



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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March 1, 2022

Sermon Title and Scriptures

March 6, 2022

“Refuge”

Psalm 91:9-16; Luke 4:1-13

Sermon Title and Scriptures

March 13, 2022

“Higher Things”

Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Mid-Town Concert Series

a ministry of Central Christian Church

presents

THE CANDACE L. FRENCH MEMORIAL PIANO CONCERT

featuring

MATTHEW BENGTSON

Sunday, March 6, 2022 • 3:00 p.m.



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MARCH 2, 2022

4:00 PM & 8:05 PM

IN THE CHAPEL



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WEDNESDAY

Meals at Vets

Our next opportunity to share hospitality with our unsheltered neighbors will be **March 15**. We will be serving a pasta dinner, including salad, garlic bread, and cookies. If you would like to contribute grated Parmesan, garlic bread, cookies, or salad dressing, toppings and ingredients, please contact the church office.

Scholarship Time

It's time once again to invite applications for the annual scholarship awards. Any student who has finished high school, or is a senior in high school who will graduate in the spring of 2022, and is planning to continue their education may apply. Two letters of recommendation are required, as well as proof of enrollment or acceptance in a college/ university, or trade school. If you have received one scholarship, you may apply one additional year. We are proud of our students and wish to encourage them in their educational pursuits. A student need not be a member of Central, but should have close ties to the church. Applications are available through the church office. **The deadline is April 1.**

OFH Food Fight 2022/Lent Fish Drive

Ozarks Food Harvest will be our Mission Spotlight organization for March. We will be participating the OFH Food Fight, February 28-March 13, and the Lent Fish Drive, March 14-April 24. Funds raised through the **Food Fight** drive will provide weekend meals for at-risk children through Ozarks Food Harvest's Weekend Backpack Program; we continue to partner with Boyd in this friendly competition. The **Lent Fish Drive** emphasizes the need for shelf-stable, high-protein food items among people who are food insecure. If you would like to donate, you can do so on our website under the Online Giving tab or you may donate through the church office. Thank you for your generous support in the past and the support you will be giving this year. Collection barrels for shelf-stable foods will be in the church lobby.

Congregational Concerns

Ginger Williams

Greg & Paula Walton	Wilma Frazier	Pat Pennel	Fred & Norma Spence	Rex Biggs
John & Kitty Manary	Winnie Young	Greg & Teresa Turusso	Gary Wright	Lisa Lynch
Dan Hicks	Norma Knight	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	Karen Sunderwirth
Traci Vargas & children	Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier		Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray	
Barb Rossetter	Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn		Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs	
Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin			Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth	

(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)

YOUTH NEWS: Disciples Summer Mission

People: Any youth who has completed 6th to 12th grade

Place: Memphis, TN

Dates: Monday, June 27, 2022, to Friday, July 1, 2022

Cost: \$300 per person

\$100 deposit/person due by **APRIL 1, 2022**

\$200/person balance due by MAY 31, 2022

Lodging: University of Memphis

Activities: Physical Work and Relational Ministry

Worship: TBA

We're Back



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



LIKE us on Facebook at
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FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

2/20/2022

General Fund
Contributions: \$9,197.55
Attendance: 81
Online service views: 36*

2/27/2022

General Fund
Contributions: \$3,353
Attendance: 85
Online service views: 19*

*At the time of publication

	<i>Serving Schedule</i>			
	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
March 6	Kay Parrish	Everett Deeds	Alyssa Spradlin	Dave & Joyce Moots
March 13	Dorothy Thurman	Linda Zweerink	Carolyn Deeds	Joe & Kay Parrish
March 20	Gary Morris	Cal Wise	Kay Parrish	Joe & Carol Pyles
March 27	Karen Hicks	Larry Graham		Bill & Karen Fischer
April 3	Gwen Thomas	Cheryl Horton		Everett & Carolyn Deeds

MINISTER'S Message

On Wednesday, March 2 we begin the Lenten season. With the beginning of the season, it is important to understand what that means for us as Christians and as children of God. The Lenten season is our journey with Christ, the journey that takes him from life, to death, to resurrection, and on to new life. We use this season to journey with Jesus, as he tries to understand his place in the world, as we try to understand our place in this world, and as we understand Christ after the resurrection. Ash Wednesday is the service that starts the Lenten season and it continues on for 40 days, representing the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted.

Ash Wednesday has the theme of death and with it comes our understanding that we are mortal, that death is inevitable. *“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return”* (Gen. 3:19, NRSV). We do not know when it is that death will come and take us, but what we can do is prepare ourselves, make a connection with God, so that when death does come, we will be ready. It is how we prepare ourselves for the coming death and what we do with our lives in our time on earth that the Lenten season lets us understand. This is where the idea of repentance comes into play. In the Christian Testament (the New Testament) the idea of repentance is one of reconnecting with God and the idea of changing one’s mind, coming to a new way of thinking.

So as we travel this season of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday, if you choose to engage in the tradition of giving something up for 40 days, that is great. But what I challenge all of us to do is to try not to just give anything up, but to add to ourselves by being more aware of our relationship with God. For when we meet God, in our new life, we will fully become aware of who God is, but before we meet God we need to be fully aware of who we are. This is the perfect time to understand ourselves and how our relationship with God has prepared us for our journey to death and then to resurrection. Have a wonderful Lenten season and a beautiful relationship with God.

In Christ’s Love for All,

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

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Return Service Requested

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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