



TOWER

Newsletter of Central United Church of Christ

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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

This winter has been a challenging time from a weather perspective. Unfortunately, we needed to cancel another Sunday church service on February 10 due to inclement weather. While it is always disappointing to have to cancel a church service, hopefully everyone appreciates that we take the safety of our congregation very seriously and at times it just isn't worth the risk to people's health and safety to conduct a service. This winter is making up for several mild winters we have enjoyed the last few years. Spring surely isn't too far away and hopefully we won't have to cancel any more services this winter.

Our first major fundraiser was completed in January in the form of a "Breakfast Bonanza." We had well over 40 people from our congregation volunteer to help with the breakfast and it went off extremely well, despite some cold temperatures and threats of bad weather. We made close to \$2,000 with this first event. We have two more breakfasts planned for March 2 and April 6 (first Saturday of the month). As we gain experience, I am confident they will be even easier to put on. I know myself and many others expressed how much fun we had "working" together for these fundraisers. If you haven't been able to help yet, I encourage everyone to get involved. These are great projects for our church and great opportunities to socialize with fellow church members. We also have other meals and fundraisers that are being discussed: the annual WIGS German Sausage dinner on March 17, an ice cream social for this summer, the annual Oktoberfest dinner this fall, and probably other meals as we come up with more ideas.

The Southside Philharmonic Orchestra hosted another very successful event at CUCC in February. They have another concert planned for March 22 and several more coming up this year. Between the SPO events and the fundraisers, our hope is to become known throughout the community for both our music, our meals, and the great socializing and community events we have here at Central UCC.

The Search and Call Committee finalized the Church Profile document and have sent it to the Missouri Mid-South Conference to use in posting our Pastor position. By the time you read this, it should have been posted for a couple of weeks and we will begin receiving potential candidates.

We have quite a few things going on at Central UCC. It is a lot of fun to work with other members on such things as the fundraisers, SPO concerts, cleaning the church facility, youth activities, and other events. I encourage everyone to get involved. I am confident you will find it very rewarding.

Thank you so much,

Warren Witt
Council President



**WORSHIP SERVICE
&
ADMINISTRATION
OF ASHES**

**March 6, 2019
6:00pm**



**Chili and hot dog meal provided,
beginning at 4:30pm**

(Sponsored by Faith Formation Ministry. Donations appreciated.)

FAITH IN ACTION

MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE (March)

March's benevolence offering is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, OGHS is part of the immediate response and part of the long-term recovery. It's enabling people and communities in 80 nations to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and injustice that denies and destroys dignity.

OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of every kind of natural or man-made disaster. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days. And it responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

The UCC annually channels more than three-million dollars through One Great Hour of Sharing to humanitarian needs in the world. The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over. On average, 95 cents of every dollar supports long-term sustainable development with five cents going towards interpretation materials. Administrative costs are paid by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission National Basic Support.

The partnership we share with United Church of Christ congregations across the United States is where this remarkable miracle connecting UCC members to the world begins. But first, of course, it begins with your donation in this month's blue benevolence envelope.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING MARCH KIT: CWS Hygiene Kits

During the month of March, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will once again be collecting items for the CWS Hygiene Kit. 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. 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, tornadoes really appreciate getting these kits.

CORRESPONDANCE

Thank you for supporting Every Child's Hope (Evangelical Children's Home). Your church's donation of \$665 helps us provide a safe place for young people to live and succeed. Children, youth and families are given the tools they need to heal from past hurts, get an education, and learn the skills needed to be successful. Visit our website at www.everychildshope.org.

Michael P. Brennan, CEO

OUR SHARED LIFE



BROTHERHOOD RECAP

February 5, 2019

- The Boy Scouts served a meal featuring brats and Dutch oven baked peach cobbler and ice cream for dessert for 15 members.
- The Breakfast Bonanza was discussed with plans for another on March 2 and April 6. We will not serve French toast and will serve from 7:00am—11:30am.
- Larry Long and Carl Ernst delivered Meals On Wheels in January.
- Brotherhood voted to give the Boy Scouts \$1,100.
- The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,308.35.
- We replaced light bulbs in the Friendship Room and kitchen.

Carl Ernst
Secretary

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will meet around 11:30am on Tuesday, March 29 for a carry-in luncheon and program. We'll enjoy a special travelogue presented by Greg and Marian Eskijian. Please come and join us.



90+ BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Davis, 3/07
211 Indian Meadow Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Margaret Bates who passed away December 27, 2018.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dale Schmutz who passed away February 5, 2019.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Kathryn Waite who passed away February 15, 2019.

First Saturday Feast

March 2 & April 6
7:00 – 11:30 A.M.

All-You-Can-Eat

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BREAKFAST BONANZA



\$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5 to 9; children under 5 eat free.

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

Biscuits & Gravy

Coffee/Juice

Sausage

Central United Church of Christ (gymnasium)

118 W. Ashley, Jefferson City, MO

Sponsored by the CUCC Brotherhood

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. Supervision begins at 3:45 (or whenever your school gets out) and we end at 6:00. Our lessons are still focusing on Scriptures that are parables (there are a lot). These are stories Jesus told to help teach a lesson. Bring a friend and come join us to see what great lessons we've got in store for you!

Rene Miserez,
Young Youth Director
694-6022

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUNG YOUTH

Volunteers are needed for Young Youth activities on Wednesday afternoons, from approximately 5:00-5:35pm. Alan Bagnall is in the kitchen preparing dinner while we are doing our Bible lessons and activities, so we need another adult to join us for our lessons (per the Safe Church Policy). What a great way for you to be reminded of different Bible stories you might have forgotten about! Contact Rene to sign up to join us for a week.

W.I.G.S.

Women In God's Service

Sunday March 17

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

German Sausage Dinner



Adults \$12, children 5-12 \$5, under 5 free.

MENU

W.I.G.S. famous-recipe German potato salad
German sausage Sauerkraut Applesauce
Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans Dessert

**Central United Church of Christ (gym)
118 W. Ashley, Jefferson City, MO**

Sponsored by Central UCC W.I.G.S.

GERMAN SAUSAGE DINNER

On Sunday, March 17, WIGS will serve their spring German Sausage Dinner from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the church gym. The menu consists of: sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread, desserts and drinks. Carry-outs are available. Tickets can be purchased from WIGS members after church or during coffee hour for: \$12 (adults), \$5 (children ages 5-12), children under 5 are free. We'll also be selling tickets at the door on the day of the dinner. In the past, proceeds from the spring dinner have been used to fund worthwhile church and community projects. Come out and support these projects while enjoying a great meal!

INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING MEALS AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

When purchasing items for meal fundraisers, church events and activities, the Finance Committee is recommending that folks purchase/charge items through the church's accounts at Walmart, Sam's Club and Schulte's as much as possible as these accounts are "tax-exempt." When folks purchase items and ask for reimbursement, the receipts typically include taxes which can cost the church several hundred dollars over a year's time. To purchase items through church accounts, come to the office and pick up a credit card for Walmart/Sam's Club or a letter to charge at Schulte's.

COOKIE BOUQUET FUNDRAISER OUTCOME

Cookie Bouquet fundraiser ... thank you! We sold 60 bouquets this year, and an additional 24 loose cookies, with profits earmarked to youth programming. Donations are still filtering in, but we should end up between \$800-900 after expenses!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LENTEN QUIET HOUR

The Women's Fellowship Lenten Quiet Hour will be held on Tuesday, March 12 beginning at 12:00pm. The Elenor Circle and Women's Fellowship officers will be serving a noon luncheon.

Following lunch, Norma Klemme will serve as our Spiritual Leader. Please come — Norma is eager to meet with you! See you there...

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Central Church is grateful to Allen Schmutzler and Alan Bagnull for the countless hours they work with technology, as well as a host of other items, to make sure things are running smoothly.



THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank my friends and members of Central Church for the cards and notes they sent me for my birthday! They were very much appreciated.

Ruth Popp

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Thank you Central Church friends for the Christmas cards. I would also like to thank Carl and Shirley Ernst for bringing communion to me.

Bee Sullivan

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers for Tonya during her surgeries and recoveries.

Carl and Shirley Ernst

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Thank you for the 68 lbs. of food you brought to the Samaritan Center recently. It's been a long cold month; your help meant we were able to give food to many families in need. God bless you for always thinking of us and the people we serve for God.

Marilyn DeFeo
Volunteer Exec. Director

SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The Odyssey Chamber Music Series held a Baroque Concerto in the Central UCC sanctuary on Saturday, February 16 in conjunction with the Southside Philharmonic Orchestra. This is the second year that Odyssey and SPO have partnered for this collaboration, which called for a performance in Columbia on Friday evening and the performance in our church on Saturday. Due to the weather, the Friday evening performance was canceled; the Saturday evening performance went forward though, and those in attendance experienced some truly mesmerizing music.

Odyssey is a well-established orchestra in Columbia. Because of our partnership with them, it was integral that things go smoothly to make a positive impression. We faced some uncertainties and concerns due to the weather situation, but the members of Central Church stepped up to make sure that the evening went as planned. Most of the musicians were from Columbia and all had wonderful things to say about the church and its members. Many church members also attended the performance and we hope that you enjoyed (and continue to enjoy) the music that we perform.

We hope to see you Friday March 22 at 7:00pm at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Jefferson City for a performance of "The Early Baroque Reprise!: Echoes From 17th Century Cathedrals" featuring the madrigals of Monteverdi and the antiphonal noble brass of Gabrieli. This is an encore performance of the October 2018 performance in our sanctuary that so captivated the audience, but performed this time in the acoustic confines of St. Peter's Church. This is a performance you won't want to miss.

The next performance in our sanctuary will be the "Kings of Classical Music" on May 17, comprised of the works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, and featuring soloist Gary Sanders on Mozart Piano Concert No. 17.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Southside Philharmonic Orchestra!





PRESENTS

EARLY BAROQUE REPRISE!

ECHOES FROM 17TH CENTURY CATHEDRALS

Featuring music by:

Claudio Monteverdi

&

Giovanni Gabrieli

Patrick David Clark, Artistic Director

LIVE PERFORMANCE AT:

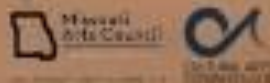
7:00 PM | St. Peter's Catholic Church
Friday, March 22, 2019 | 216 Broadway
Jefferson City, MO 65101

\$15 / \$7 (students)

Tickets available at the door and
online at www.southsidephilharmonic.org

f @SOUTHSIDEPHILHARMONIC

Special thanks to:



MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP USHERS

2019 Team Schedule:

January & July — (formerly Dick Kettenbrink—
team captain needed)
February & August — Mary Ann Wippermann
March & September — (formerly Dennis Horn—
team captain needed)
April & October — Carl Ernst
May & November — Monty Schmutzler
June & December — Russell Rottmann

March:

(Team Captain needed)

Leo Blochberger Gary Woodward
Paul LePage (Honorary)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, March 3 — Rene Miserez

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, March 14 — Mission & Outreach Min.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, March 20 — Mission & Outreach Min.

“TOWER” DEADLINE

The deadline for the April “Tower” issue will be **Friday, March 15**. Please make sure to email your articles to the office in a timely manner. Thanks!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 17, 2019

- The family of Beulah Hager, a long time church member, has gifted Central Church \$6,000. This gift will be placed in the Endowment Fund.
- Breakfast Bonanza was held on January 19, 2019, and was deemed a success.
- Annual Meeting was held on January 27, 2019. The breakfast was prepared by Susan Poettgen, Pam Schmutzler and Gwen Vieth.
- Rev. Tyler Connoley of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will be at Central on February 3 to meet with the Search and Call Committee.
- Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will not be any services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.
- There will only be one service on Easter Sunday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served by the Bell Choir before the service.

Next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda Maness
Council Secretary

MORE WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

Please consider volunteering to complete the schedules for both Salvation Army Meals and Communion Preparation/clean-up.

Salvation Army Meals: The second Thursdays for months June through December remain open. To volunteer, contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515 or email susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

Communion Preparation/Clean-up: The first Sundays for months May, June and July are still open. To volunteer, contact Mary Ann Wippermann at 573-636-3685 or mlwipper@embarqmail.com.

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:00pm CWU World Day of Prayer (Wesley UMC)	2 7:00am Breakfast Bonanza
3 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Children's SS 10:00am Worship Service	4 7:00pm Scouts	5 9:30am Western Association Council Meeting 5:30pm Brotherhood	ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00am Quilting 3:45pm Young Youth 4:30pm Chili/Hot Dog Meal 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:45pm 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 11:00am WIGS Sausage Dinner	18 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 Church Council Meeting	22 7:00pm SPO Concert (St. Peter's Catholic Church)	23
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OUR MISSION

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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