



TOWER

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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By the time you read this we will be into August and coming to a close of the summer season. We will be getting ready for another school year and start thinking about Fall activities. However, as I write this we are in the midst of the hottest summer days with a couple of high 90's and over 100 degree days coming up. Time always seems to fly by faster each year but it is especially true for the summer months as they go by so fast.

In the June/July Tower we talked about the upcoming Ice Cream Social we had planned in June. Before the Social occurred, Jefferson City was hit with a tornado and extended periods of flooding. It was decided to contribute the proceeds from the Ice Cream Social to the disaster relief efforts. We raised over \$2,500.00 (ice cream social, special donations, and some of the proceeds from the Rummage Sale) and donated it to Common Ground — Tornado Relief. This was an excellent community outreach activity. Our efforts were noted in an article on the UCC.org website in an article on June 13 written by Connie Larkman titled "Churches come together in Missouri after wild weather". We should all be proud of our efforts and accomplishments.

The Search and Call Committee has been active over the last several weeks. We conducted phone interviews for several potential candidates, some from the east coast and some from the west coast, so we are definitely covering the entire country in our search. We have a follow-up interview with at least one of the candidates and possibly more. Hopefully we will continue to make progress but your patience is appreciated.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention or one of the Council members.

Thanks,

Warren Witt
Council President

CONFIRMATION 2019

We are very proud of this year's Confirmation Class! On Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019, the following were confirmed:

Bailey Leanne Higgins
Logan August Kujath
Olivia Grace Scrivner

Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott for leading and teaching this Confirmation Class. Congratulations to the confirmands and their families for working hard with Rev. Scott during this important part of their faith journey.



FAITH IN ACTION

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The 2019 Outreach Summer Lunch Program, being coordinated by Second Christian Church, will continue providing lunches for children ages 17 and under through August 26. This is a longer period of time for 2019 since school is starting later. Donations may be placed in a basket in the narthex (NO nuts please).

Donation suggestions:

<i>pudding cups</i>	<i>Jell-O cups</i>
<i>fruit cups</i>	<i>cupcakes</i>
<i>brownies</i>	<i>cookies</i>
<i>potato chips/other chips</i>	<i>juices</i>
<i>Kool-Aid packets</i>	<i>bottled waters</i>
<i>money to help buy meats — payable to 2nd Christian</i>	

FESTIVAL OF SHARING KIT

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the **Missouri Family Food Boxes** during August. Please place items in the box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as below:

- 3 different cans of vegetables 14.5 oz. (one peas, one green beans, one corn or carrots, other veges)*
- 3 cans tuna 5 oz.*
- 3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese*
- 3 different cans of fruit 14.5 oz. (one peaches, one pears, one fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges or other fruit)*
- 1 can pasta sauce*
- 1 jar peanut butter*
- 1 lb. pasta*
- 3 cans chicken (tuna can size at Dollar General)*

AUGUST BENEVOLENCE “Salvation Army”

Salvation Army serves those in need when they're homeless, they're jobless, and hungry. Unfortunately, the need is great and Salvation Army needs our help

through contributions and services so it can serve the community. This year, the monthly blue envelope is for both Salvation Army and Salvation Army Meal. The meal fund will be kept at about the same amount as years past so we will divide the money given to keep the fund going for future meals as well as helping the Salvation Army with a donation. The Jefferson City-area Salvation Army has a proud record of service that's the envy of many chapters. That all goes back to the community support for this fine organization. Your donation will help this well-run, caring agency continue to serve neighbors who need a helping hand.

BLANKET DRIVE REPORT

Central UCC had another successful year during our annual Blanket Drive for Church World Service. We collected \$2,195.00 which surpassed our annual goal of \$2,000.00. The Mission and Outreach Ministry thanks all who participated in this worthwhile cause.

SAMARITAN CENTER FUNDRAISER

The Mission and Outreach Ministry put together a basket for the Samaritan Center Fundraiser Gala —



“Heroes of the Garden.” The basket contained items like honey, a honey pot, plates and tumblers with bees on them, a small vase with bees, herbal teas, a large mug with a bee that had a strainer for tea and a lid to keep it warm which also

doubled as a coaster. Results from the event will be reported at a later time.

OUR SHARED LIFE

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will meet for a carry-in luncheon around 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27th. The speaker will be Henry Gensky. Please come and enjoy our time together.

YOUNG YOUTH

Wednesday after school activities start back up on August 28th, and with new school times, we'll be starting earlier too. Bring a friend and come join us to see what great lessons we've got in store for you! Kids in grades K-5 get together on Wednesdays for food and fun, faith and fellowship. Supervision begins at 3:00 p.m. and we end at 6:00 p.m.

Rene Miserez
Young Youth Director
694-6022

BROTHERHOOD RECAP

June 4, 2019

- ◆ Seven men enjoyed home-made ice cream with strawberries provided by Warren Witt and Walt Rottmann.
- ◆ Agreed to grill the brats for the Oktoberfest meal on September 27.
- ◆ Brotherhood officers will remain the same:
President — Warren Witt
Vice-President — Russell Rottmann
Treasurer — Larry Long
Secretary — Carl Ernst
- ◆ Approved renting a stump grinder to remove two stumps from the church yard.
- ◆ Updated the progress of the golf tournament.

Carl Ernst, Secretary



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Young Youth on Wednesdays from approximately 5:00-5:35 p.m. Alan is in the kitchen preparing dinner while we're doing our Bible lessons and activities, so we need another adult to join us for our lessons (per Safe Church Policy). What a great way for you to be reminded of different Bible stories that you might have forgotten about! Contact Rene to sign-up to join us for a week. You are welcome to join us for our other activities, but we really need someone during the Bible lesson and you don't have to "do" anything. Or, if you are more comfortable in the kitchen, you could prepare our simple meal then Alan could join us for the lesson.



"TOWER" DEADLINE

The deadline for the September "Tower" issue will be **Thursday, August 15**. Please make sure to email your articles to the office in a timely manner. Thanks!

THANK YOU again to all of the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School during the week, also with set-up or putting things back away. Your willingness to help is making a difference in the lives of young people, and I appreciate the time you committed to share God's love.

Rene

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

“Save the Date” for RALLY DAY, August 25th! Rally Day at Central Church is always a special time when Children’s Sunday School starts up again, and those going into 2nd grade receive a Bible which is presented during the Children’s Message. If you know someone in our church family who will be going into 2nd grade, please let Amber Schmutzler know so they can receive their Bible.

Following the Worship Service at Central Church, we’ll carpool together out to Sander’s Farm for a meal, and a short Vesper Service as well as other outdoor activities. The meal will be a potluck, so please bring a dish. Faith Formation will provide meat, drinks, and paper products. If you would like to know how you can help, please contact Amber.

Here’s the schedule for Rally Day:

- 8:30am Adult Sunday School
- 9:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:00am Worship Service at Central Church
- 11:15am Car pool out to Sander’s Farm
for Potluck/Vesper Service/Activities



2019 Vacation Bible School

SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The Southside Philharmonic Orchestra is enjoying the summer break and hopes you are as well. We look forward to seeing you again this Fall on Friday, October 11, 7:00 p.m., as we present "An Evening At the Opera", featuring great opera arias and choruses. The concert will take place in the sanctuary of Central UCC.

Thank you, as always, for your continued patronage and support.



OKTOBERFEST UPDATE

Central Church will CONTINUE to have our well known German meal on Friday, September 27th, 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. A planning committee of Alan Bagnall, Susan Poettgen, Faye Rinaldi, Walter Rottmann, Pam Schmutzler, and Patti Schmutzler met on July 10th.

The tentative menu is grilled German sausages/brats and hot dogs with buns, German potato salad, sauerkraut, cole slaw, green beans, pies, and drinks. The committee is working on the menu, publicity, and indoor entertainment through the next meeting. Freda Maness will be in charge of pies again.

More details will be available on our church website and in the Sunday bulletins through August and September. We need your help! Please let any of the committee members know if you're interested in helping or if you have any questions. Thank you!



90+ BIRTHDAYS

Mary Lou Emmel, 8/27
Valley Park Retirement Living
355 Karen Drive
Holts Summit, MO 65043

Gladys Gladden, 8/28
408 Crest Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

ALTAR FLOWERS

The cost of weekly altar flowers has increased from \$30 to \$33 per Sunday due to an increase in delivery charges from River City Florist (the company who provides our beautiful flowers each week). The new cost of \$33 took effect on Sunday, June 23. We are sorry for any inconvenience, and appreciate that River City Florist will continue giving Central Church a 50% discount to provide two floral vases on the altar every Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Wippermann, Worship Ministry Chair, or Michelle Ebersold in the church office.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 16, 2019

June 23— Safe Church Board to hold an informational meeting to share information with the congregation. A meal will be served after church to recognize church volunteers with the informational meeting following.

Trolley has been reserved for December 10 to view Christmas lights. Participants will meet in the church gym and board the trolley at 5:30 p.m. With 17 people attending, it will be approximately \$13 each. Contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515 for reservations or for questions.

Offering in April was down from March, but with a generous donation from the WIGS, we were able to meet our expenses with no transfer of money from our investment account.

Next Council Meeting is set for Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Respectfully submitted,
Freda Maness
Council Secretary

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 20, 2019

Rummage Sale: \$500 of profits was donated to Tornado Relief and remaining funds transferred into the General Fund.

Bible Study sessions will begin Sunday, July 21, following church service. Current plans are to meet in the library.

The price of altar floral arrangements has increased to \$33. Please contact Michelle Ebersold or MaryAnn Wippermann if you have questions.

Rally Day events are being planned for August 25.

Profits from the Ice Cream Social were donated to Common Grounds for Tornado Relief.

CUCC Blood Drive scheduled for July 23. See Susan Poettgen for details.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Council Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

*Sharefest, Saturday, September 28, 2019 in Tipton starting at 9:30

*Festival of Sharing Quilt Auction, Saturday, October 26, 2019 in Columbia

*Spaghetti Dinner for area group homes, Saturday, November 9, 2019

*Trolley ride to look at Christmas Lights, Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$13.

Please contact Susan Poettgen to sign up.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Central Church Friends,

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all that have helped me in any way after the tornado on May 22 that hit my house and yard. So many came to help me clean up my yard after 12 trees were down or damaged, and food and water were brought to refresh us. It was a lot of hard work! Others have offered prayers, others have given in other ways to support me. It really means a lot to have your friendship and your caring. A lot of work is ahead of me and our town, but the disaster has shown the best of our community in caring and support. Blessings to all, and again, many thanks.

Karen Howser



The American Red Cross is very grateful for your generous gift of \$316.00 to Midwest Tornadoes and Floods. On behalf of those we serve, thank you. The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors, like you. You make a difference, thank you for standing with us.

Gail McGovern
President and CEO



Dear Dr. Scott and Church Family,

Common Ground would like to thank you for your very generous donation of \$2,572.62. An ice cream social sounds like a fun way to fundraise to help others. Your support of Common Ground's ministries is vital to our continued work. With the recent tornado in Jefferson City, we have been

helping even more families than usual. In addition to our normal work keeping families in their homes and emergency with utilities, we have been assisting families with deductibles and car repair as well as replacing medical equipment that was lost in the storm. As we move forward, we will be working with other local agencies to coordinate efforts toward long-term recovery. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Tina Mollenkamp
Executive Director



Just a note to say thank you for all you do to help us out with our Outreach Summer Lunch Program. You have gifted us with food items and monetary donations, and we want to thank you so much and let you know it was great appreciated. We are sure the kids will enjoy it. Thanks again!

Elder Malissa Smith
Chair



Thank you so much for the gift that you gave to the Samaritan Center recently. Your gift of 97 pounds of canned goods is a true blessing for the Samaritan Center. So many of our families are in need due to the tornado and floods. I can only imagine the turmoil these families are experiencing. The food you brought in for our Food Pantry is deeply appreciated. God does great things when His people reach out to help each other. Pray for us as we remember you in our daily prayers here at the Center.

Marylyn DeFeo
Volunteer Ex. Director

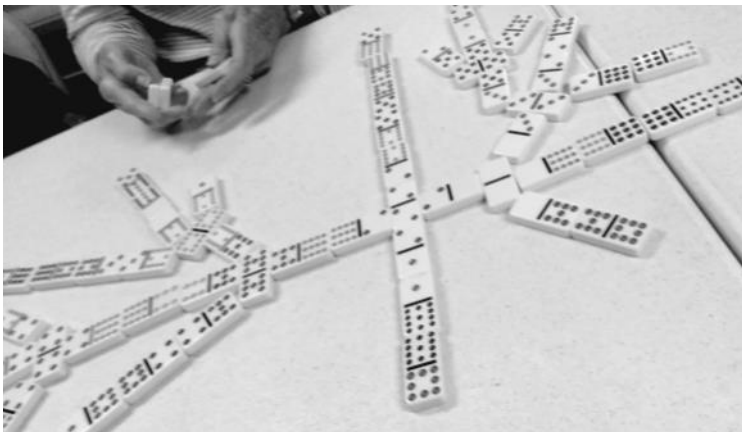
BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir is wanting to grow our numbers again. If you ever thought you might like to give ringing bells a try, now is a great time and you are welcome to join us!

The ability to read music is a plus, but not required. We're taking a break for the summer, and rehearsals will resume again on Wednesdays, beginning August 28 at 6:15 p.m.



Please contact Rene Miserez, Bell Choir Director, at 694-6022, so we can plan appropriate music for the number of ringers in our group.



DOMINOES AT CENTRAL CHURCH!

If you like to play Dominoes, please come join us in the Friendship Room on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting at 1:00 p.m. We've had a great turn-out so far and have been playing various types of domino games, depending on what people are interested in. You won't want to miss the fun and fellowship.

AUGUST 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

August:

Mary Ann Wippermann — Team Captain

Marian Eskijian Freda Maness

Rene Miserez Norma Rice

Mary Sundermeyer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, August 4 — Susan Poettgen and
Gwen Vieth

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, August 8 — Nelda Lay

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, August 21 — Brotherhood



The after-church Bible class meets at the coffee table in the old library for about an hour each week following the morning service. We began with Genesis and will continue our journey through the Bible, emphasizing major events and writings in order to understand what the Bible says about God and how we are to live in obedience to God under the umbrella of God's love and care.

It assumes the inspiration of the Bible, that is, God's authorship, while speaking through people living in different times and places. The emphasis is on the words, listening to them, understanding what they say.

The class is open to any and all. Please come as you are able!

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 11:15am Bible Study	5 6:00pm Mission & Outreach Ministry	6 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm Dominoes/Fellowship 7:00pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	7 5:00pm Salvation Army Meal	8 5:30pm Finance Ministry 5:30pm Faith Formation Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting	9	10
11 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 11:15am Bible Study	12	13 9:00am Quilting 9:00am CUCC Family Time (Perkins) 7:00pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	14 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 1:00pm Dominoes/Fellowship 7:00pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 11:15am Bible Study	19 1:00pm Elenor Circle	20 9:00am Quilting 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23	24
25 RALLY DAY 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:30am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship (at Central) 11:30am Lunch/Vesper Service/ Activities at Sander's Farm	26 11:30am Prime Time Club	27	28	29	30	31

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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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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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