



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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## General Board Meeting after Worship November 19th in the Sanctuary



Mid-Town Concert Series  
Partner Event  
Central Christian Church  
  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Springfield, MO

Erica (Kollmeyer) Suh  
Pianist  
**November 19**  
**3:00 p.m.**



Breakfast  
in a bag

A gift card  
for every  
child.

## Breakfast with Santa

### (DRIVE-THROUGH) BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 9, 2023  
9-11 a.m.

Say hi to  
SANTA!!!

Craft to  
take home

Central Christian Church  
1475 N. Washington Ave.  
(Division, between Washington and Benton)

Please enter the parking lot from Benton Avenue,  
and exit the parking lot onto Washington Avenue.

It is that time of year again. The leaves are changing color and falling on the ground. The temperature is getting cooler and there is a freshness in the air. It is time for us to greet our community with a gift and a picture with a jolly person.

**Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 9th from 9-11am.**

If you would like to be involved in any capacity your help is always welcome. Please talk to Patsy Tipton or contact the church office for more information and ways to volunteer for this wonderful tradition of Central Christian Church.



**Congregational Concerns**

**Family of Ada Jones upon her passing**      **Glendon Walker**      Sharon Lowry      Charles Marshall  
 Greg Walton      Cheryl Horton      Jim & Elaine Spradlin      Kitty Manary      Wilma Frazier      Lisa Lynch  
 Ginger Williamson      Virginia Thomas      Howard McCoy      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      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**

**11/5/2023**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$6,835.10  
 Attendance: 83  
 Online service views: 54\*

**11/12/2023**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$5,208.79.  
 Attendance: 92  
 Online service views: 34\*

\*As of 11/14/2023

|   | <u>November 19</u>         | <u>November 26</u> | <u>December 5</u>           |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Elders</b>                           | Bob Thurman<br>Karen Hicks | ?<br>Cheryl Horton | Phil Brown<br>Wilma Frazier |
| <b>Deacon Team Leader</b>               | Patsy Tipton               | Bill Fischer       | Everett French              |
| <b>Invocation and Offering</b>          | Kay Parrish                | Ginger Williamson  | Carolyn Deeds               |
| <b>Communion &amp; Fellowship Prep.</b> | Youth                      | Joe & Kay Parrish  | Joe & Carol Pyles           |
| <b>Usher</b>                            |                            |                    |                             |
| <b>Greeter</b>                          |                            |                    |                             |
|   |                            |                    |                             |

# In the Community

## **Love Thy Neighbor Tuesdays**



As the weather gets colder, the Tuesday meals are going to be moved to Grace United Methodist Church. Each year our parking lot is used during the Spring, the Summer, and the Fall months, but as winter comes the site moves to Grace. But that does not mean that we do not continue to help our unsheltered neighbors. Central Christian will continue to feed and serve every third Tuesday of the month. This month our Tuesday will be November 21st and we will need your help.

Cheryl Horton, who organizes our Tuesday meals, underwent surgery not too long ago, and while she is able to help get things ready for the meal, she will not be able to do everything that she has been able to in the past. If you can help prepare the meal, get the meal ready to transport, help transport the meal to Grace, serve the meal, or help us clean up, it would be greatly appreciated. There are many different aspects that go into following Jesus' example when he said, *"I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way."* (Matt. 15:32), and if you could help with any of them it would be much needed and welcome.

There is also a list on the desk outside the church office with needed items for the meal where you can sign up to help bring/donate things that will be needed for this meal. You can also speak with Cheryl or contact the church office to get more information about our Love Thy Neighbor Tuesday meals.

We thank everyone for their help these past few years and the dedication to continue to help those in our world who are in need of our assistance.

# Stewardship Sundays



November ~~12~~, 19, 26

The invitation we receive to come to Christ's Table carries both assurance and responsibility. One of God's assurances is the gift of a community of faith where a sense of belonging makes us a church family. One of our responsibilities is to recognize and respond to the biblical teaching that a portion of the blessings in our lives are marked as being for the transformation of the world by our sharing with others. It is what we mean when we consider *From Bread and Wine to Faith and Giving* as a living and intentional response to the grace we have received.

Commitment Sunday is the annual event in the life of our congregation that encourages each of us to offer a percentage of the monetary resources entrusted to us by God for the mission and ministry that we share. Please consider prayerfully the opportunity to make a difference through our church.

We hope everyone will be with us on November 26th for Commitment Sunday. It is on this Sunday that we will be committing ourselves and our church to continuing God's call upon our life to love all the world. The Chest of Joash will be placed in our sanctuary for you to share your commitment with the church. It is also a Sunday that we prepare our sanctuary and our building for the coming of the Christ child and the Advent Season. After worship will be transitioning our worship space to help us prepare for the wonderful birth. And after, we will join together in fellowship as we share a meal of pizza together.

You are all invited to be a part of this Sunday, with fellowship and friendship, with commitment and dedication, with anticipation and joy, for what is to come soon and for what we will help bring into the world. We look forward to seeing everyone with us on Sunday's throughout this month and the month of December.

## 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

# Advent it Coming!

*Advent is quickly approaching and this year, as always, we will be adorning our sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the church, or you can find a form outside of the church office on a Sunday morning.*



**This year the church will again be decorated with Poinsettias during the Advent and Christmas season.**

This year our poinsettias will be big and beautiful with lots of all-red blooms. If you would like to give one or more Poinsettias, please complete this form and drop it by the Church Office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

I (we) wish to give \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s).

I (we) wish to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ To Support Musical Guests for Cantata  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Plant(s) given in honor/memory of : (circle one & please print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_cash \_\_\_\_\_check

I wish to take the poinsettia home \_\_\_\_\_

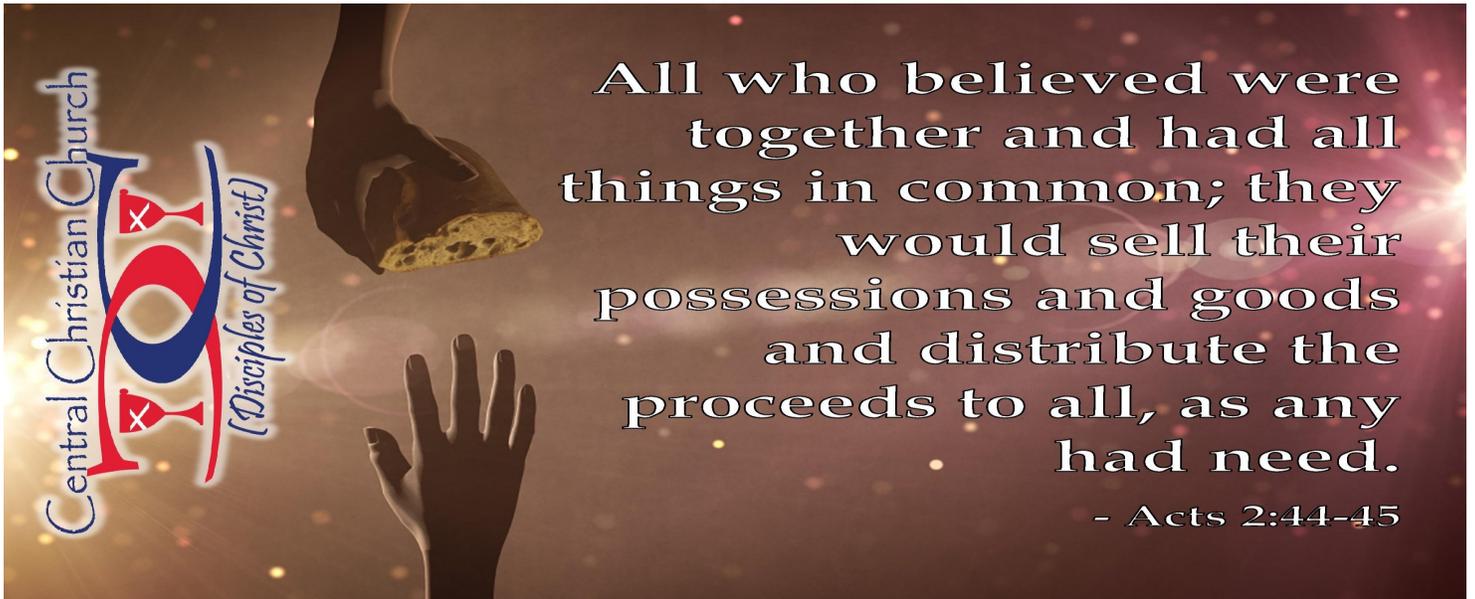
The plant may be taken to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

# FOR SUNDAY MORNING

As you might have noticed, we are short one Offering Elder for Sunday, November 26th. If you are able to be an Elder on that Sunday, please let the church office know.

The Advent season is quickly coming upon us and that means that our Hanging of the Green service will be here soon, in fact, December 3rd. There are many places for you to help us for this service, from being a reader during the service to helping place the greens around our sanctuary that Sunday. If you are able, and willing, to help during our Hanging of the Green service, please let the church know.

## NOVEMBER 19

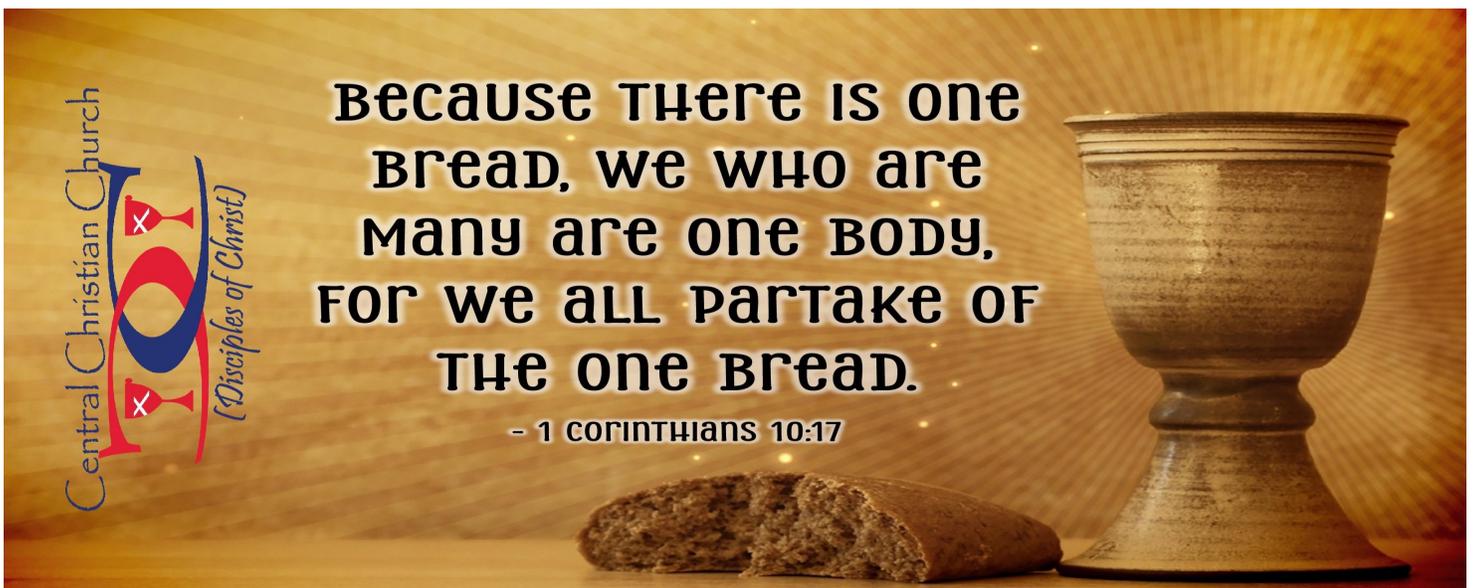


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All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

- Acts 2:44-45

## NOVEMBER 26



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BECAUSE THERE IS ONE BREAD, WE WHO ARE MANY ARE ONE BODY, FOR WE ALL PARTAKE OF THE ONE BREAD.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

# 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  
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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**