

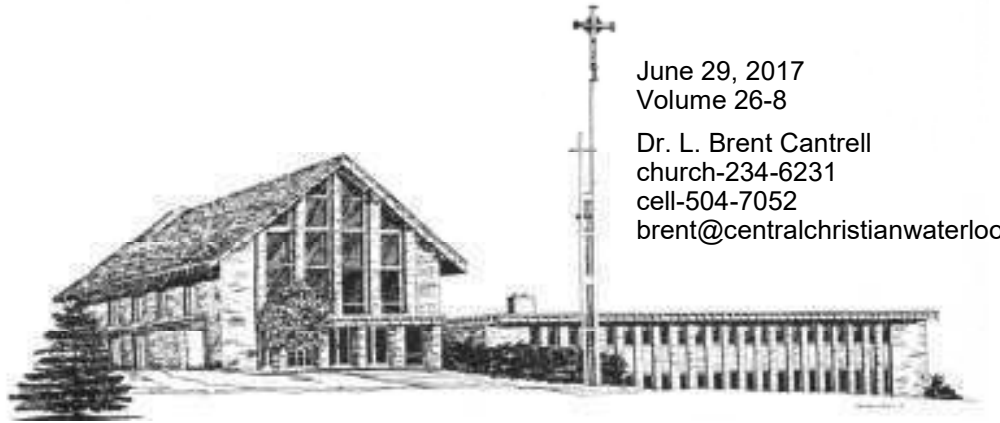


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Connecting friends and family of Central Christian Church with each other, the community, and beyond.

From the Pastor

I am very proud of the outreach programs of Central Christian Church. In the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 budget we will give off the top 5% of all collected offerings for outreach offerings. These will be divided upon among experts in outreach support. This means when people come to the church office seeking aid we can refer them to agencies with experience and expertise in outreach services to wisely use our dollars to offer the kind of help that will truly benefit the recipient.

In addition, we take several special denomination offerings throughout the year to support the broader work of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This year's budget includes \$500 for special endeavors of the Outreach Ministry area. We also take special offerings in the life of the church. For example, we recently received almost \$1400 dollars to support the Relay for Life. We also do it through tangible means by our gifts of each month for the Northeast

Iowa Food Bank. At Christmas time, we give goods to Operation Christmas Child and the Mitten and Scarf Tree. We also take special offerings for Feed My Starving Children. These are just a few examples of the way Central Christian Church is deeply committed to Outreach giving.

Thank you Central for taking Jesus' words seriously to "love one another."

Blessings,
Pastor Brent

Summer Festival 2017— July 15

Bring your treasures! We have been busy pricing the items that have been brought in for our Summer Festival. We are looking forward to having more items brought in so please continue to bring them!!

Bring us any household items, shoes, clothes, knick knacks, children's toys and clothes, books, etc., etc..... everything including the kitchen sink!! We would really like to have more children's clothing and toys.

We would like to have all items by July 12 to give us time to mark them.

God Bless,
Nan Kane and Diane Forney



Annual Congregational Meeting— July 9th

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 9th following the worship service.

We will have election of officers and leadership positions as well as receive reports from the Ministry Teams.

The 2017-2018 Budget will also be presented.

Everyone is invited to attend this important meeting!

Names to be presented for election at Congregational Meeting July 9

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

Elders—term ending 2020
Bob Mayfield
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—
Extravagant Hospitality—Sue Geisler and Peggy Moore
Risk-taking Outreach—Kristi Butikofer
Finance and Facilities—

Bucks Baseball Outing

Please join us for a fun Sunday afternoon of Bucks baseball on July 23, 2017 with a 2:05 start time. The Bucks have been having a great season so far so lets go cheer them on and enjoy some great fellowship with our church family. Tickets will be \$5.00 a piece and children under 3 are free when we purchase before the game. If you are interested in joining us please prepay for tickets in the church office or with Carrie Hageman before July 20th. Tickets will be available to pick up after church on the 23rd from Carrie Hageman.

Summer Church Campers

Those who have signed up for church camp this year are: Laetyn Miller going to CYF Camp the week of July 30th, Adrienne Fuller going to Grand Camp July 14-15, Addison Fuller went to Junior Camp June 18th, Rowan Miller also went to Junior Camp June 18th, Letty Linsey is going to Grand Camp with grandparents Jack and Kay Bullock on July 14-15. Destiny Miles and her family will be going to Family Camp August 18-20. Bob and Carol Mayfield will direct the July 14-15 Grand Camp and Bob Mayfield will be a counselor at CYF Camp.

We wish all our campers a great camp experience, a time of learning and a time of fun!!

Relay for Life 2017

What a wonderful Relay for Life we had, such a gorgeous night for Black Hawk County Relay for Life this year. It was a very emotional yet heart warming event on June 16th. It is such a joy to celebrate another year of survivorship and support at this event. This year we were able to raise \$1838.31 for Relay for Life. ***This would not have been possible without the help of each and every one of you who contributed to Relay for Life***, through the events this year to raise funds. Some of you may be interested in how we raised the money. Here is the break down.

Feed the hungry pig	\$1518.31
3 Silent auction baskets taken to event.	\$165.00
Online donations	\$155.00
Total	\$1838.31

I am so very proud of my church family. Whenever I ask, you always step up to the plate and get things done! Such teamwork! This truly shows what a wonderful group of people that I am blessed to call my church family. I am continually overwhelmed at the generosity of everyone who helps reach these goals each year. This is such an important event, as we believe all of us have been touched or will be touched by cancer in our life at one time or another. Whether it is a family member, friend or acquaintance. It is our hope that we will one day be able to find the cure for cancer and that no one will ever have to hear those dreaded words "you have cancer" ever again. With this money we provide for more research and help for families that are now battling cancer. It is always fun to dress the pig and have fun with her, but the serious part of this is how important this cause is. We lost more of our cherished congregation members this year to this terrible disease. It is my dream to one day not have to stand before you and ask for your help, but to stand and say. "Cancer has been cured". I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for making this year such an amazing success. **God Bless each and every one of you!**

Sue Geisler
Extravagant Hospitality

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 July the suggestion is...

Clothing Items

"One of my favorites in my shoebox was white socks because in the orphanage you get bad quality socks that always stink and have holes in them.," said Timur from Central Asia.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program.



Clothing Items

July

Prayer Concerns Please pray for.....

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

Thank You

Dear Friends,

I want to be sure to thank you all for the nice reception last Sunday. The cake was beautiful and flowers are brightening up my house! It was a bitter-sweet occasion; when I look back, I see how you have enriched my life for 6 1/2 years.... I received a bonus bunch of friends when I became part of Central Christian. Thanks for listening to the music, but mostly thanks for your faithfulness to His Calling.

Sincerely,
Mary Cleope

\$Dollars & Sense\$

We are in the final week of the Fiscal Year. I can give you some figures but they might change a little when all is said and done. First I will give you the final figures for May. The General Offering was \$11,615, loose offering was \$127. Miscellaneous income was \$1,944.16, transfer from Pershing GI was \$1,600. Total income was \$15,286.16. Total expenses were \$15,416.12. That left us \$129.96 in the red for the month.

2016-2017 estimate of pledges and anticipated contributions was \$161,150. The end of May we had received \$160,146.92 in that category with one month to go. Do you see how close that is? Good job Central! We will complete those categories out in the next Connector. It will have the final figures for the Fiscal Year.

Our first payment on our loan for the new elevator and the gathering space is due July 5. It is \$1,651.21. It will now become a part of our expenses every month. That pledge and contribution is separate from the General Fund. Thank you Central for these commitments. 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

Music at Central— Note from Judson

It's been another fantastic year of music at Central Christian Church, and all of it is thanks to the hard work, time commitment and dedication of our musicians, all of whom make what happens here possible. However, one particular musician, our own Mary Cleope, has put in a lot more of their time and has become a constant backbone for both our music ensembles and our congregation. She has been a fantastic person to work with and befriend over the years, and she will be dearly missed. Her enthusiasm and easy-going nature, coupled with her formidable and flexible piano playing, has made my time much easier and a lot less stressful (and she has definitely put in her fair share of putting up with me). We wish you nothing but the best Mary!

Fortunately, we are not without a successful successor. Starting mid-August, I hope you will all join me in welcoming our new accompanist, Rebecca Nickles, to Central. Rebecca is a 2014 graduate of Wartburg College with a degree in piano performance and pedagogy. She has provided music for high school choirs and a few other churches in her time, and also currently has her own studio where she teaches young children. I think you will all find her to be fun, kind and committed as I have found her to be over the years. She will have some big shoes to fill, but she will be a wonderful addition to our music department. Please take some time to get to know her and welcome her to our family, I think you'll be pleased.

Judson Lee,
Director of Music Ministries



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Darrel and Alice Baker family in the loss of Darrel Baker just a few months after Alice's passing. May God be with the Baker family and give them comfort and peace at this difficult time.



July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour FOOD BANK SUNDAY	3 Church Office Closed	4 Church Office Closed 	5	6 10:15 am Worship Review 5:00 pm Evangelism Task Group Mtg.	7	8 9:00 am-Noon Days for Girls Sewing Group
9 9:30 am Worship Congregational Mtg. Hospitality Hour	10 Meals on Wheels	11 6:30 pm Facilities and Finance Mtg.	12	13 10:15 am Worship Review	14 Summer Fest Set up	15 7:00 am—1:30 pm Summer Festival
16 9:30 am Worship Ministry Council Mtg. Hospitality Hour	17 Meals on Wheels	18	19	20 10:15 am Worship Review	21	22 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
23 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour	24 Noon Connector Articles Due	25	26	27 10:15 am Worship Review	28	29
30 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour	31					

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SERVING IN JULY

COMMUNION FILL & WASH

2 Toots Weston
9 Toots Weston
16 Mike Papenthien
23 Bev Olds
30 Mike Papenthien

DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Bev Olds
Lower: Mike Papenthien

ELDERS SERVING 2nd VISITING ELDER

2 Gary Eliason	Elda Watson
9 Brent Thomas	Michael Deters
16 Larry Durchenward	Sharon Longhorn
23 Robin Thomas	Gary Eliason

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Stacie Uhlenhake	11 Sue Geisler
1 Alexis Medhaug	12 Jaylin Pint
3 Mark Miller	13 Joan Landau
3 Rachel Crow	14 Alexis Miller
4 Piper Evans	14 Carmen Miller
6 David Crooks	15 Alyssa Newcomb
7 Chet Fredin	16 Rita Durchenwald
7 Brandy Linsey	17 Judson Lee
7 Dan Geisler	20 Maxine Weichers
8 Dustin Kane	22 Michael Deters
9 Allison Smalley	24 Addison Fuller
9 Benjamin Smalley	26 Nevaeh Newcomb
	29 Lillian Bratrud

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Dustin & Kelli Yates
29 Tony Phan & Kelly Deters

