



TOWER

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Dear Ones,

Another of those daily calendar church sign sayings: “We are drowning in information while starving for wisdom.” Doesn’t that just sum up what we are going through these days? Floods, famine, displaced and homeless persons on a scale never seen before, fires, pandemics, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, explosions, smoke, and yet more fires—what next? It is a small wonder people are beginning to talk about the “End Times.”

But what about the Church? What about Central in particular? Are we headed for “End Times?” Is it over for us? Or are we to greet our finest hour when we see our purpose and challenge as we fulfill the task our LORD has set before us?

Ever the optimist, I am convinced the “best” is yet to come, that we will be moved from inertia to the kind of dedication and energy that brooks no deviation, that is set with firm heart and mind, filled with passion to do the LORD’s work without thought of peril or dissuasion.

I see the signs now, in the Faith Formation’s embracing of an ambitious Sunday School program, already fully staffed to provide teachers and helpers for a rotational Sunday School class every Sunday, in Congregational Life’s excitement over new ways Central can serve a Community in need safely during these Covid-19 times, in the adaptation of past Mission and Outreach projects as it supports the many charities for which Central has committed its assets in the past, in the perseverance of the Communication Committee in pursuing additional usage of Sanders Farm and other Central assets, in the willingness of the Finance Committee to consider and support new ideas, in Human Resources’ consistent monitoring and adaptation of the use of staff to fulfill Central’s Constitutional directives, in Worship and Music’s rising to the challenge of trying new ways to do what we love best, in David’s superhuman efforts as the sole member of Property Management to keep us water-proofed and air-tight during all kinds of natural disasters, in the new Safety Committee’s dedication to thankless monitoring and cleaning, in the proposed activities of the Circles, the Brotherhood, and Wigs, in the dedication of Search and Call and its willingness to consider new approaches, in the loyalty of Council and its officers to conduct the business of the Church with passion and integrity, and so much more. We definitely are not sitting around just waiting to go back to “normal”, are we! Kudos, Central!

Yes, Central’s finest hour is ahead. Yes, Central is up to the task. Yes, there is a job for each of us. As long as one can address concern for fellow beings and return a prayer of thanks to God, there is meaning to life. As expressed long ago, “Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.” Proverbs 9:10

Good work, Central! I am proud to be numbered among your members!

I will close with yet another church sign: “Skip dessert, not church.” (We have too much fun!)

With love (and pride), in Christ,
Judy

Verse of the day: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us....” Hebrews 12:1

A FAREWELL TO PATRICK

Dr. Patrick Clark, our beloved Director of Music and Director of the Southside Philharmonic Orchestra, which shares our space on glorious occasions, is departing for California to be closer to family. Oh, Patrick; we are sorry to see you go! You have meant so much to us.

We have worked well together, Patrick and I. Patrick has a rare gift for helping those whom he conducts to rise from what they may have thought were limitations to heights of accomplishment they were unaware they possessed. Patrick could, and would, work with any of us. A highly educated composer, Patrick none-the-less would investigate all kinds of music, showing a delight in what I brought in for him to look at, understanding exactly what went wrong and why when I choked on something I was trying to play. In return I delighted in his awakened interest in all things theological, his hunger to learn, to read, to think. Patrick, I will miss you and the many conversations we had.

Shirley Klein worked closely with Patrick at Central, and shares her thoughts:

“PATRICK DAVID CLARK has been our Director of Music for the past five years. He is a very talented composer and conductor, not only for Central United Church’s choir, but the Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra and the Southside Philharmonic Orchestra. Patrick brought excellent music and talent to the Jefferson City community through these orchestra concerts.

With his delightful sense of humor, he made our choir rehearsals at Central Church fun and enjoyable. He was always humble and respectful and willing to help us in any way he could. It was a joy to work with him.

Patrick, you leave us with many good times and happy memories to treasure. God go with you in all your future endeavors.”

Alan Bagnall also worked closely with Patrick:

“After the most recent Southside Philharmonic Orchestra performance (“An Evening At The Opera”) last October, I referred to Patrick Clark as a “Mad Genius”. In many regards, that is exactly what he is. He comes up with these crazy ideas...and yet, somehow, they just work. The example I used for SPO was when Patrick told me that he wanted “like a wild 70’s concert poster.” For a symphony orchestra?? And yet, that poster, with the Viking helmet and the groovy font and colors on a starburst background, grew on all of us. It was wild and definitely 70’s-inspired and unlike anything we had ever used as a poster before....and yet it was distinctive and eye-catching. It MADE people look at it twice to wonder just WHAT it was. It stood out from everything else around it. Like I said, Mad Genius.

Patrick has a way to bring out the best in people, without them even realizing that he’s doing it. Whether it’s the musicians of the SPO, the members of our choir, or people with whom he’s just talking, be they prospective board members or prospective donors, you find yourself wanting to help...to excel...to be a part of the journey. Patrick Clark has that effect on people. He will be successful at whatever he attempts...and he will be missed greatly.”

Godspeed, Patrick! We all will miss you! With love, and fond memories,

In Christ,

Judy

MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE FOR OCTOBER Neighbors In Need

The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Justice and Witness Ministries continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian

Ministries (CAIM). There are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC Congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the United States.

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Project Homeless Connect. With some creative planning, this year's event will be held in a different way. Central donated 441 items for the care packs that will be distributed to the homeless.



85+ BIRTHDAYS

The 90+ birthday listing has been updated to include 85+ birthdays.

If there is someone you want to make certain is on the monthly listing, please contact the church office at 635-1041 or office@centralucc.com.

If you know someone whose preference is to not publish his/her birthday, please contact the church office. (*Birth year will not be publicized, only month/day.*)



Walter Rottmann (10/01)

2220 Green Meadow Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Carolyn Schepeler (10/10)

222 Gateway Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Bee Sullivan (10/15)

1815 Seven Hills Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

OUR SHARED LIFE (AND CHURCH RECORDS)

We celebrate the announcement of the following births to family members of Central Church:

****GEORGIA MAE TINSLEY COLE** born August 6, 2020 to parents Brian Cole and Jodie Helming, big brother Greg Cole, and to grandparents Kenny and Lola Helming and Don and Marie Cole.

****MOLLY REESE STAFFORD** born August 25, 2020 to Kirk and Danielle Stafford, big brother Kasen, grandparents Danny and Carolyn Harper and Randy and Beverly Stafford.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following Central Church members who recently passed away:

****LARRY GENTZSCH** passed away July 26, 2020. Private family services were held at a later date.

****STANLEY EIKERMANN** passed away August 1, 2020. Services were held August 7, 2020.

****EVELYN LOETHEN** passed away September 13, 2020. Services were held September 18, 2020.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the kind words and support with the arrival of our newest blessing, Molly. We greatly appreciate the flower on the altar, the beautiful blanket, and the cards. We are truly blessed and look forward to being able to come back to church (hopefully soon!).

The Stafford Family
Kirk, Danielle, Kasen,
and Molly

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

The display table will not be set-up in the sanctuary this year due to social distancing requirements. The parade of kits will not be held the Sunday before Sharefest. Over 400 kits will be transported to Tipton on October 10. A complete count of kits will be reported in the November "Tower" issue.



Baby Blanket



CWS Hygiene Kit



MO Hygiene Kit



MO Paper Product Kit



MO Student Dental Kit



CWS School Kit



Clean-up Bucket



MO Family Food Box

YOUNG YOUTH

It's kind of interesting to watch the kids draw closer together as they distance apart. We are back in the swing of things and our young youth get-togethers on Wednesdays are going well with safety measures put in place. It's a regular routine for the kids to look forward to and if you have a child in K-5th grades, we would love for them to be joining us. We have food and fun, faith and fellowship and help to build relationships with God and each other, even from six feet apart.

Rene Miserez, 573-694-6022
Young Youth Director

MISSOURI HISTORICAL REVIEW

Central United Church of Christ is in the *Missouri Historical Review*, July 2020 Volume 114, Number 4 published by the State Historical Society of Missouri — the article "The Americanization of Francis Joseph Zeisberg, A German Immigrant's Life in Jefferson City, MO 1881-1892 was annotated by Walter Schroeder (pages 249-284).

The book is in the Archive Room. If you are interested in reading this article, please contact Patti Schmutzler.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, October 25

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

(but subject to change)

Plan. Improvise. Repeat.

I am hoping to make some adjustments which will let us still treat the kids to a Halloween party and will be looking to scare up a smaller skeleton crew of helpers in masks (let me know if you're interested!). For now, we're planning our normal time and date.

Postcards will be sent to families the week of with final plans, but always feel free to call Rene at 694-6022.

MILITARY CHURCH MEMBER'S UPDATE



Lt. Col Scott Hequem bourg recently retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service.

LTC Scott Hequem bourg is a native of Jefferson City, Missouri and earned his undergraduate degree in American History from the United States Military Academy in May 2000. He earned his Masters of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Columbia University in May 2009.

His operational duty assignments consist of Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Battalion S-1 for 1-41 Infantry Battalion at Fort Riley, Kansas from May 2001-May 2004; OC-T for 2nd BDE, 75th DIV from August 2004-March 2005; National Police Training Team Operations Officer from March 2005-March 2006, Brigade Liaison Officer for 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division from March 2006-October 2006; Company Commander for Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st BCT, 1st Cavalry

Division from October 2006-April 2007; United States Military Academy Tactical Officer and Regimental Executive Officer from May 2009-May 2012; Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division from July 2013-August 2015; Advisor to TRADOC Commander, Land Forces Division, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from August 2015 to August 2016; Deputy Chief of Operations and Secretary of the Joint Staff for CJTF-OIR from August 2017-September 2018. He is currently the TACOPS Chief at III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas. His operational deployments include Operation Desert Shield from May 2002-October 2002, Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 2003-July 2003, March 2005-March 2006, October 2006-January 2007. Operation Inherent Resolve from August 2017-September 2018.

LTC Hequem bourg's professional military training includes: Infantry Officer Basic Course (IOBC), Airborne School, Bradley Leader Course (BLC), Infantry Officer Advanced Course (IOAC), Command and General Staff College (CGSC) - Honor Graduate, Red Team Member Certification, University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies, Joint Air Operations Planning Course (JAOPC), and Security Cooperation Management Course (DISAM).

LTC Hequem bourg's military awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device, three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with three campaign stars, Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Ribbon with award numeral 3, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Airborne Wings, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold), Order of Saint Maurice, Noble Patrol of Armor.

LTC Hequem bourg has accepted a position with Northrop Grumman as a Senior Principal Military Trainer working at Fort Hood as a Joint Exercise Planner.

LTC Hequem bourg is married to Katie Barnett Hequem bourg and has four children, Coe, Luke, Jake and Bryn. The Hequem bourg' reside in Killeen, Texas. LTC Hequem bourg is the son of Nancy and John Hequem bourg of Jefferson City.

THANK YOU, LTC Hequem bourg, for your service to our country.

RALLY DAY

It was a wonderful Sunday on September 20th celebrating Rally Day! Below are pictures for you to enjoy of the Commissioning of Sunday School teachers, Rene Miserez providing the Children's Message, and Grayson Sellers receiving his Bible.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 20, 2020

Offerings and donations continue to come in strong with \$21,900 for the month. Expenses are down and the investments are pretty much back to market value. No transfers were necessary.

We have had several requests for use of our facility or parking lot. Oktoberfest wants to use the parking lot for vendor parking. Boy Scouts have asked if they can use the building again and Jefferson City Band Boosters have asked about using the building for their Spaghetti and Jazz Band supper in early 2021. The board approved the Oktoberfest request. Suggested that the Boy Scouts use Sanders Farm or the parking lot while weather permits, and tabled the Band Booster request until the event gets a little closer.

Faith Formation is looking for male and female teachers for the Sunday School program. Rene's after school program will begin two weeks after school starts.

Mission and Outreach is working on Project Homeless Connect which will be October 16th. Four hundred forty-one items were donated to date.

Checks are coming in for the hail damage to our property and bids have been received from two local companies and one from St. Louis. Found the problem with the water on the gym floor and repairs are being done for that as well as fixing a couple of other areas on the gym floor. To fix the water problem it will be necessary to take some of the flooring up in the Youth Room. David is looking into replacing the drinking fountain in the gym.

Harry Kujath asked us to choose some project that would encourage people to use our facility. A couple of ideas were to develop or expand the hiking trail at Sanders Farm. Harry also asked about adding badminton, volleyball and tennis courts at Sanders Farm. It was suggested maybe the Boy Scouts would be willing to take on some of these projects if someone is working on their Eagle Scout award. Further suggested to talk with Carl Ernst about these projects.

Received a resignation letter from Patrick Clark.

Two new Shark vacuum cleaners have been purchased.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye Rinaldi, Acting Secretary

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP USHERS

2020 Team Schedule:

January & July — Mary Ann Wippermann
February & August — Team Captain Needed
(formerly Gary Woodward's)
March & September — Carl Ernst
April & October — Monty Schmutzler
May & November — Russell Rottmann
June & December — Team Captain Needed
(formerly Dick Kettenbrink's)

October Team:

Team Captain — Monty Schmutzler
Mark Mueller Allen Schmutzler
Roger Schneider Roland Warmann

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

October 8 — Nelda Lay

MEALS ON WHEELS

October 21 — Elenor Circle



**DEADLINE FOR
NOVEMBER "TOWER" ARTICLES:**

Thursday, October 15

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
World Communion Sunday 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's Sunday School	5	6	3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	4:30pm Salvation Army Meal	9	10 Festival of Sharing — Sharefest
10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's Sunday School	12	13	3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Council Meeting <i>(November "Tower Articles Due")</i>	16	17
10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's Sunday School	19	20	10:00am Meals On Wheels 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's Sunday School 5:30pm Halloween Party	1:00pm WIGS Circle	27	3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31



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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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Bell Choir Director Rene Miserez

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:
10:00am Worship Service