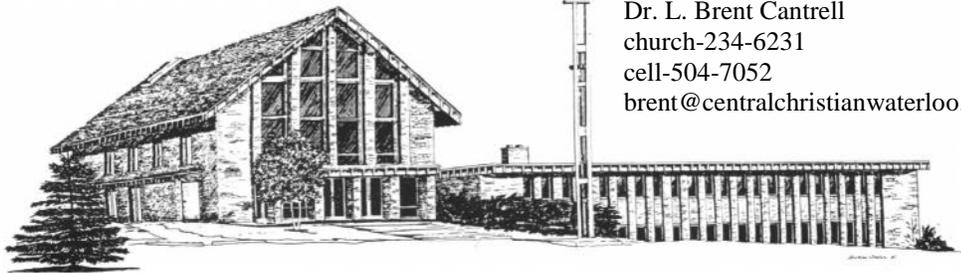


# The CONNECTOR



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

## From the Pastor

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noun -- the spreading of the Christian gospel by personal witness. I am looking for about six to eight people who would join me in building an evangelistic program for Central Christian Church. We would work on special events, programs and incentives to help our church grow. Evangelism is at the heart of the work of the church. Please consider volunteering to help with this special

undertaking. We would meet about once a month for an hour at a time. So I am not asking for a big commitment of your time, but people enthusiastic about church growth through Central Christian Church. Email me at [brent@centralchristianwaterloo.org](mailto:brent@centralchristianwaterloo.org) if you would be interested in helping out. Thanks in advance.

Thanks,  
Pastor Brent

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase and donate an Easter Lily for our Easter service, please sign the sheet on the church office window. We will order the Lilies from Petersen and Tietz as we have in the past. The cost is \$11.00. If you would like it to be in honor or memory of someone, please designate that on the sign up sheet



## Lent at Central Christian Church

### March 19<sup>th</sup> — 9:30 a.m.

Rosenchor, a recently created small female vocal ensemble from Wartburg College, will be coming to Central Christian on March 19th to provide music for parts of our worship service.



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### Palm Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> — 9:30 a.m.

Come experience Jesus' glorious entrance into Jerusalem to begin Holy Week with a



### Easter Sunday April 16 — 9:30 a.m.

Come experience the glorious resurrection of Jesus our Savior. A special treat on this Sunday will be a cantata presented by our Music of Ministries ensembles.

### Maundy (Holy) Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 a.m.

On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special Music by our Ministries of Music Ensembles.



## Building God's Kingdom

WOW! Do we sell soup! Our Souper Bowl soup sales for February 5<sup>th</sup> added over \$1600 to our Building Fund! And there are still quarts of chicken noodle soup and chili in the freezer downstairs for those windy, cold March days. Pick up what you want and pay the office \$6.

Those profits were a needed addition to our BGK funding. We are still working with Farmers State Bank to extend our \$190,000 line of credit so that we can continue to pay our monthly bills to TurnKey. In January and February we were able to pay on that debt with money from our pledges that is collecting in our Building Fund. But there is still a balance owed from those months.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> we held a congregational meeting to choose an option that FSB presented to us. As of December 31 the balance owed was \$115,000 on the \$633,213 total cost. FSB is requiring us to pay half of that--\$57,500. We can either (Option 1) pay that to TurnKey or (Option 2) invest it in a CD with FSB. Paying TurnKey would result in a loan with a monthly payment of probably about \$1688 a month. Investing in the CD would result in a larger loan with \$2056 monthly payment.

The vote was 34-3 to go with Option 1. We will get with FSB this week and get that line of credit extended with up-to-date numbers so that we can continue to pay TurnKey to the end of the project. We are hoping completion of the construction will come by the end of March.

And we are nearing the end. The elevator is in, and we have been using it. The kids are loving it! There are final details that need to be completed before there can be a walk-through for us to accept the construction.

Do inspect Fellowship Hall. Because of the water damage from the construction of the elevator shaft, we now have a new ceiling and lights in Fellowship Hall and new floor tile in both Fellowship Hall and down the hallway. Sometimes bumps in the road can have their rewards.

We certainly will plan a thankful celebration when all is completed! In the meantime, continue to communicate with our BGK Task Force if you have any suggestions for furnishings for either the Gathering Space or the Library.

God is Good!

Wendy Brudevold and  
Sharon Gatewood, Co-chairs

## Risk-Taking Outreach

Thank you for again supporting our youth as they collect loose change during worship on the second Sunday of the month. In February \$80 was added to the \$40 collected in January; so the thermometer in the Narthex now shows \$120 total! And the NE Iowa Food Bank is also grateful for the sacks of food that are put in our barrel.

And, money donated to Food Bank will be matched, up to \$10,000, until the end of April. So these contributions will double in value!

During Lent we have a "Forty Days-Forty Items" ongoing project. Pick up a trash bag from the basket in the Narthex, or you can use one of your own. Each day of Lent, remove one item from your house that you no longer need or wear and put it in the trash bag. At the end of the forty days—on Easter—return them to Central and we will donate them to a local charity.

Central Christian is a great outreach church!

## Easter Baptism

Anyone interested in being baptized this Easter is encouraged to contact Pastor Brent as soon as possible.

## 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.

## Church Camp

It is not too early to be thinking about Summer Church Camp! You can already find out about Church Camp by going to this website  
[www.uppermidwestcc.org/camps—youth](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/camps—youth)

It is a good thing to go ahead and sign up to secure your spaces. Camp fills up quickly. Remember the church pays 1/2 of the Registration fees.

Let the church office know if you plan to attend camp. Forms are available in the office as well.

## Vendor - Craft - Bake Sale April 8th - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Christian Church

An exciting event is being planned for April 8th. A Vendor Sale (with crafts and raffle as well!).

We will be advertising on the radio and possibly in the newspaper. We will for sure put something on Facebook! It will list all of the vendors and what they sell along with information on the show.

There will be several items for the raffle and tickets will be \$1.00 each. If you would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Rachel Crow, [rachel@accurategear.com](mailto:rachel@accurategear.com)

Cinnamon and pecan rolls will be served for breakfast and we will also be serving lunch.

Spread the word!! We hope everyone will join us!

## Vendor - Craft - Bake Sale

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year, in addition to individuals filling boxes in October and November of 2016, 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 March the suggestion is... Quality Crafts!

One person said she collected and bought pillowcases from friends and thrift stores, and is turning them into tote bags. These are easy to do by cutting them in half, and then using grosgrain ribbon for the handles.

Thank you for your continued



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## Easy Risers Kiwaniis Club Pancake Breakfast And Bake Sale Saturday, March 25 6:30-11:00 am Central Christian Church Fellowship Hall



## Regional Newsletter highlights for March:

- The General Board voted to forward the name of Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens to the 2017 General Assembly as the nominee for General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Approval of Rev. Hord will be voted on at the General Assembly, July 8-12 in Indianapolis, Indiana. More information on Rev. Hord can be found at <http://disciples.org/ogmp/meet-the-gmp-nominee/>.
- Welcome Lori Krase-Cayton, our new Regional Administrative Coordinator for Ministry. Her email address is [lkcumw@gmail.com](mailto:lkcumw@gmail.com). [She is replacing Connie Derby Dicks who has recently retired.](#)
- The All Congregational Gathering will be on August 25-27 with main event on Saturday 26th. More information will be coming soon as the planning team gets to work.
- Our first camps were held on site at the Christian Conference Center in June of 1967 so CCC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of ministry during the 2017 season. Many exciting things are in the planning stages:
  - 1) We will unveil a new vision for the camping ministry that will help us grow and thrive for another 50 years.
  - 2) Celebration in conjunction with the All Congregational Gathering, Aug. 26th encouraging former campers and volunteers to attend.
  - 3) Camp store items with our new logo available.Campers, counselors, and directors will receive an anniversary keepsake.
- The new bricks' chapel is under construction at the Christian Conference Center. Thank you for all of your donations the past three years. There is still time to donate to Our Path Together and to designate what you would like engraved on a brick in the new outdoor chapel.
- 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.

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>

## Days for Girls

If you are a man, you may not want to read any further. If you are a woman, have you ever wondered what girls in developing countries do to access monthly sanitary supplies? Girls whose families' primary concern is enough food to eat, clothes to wear and safe shelter. This is the question that the founders of "Days For Girls" asked and found out that many girls just stay home during their monthly cycle. They miss school and get behind. After many months of missing school, the girls are often so far behind they just quit school altogether.

Days For Girls is an organization that is attempting to remedy this situation one sanitary kit at a time and one girl at a time. Their vision statement is "every girl and woman in the world with ready feasible access to quality sustainable hygiene and health education by 2020".

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help, an initial question/answer meeting will follow church on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> with an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Maybe we cannot change the world, but we can help change the life of one girl at a time. If you have any questions before the information meeting, feel free to contact me.

Carol Mayfield, [crfield@cfu.net](mailto:crfield@cfu.net)

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Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday evening, March 11th.



Time to  
Spring Ahead

## Northeast Iowa Food Bank Update

Thirty-five 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. The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Bank Sunday but you are encouraged to bring items anytime!

Thank you to all who have supported this outreach program!

## Thank you

Thank you so much for all the love and support to my parents. Thank you to Brent for a wonderful service you gave in her honor. Thank you to all the choir members, as the song was beautiful. Thank you to all the gals in the kitchen helping with the luncheon. Everything was perfect!

The Family of  
Alice L. Baker

## In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Kelli and Dustin Yates in the loss of Kelli's father, Virgil Head. May God comfort the Yates and Head families during their time of grief and loss.

## Prayer Concerns

### Please pray for.....

Margaret Olds	Mike Deters
Sue Geisler	Ann Hewitt
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	

## Summer Fest 2017

Summer Fest 2017 will be here before we know it. Please consider donating those unused items to make it a spectacular day! Clothing, housewares, furniture, misc. — all items are welcome. Let's go Central! Let's Go!!

Nan Kane and  
Diane Forney

## Library Update

The books are back on the library shelves! The Historical Archives are now at the wall end, but still available to be consulted for those important history questions.

We had withdrawn books that we thought no longer belonged in our collection. Consequently, the books we kept fit well on the shelves that were left. We hope that the ones that we retained will be inviting for you to check out. Just sign your name and date on the book card and put it in the basket on the shelf. When you return the book, simply put the card back in the book and re-shelve it.

We are still deciding what furnishings we want in the library. If you have suggestions, please tell one of the BGK Task Force.

## In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Darrel Baker in the loss of his wife, Alice. May God comfort the Baker family and friends during this time of loss and grief.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sharon Longhorn in the loss of Sharon's husband, Gary. May the comforting presence of God be with the Longhorn family and friends during this difficult time.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Robin and Brent Thomas, Carrie and Trent Hageman, Anita Neessen and their families in the loss of Brad Neessen. May God's comforting presence be with the Neessen families during this difficult time.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

## 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 April 1, 2017

## \$Dollars & Sense\$

Because of the dates the Connector has been coming out, the following information is regarding the January figures. We will catch up with February's in the next Connector.

January income was \$16,323.13 with the General Fund being \$14,519 of that. Expenses were \$15,748.57. That left us \$574.56 in the black for the month. Lots going on with the finishing of the construction and a couple of projects we have in the Sanctuary. The LED lights are in and working there. Take a look up when you are in there and you can notice the difference in how they look and the brightness. The hanging lights are not LED's. The panel which controls the lights is new and quite efficient. There is a little bit of work to do on the dimming switches with the lights. The rebate from MidAmerica has been received on this project. It was for \$5,581. This has been deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund. With the heating and air conditioning system that was put in the new gathering space, we received a rebate of \$3,813.34. That too has been deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund. Actually, the rebates were received in February but wanted you to know they had been received. There is one more lighting project to be done. The outside security lights are going to be changed to LED's. There will be a rebate with that also. More on all this next Connector.

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

## In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Wayne Sparks in the loss of his sister, Ruby Sparks. May God comfort the Sparks family during this time of loss.



# MARCH 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service  ASH WEDNESDAY	2 10:15 am Worship Review 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4
						
5 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour  FOOD BANK SUNDAY	6	7 7:00 pm Elders Mtg.	8 5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad 6:30 pm Bible Study	9 10:15 am Worship Review 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 
12 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour	13 5 pm Small World Mtg. 6:30 pm DOEs Mtg. Meals on Wheels Delivery	14 6:30 pm Facilities & Finance Mtg.	15 5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad 6:30 pm Bible Study	16 10:15 am Worship Review 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 	18 11:00 am Celebration of' Life Service for Gary Longhorn
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19 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour Ministry Council Meeting	20 Meals on Wheels Delivery	21	22 5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad 6:30 pm Bible Study	23 10:15 am Worship Review 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25 6:30 am Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
26 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour Days for Girls Mtg.	27 6:30 pm DOEs Mtg. Noon - Connector Articles Due	28	29 5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad 6:30 pm Bible Study	30 10:15 am Worship Review 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	31	

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## Touching Others For Christ

### SERVING IN MARCH

#### COMMUNION FILL & WASH

5 MariLynn Pierce  
12 MariLynn Pierce  
19 Rylie Arnold  
26 Carrie Hageman

#### DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Elda Watson  
Lower: Dan & Sue Geisler

#### ELDERS SERVING 2nd VISITING ELDER

5 Brent Thomas	Mike Deters
12 Larry Durchenwald	Sharon Longhorn
19 Robin Thomas	Gary Eliason
26 Linda Sharp	Brent Thomas

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Ethan Hall	15 Jordyn Sapp
5 Austin Bagg	17 Marlene Smith
6 Joseph Hogan	17 Maralee Crooks
9 Pat Reuter Riddle	18 Judy Owen
9 Rebecca Damme	19 Adasyn Medhaug
10 Cody Jordan	21 Reva Fredin
11 Ashley Arnold	22 Brandon Walker
11 Marcee Marken	22 Mike Papenthien
11 Marty McConville	23 Robert Newcomb
12 Lonnie Barker	24 David Kane
12 Lori McConville	26 Helen Miller
	28 Mike Crow

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

18 Lonnie & Pam Barker
19 Don & Marlene Smith
20 Daryl & Sharon Potter
31 Jerry & Cindy Wagner

