



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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January 18, 2022

***Sermon Title and Scriptures***

***Jan. 23, 2022***

***“Celebrate Joy”***

***Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11***

***Sermon Title and Scriptures***

***Jan. 30, 2022***

***“What is Said”***

***Psalm 19:1-10; Luke 4:14-21***

***MTCS: Soprano Dawn Akins Payne in Concert***

The Mid-Town Concert Series, a ministry of Central Christian Church, presents soprano Dawn Akins Payne in concert on Sunday, February 6, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Payne is a graduate of Evangel University where she earned degrees in music education and psychology. A resident of Lee’s Summit, Mrs. Payne serves as an educator, church musician, and performer throughout the Kansas City area including work with the *Kansas City Chorale*, Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the Springfield Regional Opera. Her accompanist for this concert is her father, Dr. John Akins, a composer, performer, and a retired member of the music faculty of Evangel University. The diverse program will include some of Dr. Akins’s compositions for solo voice.

***Giving Statements***

Giving statements went out by email if your email address was on file. If not, your statement was placed in the mail on 1/17/2021. If you need another copy, please contact Joyce Thomas at [joyce@centralchristianspringfield.org](mailto:joyce@centralchristianspringfield.org) or let her know on Sunday morning.

**Reaching Out<sup>^</sup>**

	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Two-Month Total</i>
Housing Assistance	\$1,000	\$550	\$1,550.00
Utilities	\$163.17	\$575.75	\$738.92
Gas, Hygiene/Etc.	\$413.95	\$115.72	\$529.67
Irregular Expenses	\$353.73*	\$6,000**	\$6353.73
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,930.85</i>	<i>\$7,241.47</i>	<i>\$9,172.32</i>

<sup>^</sup> Reaching Out is a fund administered by the Outreach Committee based on requests for assistance from the general public and from within our own congregation. The Outreach Committee makes decisions on requests for assistance over \$100, including supporting larger efforts in our community. Money for the Reaching Out fund comes from distributions approved by the Endowment Committee. This is an ongoing, year-round ministry of the congregation, and we look forward to bringing you updates each month going forward.

\* In October we paid the annual fee for Survey Monkey, the online program that hosts our Request for Assistance application.

\*\* In November we gave \$1,000 to The Connecting Grounds in fulfillment of our commitment to provide our sibling congregation with \$500/quarter to help with food expenses. We also gave \$5,000 to Asbury United Methodist Church, to support the collaborative cold-weather shelter efforts of several area congregations.

**Congregational Concerns**

Rex Biggs	John & Kitty Manary	Winnie Young	Teresa Turso	Gary Wright
Fred Spence	Ginger Williams	Greg & Paula Walton	Lisa Lynch	Dan Hicks
Norma Knight	Rhonda Stewart	Linda McCoy	Robert & Beth 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	Lorene Murray
Vicky Claborn	Debra Gleghorn	Jaden Willingham	Victoria McIlwain	Traci Vargas & children
Karen Sunderwirth	Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier		Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray	
Barb Rossetter	Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth		Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	
Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs			Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin	

*(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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**FINANCIALS &  
ATTENDANCE**

**1/9/2022**

General Fund  
Contributions: \$6,333.05  
Attendance: 63  
Online service views: 29\*

**1/16/2022**

General Fund  
Contributions: \$2,834.50  
Attendance: 52  
Online service views: 38\*

\*At the time of publication

**Serving Schedule**

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
<b>January 23</b>	Cheryl Horton	Mark Bowdidge	Carol Pyles	Mike & Carma Weinman
<b>January 30</b>	Shirley Musser	Jim Ferguson	Carma Weinman	Kay & Joe Parrish
<b>February 6</b>	Bob Thurman	Philip Brown	Kay Parrish	Everett & Carolyn Deeds
<b>February 13</b>	Bill Fischer	Gwen Thomas	Carolyn Deeds	Youth
<b>February 20</b>	Luther Young	Carol Pyles		Craig Miller & Yvonne Erwin
<b>February 27</b>	Carolyn Deeds	Joe Pyles		
<b>March 6</b>	Kay Parrish	Everett Deeds		

“MINISTER’S  
Message”

As we head into the new year with new possibilities and new wonders to come, we don't need to forget all that we have done in the past couple of years. So, I want to remind everyone of the definition of stewardship we talked about for three weeks in November: *“the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.”* Now this is nothing new to us as Christians and as people who live in God's family. As the number of cases for COVID continue to rise, in Springfield and all over the nation, we need to remember that we are stewards on this earth and stewards to all who dwell on this earth. We need to show the protection and the caring for all of God's children, even if we are not required to do so. We do so because of our faith, we do so because of what we have been taught by Jesus Christ, we do so because of our love for one another, just as God loved us.

Remember to take all precautions for yourselves and for others. Try to social distance, remember to space out during times of fellowship and gathering, remember to do all you can to protect yourself, those around you, and all people, everywhere, from all things this world can bring about to hurt us, doing so inside our walls and outside in the world. Central Christian is here to help you do this every step of the way, in every way we can. We do not do this just because it is the right thing to do, we do this because we are who we are, we do this because we follow the one sent for all the world, we do this because we are Christians, living our lives just as the child born for us who grew up to die for us.

Remember what God spoke to us in Isaiah 43:4 *“...you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you...”* In the eyes of God, all life is precious. In the eyes of Jesus Christ, we have seen, time and time again, that all life is precious. And for us, those who follow the teachings of God through Jesus Christ, it should be no different. All life on this planet is precious and it is up to us to do all we can to honor it and to love it. I hope you all continue to be safe and healthy, not just for your own lives but for the lives of all God's children.

As always, God bless.

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

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**Specially prepared for:**

***Sunday Mornings***

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

**10:45 am Fellowship**

**11:00 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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