



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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March 15, 2022

Sermon Title and Scriptures

March 20, 2022

“Thoughts and Ways”

Isaiah 55:6-11; Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Title and Scriptures

March 27, 2022

“Lost”

Psalms 119:169-176; Luke 15:1-10

There will be a board meeting on Sunday, March 20, 2022, in McGinnis Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Scholarship Time—DEADLINE SOON

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 Lent Fish Drive

Ozarks Food Harvest is our Mission Spotlight organization for March. We have begun the Lent Fish Drive, which will run through April 24. 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. Collection barrels for shelf-stable foods are in the church lobby. Thank you for your generous support in the past and the support you will be giving this year.

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

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

Activities: Physical Work and Relational Ministry

We're Back



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

Lodging: University of Memphis

Worship: TBA

Dear friends at Central—

Thank you so much for your great generosity to Week of Compassion. Your heart for God's people is making a difference now and for years to come. We are so grateful for your ongoing partnership and celebrate this year's giving placing you in our Top 100 congregations in 2021! Thank you for joining in our mission to alleviate suffering around the world. May God bless each of you.



Courtney [Richards]

Week of Compassion Interim Communications and Development Manager

Congregational Concerns

Wilma Frazier	Ginger Williamson	Greg & Paula Walton	Fred & Norma Spence	Rex Biggs
John & Kitty Manary	Winnie Young	Greg & Teresa Turso	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 Griger	Lorene Murray
Vicky Claborn	Debra Gleghorn	Jaden Willingham	Victoria McIlwain	Karen Sunderwirth
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier	Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray		Barb Rossetter	
Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin	Traci Vargas & children	Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth		
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs			

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

OUTREACH GIVING, January—February 2022

\$1,409.96—rental assistance, utility assistance, tanks of gas

This does not include outreach meals to our unsheltered neighbors at Veterans Coming Home Center. Thank you for your generous support of our efforts to be church outside our walls.

**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

3/6/2022

General Fund
Contributions: \$5,933
Attendance: 89
Online service views: 65*

3/13/2022

General Fund
Contributions: \$4,138
Attendance: 70
Online service views: 18*

*At the time of publication

Serving Schedule

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
March 20	Gary Morris	Cal Wise	Kay Parrish	Joe & Carol Pyles
March 27	Karen Hicks	Larry Graham	Linda Zweerink	Bill & Karen Fischer
April 3	Wilma Frazier	Cheryl Horton		Everett & Carolyn Deeds
April 10	Mark Bowdidge	Shirley Musser	Kay Parrish	
April 17	Jim Ferguson	Bob Thurman	Carolyn Deeds	
April 24	Phil Brown	Bill Fischer		
May 1	Gwen Thomas	Luther Young		

MINISTER'S *Message*

On Sunday, February 27, I was ordained into Christian ministry by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mid-America. I cannot fully express my gratitude for each person who participated in the service and provided the hospitality of a reception. Rev. Dr. Lisa W. Davison, professor of Hebrew Bible at Phillips Theological Seminary delivered the sermon, and Regional Minister Ron Routledge led me through a series of vows, to which I responded, “I will, with God’s help.” Taking those solemn vows, with so many beloved friends and family bearing witness, is something I will never forget.



Lisa and Ron were joined on the chancel for the Ordination action by Rev. Janet Givens (South Street), Rev. Juli Nelson (Regional Committee on the Order of Ministry), Mary Palmer (a longtime friend, who serves a church in Seattle), my dad (who retired after 50 years in ministry), Rev. Emily Bowen-Marler and Rev. Dr. Phil Snider (Brentwood), and our own Kay Parrish and Dr. Phil Brown (on behalf of Central’s Elders), Rev. Geoff Weinman, Rev. Dr. Mike Weinman, and Rev. Dr. Michael Olmsted. The congregation was invited to extend their hands to likewise participate.

My gratitude extends to all of this congregation, and so many others. I have had the incredible opportunity to grow into this ministerial role over the last three and a half years—over two and a half years of it while in seminary, a year and a half that while also going through the Region’s Ordination process. It was a lot sometimes, but it also gave me concrete connections to the material I was learning and processing. You have extended me a great deal of grace as I worked on pacing and volume, as I developed new skills, as I suggested new modes of ministry.

I give my home congregation, Brentwood, a great deal of credit for nurturing me to a place where I could say “Yes,” to the call to seminary, and at least, “Maybe” to the call to vocational ministry. I give no less credit to Central for nurturing me to a place where there is no question of my “Yes” to vocational ministry. It is who I am, and you, along with some truly wonderful professors at Phillips, have taught me how to do that.

With gratitude and great fondness,

Alyssa

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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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