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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

April was another busy month for Central United Church of Christ. On April 12 and 13, CUCC hosted two events for the Western Association. On Friday, April 12 Boundary Training was conducted for about half a dozen ministers. This is required annual training for UCC ministers and is usually held in conjunction with the Association meetings. On Saturday, April 13 the Western Association Annual Meeting was held at CUCC. About 75 people from across the Western Association attended the meeting, including Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, Rev. Tyler Connoley, and Rev. Courtney Chandler from the Missouri Mid-South Conference office.

A very special thanks goes to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott for the many hours she spent coordinating this event and performing both the morning and afternoon worship services. She adapted to many changes of the agenda and programs, including right up to the day of the event. She did a great job! Many people within CUCC helped with the event and did a great job representing CUCC. Mary Ann Wippermann helped coordinate the services, ushers, and communion. Shirley did an outstanding job of showing off Central's musical blessings along with several members from the Bell Choir. Faye Rinaldi, and about half a dozen other ladies, put together a breakfast and lunch for the entire group. Harry Kujath, David Kohler and I were the delegates representing Central at the event and during the meeting.

We received many, very positive comments from attendees at the meeting. Probably the best summary is represented by feedback which Rev. Scott received from Rev. Connoley. He stated how pleased he was to see how Central has rallied and grown since last year. He was amazed that Central was not only able, but excelled at hosting the Association meeting. We should all be proud of CUCC's performance. It does not surprise me at all.

Some important results from the meeting are:

1. Rev. Bob Atkinson stepped down as WA Chair and Rev. Betty Thaller was elected as the new Chair.
2. Pamela Hill was elected Vice-Chair and Susan Berger was elected as the Central Cluster representative to the WA Council. Both of these ladies are from the California UCC so we have good local representation.
3. There is currently a search being conducted for a new Associate Conference minister for the Missouri Mid-South Conference (MMSC). This will fill the position vacated by Rev. Dale Parson about a year ago.
4. The two youth ministry positions at MMSC will both end this summer and do not plan to be filled in the near term.
5. The Western Association is beginning discussions about becoming an Open and Affirming (ONA) conference.
6. A new Manual on Ministry was issued in 2018 and the National UCC is now working on a Manual for the Church that should be issued in 2019.

A short update on our Search and Call process for CUCC is that we have had a total of 5 pastors express interest with three of them actually applying for the position.

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Of the five, four of them have now removed their names from consideration for various reasons. That leaves us right now with one potential candidate. The Search committee is discussing methods to look for potential candidates from other sources than the UCC web-site. We continue to be in great hands with Rev. Scott and she has assured us that as of now, she is very willing to continue to support us as we look for a full time minister.

We conducted our third successful Breakfast Bonanza in April and had requests from multiple attendees asking us to continue to have them. Based on that

feedback, we are planning another breakfast for the second Saturday in May since we have our annual garage sale on the first Saturday. We have also begun discussions and plans for a homemade ice cream social for Sunday evening, June 9. Put that date on your calendar and I hope you look forward to it as much as I do. I hope this becomes a recurring, at least annual, event for CUCC.

I really appreciate and enjoy the many activities where our congregation continues to get together to put on events and enjoy each other's company.

Thank You,
Warren Witt
Council President



Central Church is very appreciative of Rev. Armin and Norma Klemme for faithfully coming to Central each year to lead the ladies and friends of Women's Fellowship in a Lenten "Quiet Hour" Service. The picture above was taken at this year's service on March 12.

FAITH IN ACTION

MAY MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE Common Ground

Common Ground Helps neighbors in the Jefferson City area reach their full potential. Common Ground offers temporary financial assistance, access to healthy food, housing support, and education opportunities. There is a community garden where neighbors are welcome to participate in upkeep and free produce. Vouchers to low-income families are available during the summer for Farmers Markets. Common Ground is a strong supporter of Project Homeless Connect. On-site computer classes, by State Technical College, are offered as grant funding which is available.

Common Ground helps with transportation and has a list of agencies to refer people to. Numerous area churches help keep Common Ground going. Your donation will make a direct impact on those who are homeless, near homeless or living in poverty.

BLANKET DRIVE

Many UCC churches participate in Church World Service's Blanket Drive. Those blankets provide warmth and shelter to someone who has been victimized by natural disaster, war or some other situation that leaves a person in need. In many situations, a blanket can really make a difference!

Here at Central Church, the Mission and Outreach Ministry sponsor a blanket drive during the month of May. Beginning with the first Sunday in May, a blanket is set-up in the sanctuary along with memorial/honorarium cards that you can post on the blanket by making a donation to the drive. The cost

of one blanket is \$10; however, memorial/honorarium cards will be available for \$5 this year. Members of the Mission and Outreach Team will be stationed at the blanket each Sunday in May to take your donations and help with your memorial/honorarium cards. With a donation to the blanket drive, you can honor special people while making life a little better for someone in need.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

During the months of May and June, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the **CWS Cleanup Bucket**. We have scouring pads, clothespins and dust masks so they are not included in the collection. Please place your items in our box in the narthex, where there's also a list available with shopping hints.

Donated items must be exactly as shown below:

- 1 bottle of liquid household cleaner 12-16 oz. (must be water mixable to spray bottles)*
- 1 non-aerosol insect repellent, 6-9 oz.*
- Clothesline, 1- 100 ft. or 2- 50 ft.*
- 1 pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather*
- 2 pairs non-surgical latex gloves, should be durable for multiple uses*
- 1- 50 oz., or 2- 24 oz. liquid laundry detergent (bottles only)*
- 1 liquid disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz.*
- 18 reusable cleaning wipes (i.e. easy wipes)*
- 7 sponges, including 1 large (=jumbo) sponge*
- 24-48 heavy-duty or contractor type trash bags, size 30-45 gallon in a roll*
- 1 bucket with lid., 5 gallon only*

OUR SHARED LIFE

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the blanket raffle, and congratulations to Greg Eskijian on being the winner. This fundraiser surpassed my wildest expectations, raising \$400 that will be donated to the Worship and Communication Ministries. Thank you again to everyone who supported this effort.

Always, Alan Bagnall

BROTHERHOOD RECAP

April 2, 2019

- ◆ Elenor Circle served a fried chicken meal for twelve men.
- ◆ Discussed Breakfast Bonanza and made plans for Celebrating Women on April 25.
- ◆ Discussed our workday at Boys and Girls Club on April 10.
- ◆ Golf Course is confirmed for September 6.

Carl Ernst, Secretary



90+ BIRTHDAYS

Armin Klemme, 5/21

724 South Oak
Union, MO 63084

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will meet for their regular carry-in luncheon on Tuesday, May 28 at 12:00 noon. The speaker will be Betty Berendzen who will educate us about Alzheimer's and the way it impacts families. Please make plans to attend.

YOUNG YOUTH

Our last session for our young youth Wednesday get-togethers will be May 15. We'll break for the summer, then resume our Wednesday after-school schedule once school starts back up in August. All of our volunteer spots are filled through the end of the school year. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help!

Rene Miserez
Young Youth Director
694-6022

Top Ten Reasons you might be LURED to help with Vacation Bible School:

10. PIER pressure
9. Nine out of ten DOCKS say that helping with VBS is good for your SOLE
8. The only WADERS you don't have to tip
7. VBS is a REEL fun o-CAJUN ... and we BOAT know it!
6. All the hip FUNGIs are helping with VBS
5. Where else CANOE eat what BUGS you?
4. The LURE of wearing DOCKers and CROCs ... WATER you waiting for?
3. Trust me ... you don't want me tracking you down with BAITED breath
2. Kids will be led to God ... BAYOU

And the #1 reason you might be HOOKed ...

1. We're dealing with crocodiles ...
Can you give a hand?



SATURDAY, MAY 4, 7:00 A.M.

Clean out your closets, cabinets, attics, basements and bring your treasures to the Annual Church Rummage Sale which happens on May 4! We are particularly in need of clothing, all genders and sizes, household items, books, dvd's, cd's, hobby and craft items, small electronics, linens, toys, collectibles, outdoor items and furniture. Clean lightweight spring and summer clothes, t-shirts, shorts, jeans and jackets are all also great sellers. *We are asking for no large electronics such as TVs, computers, monitors, or printers as they actually cost the church to dispose of if not sold.* Items may be brought to church and placed in the gym starting Sunday, April 28.

We'll need of help preparing for the sale and especially on the day of the sale. **Set-up will begin**

Thursday, May 2, from 11:00am—5:00pm, and also on Friday, May 3, 8:00am—5:00pm. On the day of the sale, May 4, we'll need help beginning at 6:45am.

The rummage sale closes at 1:00pm, and extra help is needed breaking down and packing. Even if you don't think you're up for packing and carrying boxes, but you have a truck or car with trunk/back seat space, please come by church at 2:00pm, and we'll load you up for a trip to Goodwill where they'll unload for you!

If you have any questions pertaining to the sale, please call:

Carole Spencer 635-6580

Sondra Spencer 694-5588

BAKE SALE DURING RUMMAGE SALE

A bake sale will be taking place on Saturday, May 4 at the church Rummage Sale. If you would like to contribute baked goods for the sale, please bring them to the gym on Friday, May 3, by 4:00 p.m. Good choices would include cookies, brownies, banana bread-type goodies, trail mix.

We'll need a recipe or a listing of ingredients for labeling baked goods for allergy-conscious friends ... things like nuts, etc. You don't need to package them up; we'll take care of that so pricing is more even. Call Rene Miserez with questions at 694-6022.



All are welcome ... kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends

Vacation Bible School

July 8 – 12

9:30am – 12:00pm

Are you ready to sink your teeth into big fun? That's what we're going to do at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! Kids age 4 through those just completed 5th grade are invited to join us on our VBS bayou adventure. You'll get to be part of Bible stories and everything goes along with the theme ... crafts, games, music, and even snacks. Plus, God sightings will help you discover how to see God.

At Crocodile Dock, we're going to explore MIRACLES ... the big stuff God did to make himself known. A burning bush. An assault of plagues. Jesus' resurrection. But we're also going to discover God's little miracles ... things that show God's love in everyday life.

Contact Rene with questions ... 694-6022 or bellsic@aol.com. It's gonna be a romp in the swamp ... bring a friend to sit BAYOU and we'll see you there!

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Name:

Age/Grade finished:

Address:

Phone #:

Emergency name/number:

Email address:

Allergies or other special considerations:



CANOE help at VBS so we're not so SWAMPed?

July 8 – 12 9:30am – 12:00pm

It's time to get our **volunteers** HOOKED up for Vacation Bible School. Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a spot for you.

Crew Guides ... Travel with a group of 5-6 kids through the day's activities ... and there's no preparation! The small groups allow one-on-one interaction and help the kids connect with God.

Station Leaders ... Scripted manuals help you prepare. Bible Adventure (puts the kids *in* the Bible story), Chadder (applies the Bible story), Crafts, Games, and Snacks are all pre-planned and theme-related.

General Help ... Daily floaters are always needed. We especially need someone to be our Pharaoh on Tuesday, July 9 (the plagues are coming!).

Decorations ... Most of it is done already, but there will be a few things to work on.

Decorations Set-up ... FRIDAY, July 5. Plan to meet at 9:30 a.m.

Closing program lunch ... Sunday, July 14. We need people to help serve and several for kitchen clean-up.

Not sure how to help? Let me know what your interests are.

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VBS will run July 8-12 from 9:30-12:00. If you can help during VBS, which days are you available?

How CANOE help?

Name/phone #:

Comments:

(Contact Rene at 694-6022 or bellsic@aol.com to sign up)

CELEBRATION OF MEN DINNER

Calling all men of Central Church! You are invited to a special dinner on Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m. which will be prepared by the Elenor Circle. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 5 — 12, and under 5 are free. Please make reservations to the church office no later than June 4th by calling 635-1041 or emailing office@centralucc.com. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. You won't want to miss out on a great night of fellowship and a wonderful meal!

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

During the summer months of June, July, and part of August, we will not be holding regular Sunday School for children. We'll resume with our normal Sunday School schedule (Sundays 9:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.) after Rally Day takes place in Mid-August.

Please watch for special Faith Formation youth activities throughout the summer at all-church events, and some designated dates during the weeks. We will post the events in the Sunday bulletin, Facebook, and on the CUCC web page.

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of our Faith Formation Ministry members: Amber Gonzales, Patti Schmutzler, Rene Miserez, Jeanne Woodward, Joni Witt and Judy Creed.

SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



Southside Philharmonic Orchestra (SPO) has a concert coming up, "The Kings of Classical", on Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. in Central Church's sanctuary. (See flyer on page 9 for more details about the concert.)

Let's show our support for Southside Philharmonic Orchestra by bringing a snack for their dress rehearsal which takes place on Thursday, May 16. Snacks that are savory, sweet, or anything you would like to bring will be welcomed and appreciated. Please bring your snacks to the church by 12:00 noon on May 16, and then make plans to attend the SPO Concert on Friday, May 17.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry thanks you for providing snacks for our friends in SPO, directed by our own Dr. Patrick Clark! If you have any questions, please contact Susan Poettgen, chair of Mission and Outreach Ministry, at 573-298-4515 or you can email susan.poettgen@gmail.com.



Patrick David Clark,
Artistic Director

Presents

THE KINGS OF CLASSICAL: HAYDN, MOZART, AND BEETHOVEN



Featuring:

Beethoven: Symphony No. 8
Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 17
(Gary Sanders, soloist)
Haydn: Symphony No. 44 "Trauer"

LIVE PERFORMANCE AT:

7:00 pm | Central United Church of Christ
Friday, May 17, 2019 | 118 W. Ashley
Jefferson City, MO

Tickets \$15 /\$7 (students)

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

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MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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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

May:

Monty Schmutzler — Team Captain

Mark Mueller	Allen Schmutzler
Roger Schneider	Roland Warmann

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, May 5 — Freda Maness

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, May 9 — WIGS Circle

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, May 15 — Mission & Outreach
Ministry

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 21, 2019

- Central Church will be in charge of the Oktoberfest meal, including menu, with advertising support from OMA (Old Munichburg Association). Alcohol will **NOT** be served on Friday evening.
- Offerings for February 2019 were up from offerings received in February 2018.
- Building and Grounds Ministry is happy to announce the elevator has been inspected and has passed inspection. David is also seeking a group or individual(s) to take over the lawn mowing of Central Church. The person who performed this task last year has gone out of the lawn mowing business.
- Confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday.
- German Sausage Dinner served between 160 – 180 people netting a profit of around \$1700.
- Safe Church Board has been implemented with currently three members serving: Larry Long, Gary Woodward and Patti Schmutzler.
- Western Association Meeting will be held at Central Church on Saturday, April 13.

Next Council meeting is set for Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Respectfully submitted,
Freda Maness
Council Secretary



“TOWER” DEADLINE

The deadline for the June/July “Tower” issue will be **Wednesday, May 15**. Please make sure to email your articles to the office in a timely manner. Thanks!

Save the Date: Confirmation Sunday takes place on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Makes plans to attend this special day of worship!

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00am Quilting 3:45pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	2 11:00am Set-Up for Rummage Sale	6 8:00am Set-Up for Rummage Sale	4 7:00am Rummage Sale
5 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Children's SS 10:00am Worship	6 7:00pm Scouts	7 5:30pm Brotherhood	8 9:00am Quilting 9:00am CUCC Family Time 3:45pm Young Youth (6:15pm No Bell Choir) 7:00pm Sr. Choir	9 5:00pm Salvation Army Meal	10	11 7:00am Breakfast Bonanza
12 Mother's Day 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Children's SS 10:00am Worship	13 7:00pm Scouts	14 6:00pm Mission & Outreach Ministry	15 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 3:45pm Young Youth (6:15pm No Bell Choir) 7:00pm Sr. Choir <i>June/July "Tower" Articles Due</i>	16 5:30pm Finance Ministry 5:30pm Faith Formation Min. 7:00pm Council Meeting	17 7:00pm SPO Concert (at Central UCC)	18
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as we reach out to each other,
to our community, and to our world.

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118 W. Ashley Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

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

Ministers..... Every Member
Pulpit Supply Minister..... Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music..... Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director Rene Miserez
Organist Shirley Klein
Bell Choir Director Rene Miserez

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