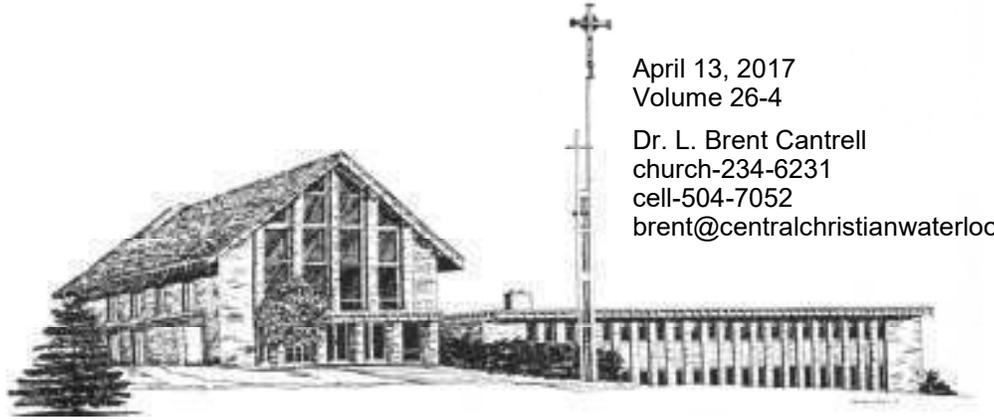




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# The CONNECTOR



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Connecting friends and family of Central Christian Church with each other, the community, and beyond.

## From the Pastor

A little boy born with Down syndrome attended his third-grade Sunday School class faithfully each week. As you can expect, the other children did not readily accept the boy because he seemed different.

The Sunday after Easter, their teacher brought in small boxes--one for each child. The children were told to go outside, find some symbols of new life, and put them in their containers. So the children ran wildly throughout the property looking for something to fill their boxes.

Once they returned to the classroom, they began to share their discoveries with the class. One by one they opened their boxes to show flowers, butterflies, leaves, and more. Each time the class would "ooh" and "ahh."

Then the child with Down syndrome opened his box to reveal nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid! It's not fair! He didn't do the assignment right!"

The little boy exclaimed, "I did so do it! It's empty...because the tomb where Jesus laid was found empty!"

If Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith would be foolish and fake. But He did rise from death, confirming His life and message. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis for our hope of life eternal beyond the grave.

Don't ever forget to include the resurrection of Christ from the dead when speaking of His death on the cross. For because He conquered sin on the cross and death through His resurrection, we can have unmistakable hope in Him for eternity.

Pastor Brent



**Easter Morning  
9:30 am**

## A Potluck and Kick Off 2017 RELAY FOR LIFE

Don't forget!

Mark your calendar and join us for our potluck Sunday April 23. Main meat entrée will be provided. The rest of the meal will be potluck style. So get out your cook books and find those yummy dishes that you would love to share. There is sure to be lots of laughs and conversation. **Come bring your family and friends relax and enjoy. Meal will be served following church service. This is also youth Sunday, so make sure to invite all who may have extra family at services that day.**

Come and see our newest member will be "The pig" she will be joining us, all decked out for her first potluck and would love for you to feed it some yummy coins or dollars also. **All donations will go to Relay for Life.**

Please plan to attend. We would like to have an estimate head count for the potluck. Please sign up by calling the church 234-6231 to let us know how many will be attending. **THE MORE THE MERRIER!**

The Hospitality Committee

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is now meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be on April 22 at 8:00 am.

All men are invited and encouraged to attend!

## Church Wi fi

You can access wi fi at the church by choosing the guest network and typing in disciples for the password. Feel free to use the church wi fi whenever you are at the church.

## Thank You

Dear Central family,

You've made me feel surrounded with God's love and care with all the support you have given me; so many cards and contacts that I have received. Thank you.

I fell and broke my shoulder while dog sitting at my daughter's in Kansas City. Now I have scheduled reverse shoulder surgery for Monday, April 17th. That will require at least six weeks in a sling and rehab beyond that in Kansas City. I've never been away from church for so long, and I am so appreciative of the people who have stepped up to take over my responsibilities.

Your prayers and thoughts will help sustain me through this process.

Praise God!

Sharon Gatewood

## Prayer Concerns

### Please pray for.....

Margaret Olds	Mike Deters
Sue Geisler	Sharon Gatewood
Ann Hewitt	Pat Reuter Riddle
Linda Sharp	Corrinne Brody
Chet Fredin	Jeanne Yeager
L. Brent Cantrell	Buzz Blake
Darrel Baker	Jim Brody
Ron Ewoldsen	Norma Brody
Glen Casteel	Maxine Weichers
Mary Canfield	Tammy Newcomb
Reva Fredin	Shannon
Helen Miller	Bev Donels
Ledger Dalton	Gloria Kammeyer
Ann Kirk	Benjamin Wellborn
Rachel Kahn	Mark Sawyer
Jaxton Engstrom	Jan Sawyer
Ramona Adolfs	Becky
Zeke Bessire	
Dale & Bobbie Buhl	
All military personnel	

## Youth Sunday

The children and youth of our Wednesday night children and youth ministries or F.R.O.G. Pad will be leading us in the special Easter season service of worship on Sunday, April 23rd. Plan to be here to share in this special service.



## \$Dollars & Sense\$

Here we go with the March figures. General Fund income was \$11,968.00. Total income was \$15,989.36. Expenses were \$18,052.09. If you're doing these figures with a calculator, there is a \$2,062.73 deficit. The explanation is it was a quarterly insurance month. Our insurance on our property and the Pastor's Health Savings Plan was a total of \$4,554.75. That \$2,062.73 amount will probably be made up this month. That's usually how it works.

We had a couple projects done by the Facilities and Finance committee in March. They were paid for from the Capital Improvement Special Fund. One was a "Flashing Project" on the South end of the building that has leaked for years and was creating mold. This was fixed for \$750.00. The mold will be removed as another project. We had several pews repaired that were breaking down and that cost was also out of Capital Improvement and was \$1,155. Things are getting fixed that desperately need to be fixed. Mike Papenthien is seeing that these things get done and we thank him for his attention to these tasks.

The construction will soon be completed. Hundreds and hundreds of people have been through our new gathering space. We've had visitations for Memorial Services and on Sunday mornings it really gets used. The Vendor Show Fundraiser for the Building Fund the 8<sup>th</sup> of April brought yet hundreds more people through the church. Lots of mothers with strollers used the new elevator. And again, hundreds of people were here.

The new computer network is in and working. Stop in the middle office and check out how it is wired in. That was paid for with Memorial Funds.

Lots going on which makes church exciting.

As always, we are thankful for that which we receive and pray we use it to the good of God's Kingdom.

Toots Weston, Treasurer

## Vendor Fair

What a fantastic day we all had on Saturday, April 8th at the Vendor Fair and Craft Sale! Thanks to all the organizers, the vendors, those that helped and donated time and items, and everyone who came to look and purchase! It was a wonderful day and our new "Gathering" space and elevator worked great!! What a nice addition we have and it's fun to share it with the community.

## Attention: Graduating Seniors

The Central Christian Memorial Scholarship is now available to seniors who have been active as a member of our congregation.

Application forms are available in the church office for up to \$1000 in funds. Applications are due in the church office by May 1, 2017.

## New Computers and Networking

Thanks to Mike Papenthien and his brother, Tom, the church has some new computers and networking. What a difference it makes! Thanks so much to Mike and Tom for spending most of a week getting all the new equipment installed. Funds for this project will come from Memorials.

## Northeast Iowa Food Bank Update

Seventy-two pounds of food items and paper products were delivered to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in January. Remember to bring your food items and paper products anytime and deposit them in the Food Bank Barrel in the foyer at Central.

Thank you to all who have supported this outreach program!

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year, in addition to individuals filling boxes in October and November, we are collecting items throughout the 2017 year. We will be asking each month for a different themed item so that our FROG youth can pack boxes at the beginning of November (something they all enjoyed doing in 2016). For the month of April the suggestion is... Stuffed Animals!

A child from Central Asia said, "When I lifted the lid on my shoebox, the first thing I saw was a stuffed dog. I was filled with exuberant joy! I just remember hugging it."

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program.



## Easter Offering

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God."*

To live out God's Mission in the world as a church we have to understand what is good. It is not enough to act justly and to love mercy, but we also have to walk humbly with God.

One of the ways that we can walk humbly with God, is by accompanying international partners in their ministries – rejoicing in their good news, suffering with their bad news, and holding up the many lessons that they offer the church in North America.

Global Ministries' Area Initiatives have helped hundreds of congregations to deepen their understanding of world, while providing Bible studies, webinars, and children's materials that foster deeper relationships with partners and their unique understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing their communities. For partners, the Area Initiatives shares a strong witness that they are not forgotten, even when they face extraordinary challenges like the decades long conflict in the Congo, or the Refugee Crisis coming out of Syria. For congregations, the Area initiatives provide opportunities to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

Your gift to the Easter offering helps congregations across the United States and Canada to share more deeply in the work that God is doing around the world.



## Regional Newsletter Highlights for April 2017:

- ◆ The Christian Conference Center is celebrating 50 years of Camp Ministry this season. The Kick Off Event will be held on Saturday, June 3 with a blitz build of the new Chi Rho building. Congregations, individuals and groups are needed. The much needed new building will include a storm shelter, meeting room, nurse room and lodging for directors. Meals on Saturday will be provided. Contact Bob Mayfield if you are interested in joining him for this event.
- ◆ Bits from the Regional Calendar:  
June 11 – Aug Summer Camps at CCC  
July 8 – July 12 General Assembly in Indianapolis, IN  
Aug 26 All Congregational Gathering at CCC
- ◆ Summer camp dates are available at: <http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/camp-descriptions>. There is a camp for everyone including seniors and families, grandparents and grandkids. Remember, our Church pays ½ the camp fees and scholarships are also available so don't let costs be a problem.  
A few camp highlights include:
  1. The Theme: "Branching Out" studying the ways the Gospel compels us to reach out to each other and to the world
  2. New Mission Statement: "Growing together in Christ with open minds and loving hearts."
  3. New Water Sports Camp!
  4. Did you know CCC offers a Senior Adult Retreat camp for those 55+? The date is Jun26-28
- ◆ The General Board voted to forward the name Rev. Teresa Hord Owens to the 2017 General Assembly as the nominee for General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A Disciple since young adulthood, Hord Owens is currently dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL.
- ◆ If you are interested in reading the actual Regional Newsletter or finding more information, this is the link: <http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/regional-newsletter-dte>. There is also an interesting article from Bill Spangler-Dunning, our Regional Minister, concerning a conversation he had on a recent plane trip and also an article from Anne Gregory, our missionary to Thailand.

## Easter Lilies

Thank you to all who donated Easter Lilies for this year's Easter Service.

MariLynn Pierce  
Julia & Denis J. Kuhlmann in memory of Our Parents  
Robin Thomas & Carrie Hageman in memory of Our Dad  
Sharon Longhorn in memory of Gary  
Judy & Jack Mussett (4) in honor of our children & grandchildren  
Toots Weston in memory of Woodie, Margaret & John Anders  
Lani Yates & Frank Wyatt in memory of Steve & Susan  
Wendy Brudevold in memory of Jed & Elnora Jedlicka and Mary & Wendell Beeman  
Bob & Carol Mayfield in memory of Our Parents  
Gordon Hekel in memory of Alta  
Phyllis Zager  
Alvin & Clemie Marken  
Elda Watson in memory of Norbert  
Kristi Butikofer (2) in memory of Parents  
Rachel Crow  
Sharon Gatewood in memory of Clarence & Marth Baker and Vernon & Thelma Baker  
Marilyn Jellings



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## Church Camp

It's time to start thinking about Summer Church Camp!! Registration forms are in the church office or go to [uppermidwestcc.org](http://uppermidwestcc.org) to print a form. Check out the poster on the church office window for descriptions of the camps. As in the past the church will pay half the cost. You may talk with Pastor Brent if you feel you need more assistance. Please turn in your camp registration forms to the church office no later than April 24 so they can be processed before the regional deadline of May 1.

Let the church office know if you plan to attend camp.

**Grand Camps (Ages 4 through Grade 1 Plus Grandparent (s))** \$50 per person

June 16-17

July 14-15

**Pee Wee (Completed Grade 2)** \$110

July 5-7

**Junior Camp (Completed Grade 3-5)** \$220

#2 June 11-16

#3 June 18-23

#4 July 9-14

#5 August 6-11

**Chi Rho (Completed Grades 6-8) (rustic)** \$220

#7 June 11-16

#8 June 18-23

#9 June 25-30

#10 July 16-21

**Cabin Chi Rho (Completed Grades 6-8)** \$220

August 6-11 (sleep in cabins)

**Chi Rho ADAM; Art, Drama & Music (Completed Grades 6-8)** \$220

July 23-28

**CYF (Completed Grades 9-12)** \$220

#15 June 25-30

#16 July 16-21

#17 July 30-August 4

**CYF ADAM: Art, Drama & Music (Completed Grades 9-12)** \$220

July 23-28

**Adventure Camp! (NEW!) (Completed Grades 6-12)** \$150

July 30-August 2

**Family Camp (Ages 0-18 plus adult family member (s))** \$25 per person/\$100 per family max

August 18-20

**Senior Adult Retreat (age 55+)**

June 26-28



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## Touching Others For Christ

### EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN APRIL

#### Sunday, April 16, 2017

9:30 am Worship—Easter Sunday  
Hospitality Hour

#### Monday, April 17, 2017

Meals on Wheels Delivery

#### Wednesday, April 19, 2017

5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad  
6:30 pm Bible Study

#### Thursday, April 20, 2017

10:15 am Worship Review  
No Bell Choir Rehearsal  
No Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:00 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Days for Girls Mtg.



#### Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:30 am Worship—Youth Sunday  
Potluck Dinner following worship

#### Monday, April 24, 2017

Noon Connector Articles Due  
6:30 pm DOEs Group Meeting

#### Wednesday, April 26, 2017

5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad  
6:30 pm Bible Study

#### Thursday, April 27, 2017

10:15 am Worship Review  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:30 am Worship  
Hospitality Hour