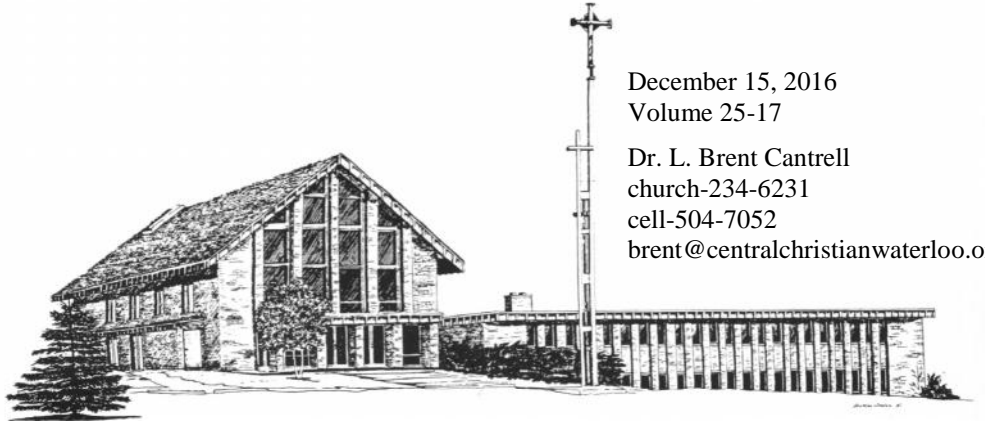




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The CONNECTOR



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



*“Today in the town of
David a Savior has
been born to you; he is
Christ the Lord.”*

-Luke 2:11



L. Brent Cantrell

Lani Yates

Mary Cleope

Judson Lee

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*

Brandy Linsey

Wayne Sparks

Toots Weston



May you have the gift of faith,
The blessing of hope
and the peace of His love
at Christmas and always.

Merry Christmas from your Central Christian Church Staff

From the Pastor

Please Join Me in Worship

The snow the last couple of Sundays has been a detriment to our worship services. As much as I love snow, and I do love it, I pray that snow will not be a problem this next Sunday. It will be a special day at Central Christian Church. Our 9:30 Worship Service on the 18th will feature music from our Christmas Cantata. And speaking of our Cantata make plans to return on the 18th at 4:00 pm for our Celebration of Light Christmas Cantata. It is going to be fabulous. Please invite a friend or two to join you and make plans to stay afterwards for the reception (hopefully in our new entrance....that would be awesome).

Also remember we will have our regular Sunday morning worship

services on Christmas Day December 25th and New Years Day January 1st. Please try to be in worship on these two specials days as well.

While you have out your calendars marking dates note that FROG PAD and Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will resume on January 11th. FROG PAD begins at 5:45 and Bible Study at 6:30 and both finish around 7:15ish.

The Annual Sledding Party at the Mayfield's will take place on Sunday January 15th at 2:00 pm. All are invited to join in the fun.

Have a wonderful and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Brent

Come on This Silent, Wondrous Night Choir Cantata with Handbells Sunday, December 18, 4:00 pm

This year's cantata is centered around the theme of coming to the manger and seeing Jesus in the manger, surrounded by the warmth of the animals, wise men and his family, emitting ideas of love, hope and peace. This year, I both challenge and invite you to come to the manger on this silent, wondrous night and have that love rekindled in your heart, that you might take its flame out into the world and be the warmth that we seem to lack. Be the love of God for those in the dark, and be the light for Christ as we dutifully follow in his world.

Judson Lee, Director of Music Ministries



Christmas on the Radio

Pastor Brent has recorded some radio spots to be aired during Advent on 93.5 The Mix, KCVN 1650 The Fan, KCNZ, and KCFI Cruisin' 105.1 FM. They will air at random during the day and night. Listen to those radio stations and hopefully you will hear them!

Mitten Tree

Bring mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks to put on our Mitten Tree this year. They will all then be donated to Lou Henry School and organizations that will distribute them to those needing these warm items this winter.



Christmas: A Time of Sharing and Giving

"TAKE IT TO THE STREETS"

Christmas Eve 2016

So many give of themselves all through the holidays to ensure that we are safe and well cared for: police, sheriff deputies, fire fighters, hospital and nursing home staff, hospice workers, restaurant and store staff – all whom we have come to depend upon.

Christmas Eve we, at Central, have an opportunity to say 'Thank You!' Here are ways you can help:

1. Share 2-3 dozen homemade cookies/candies for 'Christmas Plates' (Bring to the church on Friday 12/23 morning or between 1:00-3:00 Saturday 12/24 afternoon)
2. 3:00 on 12/24 help assemble plates at the church
3. After Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, 12/24 deliver a plate to a 'caring location' of your choice.

THANK YOU!

Christmas Eve Service

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6:00 pm. This will be a candlelight service filled with carols to celebrate our Savior's birth.



Christmas Special Offering

Help support the Christmas special offering which supports Regional Ministries. In 32 regions across the U.S. and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

Please support the Christmas Special Offering which will be taken December 11 and December 18. You can use the special envelopes in the pew racks and mark your check for Christmas Special Offering.

New Address

By the time you receive this issue of The Connector, Bev Donels will have moved to Pleasant Hill, Iowa. Her new address is:

Care Initiatives
5800 NE 12th Ave. #212
Pleasant Hill, Iowa 50327

Bev's 80th birthday is December 20 and we're sure she would enjoy cards!

Prayer Concerns Please pray for.....

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

Thank You

What a pleasant and unexpected surprise we had the other evening.

A huge thank you to the carolers who came to Friendship Village and sang to us. Donna and I have gone with caroling groups years ago. The saying goes that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." However, until you are on the receiving end, you can't realize how much you are enjoyed and appreciated.

Merry Christmas to all at Central Christian.

Donna & Roger Romine

Thank You

Thanks to Mike Papenthien for doing all the preliminary work and for overseeing the sanctuary lighting project! It looks great and will save on electrical bills as well as give us a rebate from Mid American.

Thanks so much, Mike!

Tax Time!!

New Opportunity! Reduce Taxes! Keep more at home! Write a check to CCC Building Project. Help us pay down our new facility! Hopefully the new area will be available for desserts after the choir cantata on December 18th! All donations are appreciated and needed! Please turn in to office by December 31 — And celebrate the New Year!

The Building (BGK) Committee

\$Dollars & Sense\$

Here are the numbers for November. General Fund income was \$13,843.00. Total income was \$15,546.02. Expenses were \$13,158.05. This number is for expenses paid out of the budget, including salaries, which is a major part of it.

Besides all the construction going on in the building, we did have other projects going on. There was some damage to the peak of the roof and that was repaired before it caused a bigger problem. That was budget money. The LED lights in the sanctuary are now complete. That total project was \$12,234.14. There was a very generous donation to that project. With that and the rebate which we will receive from MidAmerican Energy for installing LED lighting, the end result will be very good. And all these trees which are on our property require care and maintenance which we had done in November. These projects were paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund, which is what they are. When we get the rebate it will go into the Capital Improvement Fund. We are now looking into changing all the outside lights to LED. They burn many hours a year, so the rebate should be very good on those.

In case you haven't noticed, there is a lot going on around here. Praise God.

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.

Building God's Kingdom

Want another way to help add to our Building Fund? For all present and future Amazon.com users go to www.smile.amazon.com. Then select "Central Christian Church Waterloo" as your charity. You will then go to your regular screen and can place your order as you usually do. The item(s) you buy will have to have "Eligible for Smile.Amazon" on the item description screen.

Every quarter Central Christian Church will receive a check from Amazon for .05% of all online purchases. You can check to see how much your purchases have added to Central's account.

This is on-going, not just for a select time. Invite your family and friends to use this also. Anyone and everyone is welcome to help us out by going to www.smile.amazon.com.

Your BGK Task force is looking at various ways to increase our Building Fund balance. We want to try projects that will reach beyond just our own members. If you have any ideas for such programs, let Wendy or Sharon know.

Souper Bowl Sunday

BGK Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale coming - February 5th. Watch and Listen for more details on how to place your order!

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour</p> <p>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Elders Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 am Partners in Ed mtg. at Lou Henry</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour</p> <p>Taking trees and decorations down following worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm DOEs</p> <p>Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Finance & Facilities Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p> <p>6:00 Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour</p> <p>Ministry Council Mtg</p> <p>2 pm Sledding Party at the Mayfields</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p> <p>6:00 Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p> <p>6:00 Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour</p> <p>Family Board Mtg. following worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 pm DOEs</p>					

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Touching Others For Christ

SERVING IN JANUARY

COMMUNION FILL & WASH

1 Kim Cantrell
8 Dave Kane
15 Dave Kane
22 Dave Kane
29 Julianne Kahn

DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Julianne Kahn
Lower: Rebecca Damme

ELDERS SERVING 2nd VISITING ELDER

1 Brent Thomas	Mike Deters
8 Larry Durchenwald	Sharon Longhorn
15 Robin Thomas	Gary Eliason
22 Linda Sharp	Brent Thomas
29 Jerry Thordsen	Larry Durchenwald

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Robert Olds	20 Todd Owen
4 Kevin Rose	21 Corrinne Brody
4 Payson Uhlenhake	21 Renee Brown
5 Wilma Johnson	22 Brittney Edwards
7 Pam Brookman-Hall	23 Gary Eliason
8 Kay Bullock	23 Neil Kahn
8 Jeremy Helmke	25 Carrie Hageman
12 Marilyn Jellings	29 Randy Kollmann
12 Linda Lambert	30 Brian Mayfield
	31 Kelli Butler

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Steve & Debbie Wood

