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

From the Stewardship Committee

We have chosen "Count yourself blessed" as our stewardship theme this year. We are blessed. We share a strong faith with each other. We celebrate the joyful events in each other's lives and comfort each other in times of trial and sorrow. We welcome everyone and anyone to join us, and we change the lives of people in our community – people who may never set foot in our church – simply because they have no one else to turn to, and we are here, and we count ourselves blessed.

Our church has ministered faithfully for more than 125 years – not because members have given year after year out of duty, obligation, guilt or fear. Such motivations can't sustain an institution for nearly a century and a half. No, our church is still here, still strong and vibrant, because generations and generations of members have counted

themselves blessed and have therefore supported its mission with generous gifts of gratitude and joy. Now it's up to us.

Why do you give to your church?

We each have different motivations and capacities for giving, and every gift and pledge is gratefully received. Your stewardship committee's one hope is that your support for our ministries comes from a profound sense of gratitude and joy for all you receive through your relationship with God and the members of our church.

How do we pay for the electricity?
How do we pay for the insurance?
Through the annual Operating Budget. (Not to be confused with the Capital Campaign being used to pay for the New Gathering Space and Elevator) And it is that time of year when we are doing our Stewardship Campaign for

the annual Operating Budget. And your gifts are greatly needed.

In worship, fellowship, study and faith-sharing groups, service opportunities and more, we're growing as an extended family. Your generous gift will continue to build the web of caring and community for all. As you "count yourself blessed," please consider increasing your pledge for 2017 and beyond.

Consecration Sunday is Sunday, June 4th. Please plan now to worship at 9:30 a.m. Over the next few weeks you'll be hearing from the stewardship committee and some special, deeply personal messages from members of our church family who feel blessed to be among us. Please use this time to reflect on the many ways you can count yourself blessed and then give gratefully, generously, and joyfully in support of our ministries in 2017.

Thank you, from your Stewardship Committee



Mother's Day—May 14

Be sure to join us on Sunday, May 14 for Mother's Day! The Worship Team will have a gift for all ladies of the church. There will be a Children's Message. The Bell Choir and Alleluia Choir will both have music to share. Come and celebrate Mother's Day with your faith family at Central Christian!!

She opens her mouth with
wisdom, and the teaching of
kindness is on her tongue.
-Proverbs 31:26



Summer Festival 2017—July 15

Spring cleaning: It's that time of year! As we prepare for summer, now is the time to donate furniture, household items, shoes, purses, clothing and especially children's items, toys, books, clothes, etc. Once preschool is done for the summer we will have extra room besides the garage. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to make this festival a success.

If you have questions call Nan, 610-7517 or Diane, 504-4923.

God Bless,
Nan Kane and Diane Forney

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will meet this Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 am. May's meeting will be on the 4th Saturday, May 27 at 8:00 am.

All men are invited and encouraged to attend!

Youth Sunday

We thank the children and youth of F.R.O.G. Pad and Central Christian Church for a great Youth Sunday last Sunday. Everyone did such a wonderful job of bringing God's message to us with skits, puppets, song and dance. Thanks to all the adults "behind the scenes" as well. It was a very special Sunday!



Thanks Lani!

This is Administrative Professional Week. And there isn't a better Administrative Professional than the one we have in Lani Yates. I don't know how this church could function without her. Join me in thanking her for all she does as our Administrative Professional.

Pastor Brent

P.S. She is so good she was even willing to retype this article I gave her for the Connector.

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.

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	

Welcome New Member

We welcome Anita Neessen to our fellowship of Central Christian Church. Anita joined us on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Anita is the mother of Robin Thomas and Carrie Hageman and grandmother of Sylvia and Justin Thomas.

We extend our hand of Christian fellowship to Anita and are blessed she has chosen to continue her journey of faith at Central Christian.

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.

\$Dollars & Sense\$

It's too early in the month for April figures, but just a reminder of a couple of things. The start of our Stewardship Campaign will begin shortly. This is an important campaign as the pledges and promises of money coming into the church will fund our 2017-2018 budget.

The Church cannot operate without a budget and the money coming in to support it. Salaries of our all important (and wonderful) staff are a big part of that budget. Behind that, the Building and Grounds expenses which fall under the Facilities and Finance Committee are the 2nd highest expense. The current year we budgeted \$45,750 for this. As of the end of March we had spent \$31,093 of that budgeted money.

Several projects are being worked on and completed around the building. Several pews were taken apart and rebuilt. The ones which had duck tape were reupholstered and then all of the pews were cleaned. Its remarkable how the new upholstery matches the old.

Next Connector will have the April figures.

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes

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 May the suggestion is...

Hygiene Items: washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, deodorant, soap,

A child from Russia said, "I absolutely loved the washcloth. As an orphan I had to share a towel with about 20 kids. So when I got the washcloth I actually thought it was my own personal towel."

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program.





May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 2:00 pm Days for Girls Sewing and Assembling	2 7:00 pm Elders Mtg.	3 8:00 am Partners in Ed Mtg. at Lou Henry School	4 10:15 am Worship Review 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 Small World Preschool Mother's Tea	6
7 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour FOOD BANK SUNDAY	8 Noon Connector Articles Due 6:30 pm DOEs Group Meals on Wheels	9 6:30 pm Facilities and Finance Mtg.	10	11 10:15 am Worship Review 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour MOTHER'S DAY	15 Meals on Wheels	16	17	18 10:15 am Worship Review 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour Ministry Council Mtg.	22 Noon Connector Articles Due 6:30 pm DOEs Group	23	24	25	26	27 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
28 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour MEMORIAL SUNDAY	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31 Small World Graduation and Last Day before Summer Break			

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Touching Others For Christ

SERVING IN MAY

COMMUNION FILL & WASH

7 Ashley Arnold
14 Peggy Moore
21 Rylie Arnold
28 Rylie Arnold

DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Larry Durchenwald
Lower: Marilynn Pierce

ELDERS SERVING 2nd VISITING ELDER

7 Brent Thomas	Mike Deters
14 Larry Durchenwald	Sharon Longhorn
21 Robin Thomas	Gary Eliason
28 Linda Sharp	Brent Thomas

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Alex Bullock	21 Nicole Annis
1 Paul Hanson	22 Bob Mayfield
2 Alexis Sapp	22 Mary Canfield
2 Jaden Derifield	22 Taylor Tory
4 Kim Cantrell	23 Denis Kuhlmann
6 Roxanne Goff	24 Madison Cantrell
7 Jessica Arnold	27 Ava Hoppe
13 Dr. L. Brent Cantrell	27 Thomas Shirley
13 Megan Taylor	28 Angi Prunty
14 Shiela Carlson	28 Barbara Manning
16 Linda Sharp	29 Greg Ellermann
17 Emma Shirley	31 Heather Bratrud
20 Mark Sawyer	

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5 Dr. Wayne & Pat Reuter Riddle
15 Joel & Jill Snyder
25 Mark & Jenna Miller

