



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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*Sermon Title and Scriptures*

*November 5, 2023*

*1 John 3:1-3 & Matthew 5:1-12*

*"Blessed"*

*Sermon Title and Scripture*

*November 12, 2023*

*Psalms 24:1-6 & Matthew 26:26-29*

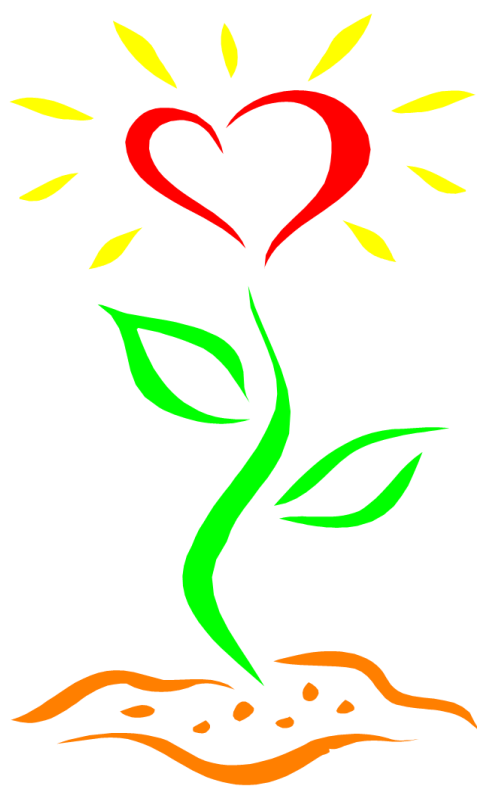
*"Assurance"*



## **MTCS Concert Postponed**

The organ blower motor on our pipe-organ has decided it was time to call it quits. The blower and motor that makes it turn provided the air from which the pipes sound. No air, no sound, no concert. We are in the process of getting information about the blower and will let everyone know of the details as soon as we know.

*We WILL reschedule the concert after the first of the year.*



## **Calling all Care Partners!**

**We will be having an important meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2023, after church in one corner of McGinnis Fellowship Hall. We will be giving out updated cluster cards and talk about contacting everyone in our congregation, as we share a schedule of the upcoming events for the rest of the year with everyone.**

**Please put this date on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 12, 2023, after church in McGinnis Fellowship Hall!**

### **Congregational Concerns**

Sharon Lowry   Charles Marshall   Ada Jones   Greg Walton   Cheryl Horton   Jim & Elaine Spradlin  
 Kitty Manary   Wilma Frazier   Lisa Lynch   Ginger Williamson   Virginia Thomas   Howard McCoy  
 Glendon Walker   Mike & Robin Shirley, Friends of Ray & Sharon Lowry   Vicky Claborn   Paula Walton  
 Annie Anderson, Daughter of Charlie & Carol Mabry   Gary Wright   Rebecca Ebert, Daughter of Ray & Sharon Lowry  
 Patty Soukup   Rex Biggs   Frank & Pat Dodd   Betty Jo Gardner   Duane & Dana Powell  
 Lynda McCoy   Gloria Brown and family   Steve Vestal   Victoria McIlwain   Dan Hicks   Jean Hagerman  
 Winnie Young   Don Nix   Greg & Teresa Turso   Robert & Beth Taylor   William Francis   Shirley Potter  
 Evelyn Looney   Nan Olmsted   Paul Martin   James Willingham   Barb Rossetter   Karen Hahn  
 Karen Sunderwirth   Diana Criger   Zach D., Friend of Jayden W.   Tammy Larimore, friend of Carol Pyles  
 Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier   Barbara Richardson & Leslie Clements, mother & sister 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](http://www.centralchristianspringfield.org).  
 Connect with us on social media:**



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



LIKE us on Facebook at  
 Central Christian Church DOC - Springfield, MO

### **FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE**

**10/22/2023**

General Fund  
 Contributions: \$708.00  
 Attendance: 85  
 Online service views: 72\*

**10/29/2023**

General Fund  
 Contributions: \$1793.10  
 Attendance: 76  
 Online service views: 53\*

\*As of 10/31/2023

	<u><b>November 5</b></u>	<u><b>November 12</b></u>	<u><b>November 19</b></u>
<b>Elders</b>	Marilynn West Bill Fischer	Gwen Thomas Cal Wise	Bob Thurman Karen Hicks
<b>Deacon Team Leader</b>	Bill Fischer	Everett French	Patsy Tipton
<b>Invocation and Offering</b>	Ginger Williamson	Carolyn Deeds	Kay Parrish
<b>Communion &amp; Fellowship Prep.</b>	Darrell & Linda Zweerink		Youth
<b>Usher</b>		Jan Peter	Ginger Williamson
<b>Greeter</b>		Christine Peter	

# Stewardship Sundays

From **BREAD** and **CUP** to **FAITH** and **GIVING**

November 12, 19, 26

Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith, to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, to the invitation to Christ's Table, our life in a community of faith is full of invitations.

During this next season of Stewardship our church community is going to be intentional about how we respond to the variety of invitations we receive and how those invitations spur us along in our faith development. In particular, we will focus about what it means to gather at the sacred table, and how being welcome there calls us to become agents of grace. When we make an intentional decision about what we bring before Christ, we extend a blessing of health and wholeness to all of creation, because we are certain that this is ultimately what God desires.

Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we are invited to respond to Christ's invitation. Our generosity funds the mission and ministry that we are deploying as a sign that God's Realm is among us. On November 12, we will begin an intentional reflection titled *From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving* as a preparation for determining our investment in the ministry and mission of Central Christian. On November 26 we ask you to bring your card and place it in the Chest of Joash, as we all join together in commitment to God and to one another. I hope you will be intentional about responding to this important invitation to be us, not simply to offer your commitment card, but join us as we strive to do everything we can to help out all God's children and all God's creation.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us advance further on the pathway of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered to break bread and share with one another, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (Acts 2). We desire such a spirit of true community to be among us, motivated by the grace we receive at the Table.

## From Bread & Wine to Faith & Giving ~

### My Investment In Ministry and Mission

This represents my financial intention for the coming year in response to God's call to generosity.  
I Realize this is an estimate of giving and that it may be adjusted at any time.

My/Our Commitment is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week, or  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, or  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



- ☐ I am interested in electronic giving
- ☐ Contact me about how to include the church in my estate planning
- ☐ I am interested in offering gifts other than cash



# FOR SUNDAY MORNING

## Sunday Banners

Almost every Sunday our sanctuary is adorned with at least one banner and sometimes many more. Whether hanging above the choir or hanging around the edges of our balcony, the banners bring a wonderful addition to our worship space and makes our sanctuary more beautiful and colorful than it is already. All the banners we use on Sunday, and throughout our building, have been created by the talents of our members. Each month, we do our best to switch out the banners in order to see all the beauty and hard work that went into each and every banner.

Understanding there are some who may not be able to see all the banners we use throughout the year, we are going to include a picture of the banners in our newsletter.

**On the last page of each edition of "The Call" will be the banners that we are using for the current month for all to see. We hope you all enjoy them.**

## NOVEMBER 5

### *All Saints Sunday*

*And all who have this hope in him purify themselves,  
just as he is pure.*

*- 1 John 3:3*



## NOVEMBER 12

*THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND ALL THAT IS IN  
IT, THE WORLD, AND THOSE WHO LIVE IN IT;  
FOR HE HAS FOUNDED IT ON THE SEAS, AND  
ESTABLISHED IT ON THE RIVERS.*

*- PSALM 24:1-2*



# Celebrations!!!



## October

10/01 – Carolyn Deeds  
10/2 – Vicky Claborn  
10/3 – Bailey Deeds  
10/6 – Ian Frazier  
10/7 – Sandy Wingo  
10/8 – Luther Young,  
Elizabeth  
Bermond  
10/9 – Stephen Powell  
10/12 – Michael  
Penland  
10/15 – Bob Thurman  
10/16 – JB McCoy

10/17 – Bob Newman  
10/19 – Isaac Thomas  
10/20 – Anna Marie  
Walker  
10/23 – Virginia  
Thomas  
10/24 – Lisa Monkres  
10/26 – Maryann  
Wakefield  
10/27 – Bob Lynch,  
Betty Roberts  
10/29 – Julie Ferguson  
10/31 – Paula Walton



## November

11/2 – David Claborn,  
Kylie Criger  
11/3 – Becki Kelley  
11/10 – Lynda McCoy  
11/14 – Crystal Lynch,  
Jim Patton  
11/17 – Jennifer Ewert  
11/18 – Ann Schultz  
11/20 – Patricia  
Patterson

11/23 – Tyler Habiger,  
Karen Hicks,  
Jason Lee  
11/25 – Pat Chapman  
11/26 – Carolyn  
Condict,  
Nancy Morris  
11/29 – Jan Bass,  
Arlene Spangler  
11/30 – Helen Gunther



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Specially prepared for:

*God's Beloved Child*



**Ministry Team**

Bill Fischer, Board Moderator  
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Minister  
Marvin Murphree, Music Director  
Vicky Claborn, Organist/Pianist  
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director  
Joyce Thomas, Children & Youth Director  
Curtis Thomas, JYF/Chi Rho Shepherd  
Ken Hillen, Church Caretaker

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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**