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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Central United Church of Christ has been through some very difficult and trying times in the last couple of months. We still have a lot of hard work in front of us but as I have said many times, one of the most important aspects moving forward will be for us to have lots of communications. I won't re-iterate in this memo all of our issues that led us to this point or everything that we have in front of us, but I wanted to touch on a few subjects.

First and foremost I want to say a great big **THANK YOU**. There are so many people and things I am thankful for in the CUCC today and I won't be able to list them all. I am thankful that the Central United Church of Christ has such a passionate and caring congregation to make some tough decisions and try to ensure we are moving in the right direction as a church. Quite a few people have expressed their appreciation to me and my family for leading some of this effort but I always point out that none of this would be possible but for the efforts of many people in our congregation. If this was just my idea or my desires, these issues would have never been brought up, at least not by me. It was only through the conversations and urging of many people that I agreed to try and pursue some changes. So many people have stepped forward to provide leadership in our efforts for moving forward, both through moral support and active involvement. Thank you all for having the fortitude, passion, and strong Christian beliefs to stand up for what you feel is right in the difficult world we live in.

I especially want to thank the following people who have agreed to take specific leadership roles on our Church Council:

Harry Kujath, Past-President
Carl Ernst, Treasurer/Finance Ministry
Freda Maness, Secretary
David Kohler, Property Management Ministry
Susan Poettgen, Mission and Outreach Ministry

Mary Ann Wipperman, Worship and Music Ministry
Faye Rinaldi, Congregational Life Ministry
Amber Gonzales, Faith Formation Ministry
Mary Hoelscher, Human Resources Ministry

We still have two Council positions open that I would like to fill soon. One is for President-Elect and the second is the Communications Ministry. There are several very active and capable folks involved with the Communications Ministry who are taking care of the technical areas (website, Facebook, computers, streaming our services, etc.) so don't let that deter you from this position. We just need someone with some strong communications skills to chair the ministry. If you have the desire to help us move forward, please feel free to inquire about these two positions on the Council.

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Finally and maybe most importantly I want to thank our church secretary, Michelle Ebersold. Without any other full-time employees, so many day to day activities have fallen to Michelle. She has done a great job and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated, trust-worthy, and attention to details person. I would ask everyone to try to utilize the Ministries and Council members as much as possible so not to put so much load on Michelle.

As you probably know, for now we are utilizing several very capable pulpit supply ministers to conduct our Sunday services. We are getting some excellent support and counseling from the Missouri Mid-South (MMS) Conference for guidance on how to move forward as a church and what needs to be done before we move to select a new permanent minister. Our first concern is to pursue some conflict resolution efforts to heal some of the wounds and pains that our congregation has experienced. Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel from MMS Conference has provided us several recommendations for services to help us with this conflict resolution. We are contacting these individuals and groups to determine if we want to utilize any of their services.

After conflict resolution, the next step is to make sure we adequately know who we are as a church and who we want to be. We should not pursue a new minister until we know these answers and can adequately define it to any potential applicants. Part of this task is to understand exactly what our membership and what our financial resources will be going forward. Both of these will definitely be somewhat different than what we have had in the past and it may take a couple of months to fully understand these aspects. There are some interim ministers who are specifically trained and skilled to help churches go through this church defining

process and we are evaluating the potential to utilize them to help us with this process. There are also others that have offered their help in this area that we are considering. Unfortunately, both "conflict resolution" and "defining who we are" will take some time to do right but are both important next steps before we pursue another permanent minister. I assure you the Council fully understands the desire to get through this process as expeditiously as we can so we can get a full-time permanent minister as soon as possible. We will also be discussing who should be involved in our Search and Call process, so if anyone is particularly interested in that activity, please let someone from the Council know about your interests.

In closing, I want to emphasize that both the Missouri Mid-South Conference and the Western Association of MMS Conference have been very clear with us that they and the UCC are very supportive of local churches making decisions that fit best for the church. They do not mandate any decisions to us and will support us in any way they can to help us find the best fit for us. They clearly understand our desires for a more conservative church while still being inclusive and welcoming of all members and guests. The MMS and Western Association leadership have both clearly communicated to us that they will help us be successful in this effort.

Again, thank you to everyone in the congregation who is stepping up to keep us going on a daily basis. I am optimistic and very encouraged by our efforts and desires to move forward. Please be patient with us as we try to do this in the best manner we know how.

Thank you,
Warren Witt, Council President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Usher Teams: Often thought "I can help usher," well, now is your chance. Several of the teams could use a few more members. If interested talk to Mary Ann Wippermann, head usher, on a Sunday morning or contact her at mlwipper@embarqmail.com or 573-636-3685.

Communion Preparation: Looking for volunteers to prepare communion for the following Sundays: September 2, October 7 (World Communion Sunday), and November 4. If you can help, contact Mary Ann Wippermann, chair of the Worship and Music Ministry at mlwipper@embarqmail.com, 573-636-3685, or talk to her on a Sunday morning.

Salvation Army Meals: Volunteers are needed on August 16 and October 18 to prepare and serve the Salvation Army Meal. To volunteer, please contact Kris Simpson at 573-291-2088 or simpsonk@missouri.edu.

FAITH IN ACTION

MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE ENVELOPE FOR JUNE Habitat for Humanity

Most of us know of the good work of Habitat for Humanity, a not-for-profit agency that allows people, who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford their own home, become homeowners through low-cost loans and sweat equity. Through the work of volunteers and through the generosity of suppliers and contractors, neighborhoods are improving and lives are changing. When River City Habitat builds a house here, it tithes to Habitat for Humanity International. Those funds are used to build homes in other parts of the world. Funds tithed from Jefferson City have built houses in places such as Mozambique, Afghanistan and Ethiopia. Your contribution in the June benevolence envelope will help Habitat for Humanity make dreams come true, in our community and across the globe; and the Habitat Re-Store is always looking for donated items to sell, including gently used furniture, home décor, kitchen appliances and washers and dryers.

MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE ENVELOPE FOR JULY Samaritan Center

We are blessed in many ways in the Jefferson City area. The Samaritan Center is one of those blessings, providing food, clothing, utility assistance, dental and medical treatment and other special programs, such as tax assistance to those in our community who are in need. Central Church has been a supporter of Samaritan Center for well over twenty years. Canned and packaged goods left in the barrel by the office are delivered on a regular basis to the Samaritan Center, and our annual monetary contribution is always deeply appreciated. We also know those funds are well-spent. The success of this operation would surprise those who don't realize that it began with one Jefferson City woman's dream to start a

church food pantry. Marylyn DeFeo's dream is now an ecumenical operation far larger than she initially imagined, but even with its growth, it hasn't been able to keep up with the increasing demands of more and more families who need its services. What does Jesus tell us to do when others around us are in need? Don't we already know the answer? You can help with your contribution this month in your benevolence envelope for the Samaritan Center.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE JULY 25, 2018

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is helping sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive, July 25 at the church. Volunteers will be needed to staff the canteen and the registration table. Cookies for the canteen are needed. Sign-up sheets will be in the bulletin when the date gets closer. Please consider helping and donating blood if possible. Contact Susan Poettgen at susan.poettgen@gmail.com or call 573-298-4515 if you have questions or can volunteer.

FAITH FORMATION

A small group of church members (5-6 participants) are working to develop a Sunday school program for children ages 5 years to 11 years during the summer months. We have scheduled a special meeting for May 31st to discuss curriculum for the program and activities for the summer program. We will change our monthly meeting to a more church-member friendly time and a special announcement will be made during church service regarding the monthly meetings schedule. If you would like to help with any aspect of Faith Formation Ministry for any age group, please contact Amber Gonzales at (573) 644-2759 or email Amber.schmutzler.gonzales@gmail.com; we would love to have your input. If you just want to sit in on one of our meetings, feel free to contact me.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION!

July 9 – 13

9:30am – 12:00pm

VBS VOLUNTEER FORM

All hands on deck!

It's time to set sail and be lining up our volunteers for VBS. Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we need you. Can we SEA you there?

Crew Guides ... Travel with a group of 5-6 kids through the day's activities (no preparation). The small groups allow one-on-one interaction.

Station Leaders ... We need leaders for Bible stories, Chadder (Bible application), crafts, games, and snacks. We have scripted manuals for you!

General Help ... Daily floaters are always needed. We need a female on Monday, behind-the-scenes on Wednesday, fill-ins for missing crew guides during the week, and someone to be a goofy Gilligan-type character the first 15 minutes each day.

Decorations and Program/Craft Prep ... No skills necessary, but it's usually a fun time. There may be some things that can be done at home, and tentatively planning a work party for Friday, June 29, at 9:30 a.m. at Rene's house. Please call to be sure.

Decorations set-up ... Saturday, July 7. Plan to meet at 9:30 a.m.

Possible closing program ... Sunday, July 15. If we have enough kids that can participate in a program, we will need people to help serve and several for kitchen clean-up.

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How can you help?

Which days are you available?

Name/Phone #:

E-mail:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 9 – 13

9:30am – 12:00pm



VBS REGISTRATION FORM

Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, and grandkids!

Are you ready for the voyage of a lifetime? We'll be going over-board exploring God's love for you. This is the real Oceans of Fun!

Kids age 4 through those just completed 5th grade are invited to join us on our VBS sailing adventure. You'll get to experience and be part of the Bible stories and everything goes along with the theme ... crafts, games, music, and even snacks. And we'll search for God-sightings again this year so you'll rediscover how to see God in everyday life.

We've got some great Bible adventures planned as we learn about God's word ... things like poisonous snakes and shipwrecks and even a storm at sea. Just like a compass, God will be there guiding us as we learn. And just like an anchor in a storm, we'll learn to hold tight to God.

Contact Rene with questions ... 694-6022 or bellsic@aol.com. It's gonna be boatloads of fun!

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Name:

Age/last grade completed:

Parent name(s):

Address:

Phone:

Emergency name/number:

E-mail address:

Allergies or other special considerations:

OUR SHARED LIFE – SHARING LOVE

THANK YOU

Thank you dear Central friends who sent cards for my birthday. I enjoyed every card and really appreciated hearing from you!

Florence Guhleman

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, food and meals, floral bouquets, remembrances, transportation and encouragement during my recent knee replacement surgery and recuperation. I will always remember your many kindnesses!

Mary Hoelscher

Many thanks to Mary Ann Wippermann and Patti Schmutzler for coming to my house on April 29 and doing much disagreeable yard work! The yard is so much better now that it looks like rich people live here! You all are great!

Patty Johnson

From the bottom of my heart, I'd like to thank you for allowing my students and me to give a recital in your beautiful sanctuary. Please accept a portion of the donations collected as a token of our gratitude.

Katie Smyth

Thank you for your generosity towards Camp Aurora. Camp could not keep going if it was not for the hardwork, love, and support of our churches.

Alyssa Mueller
Camp Secretary

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will meet for their monthly gathering around 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26. The program will be announced at a later date. Please bring a dish and enjoy.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 3, 2018

- ◆ Elenor Circle served seventeen men.
- ◆ David Kohler gave the blessing.
- ◆ Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,311.37.
- ◆ Celebrating Women Banquet was discussed.
- ◆ Agreed to give \$250 to the "Driving Miss Charlotte Golf Tournament."
- ◆ Decided to have a Celebrating Men Program on Tuesday, June 5.

May 1, 2018

- ◆ Reported a balance of \$3,167.37.
- ◆ Twelve men helped prepare and serve 45 women for the Celebrating Women Banquet.
- ◆ We cleared \$297 at Celebrating Women meal.
- ◆ Discussed the golf tournament.
- ◆ Discussed workday at Camp Aurora for June 2.



90+ BIRTHDAYS

To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in June or July. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the office at office@centralucc.com or 635-1041.

CELEBRATION OF MEN

Come join the Celebration of Men dinner and program on Tuesday, June 5th in the church gym. We'll gather around 5:30pm and eat dinner at 6:00pm. Bring your sons, fathers, brothers, and uncles, and plan on attending the evening celebration. The program, "Taum Sauk Upper Reservoir Rebuild," will be provided by Warren Witt. Dinner, which will be prepared by the Elenor Circle, costs \$8.00 per person; ages 5 years and under are free. Please call in your reservations to the church

office at 635-1041, or email office@centralucc.com, by Friday, June 1st, so that adequate food will be available. Don't miss out on a fun night of fellowship!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Carole Barner and family as Carole completed her Doctorate in Ministry Degree from Eden Seminary. She is the daughter of Ruth and Larry Long.

MUSIC AT CENTRAL UCC

CHOIR UPDATE



We need you — and yes, you can sing! You are probably aware that we are planning to rebuild the CUCC Choir and now is truly the perfect time to be a part of the process. We will be planning new music to sing for Sunday services and it is very helpful to know who might consider joining us. There is no better time than now, so if you've been thinking of singing, please take the opportunity with our choir. It's easy — just show up for our next rehearsal and we'll get started!

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm — 8:30pm

WORSHIP SERVICES: Sunday mornings at 10:00am

If you have any questions about the choir or suggestions for guest musicians to cover occasional services while we rebuild, please contact me at: clarkpatrickdavid@gmail.com or (573) 442-7697.



SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Please be sure to watch our Southside Philharmonic Orchestra (SPO) website for upcoming performances at:

www.southsidephilharmonic.org
Dr. Patrick Clark, Director



FESTIVAL OF SHARING FEATURED KIT



Summer is upon us, but unfortunately there's still a chance that some may experience severe weather such as tornados. The Mission & Outreach Committee

has decided to feature the Cleanup Bucket for three months (**April, May and June**).

Last year, Church World Service was only able to provide 13% of the requests for buckets. It is the most expensive kit (estimated value \$75) and has the most items.

You can place some or all of the items in our box in the narthex. All cleaning items must be new.

Please donate items EXACTLY as listed. Any others will be rejected by the Festival organization.

CWS Cleanup Bucket

- 1 bottle of liquid household cleaner, 12-16 oz. (must be water mixable; no spray bottles)
- 1 non aerosol insect repellent, 6-9 oz
- clothesline, 1 - 100 ft. OR 2 - 50 ft. lines
- 1 pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 2 pairs non-surgical latex gloves, should be durable for multiple uses
- 1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden)
- 48-50 clothespins
- 5 dust masks
- 1 – 50 oz. or 2 - 25 oz. liquid laundry detergent (bottle[s] only)
- 1 liquid disinfectant dish soap, 16 – 28 oz.
- 18 reusable cleaning wipes (i.e. easy wipes)
- 4 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, including 1 large (= jumbo) sponge
- 24 – 48 heavy-duty or contractor type trash bags sized 30-45 gallon in a roll
- 1 bucket with resealable lid, 5-gallon only (if bucket has been used, clean out well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind at any time)



The Young Youth after school program is on break for the summer, but we had a great group of kids joining us this year and some awesome older kids as helpers.

REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE

Summer is here, schedules are changing, vacations and weekend get-aways are being planned. If you're going to be gone for awhile, you can continue supporting your church by dropping off your offering envelope ahead of time or mailing it to the church at: 118 West Ashley, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Another way to give is by automated giving through ACH, which is available anytime of the year. Enrollment is easy — if interested, please contact the church office at 635-1041 or email office@centralucc.com.

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's SS	4 5:30pm Celebration of Men Dinner and Program	5 9:00am Quilting 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	6 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 1:00pm Martha Circle 5:30pm Discipleship Mentors 7:00pm Sr. Choir	7 Conference Annual Gathering June 7th — 9th, at Holiday Inn Expo Center in Columbia	8	9
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JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP USHERS

2018 Team Schedule:

January & July —
February & August — Mary Ann Wippermann
March & September —
April & October — Carl Ernst
May & November — Monty Schmutzler
June & December — Russell Rottmann

June:

Russell Rottmann — Team Captain
Bill Graves Harry Kujath
Duane Muck
Walter Rottmann (Honorary)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, June 3 — Carmen Morrissey

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, June 14 — Congregational Life Ministry

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, June 20 — Carmen Morrissey

JULY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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July:

(Team Captain Needed)
David Kohler Dennis Kuebler
Kris Simpson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, July 1 — Patti Schmutzler

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, July 12 — Steve and Becky Buchholz

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, July 18 — W.I.G.S. Circle



“THREE GREAT LOVES. A JUST WORLD FOR ALL”

MISSOURI MID-SOUTH
CONFERENCE



2018 Conference Annual Gathering
THURSDAY, JUNE 7— SATURDAY, JUNE 9

EMBODYING LOVE OF NEIGHBOR, LOVE OF CHILDREN, & LOVE OF CREATION



Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.—1 John 4:11

July 2018

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To be a Christ-centered community of faithful disciples
 who are called to grow in faith, and share God's love
 as we reach out to each other,
 to our community, and to our world.

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 118 W. Ashley Street
 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Ministers..... Every Member
 Director of Music..... Dr. Patrick Clark
 Young Youth Director Rene Miserez
 Organist Shirley Klein
 Bell Choir Director Rene Miserez

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

8:30am Adult Sunday School
 9:00am Coffee Hour
 10:00am Worship Service
 10:15am Children's Sunday School

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