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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Search and Call Committee has now held several meetings and are actively working through the process to begin the search for a new minister for CUCC. Tommy Thompson has agreed to lead this committee and provides us some great experience, having participated on several previous pastoral hiring processes. The other members of the committee are Amber Gonzales, Dennis Kuebler, Gwen Veith, Carl Ernst, Monty Schmutzler, Scottie Cobb, Susan Poettgen, Patti Schmutzler, and myself. One of the first steps is to have a good job description for our pastor. Our HR Ministry has revised the Senior Pastor Job Description. The Search and Call Committee has reviewed it along with the Council. It is now being sent to the congregation for approval at the November 18 meeting that is coming up. Another significant step will be the updating of our church profile, which the committee is now beginning to work on.

As I just mentioned, we are planning to conduct our next congregational meeting on Sunday, November 18 and there are several important items on the agenda that everyone needs to pay attention to and get involved in finalizing. One is the Senior Pastor Job Description that I mentioned. Other significant items include the annual budget (which includes how much we can pay a pastor), a new Safe Church Policy (which will impact many of our church programs with the youth and community), and election of Council members for 2019. We will also use this congregational meeting to be our "listening session" for the fourth quarter. You may recall that we conducted a listening session a few months ago and it was felt that we should conduct these maybe once a quarter. This will be everyone's opportunity to ask questions, provide updated information, and any guidance or direction to the entire congregation. You should be receiving information on the above items in the next couple of weeks for review before the meeting. Please make plans to attend the congregation meeting right after church on November 18.

CUCC was well represented at the Western Association Fall Fellowship Gathering at Salem UCC Church near McGirk on October 13. Carl Ernst, Susan Poettgen, Leo Blockburger, Rev. Scott, and I attended. The new Oasis UCC Church was recognized as a new member of the Western Association. Several breakout sessions were conducted where we all felt we gained some valuable information and ideas.

I am so pleased, and we have received feedback from several others both within and outside of our congregation, about the amount of involvement and number of people who are stepping up and taking active roles in our church. We have so many good things going on. This upcoming congregational meeting is another opportunity where we need as much active involvement from all of our membership as we can get. We have great people with tremendous experience and enthusiasm for our church and we need to capitalize on this resource. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the congregational meeting and at Central United Church of Christ.

Warren Witt
Council President

PASTOR APPRECIATION



Beloved in Christ,

You've done it again! I'd never heard of "Pastor Appreciation Day" and, as a lowly supply-pulpit, never would have expected to be honored even if I had. You ARE the most amazing congregation! It is such a pleasure to serve you, to call you my friends, my brothers and sisters in Christ. How grateful I am our Lord brought us together — a match made in Heaven, to be sure. I look forward to each Sunday with anticipation and joy.

In Christ,
Judy



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday, November 11, 2018

Sunday, November 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of "The Great War" to end all wars – now known as World War I. Special music for our 10:00 AM church service that day will remember those church members who fell in the war and those who survived. Guest artists from MOSTly Opera and the Monticello Singers will sing during the service, and at 11 :00 AM the church bell will toll. A special invitation is extended to those whose ancestors participated 100 years ago to join us to mark this remembrance moment in our church's history. A bronze plaque near the church office reads in part *"1917 In Memoriam 1918 ...To The Boys of Central Evangelical Church Who Gave Their Lives for Freedom's Cause....In Appreciation—their Comrades"* The plaque was saved in the 1980s when the old Sunday School was demolished.

FAITH IN ACTION

MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE EVANGELICAL CHILDREN'S HOME (November)

This month's blue benevolence envelope puts the spotlight on a UCC mission that has been serving disadvantaged children and young people for more than 150 years. The Evangelical Children's Home in St. Louis County began as an orphanage, but now the children who now stay there are emotionally troubled young people who can no longer stay at home. The counseling program's goal is to return these children to permanent homes and restore their original families if possible. An Early Education Center and the Geitner School emphasize positive behavior. The Steppingstone program serves both the Kansas City and St. Louis areas in helping young people who are being phased out of the welfare system. The Evangelical Children's Home has changed through the years, but the example of God's love remains the key element in bringing children at risk through hard times so they can enter adulthood with the tools for success.

HARVEST HOME

The Samaritan Center food supplies are running low after a busy summer. Let's help the Samaritan Center by bringing food for Harvest Home Sunday which takes place on November 18. Please bring your food for the Samaritan Center by Sunday, November 11 so that the Worship Ministry can decorate for Harvest Home Sunday.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Central Church had another successful year working hard for the Festival of Sharing. Total value of non-cash gifts: \$11,318.00! Here are some statistics

regarding gifts from Central Church — 334 School Kits; 46 Health Kits; 12 Emergency Clean-Up Buckets;



98 Baby Bundles; 10 Backpacks of Love; 18 Family Food Packs; 1 paper Products Pack; 3 Personal Hygiene Packs; 1 Readin' & Writin' Packs; 25 Student Dental Packs; 2 Youth Packs. Cash donations collected totaled \$248.50.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry would like to thank all who helped put kits together, pack and transport kits. Also, a big thank you to those who attended this year's Sharefest in Tipton.



OUR SHARED LIFE

THANK YOU

Thanks to all the fantastic help with the Oktoberfest German Dinner — we made it through and it was a success. We heard comments that the German potato salad was wonderful and the roast beef was delicious. We couldn't have done it without your help. Thanks.

Mary Ann Wippermann and Faye Rinaldi
Coordinators

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Elenor Circle and Prime Time Club will hold their combined November meeting with a luncheon on Tuesday, November 13 around 11:30 a.m. Our speaker will again be Bob Priddy who is always faithful to entertain us with an interesting story from his vast knowledge of history. Please come join us!



90+ BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER

Mabel Thompson (11/22)
% Tom and Judy Thompson
6901 Bates Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109

YOUNG YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays after school ...

Our after school program is for kids in K-5th grades so join us when you can. We share afterschool snacks and fun, a 20-30 minute Bible lesson or faith-building activity, and dinner. Supervision begins at 3:45 (or whenever your school gets out) and we end at 6:00. We are continuing our journey through lessons about parables. These are stories that Jesus told to help teach a lesson. Join us in November for lessons about the prodigal son and the good Samaritan.

Note: No Wednesday after school activities Nov. 21

Sunday, Nov. 25 ...

Christmas crafts and decorating during Hanging of the Greens after church.

Rene Miserez,
Young Youth Director

694-6022 cell/text
bellsic@aol.com

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, Nov 18, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., we will be planning activities for the next few months so come with ideas. We will also have a discussion to build upon your faith, and we'll enjoy some minute-to-win-it style games.

Sunday, Nov 25, after church is Hanging of the Greens. We'll talk about it on Nov 18, but we could either help the younger kids with their craft and decorating activities, or help the adults with decorating in the sanctuary.

Come join us!
Rene

HANGING OF THE GREENS Sunday, November 25



Come join us as we gather to make our sanctuary special for the Advent season. This will be an exciting time with the two new 12 foot Christmas trees along with some new ornaments and refreshed wreaths, garland, and floral arrangements. The day will start with adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m., coffee hour at 9:00 a.m., and worship service at 10:00 a.m. Then, instead of immediately starting on the decorating, we are trying something new. We will gather after worship in the gym for a brunch catered by HyVee. The cost will be \$10 per person. Following brunch, around 12 noon, we'll go back to the sanctuary and do the decorating. Once the decorating is completed, we will sit back and enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary and sing some carols. With lots of workers, we should be finished by 3:00 p.m.

Reservations for the brunch are needed by November 19 and can be made by calling the church office at 635-1041 or emailing at office@centralucc.com. Come and enjoy some good fellowship and help ready the sanctuary for the Advent season.

Mary Ann Wippermann,
Worship and Music Ministry Chair
Faye Rinaldi,
Congregational Life Ministry Chair

BROTHERHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

- ☞ JOY Circle served a delicious roast pork loin meal for seven men.
- ☞ Discussed results of our golf tournament.
- ☞ Will help with some projects to help maintain our church and also help the Boys and Girls Club.
- ☞ Will place notice in newspaper thanking the hole sponsors and letting them know where their money was spent.
- ☞ Approved donations to the following: Samaritan Center \$3,000; California Brotherhood \$1,000; The Boys and Girls Club \$1,000; RACS \$1,000; The Healing House \$500; New Tribes Mission \$500.
- ☞ Brotherhood will make home-made ice cream for the outing at Sander's Farm, October 14.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The ladies of Grace Evangelical Free Church have invited the Central Church ladies to their women's breakfast on Saturday, November 3rd, starting at 8:30 a.m. in Central's gym. Come early around 8:00 a.m. and visit. Please bring a breakfast dish, fruit, juice, etc. — it's a pot-luck.

This will probably be the last time Central Church women will be hosting their breakfast gathering, as their new church building is enclosed and they are working inside now. Come enjoy the fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Long.

LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing a Wilton cake pan, pie tin, Tupperware cake carrier, or Pyrex cake carrier, please check the church kitchen.

POINSETTIAS

Halloween is now behind us. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and that can only mean Advent and Christmas are right behind. We have new Christmas trees for the sanctuary and what better way to add to the beauty of the church than with poinsettias. Central will again be selling poinsettias in 6" pots from Trenklein Greenhouses which you can purchase in memory or honor of someone. **The cost is \$10 per poinsettia; checks should be made payable to Central UCC with "Poinsettia" on the memo line.** The order form can be found in this Tower and will also be in the church bulletin on November 18 and 25 and December 3.

The completed form along with your payment must be turned to the church office by December 3, 2018. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on December 23 and 24. You can pick up your poinsettia at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve Service or on December 26, 27, or 28.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Wippermann.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Save-A-Date: On November 25th, Faith Formation will host a Christmas Craft event during the "Hanging of the Greens." Please bring your kids and grand-kids. If you have any questions or would like to know how you can help, please contact Amber Gonzales.

Sunday School in November: Amber Gonzales will lead but will need a helper. Please let Amber know if you are interested in helping.

Amber's contact information:

Cell phone: (573) 644-2759

Email: CUCC.faith@gmail.com

UPCOMING VISIT BY MISSOURI MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE MINISTER

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, November 4 when Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, will be joining Central Church for worship. Rev. Dr. Brown Daniel will also be bringing the sermon message that morning.



Boxes and cannisters of gifts prepared and given to Festival of Sharing from Central Church.

SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

To say that Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet is amongst the most compelling and enduring of musical monuments in the Classical canon is an understatement. Adding to that its particular appeal to children without the least of musical condescension makes it all the more significant. Jefferson City's own Dancers' Alley ballet studio has presented their production of this complete work no less than nine times in the last eighteen years, and this December will present it yet again at the Miller Performing Arts Center. What is now unique in Dancers' Alley's production is that it is being performed with a live orchestra: the Southside Philharmonic. This is SPO's second year playing the complete musical score, and due to the production's success last year with two sold-out shows, Dancers' Alley is adding a third in 2018.



The magical tale of Clara and the Mouse King is of enchanting love mixed with fierce battles, stunning displays of physical virtuosity, and rich tapestries of emotional provocation. It is an even greater draw as nearly the entire cast is comprised of local talent, many of whom are our city's most gifted youth. On top of that, it is quite a social event with audiences of between seven and eight hundred per performance.

Please come and hear the SPO join again with Dancer's Alley in what is sure to be the best *Nutcracker* production in our "developing history."

Performances:

Saturday December 15, 7:00pm

Sunday December 16, 1:00pm (matinee)

Sunday December 17, 6:00pm

For tickets call Dancers' Alley at: (573) 635-6610.

Also visit SouthsidePhilharmonic.com where more details on the performances can be found.

Kindly,

Patrick Clark
CUCC Director of Music



ADVENT POINSETTIA ORDER 2018

Please complete the form below to place your order for poinsettias. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia. This form along with your payment must be turned in to the church office no later than **Monday, December 3rd.**

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of Poinsettia/s: _____

Total Cost: _____ (\$10 each)

Wording as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Eve Memorial/Honorarium Listing:
(In memory of or In honor of – please specify, and PLEASE PRINT)

From: _____



Buddy's Stories

Growing Up in Jefferson City in the 1940's

By Walter A. Schroeder

Meet Buddy: a bike-riding, towheaded, everyday kid growing up on Elm Street during World War II. Everyone he knows is a proud American, including his German-immigrant grandparents. Life on the Southside isn't rosy, but people do what they can to get by—and Buddy and his friends grow up learning to reduce, reuse, and recycle . . . to be self-sufficient . . . and to help others.

Generous with details, the geographer and historian Walter A. Schroeder (nicknamed “Buddy” in his youth) shares his personal memories of growing up in Jefferson City, Missouri. His descriptions will resonate with people who remember those simpler times, and they will cause others to reflect on what we lost as the years went by.

These 42 brief essays cover an array of topics about Jefferson City places, everyday life, the effects of World War II, and expressions of patriotism. How did families make ends meet? How did kids participate in

the war effort? What was it like to have bread, eggs, milk, and coal delivered, to make sauerkraut in the basement, to be fitted for shoes with commercial X-ray machines? What did kids do for fun? How did the old Missouri River Bridge rotate, and what was it like to go to the dime store?

Engagingly written, enhanced by the judgment of a professional historian, and illustrated with 70 photos, maps, and scrapbook mementos, *Buddy's Stories* is a vibrant perspective on Jefferson City history . . . and a fond commemoration of the way things used to be.

**Published in 2018 by the Old Munichburg Association
200 pages; 70 photographs, maps, and illustrations**

(To purchase a book, contact Patti Schmutzler. Cost is \$15 per book.)

NOVEMBER 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

November:

Monty Schmutzler — Team Captain

Randy Bickel

Mark Mueller

Allen Schmutzler

Roger Schneider

Roland Warmann

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, November 4 — Patti Schmutzler

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, Nov. 8 — Steve and Becky Buchholz

“TOWER” DEADLINE

The deadline for the combined December/January “Tower” issue will be **Thursday, November 15.**

Please make sure to email your articles to the office in a timely manner. Thanks!

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS September 2018

A new method has been initiated for charges made at Schulte’s. A letter must now be obtained from the church office before purchases can be made.

Repairs are now complete on the elevator. Also repairs have been made to the organ and technical equipment due to a lighting strike that damaged these items. Repairs for the three items totaled over \$7000.00.

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott has agreed to start a confirmation class for CUCC beginning on Sept. 30. At this time four of our youth are in attendance.

October 14 has been set aside for a trip to Sanders farm. Children will have the opportunity to decorate pumpkins, fish and enjoy the fresh air. A meal of hot dogs, chips, s’mores and more will be provided.

Halloween party is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. Those wishing to assist will need to contact Rene Miserez. Your help would be appreciated to help make this a successful event.

Church Council is still seeking members for the council. We are in need of a Vice president and a Communications Minister.

Sharefest was held in Tipton on September 22. (Formerly known as Festival of Sharing.) A total of 545 kits were delivered. This surpassed last year’s total of 529 kits. Thank you to all our members who made this possible.

Mission and Outreach Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with Project Homeless Connect on October 18 & 19. Forms are available in the church library and/or see Susan Poettgen for more information.

Search and Call Committee has been formed. Warren Witt will initiate the first meeting where a Chairperson will be elected.

CUCC will host the Spring Western Association Meeting to be held on April 13, 2019. More information will be provided at a later date.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Respectfully submitted,
Freda Maness
Council Secretary

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>Totentest Sunday 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 10:15am Children's SS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Women's Fellowship Workday 5:30pm Brotherhood</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:00pm Salvation Army Meal</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Special Adult Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 10:15am Children's SS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:30am Prime Time Club/ Elenor Circle 4:00pm Mission & Outreach Team</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Finance Ministry 6:00pm Faith Formation Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Harvest Home Sunday 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 10:15am Children's SS 11:00am Congregational Meeting 6:00pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Wednesday Church Activities Cancelled</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>(Office Closed)</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Hanging of the Greens 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 10:15am Children's SS 11:00am All-Church Brunch 12:00am Decorate for Advent/ Fellowship & Singing</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:00pm WIGS Circle 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	



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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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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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