



# TOWER

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## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I am writing this article before the November 18 congregational meeting in order to meet the timeline necessary to get the Tower issued around the Thanksgiving holiday period. As such, I do not yet know the outcome of the things we will discuss at that congregational meeting. This meeting will be significant for defining the direction of Central United Church of Christ. Besides election of our Council members for 2019, we will discuss the budget and the job description for our pastor. I expect both of these topics to take quite a bit of discussion.

The budget presented to the congregation showed us dipping into our investments by about \$100,000 again in 2019. We have been running at a significant deficit for several years now and we as a congregation need to make some tough decisions to correct this. In order to reduce expenditures, we will need everyone in the congregation to step up and take on roles and responsibilities to accomplish tasks without paying someone to do everything. In addition, we will be looking for more ways to raise funds to pay our expenses. As normal, this may include increases in offerings, but I think more so we will be looking for fundraiser activities that again require congregation members to step forward with time and talents. Would you want to hire into an organization that is showing significant deficit spending year after year? How would that make you feel about job security? How we resolve this budget issue will directly impact our hiring of a new pastor.

Obviously the pastor's job description will also impact our hiring of a new pastor. The job description proposed to the congregation provides some additional flexibility in the pastor's education and certification. Again I expect some healthy conversation on this topic and the results of those conversations will set a direction for our church.

We also have on the agenda to discuss a new safe church policy and to have a listening session. As we get close to the meeting, I fully expect we will not get all of this covered in one meeting. As you read this Tower, I wouldn't be surprised if we have an additional congregational meeting scheduled to finish discussing the items that were not completed at the November 18 meeting.

I know this time of year is a very joyous time but is also a very busy and hectic time. Along with all of the holiday activities, I am asking everyone to step back and consider what additional time and resources you can provide to CUCC to allow us to be financially responsible while also accomplishing the many activities we all like to see CUCC complete and participate in each year. Getting these things better defined will be very important in defining the future for CUCC. More than ever, each individual's decision for what support they can provide to CUCC will make a big difference in the future direction for our church. As I said in my November Tower article, we have great people with tremendous experience and enthusiasm for our church and we need to capitalize on this resource.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Warren Witt, Council President

# Christmas begins with Christ

Handbell Solo Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 16  
2:00 p.m.

Scripture and music woven together  
to reflect upon Jesus' birth

Central United Church of Christ 118 W. Ashley St  
handbell soloist: Rene Miserez

## ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are responsible for submitting information about your group's 2018 activities for the Annual Report, please do so **by January 1, 2019**.

Rene Miserez will be gathering and compiling the information for this year's report, so please **email everything to: [bellsic@aol.com](mailto:bellsic@aol.com)**. In the subject line reference "Church -- 2018 Annual Report."

# FAITH IN ACTION

## **RAPE AND ABUSE CRISIS SERVICE (RACS – December)**

Jefferson City's Rape and Abuse Crisis Center is a comforting secret place tucked out of harm's way, providing shelter to abuse victims and their children when their homes are no longer safe. At the RACS center, these temporary residents get counseling and shelter until they can return to a safer, happier world. It's unfortunate that we need such facilities, but it's good that victims of abuse have a shelter. Your contribution to RACS funds many of the supply expenses that are needed by the center's families for daily living.

## **FESTIVAL OF SHARING JANUARY KIT CSW Hygiene Kits**

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the CWS Hygiene Kit during January. Please place your items in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as shown below:

- 1 nail clippers (remove packaging)*
- 1 toothbrush in original package*
- 1 hand towel*
- 1 bath size bar of soap in package*
- 1 washcloth*
- 1 wide tooth comb (remove packaging)*
- 10 standard size Band-Aids*

Affordable wide-tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as [sallybeauty.com](http://sallybeauty.com). Search for "wide-tooth pastel comb" to see an example of combs that meet the kit requirements. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey. People who have to go to shelters because of floods, fires and tornadoes really appreciate getting these kits.

## **HAVE-A-HEART & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (January)**

The Have-A-Heart offering supports members of the congregation that have a one-time need of a helping hand. This was designed to help those church members who are going through a rough patch because of a family emergency, health crisis or something of that nature.

The School Partnership was also added to this envelope to help with special requests from a partner school. At this time we do not have a school to partner with and we're working with the Jefferson City Public Schools to get set-up with one. Currently all of the schools have two partners; however, our church is on the list so if a partner drops out, we will be next in line to be partnered with a school.

Your contribution to "Have A Heart" shows you have a heart for those in our church and in our community who may need a helping hand.

## **2019 PLEDGE**

It's not too late to turn in your pledge for 2019. Please drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, or you can mail it to the church office as you prayerfully consider your financial support to the church.

## **2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The 2019 offering envelopes have arrived, and we've gone back to the "older" offering envelope style (in a box). Beginning January 1, it's important that you use only 2019 envelopes as the system rennumbers assigned envelopes each year. Please discard any previous year's envelopes. Your box will be available for pick-up sometime early December.

# OUR SHARED LIFE

## PRIME TIME CLUB

Prime Time Club will be meeting on December 11 at the Primrose Retirement Community. Please join us at Primrose around 11:30AM. We'll enjoy a luncheon probably costing no more than \$5.00. Following lunch, we'll sing Christmas songs, and deliver carnations to our shut-ins for Christmas. It will be a great time of fellowship and fun.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### 90+ BIRTHDAYS



*To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in December.*

### JANUARY

**Jane Stumpe (1/17)**

1110 Major Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**Bertie Spalding (1/18)**

1809 Devonshire Circle, #A  
Holts Summit, MO 65043

**Ruth Popp (1/25)**

3122 Rock Ridge Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

## BROTHERHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

November 6

- \* The W.I.G.S. Circle served a delicious lasagna dinner for sixteen men and a guest.
- \* Paul Fennawald presented an interesting program about Missouri History and what part Daniel Boone played in our state's history.
- \* We will help the boys and Girls club with some minor repairs on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We'll be meeting at 7:00PM on November 14 for the first time.
- \* Discussed a Trivia night for Boy Scouts in January.
- \* David has a list of things our Brotherhood can do at our church and will get it posted on our website.
- \* We modified the stands for the new Christmas Trees and replaced a light bulb in the gym.

Carl Ernst, Secretary

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all my Central Church friends for the birthday cards to help celebrate my 93rd birthday. So nice to be remembered!

Bee Sullivan

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Although too tiny to speak my mind, your thoughtful gift was oh so kind! Thank you for sharing my birthday and sending your prayers and blessings my way. Thank you for making the beautiful white blanket for me, because you made this little boy as happy as can be! May the Lord bless each of you.

The Family of Nash Sundermeyer

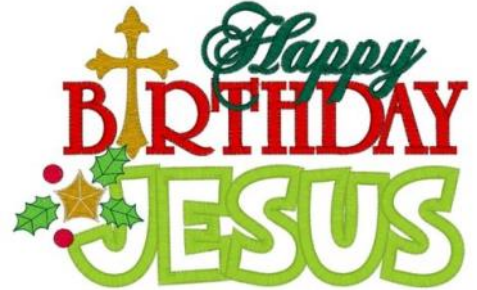
## YOUNG YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Wednesdays After School...** Do you know someone in K-5<sup>th</sup> grades? Encourage them to come see what our Wednesday after school program is about. We share a 20-30 minute Bible lesson or faith-building activity, enjoy playtime and building friendships, and share dinner together. Supervision begins at 3:45 and we end at 6:00 so come whenever your school lets out. NOTE: No "Wednesday After School" activities December 26 or January 2 due to school break.

### "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party...

**Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30-2:00PM**

It's a very special birthday party! There will be games and activities, cake and ice cream, and cookie decorating. No gifts are necessary... He wants our presence, not our presents. Bring a friend and come join us.



1:30PM — No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant

Invite your family to come see our pageant and join us for cake and ice cream.

### Christmas Caroling...

**Saturday, Dec. 15, 2:00-5:00PM**

After the party, let's spread some Christmas cheer!

Rene Miserez                      694-6022 cell/text  
Young Youth Director      [bellsic@aol.com](mailto:bellsic@aol.com)

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Upcoming activities for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders...

### Saturday, Dec 1:

12:30-2:30PM — Salvation Army Bell Ringing. We will be ringing at both doors at Walmart on Missouri Blvd. Dress warm! This is a great volunteer activity for us as we work together to help the less fortunate in our community.

### Saturday, Dec 15:

12:30-2:00PM — Help with "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party.

2:00-5:00PM — Christmas caroling with church members.

Come join us!

Rene Miserez    573-694-6022

## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

- (1) Sunday School and Nursery will move downstairs effective January 6th.
- (2) Sunday School's schedule will change from 10:15AM to 9:30AM for 30 minutes effective January 6th.
- (3) Look for more information about our Happy Birthday Jesus and Nativity Story presentation by both the Sunday School children and the Wednesday after school program children for the congregation mid-December.
- (4) Prayer chapel will be back in place in January.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amber Gonzales.



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR



The Christmas Lights Tour taking place on December 13 is full! Please pay Susan Poettgen before December 13. We'll meet by the gym doors a little before 5:30PM so we will be ready to load the trolley. If you have any questions, please contact Susan.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Saturday, December 15, 1:30PM

Congregation members, friends, and family are all invited to join us for our no-rehearsal Christmas Pageant at the end of our Happy Birthday, Jesus Party. Following the pageant, please join us for cake and ice cream as we sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! And then come along at 2:00-5:00PM as we go Christmas caroling.

## ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING Saturday, December 15, 2:00–5:00PM

O come all ye faithful. Christmas caroling is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. We'll be heading out for an afternoon of melodies. If you know someone homebound who would appreciate a visit, please contact the church office.

## BENEVOLENCE THANK YOU'S

We received all of your donations for the 2018 Festival of Sharing. Your gifts share hope with people and communities near and far that will be forever grateful. Thank you for supporting us in doing God's work.

Sidney Owens  
Festival of Sharing Coordinator

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The gift of \$482.83 that you sent to the Samaritan Center is a real blessing. God bless your caring hearts!

Marylyn DeFeo, Volunteer  
Executive Director  
Samaritan Center

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Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,310 to the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. Because of you, CWS is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed.

Rev. John L. McCullough  
President and CEO  
Church World Service

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We are grateful for your recent \$420 gift to The Salvation Army. Your financial support makes it possible to help people in need not only during the holidays, but 365 days a year.

Lt. Christopher & Rachel White  
Corps Officers

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On behalf of the Jefferson City Homelessness Task Force and the planning committee for Project Homeless Connect, we would like to thank you for your generous support of our October 19 event. Your donation of nail clippers, razors, emery boards and clothing items helped us provide hygiene kits to over 180 visitors that day.

Kristin Hilty  
Chair, Fundraising Committee  
Project Homeless Connect



*Dancers' Alley*  
and



SOUTHSIDE  
PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA

present

*The Nutcracker*

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 1:00pm & 6:00pm

**Miller Performing  
Arts Center**

**For ticket information, call: 573-635-6610**

[www.dancersalley.com](http://www.dancersalley.com)

[www.southsidephilharmonic.org](http://www.southsidephilharmonic.org)

## DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### WORSHIP USHERS

#### 2018 Team Schedule:

January & July — formerly Dick Kettenbrink  
(in need of team captain)

February & August — Mary Ann Wippermann

March & September — formerly Dennis Horn  
(in need of team captain)

April & October — Carl Ernst

May & November — Monty Schmutzler

June & December — Russell Rottmann

#### December:

Russell Rottmann— Team Captain

Bill Graves

Harry Kujath

Duane Muck

Walter Rottmann  
(Honorary)

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, Dec. 2 — Patti Schmutzler

### SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Dennis Horn & Lions Club

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — Women's Fellowship

## TOWER" DEADLINE

If you have an article you would like included in the February "Tower" issue, please email your information to the church office no later than **Tuesday, January 15.**



*Please note new start time: 6:00PM. Spread the word! Invite family and friends to this beautiful, candlelight service as together, we celebrate the Lord's birth!*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2019 SALVATION ARMY MEALS

If you would like to help prepare and serve a meal for the Salvation Army, please choose a date below and contact Susan Poettgen, Mission and Outreach Ministry Chair. ***If you or your group would consider filling in the same month as you did for 2018, or a different month, please let Susan know so she can complete the 2019 schedule.*** Central has participated in this missional effort for many years which takes place on the second Thursday of each month. Dates still needing volunteers:

February 14

March 14

April 11

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10


November 14

December 12

Susan's contact information: 298-4515;  
[susan.poettgen@gmail.com](mailto:susan.poettgen@gmail.com)



# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 First Sunday of Advent 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's SS	3 7:00pm Scouts	4 5:30pm Brotherhood	5 9:00am Quilting 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	6	7	8
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16 Third Sunday of Advent 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's SS 1:00 & 6:00-SPO/Dancers Alley "The Nutcracker" (Miller Center) 2:00pm Handbell Solo Concert	17 7:00pm Scouts	18	19 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	20 5:30pm Finance Ministry 6:00pm Faith Formation Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting	21	22
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30 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's SS	31 New Year's Eve (Office Closes at Noon)					

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#### January:

(formerly Dick Kettenbrink's Team)  
David Kohler                      Dennis Kuebler

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, Jan. 6 — *Volunteer Needed*  
(Please contact Mary Ann Wippermann)

### SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, Jan. 17 — Rene Miserez

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, Jan. 16 — Brotherhood

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2019 COMMUNION PREPARATION

It's time to sign-up for preparing the elements and cleaning up afterwards for the 2019 year. ***"If you would consider serving on the same Communion Sunday or special Worship Service as you did in 2018, please contact Mary Ann Wippermann, Worship Ministry Chair, as this would be helpful and she can plan accordingly."*** If you are interested but have never prepared communion, you can be paired with someone who has; it doesn't take a lot of time. Please consider volunteering for one or more of these dates: (All are Sundays unless indicated.)

January 6

February 3

March 3

March 6 (Ash Wednesday)

April 7

April 21 (Easter Sunday—7:00AM Sunrise Service and 10:00AM Worship Service. One person can do both services, or there can be one for each service.)

May 5

June 2

June 9 (Pentecost — There will only be communion if this date is scheduled for Confirmation Sunday.)

July 7

August 4

September 1


October 6 (World Communion Sunday)

November 3

December 1

Mary Ann's contact information: 636-3685;  
[mlwipper@embarqmail.com](mailto:mlwipper@embarqmail.com)

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Children's SS 10:00am Worship		1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)	2 9:00am Quilting (No Young Youth Activities) 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir		4 	5 
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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.

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 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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