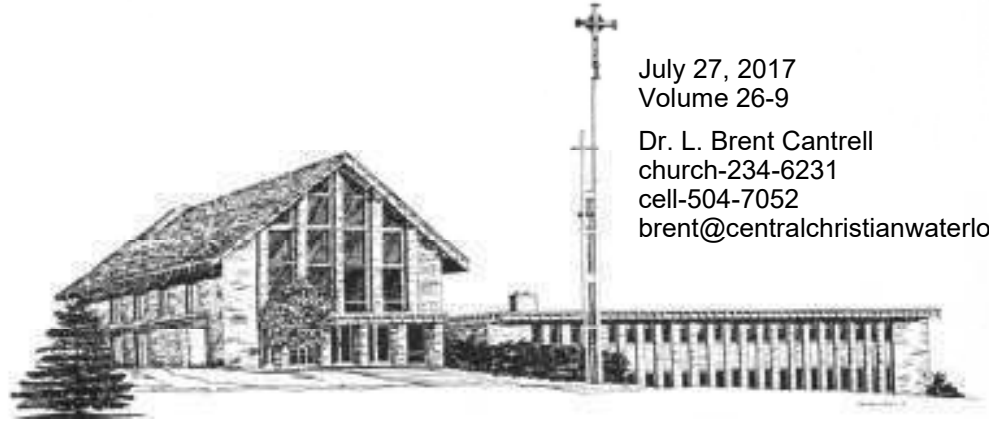




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Connecting friends and family of Central Christian Church with each other, the community, and beyond.

From the Pastor

Times of Transition



We are preparing for a season of transition.

It is happening in our lives at the Cantrell's. The weekend of August 5th and 6th we move Noah into his apartment at Iowa State. What a transition we are facing. Noah adjusting to the college life. Kim and I adjusting to life as empty nesters.

On a side note Charlie Mims will be filling the pulpit on August 6th for me as we move Noah into Iowa State.

Then on the weekend of August 13th we are taking a quick family vacation to the Dells and Rev. Jerry

Thordsen will be filling the pulpit that Sunday.

At church there is also transition. On August 20th Rebecca Nickles will begin as our new accompanist.

Then sometime in September we will have an Open House and Dedication of our building improvements we have been experiencing the past year. What a wonderful transition that has been.

The next transition we need to focus on is that of evangelism and church growth. There is a Task Group working on this. The first thing

we ask of you is to be extending an invitation to those in your circles of influence, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and the like. They tell us that many are just waiting on an invitation to church so regularly be inviting others to join you for worship.

As we move from summer to fall ministry may God be with us in our times of transition. I ask for prayers for the Cantrell's and I will be in prayer for you in the transitions you also face.

Blessings,
Pastor Brent

Summer Festival 2017

What a day! We had a full parking lot at 6:30 am. God blessed us with a beautiful successful day! For all who helped; too many to mention, thank you so much! It takes all of us here at Central to make this such a special event. To Kim and her crew for the wonderful food to MariLynn and Linda for the best cinnamon rolls ever! They were gone by 7:30 am!

Our total was approximately \$4,700. Not bad!! To God be the Glory for the things He has done!

Love,
Nan Kane and Diane Forney



M & M Tubes for Feed My Starving Children

We have M and Ms again this year for Feed My Starving Children. Pick up a tube or two of M & Ms and after eating the candy, fill the tube with quarters (it will hold \$14.00 in quarters) and return it to the church. The money will be contributed to Feed My Starving Children, an organization that works to feed children who are starving all over the world.

Packing for the project will be sometime in October. We will let you know when we get that information.

BAZAAR October 7, 2017

Mark Your
Calendars
And begin preparing if you
haven't already!

BAZAAR

Holiday Room for Bazaar

Summer Fest was a huge success. Now it is time to turn our attention to our next big fundraising event - the Bazaar. With these dollars going to reduce the debt on the building fund it is wonderful to have so many involved and supporting the effort.

The Holiday Room is in major need of all the help we can get. We will miss so very much all that Alice Baker did to make that room a success over so many years, but it is now up to all of us to follow in her footsteps. We need your ideas, your crafts, your stitching, your support. Our focus has been on 3 holidays mainly, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we have been adding items that are good gifts. Decorations for inside or out, we will be so happy to have your contributions. If you find some neat ideas for someone else to make you can let us know, too. Thank you.

Linda Lambert, Karen Hanson, Wendy Brudevold.

Raffle 2017

Sunday morning Marilyn had a visual of pie tins and talked about pies! CAFE

Yes, after a very successful "SummerFest" it is time to start getting ready for "BAZAAR 2017". I am following up with one of the many other parts which is the **RAFFLE**

The key to a successful RAFFLE is the participation of the church family. What does that look like? I have reviewed the past few years' records and this is the information I have gleaned.

The following results in the most income: Meat bundles, food cards, gas cards, WalMart, Target cards.

We also want variety i.e. appliances, tools, yard decorations and equipment, variety of baskets filled with goodies and maybe a gift card, etc. Use your imagination!! Remember, Mike gave a plane ride last year and it went over very well. What do you know or know about you can share?

Remember, you may not craft, bake or make candy but if you by yourself or with a friend or more can purchase an item to be raffled that would be great. Don't be afraid to ask some of the businesses for a donation. If they want paperwork for tax purposes, I can furnish it.

We will be in the Gathering Room this year so we will have more room to display and for everyone to take time to look and fill out their tickets. Yea, for the Gathering Room!

Items have already been brought and you can bring your items anytime. The room closest to the Bazaar supply room has a big white table with signs and we are placing items there for now. Contact me if you have questions. 269-2514

Sharon Longhorn

Wayne's World

We are so pleased to have Wayne as our custodian. He is so efficient and always willing to help and even finds lots of things which need to be done. However, he is being overwhelmed with requests from several people for the same or similar things to be done.

Hopefully by using **WORK ORDERS** we can do away with confusion. Lani has work orders in the office. Fill out one for work needing to be done i.e. a window isn't closing properly. Give to Lani, she will note and give to Wayne and he will return order when he has completed the task.

Wayne will not have to wonder if he is suppose to do it. For large tasks contact MariLynn or Sharon for input from Facilities Team Ministry.

This is a work in process so we thank you ahead of time for your cooperation.

2017 Northeast Iowa Food Bank Personal Care Drive

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank is in the midst of the 2017 annual edition of our Personal Care Drive. Local businesses, churches, and organizations will be collecting personal care items to be distributed to over 200 nonprofit agencies in 16 northeast Iowa counties, assisting over **48,000 people** in need.

Central Christian is happy to participate in this year's Personal Care Drive. The items needed are:

Toilet paper	Soap
Shampoo	Toothbrushes
Toothpaste	Kleenex

Social Service agencies are often in short supply of personal care items, and clients are unable to purchase these items with food stamps. These items are a basic necessity to live a healthy and happy life.

Days For Girls

Days For Girls is an organization whose objective is to provide reusable sanitary hygiene kits to girls around the world who can not afford these products otherwise. Many girls around the world have to stay home from school during their particular time of month. After missing school and falling behind many girls drop out of school. The hygiene kits provided by Days for Girls allow girls to stay in school and continue their education. This is vital to not only the girls lives but also to the welfare of their communities.

The next meetings for Days For Girls will be on Friday, Aug 4th from 2pm-5pm and Saturday, Aug 19th from 9-noon. All are welcome to join us. No sewing skills are necessary, but if you have sew skills, we will surely put you to work. If you would just like to see what is in a kit and how they are made, you are welcome to come and see.

We have also decided to sew for other charitable group so look for more information about Little Dresses for Africa and Britches for Boys. Please come if you can.

Carol Mayfield

Those elected at the Congregational Meeting July 9 to Leadership Positions for the 2017-2018 Church Year

Vice Moderator—Sharon Gatewood
Assistant Financial Secretary—Vicki Thordsen
Assistant Financial Secretary—Julianne Kahn

Elders—term ending 2018

Bob Mayfield

Elders—term ending 2019

Wendy Brudevold/Toots Weston, sharing

Diaconate—terms ending 2020

Larry Durchenwald Maralee Crooks
David Crooks Pam Durrwachter
Bob Durrwachter Rachel Crow
Diane Forney

Diaconate—terms ending 2018

Anita Neessen
Ashley Arnold

Ministry Team Chairs

Fabulous Faith Formation—Carrie Neessen
Passionate Worship—Kelly Young and Bev Olds
Extravagant Hospitality—Sue Geisler and Peggy Moore
Risk-taking Outreach—Kristi Butikofer
Finance and Facilities—MariLynn Pierce, and Sharon Longhorn

Marian Cook has also accepted a Diaconate position to fill the term of Toots Weston who was elected to an Elder position.



Invitation to Celebrate the Ministry and Retirement of Pastor Elizabeth Woodward

Saturday, August, 26, 2017

First Christian Church

1302 West 11th St., Cedar Falls

Social at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Celebration at 7:00 pm

Menu: pork loin, salmon, roasted red potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad, fresh fruit and ice cream sundaes

Tickets may be purchased from Phyllis Siefken, Connie Deaver or the church office

by August 14

\$15.00—(\$10.00 children 5-10)
(children 4 and under—free)



Congregational Meeting

Copies of the minutes of the July 9, 2017 Annual Congregational meeting are available in the church office. Feel free to pick up a copy the next time you are at the church.

Thank You

Dear Friends of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank,
On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$78.92 to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Our mission is to provide nutritious food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations and individuals in Northeast Iowa, while offering hunger education programs to the community and those in need. Your donation helps our neighbors and friends. One in six residents in our 16 county service area seeks assistance from a Food Bank agency each year.

Thank you for your generosity.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Barbara Prather, Executive Director

\$Dollars & Sense\$

The Fiscal Year of 2016-2017 is over. And guess what folks? We ended the year being only \$2,131.21 in the red. So we moved that amount over into the General Fund from our Bequest Reserve fund and that allowed us to zero out the year. Good job Central. We were only able to do that because we spent less than the budgeted amount predicted. As I went through the expenses for the year, we overspent in some slots and under-spent in others. That's how we get a budget. And I am happy to report in June attendance was up and the average money given was up. We are headed in the right direction. Figures and facts are aimed in the right direction in this the first month in our new Fiscal Year. For SummerFest we are now at \$4,236.80. That is with expenses paid and 10% of profit put aside for Outreach. This was the best SummerFest we've had so far. Thank you Central! And that money has been pledged to paying down our debt on the Construction Project.

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

Prayer Concerns Please pray for.....

Lonnie Barker	Randy Kollmann
Al Conyers	Marilyn Jellings
Linda Sharp	Reva Fredin
Chet Fredin	Maxine Weichers
Carol Mayfield	Mike Deters
Glen Casteel	Mary Cleope
Sue Geisler	Jeanne Yeager
Ann Hewitt	Pat Reuter Riddle
L. Brent Cantrell	Buzz Blake
Bev Donels	Ann Kirk
Ron Ewoldsen	Norma Brody
Corrinne Brody	Mary Canfield
Helen Miller	Tammy Newcomb
Rachel Kahn	Zeke Bessire
Jaxton Engstrom	Shannon
Ledger Dalton	Gloria Kammeyer
Ramona Adolfs	Benjamin Wellborn
Mark Sawyer	Becky
Dale & Bobbie Buhl	
All military personnel	

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 August the suggestion is...

School supplies

"My favorite items in my shoebox were school supplies. They were really important to me because it meant I could go to school."

-Luis, Panama

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program.



Thank You

THANK YOU to all the ladies that shopped in the LuLaRoe mobile boutique on June 10. It was a hot day but it didn't stop many of us from shopping and supporting the Small World Preschool. That day kicked off a two-week fundraising period. We are happy to report that the two-week event raised \$1000. We appreciate your support and generosity.

Carol Papenthien
Board Member
Small World Preschool



Regional News

Just a few more weeks of summer camp. It has been a very successful season so far. Please keep the camps yet to come in your prayers.

The Region is planning the All Congregational Gathering for August 26th. This is the 50th anniversary of the Conference Center so there will be celebrations of our past ministry and dream about future ministry. One goal for the day is an attempt to create the World's Largest S'more. If you are a past camper, submit a story about your camping experience to be part of the official 50th Anniversary book project. Email submissions can be sent to Tiff Williams at tiff.umw@gmail.com. Stories can be humorous, inspiring or something in between.

Also happening at the All Congregational Gathering are: food, activities, lodging in cabins and tents for those who want to stay over, childcare, swimming, 5K Walk/Run, hot air balloon tethered rides, ideas for congregations, interesting and useful workshops, inspirational worship, art show and lots of celebrating. Make plans to attend.

"Women Healing Women: the Best Medicine!" is the theme for Upper Midwest Christian Women's Fall Retreat ... September 22- September 24, 2017 held at Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds – Paynesville, MN. More information is available on the Regions web page, www.uppermidwestcc.org

Submitted by Carol Mayfield

General Church News

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 8-12. The Assembly voted to elect Rev. Teresa Hord Owens as our new General Minister and President. She has been a Disciples since a young adult. Rev. Hord Owens is currently Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and Pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL.

The General Assembly also voted on holding the 2019 General Assembly in Des Moines. For more information about the General Assembly and the General Church, go to disciples.org.



Landscaping at front of building, in front of Gathering Room.



View of entire front of building.



View of portico and front door on north side of building.

BGK Landscaping project:

The ground in front of the Gathering Space is no longer just dirt. Such a wonderful, dedicated, talented group of our people created beauty out of bare ground! We so thank the 15+ people who worked most of the day on that Friday plus those who saw that the materials, plants and equipment were there so the job could be done. Whether you planned, dug, watered, raked, shoveled, cut, planted, baked, drove or were there in prayers, we so appreciate your contributions!

We know that lists of people always miss some, but we wanted our congregation to see the names of the people who were able to step up and go the extra mile to work on this project:

Mike Papenthien, Lonnie Barker, Sheila Garwood, Sharon Longhorn, Linda Lambert, Clark Kilgard, Kelly Young, MariLynn Pierce, Linda Sharp, Paul and Karen Hanson, Karen Tansey, Dustin Yates, Peggy Moore, Jerry and Vicki Thordsen, Annette Ehlers, Barb Moeller, Kristi Butikofer, Wendy Brudevold, Sharon Gatewood, Misty B at Meyers Nursery.

And to guide it all, God was in charge!

Your BGK Task Force

More BGK

Your BGK Task Force and Ministry Council have seen and approved furnishings for the new Gathering Space. Julianne Kahn headed up this efficient and dedicated group of Bev Olds, Kelly Young, Nan Kane, Adam Arnold, Larry Dürchenwald and Kelli Butler who have been meeting since April. They measured, explored, found sources and prices and came up with a plan that we could all get behind. Their vision included some much-needed updating of our Narthex, too. Thank you so much!

So, **SAVE the DATE**

We want to celebrate the completion of (1) our remodeling project of the elevator, Gathering Space and three new restrooms, updating throughout the building, (2) fall kickoff of our program year AND (3) Central Christian's 120th Anniversary!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 10, 2017, as a must be-in-church date. We will be inviting the community for an Open House that day so we can share God's blessings!

Request from BGK: I am looking for someone to sand and paint the small table in the Narthex. Please call Julianne Kahn, 296-2163.



August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 pm Building God's Kingdom Mtg. 7:00 pm Elders Mtg.	2	3 10:15 am Worship Review 5:00 pm Evangelism Task Group Mtg	4 2:00 pm-5:00 pm Days for Girls meet	5
6 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour Faith Formation Mtg. FOOD BANK SUNDAY	7	8	9	10 10:15 am Worship Review	11	12
13 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour Facilities & Finance Ministry Team Mtg.	14 5:00 pm Small World Preschool Board Mtg. Meals on Wheels	15	16	17 10:15 am Worship Review	18	19 9:00 am-Noon Days for Girls meet
20 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour Ministry Council Mtg.	21 Noon Connector Articles Due Meals on Wheels	22	23	24 10:15 am Worship Review 6:00 pm Small World Preschool Orientation	25	26 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
27 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour	28	29 First day of school for Small World Preschool	30	31 10:15 am Worship Review		

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Touching Others For Christ

SERVING IN AUGUST

COMMUNION FILL & WASH

6 Rebecca Damme
13 Rebecca Damme
20 Rebecca Damme
27 To Be Filled

DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Need to fill
Lower: Peggy Moore

ELDERS SERVING 2nd VISITING ELDER

6 Bob Mayfield	Gary Eliason
13 Sharon Longhorn	Brent Thomas
20 Gary Eliason	Jerry Thordsen
27 Brent Thomas	Toots Weston

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Judy Brown	12 Molly Thurm-Wagner
2 Jullian Hayes	13 Laurie Braaten Reuter
3 Sharon Gatewood	15 Judy McVey
4 Letty Linsey	17 Don Smith
4 Ryan Brattrud	20 Kelly Young
5 Daryl Potter	21 Bev Olds
8 Jeff Balvanz	21 Jill Snyder
8 Malcomn Cleope	29 Steve Ury
9 MariLynn Pierce	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

3 Alvin & Clemie Marken
7 Mike & Rachel Crow
11 Austin & Hayley Bagg
13 Jerry & Vicki Thordsen
15 Larry & Rita Durchenwald
20 Chet & Reva Fredin
24 Dan & Sue Geisler
24 Brent & Robin Thomas
29 Kristi & Steve Butikofer
30 Todd & Judy Owen

