



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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## Congregational Meeting after Worship December 3rd in the Sanctuary

### *Hanging of the Green Service*

*Sunday, December 3rd*

*9:30am*

*In Person or Live Stream*



We look forward to the wonderful music of the Ozark Mountain Strings, but we also look forward to the fellowship that comes with every Mid-Town Concert. After each concert there is a reception for everyone to come together, to talk about the music that was played, and to get to know others in our community. The reception is a great time to remind ourselves of the partnerships that we have with God and with our community.

**If you are able to bring some cookies for the reception that follows our concert it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help provide some cookies for the reception, please bring them to the church by Sunday morning.**

We would like to thank everyone that helps as we continue to reach out into the community to show everyone that we are here to welcome them and to share all that we can with all God's children.

### **Congregational Concerns**

**Family of Rex Biggs**    **Family of Glendon Walker**    **Howard McCoy**    **Lisa Lynch**    **Rhonda Stewart**  
 Sharon Lowry    Charles Marshall    Greg Walton    Cheryl Horton    Jim & Elaine Spradlin    Kitty Manary  
 Wilma Frazier    Mike & Robin Shirley, Friends of Ray & Sharon Lowry    Vicky Claborn    Paula Walton  
 Annie Anderson, Daughter of Charlie & Carol Mabry    Gary Wright    Frank & Pat Dodd    Betty Jo Gardner  
 Rebecca Ebert, Daughter of Ray & Sharon Lowry    Patty Soukup    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  
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### **FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE**

**11/19/2023**

General Fund  
 Contributions: \$1,854.00  
 Attendance: 80  
 Online service views: 48\*

**11/26/2023**

General Fund  
 Contributions: \$4,519.00  
 Attendance: 74  
 Online service views: 58\*

\*As of 11/27/2023

	<u><b>December 3</b></u>	<u><b>December 10</b></u>	<u><b>December 17</b></u>
<b>Elders</b>	Phil Brown Wilma Frazier	Luther Young Carolyn Deeds	Kay Parrish Everett Deeds
<b>Deacon Team Leader</b>	Everett French	Patsy Tipton	Bill Fischer
<b>Invocation and Offering</b>	Carolyn Deeds	Ginger Williamson	Joe Parrish
<b>Communion &amp; Fellowship Prep.</b>	Joe & Carol Pyles	Bill & Karen Fischer	Darrell & Linda Zweerink
<b>Usher</b>			
<b>Greeter</b>			

# In our Prayers

*Elsewhere in our newsletter we have our prayer list but there are some times when we need to uplift those in our congregation who are in need of our prayers, our thoughts, and our sympathy.*



We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of

## **Glendon Walker**

who passed away on November 17, 2023

***Services were held on November 25th  
to celebrate his life.***



We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of

## **Rex Biggs**

who passed away on November 26, 2023

***Services will be held on November 30th at 10am  
in the sanctuary of Central Christian Church  
to celebrate his life.***

## **Praise List**

*When a name gets put onto our prayer list we often give reasons and ask everyone to keep them in their prayers for what it is they are going through. Many times the names will get taken off our list with no explanation and more often than not the names get taken off for good and wonderful reasons. From time to time we are going to take the time and to give praise and thanks for our prayers being heard and for the good things that God does in our world. If you would like to share your joy and praise for prayer and the works of God, please let the church office know.*

**Joe Parrish**— Joe had a procedure done to remove a tumor on his bladder. The cancer had not penetrated the bladder wall when they removed the tumor, so Joe is now cancer free. The speediness of finding the tumor, removing it, and the cancer not spreading is to be praised. Joe thanks everyone for their prayers, which helped him along, as well as did Kay, who was there for every step by his side.



# In the Community

Breakfast  
in a bag

A gift card  
for every  
child.

## Breakfast with Santa

### **(DRIVE-THROUGH) BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Craft to  
take home

December 9, 2023  
9-11 a.m.

Say hi to  
**SANTA!!!**

**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.

## **Love Thy Neighbor Tuesdays**



## **Tuesday, December 19th**

# **Advent is 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



## *Christmas Cantata*

*Sunday, December 10 at 9:30am*



Join us in our Sanctuary or via Live Stream



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Each and every Sunday our worship service is streamed out over the internet for those who are not with us are able to be a part of our worship service. The views of our service continue to go up as more people are finding our worship service online. It is a wonderful way for Central to reach out into the world and continue to partner with as many people as we are able to bring about God's love for all.

This all means that we always need people on a Sunday morning who can help get our worship service to as many people as would like to see it. Whether you are proficient in computers, and live streaming, or just beginning you can help. We will train everyone on how to use our equipment and get our message to the world. We can use as many volunteers as would like to help with the live stream and the soundboard, those who would like to help on a regular basis or those who can be there in an emergency.

If you would like to help us in this endeavor, please let the church office know. The equipment is easy to learn, fun to operate, and it will give you a new way to show your creativity to everyone.

We thank everyone at Central for making our worship service wonderful and meaningful, and for your continued service in God's world.

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# Celebrations!!!



## 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



## December

12/7 – Rhonda Stewart

12/11 – Mark  
Bowdidge

12/12 – Luc Deeds,  
Phoebe Hicks

12/14 – Debbie Lee

12/15 – Marilyn  
Ferguson

12/19 – Kenna Criger

12/20 – Gwen Thomas

12/21 – Joyce E. Moots

12/24 – Kaylee Deeds

12/27 – Beth Taylor

12/28 – Lisa Ferguson,  
Nancy Kays,  
Marissa Monkres

12/31 – Matthew Slack

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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**