



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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February 1, 2022

**Sermon Title and Scriptures**

**February 6, 2022**

*“Do It Anyway”*

**Luke 5:1-11; Ecclesiastes 11:1-6**

**Sermon Title and Scriptures**

**February 13, 2022**

*“More Important?”*

**Luke 6:1-11**

**The Mid-Town Concert Series**

*a ministry of Central Christian Church*

*presents*

**DAWN AKINS PAYNE**

*Soprano*

Sunday, February 6, 2022 • 3:00 p.m.



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**Don't forget your Care Partners**

Now would be a wonderful time to reach out to the people on your Care Partner list. We've seen a decline in attendance as the rate of Covid infections has increased again and more people are staying home in general to slow the spread. We want everyone in our community to know how much they are loved and missed.

**You are invited**

Associate minister Alyssa Spradlin will be ordained on Sunday, February 27, at 3 p.m., in the Central Christian Church sanctuary. Rev. Spradlin, commissioned since October 2018, was approved for ordination by the Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry in January. Appropriate Covid-related protocols will be observed. The service will be live-streamed.

**February Mission Spotlight**

Week of Compassion is the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that responds to disasters, supports sustainable development, and assists refugees. While the official “week” for which is Week of Compassion is named is February 20-27, additional offerings can be given any time. Please designate “WoC” on your checks or envelopes.



**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.

***January meal at Veterans Coming Home Center***

On January 18, Central Christian served between 183-188 people at Veterans Coming Home Center. Thank you to the Deeds, Fischer, Hicks, Horton, Moots, Morris, Parrish, Rickman, Tipton, Weinman, and Young families for providing a wonderful breakfast-for-dinner meal for our unsheltered neighbors. Board moderator Bill Fischer and his wife Karen, and Cheryl Horton and her son Wes joined Rev. Alyssa Spradlin in serving the meal. **We will provide a chili dinner at Vets on February 8.** Please contact the church office if you'd like to participate.



### Congregational Concerns

Wilma Frazier	Pat Pennel	Fred & Norma Spence	Rex Biggs	John & Kitty Manary
Winnie Young	Teresa Turso	Gary Wright	Ginger Williams	Greg & Paula Walton
Lisa Lynch	Dan Hicks	Norma Knight	Rhonda Stewart	Linda McCoy
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	Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier		Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray	
Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth		Barb Rossetter	Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	
Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs		Karen Sunderwirth	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.***  
**Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at  
**Central Christian, Springfield, MO**



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### FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

**1/23/2022**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$7,911  
 Attendance: 73  
 Online service views: 43\*

**1/30/2022**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$10,979.45  
 Attendance: 76  
 Online service views: 44\*

\*At the time of publication

### Share your thoughts

Do you have reflections you'd like to share with the congregation? Luther Young is a fine example of lay leaders putting pen to page for the benefit of our congregation. If you'd like to join him in our column-writing ranks, please contact the church office for more information.

## Serving Schedule

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
<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	Mike Weinman	Mike & Carma Weinman
<b>March 6</b>	Kay Parrish	Everett Deeds		
March 13	Dorothy Thurman	Linda Zweerink	Carolyn Deeds	Joe & Kay Parrish
March 20	Karen Hicks	Cal Wise	Kay Parrish	Joe & Carol Pyles

# Thoughts from the congregation

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## *A Valentine's Day Message*

In February our thoughts turn to Valentine's Day, chocolates, roses, etc. All of these items are, along with cards, commercially induced into our psyche to induce us to use as expressions of our love for one another. Sometime between now and Valentine's Day a local newscast will tell us the estimated amount each person will spend to express their love, affection, for their loved one. It is usually an unbelievable amount. Well, there is one Valentine's Day gift that is unmatched; more on that later.

As I was putting this article together — that's the correct terminology because none of the ideas came to me all at once — a couple of songs came to mind. One was; "Put a Little Love in Your Heart." It's a song that reached number four on the Billboard Hot 100 in August 1969. It was originally performed by Jackie DeShannon who composed it with her brother Randy Myers and Jimmy Holiday. This is the opening verse of that song:

*Think of your fellow Man, lend him a helping hand.*

*Put a little love in your heart.*

*You know it's getting late, oh, please don't hesitate.*

*Put a little love in your heart.*

The second song was, "Never Ending Song of Love." This song was written by Delaney and Bonnie Bramlett, and originally recorded with their band in 1971. It peaked at number 13 on the Billboard Hot 100. Here some of the words to this song:

*I've got a never ending love for you.*

*From now on, that's all I want to do.*

*From the first time we met.*

*I knew I'd have a never ending love for you.*

Did you know that, as of the turn of the millennium, there have been 365 songs recorded with the word "love" in the title? I would have thought there were more, but then I go back in time to the previous millennium.

We Christians believe Christ, the Son of God, resides in our hearts. The Apostle John wrote, "**We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**" (1 John 4:16, NASB)

Who has a never ending love for us? What love is unmatched?

Jesus has said, "**This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.**" (John 15:12-13, NASB)

Jesus was being questioned by a group of religious leaders and one scribe asked him, "**What commandment is the foremost of all?**" Jesus answered. "**The foremost is, *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.***' There is no other commandment greater than these.'" (Mark 12:29-31, NASB)

So, not just this Valentine's Day, put a little God — Love — in your heart.

*Luther Young*

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***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  
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