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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As I write this article in the middle of January I can't help but think about two strong emotions. The first is extreme gratefulness, and the second is strong enthusiasm/optimism.

We just completed the long holiday season focused on the celebration and gratitude we all have for the greatest gift of all, God's gift to all of us, his son Jesus Christ. Not only are we grateful for his birth, but even more we are so grateful for his coming to forgive us of our sins. Once again, Central UCC had a great Christmas Eve ceremony, a beautifully decorated church, and several opportunities to celebrate the season together in various groups.

Along with celebrating Jesus' birth, our family was blessed again with a new baby. Our son and his wife, Todd and Allyn Witt, had their first child on January 7. Amelia Nowell Witt weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 18 ½ inches long. Both baby and mother are doing great and adjusting to their new lives at home. I am so grateful for the family and friends that God has blessed us with.

At Central, we are blessed to have such a strong congregation. We demonstrated our faith and commitment multiple times throughout 2018. We are blessed to have found Rev. Judy Scott to serve as our pulpit supply minister. We have rejuvenated several important programs and are serving members in ways they had not enjoyed in several years. Many people have stepped forward in leadership roles and are making great things happen every week. Our Search and Call process has given us the opportunity to better define who we are as a church and is nearing the point to start the search for a pastor who fits our church. I continue to hear many comments from members who are grateful for the church we all call home.

With the beginning of the New Year, I feel strong enthusiasm and optimism for the year to come for Central UCC. We have our first major fundraiser/outreach activity of the year coming up in the form of what we are calling the Breakfast Bonanza. We have new members preparing to join the church. We have the annual meeting coming up to approve the Church Profile document to be used to search for our new pastor. This spring we will graduate our first confirmands in several years.

Our members have stepped forward to clean the church and do what we can to have a better balanced budget so we don't have to dip into our investment accounts as much as we have the last several years. When we needed people to step forward to clean, within a week or so we were able to get volunteers for all of the positions. When we needed folks to help with the Breakfast Bonanza, within about 30 minutes of posting a sign-up board, we had over 40 people step up to fill the positions. With this type of volunteerism from our congregation, how can we help but be extremely optimistic about our future.

I hope as you reflect on this past holiday season and the year coming up in 2019, that you share the gratitude and optimism that I feel. We are all truly blessed, individually and as a church. And we have so many good things to look forward to at Central in 2019. Most things worth having don't come easy, but I am confident that Central's members are going to step up to the challenges and continue to make great things happen.

Warren Witt
Council President



**MARCH 6, 2019
6:00pm**

**Save the date,
and make plans to attend.**



FESTIVAL OF SHARING FEATURED KIT: Missouri Student Dental Pack

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items, for the Missouri Student Dental Pack during February. Please place your items in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as shown below:

- 4– child sized soft toothbrushes (in original package)
- 2– adult soft toothbrushes (in original package)
- 1– fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more—can be found at Dollar Tree for \$1)
- 1– dental floss (any size)

If you have questions, please contact Susan Poettgen, chair of Mission and Outreach Ministry, by calling 573-298-4515 or email her at susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

FAITH IN ACTION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Communion:

Helping with communion involves preparing the element trays for worship and cleaning-up once worship has ended. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month and for special services as they occur. To volunteer for one or more of the vacancies below, call Mary Ann Wippermann at 636-3685 or email her at mlwipper@embarqmail.com. Dates needing to be filled: March 6 (*Ash Wednesday*); April 21 (*Easter—only one service*); May 5; June 2; June 9 (*Pentecost— communion only if Confirmation is scheduled*); July 7

Salvation Army Meal:

If you or your group can help prepare and serve a meal for Salvation Army, please call Susan Poettgen at 298-4515 or email susan.poettgen@gmail.com. Central Church has participated in this missional effort for many years which always takes place on the second Thursday of each month. Brochures with more information are available in the narthex. Openings needing volunteers: June 13; July 1; August 8; September 12; October 10; November 14; December 12.

MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE (February)

February’s blue benevolence envelope supports the ministry of Camp Aurora and possible scholarships to make it easier for any of our youth who want to attend that special facility along the Niangua River.

Camp Aurora is a place where lives are enriched and friendships and memories are made. The camp, on 40 acres nestled in Ozark Hills, is a place where one can witness God’s presence in nature and learn more about Christian values.

Camps are available for all ages from second graders through senior high youth and range from three days to a week. There is also a family camp weekend. When Camp Aurora Ministries does not have camping sessions going, the camp is available for rent by other groups and organizations.

Your donation this month in the blue benevolence envelope will help fund the upkeep, repairs, and renovations to Camp Aurora as well as the day-to-day operating expenses for the various camp sessions. It will also provide scholarships for 50% of the cost to help any of our youth who wish to attend camp, experience the beauty of Camp Aurora, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) in 2018. Because of you, we equipped Conference Churches to be Building Courageous Relationships through resources for youth, social justice, ministry preparation and worship! Thank you! May God’s love guide us in 2019.

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown-Daniel
Conference Minister

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Your support and donation of \$485 is greatly appreciated! As you know, Neighborhood Houses is now called “Unleashing Potential” (UP). Our name is new, but our mission is the same: to close the opportunity gap for children and youth by building on the strengths they have within themselves. Thank you again for your congregation’s support of Unleashing Potential.

Darlene Sowell, President & CEO
Unleashing Potential (UP)

OUR SHARED LIFE

BROTHERHOOD RECAP

January 8, 2019

- Fifteen men enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the Elenor Circle.
- Discussed and planned the Breakfast Bonanza for January 19.
- The group hung pictures in the parlor and friendship room.
- We'll be working at Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday.

December 4, 2018

- W.I.G.S. Circle served a ham dinner for twelve men.
- Larry Long and Carl Ernst will deliver Meals on Wheels in January.
- We planned a breakfast meal for January 19, 2019.
- Moved the pews back to the Prayer Chapel.
- Will provide a treat for children on Christmas Eve.

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will meet around noon on Tuesday, February 26 for their monthly carry-in luncheon. This is our bingo month, so please bring treasures to share, and you can also take home new treasures as bingo prizes. Please come and enjoy!

90+ BIRTHDAYS

To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in February. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the church office.

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"I wish to thank my friends who remembered my birthday with well wishes, phone calls and cards. Your thoughtfulness made my day!" Jane Stumpe

COOKIE BOUQUET FUNDRAISER



Valentine cookie bouquets are back, and **this year's proceeds will be going for youth programming.** Cookie bouquets are made up of six individually-wrapped buttery velvet cookies with buttercream frosting on a stick and arranged. They will be delivered with a smile on Valentine's Day, or they can be ready for you on

Sunday, February 10, if you wish to deliver personally. Cost is a donation, and you set the amount. Contact Rene to order, 694-6022. We have a great cookie making team in place, ready to bake.

Last year we sold 57 bouquets and if you are willing to take a flyer or sample bouquet to work/wherever or tell your friends, we would appreciate it!

YOUNG YOUTH

Join us when you get a chance... Kids in grades K-5 get together on Wednesdays after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship. If you need help with transportation, please do call us because we want to see you there! We'll even serve you dinner before we end at 6:00 p.m. Did you miss the lesson on the pearl from Matthew 13? Jesus paid the price for us, but we are as worthy as the pearl was to the pearl merchant.

Come join us and see what other great lessons we've got in store for you!

Rene Miserez,
Young Youth Director
694-6022

SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The Southside Philharmonic Orchestra, directed by Patrick Clark, partners for its second year with the Odyssey Chamber Music Series, directed by Ayako Tsuruta, on Odyssey's *Baroque Concerto* program with a performance in our home, the Central United Church of Christ.

This program features the winner of Odyssey's second annual Pre-Collegiate Concerto Competition: 18 year-old pianist Henry Huang (student of MU Piano Professor Peter Miyamoto).

Two performances:

- Friday, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Columbia
 - Southside Philharmonic Chamber Music Series
- Saturday, Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m., Central United Church of Christ, Jefferson City
 - Odyssey Chamber Music Series

Programs will include:

Johann Sebastian Bach, Cantata:

HimmelsKönig sei willkommen, BWV 182

- R. Paul Crabb and the Bach Collegium Choir

Ludwig van Beethoven,

Piano Concerto No. 3, op. 37, III (3rd movement)

- Henry Huang, piano soloist; Patrick Clark, conductor

Antonio Vivaldi, *Concerto for Piccolo in C Major, RV 443*

- Katie Smyth, piccolo soloist; Patrick Clark, conductor

Orchestra: Odyssey Chamber Ensemble

Please visit:

- OdysseyMissouri.org
- SouthsidePhilharmonic.org



7pm

Central United Church of Christ
118 W Ashley St in Jefferson City
\$10 General / \$5 Student

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 | Henry Huang,
Winner of the 2019 Pre-collegiate Concerto Competition
Vivaldi Piccolo Concerto | Katie Smyth, soloist
Bach Cantata, BWV 182 *"King of Heaven, welcome"*

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Children's SS 10:00am Worship Service	4 7:00pm Scouts	5 5:30pm Brotherhood	6 9:00am Quilting 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	7	8	9
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17 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Children's SS 10:00am Worship Service	18 Office Closed—Presidents' Day 7:00pm Scouts	19 1:00pm Elenor Circle	20 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	21 5:30pm Finance Ministry 5:30pm Faith Formation Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting	22	23
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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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