with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

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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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