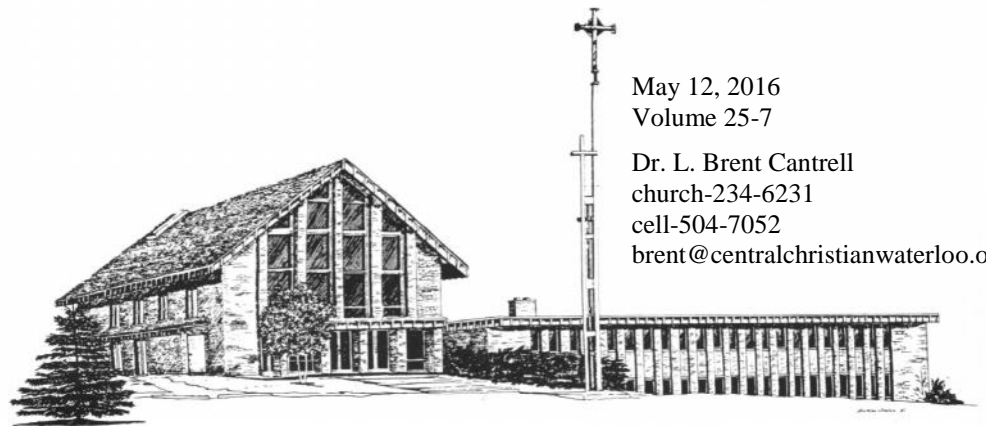




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Connecting friends and family of Central Christian Church with each other, the community, and beyond.

## Commitment Sunday—June 5

We are in the midst of our Annual Stewardship Campaign with Commitment Sunday scheduled for June 5th.

You will be hearing about the campaign in the coming weeks during worship and communications through the mail.

As you know we pay the day to day expenses of the church from the operating budget. These bills are not optional, they have to be paid in

order for the church to simply survive and be honorable to its financial commitments.

We ask that you join us in prayer and study of giving. Passages you might read and study would include Deuteronomy 16:7, 2 Corinthians 9:7, and Matthew 6:19-21.

Please bring your Estimate of Giving card on or before June 5th. There are Estimate of Giving cards available in the church office if you do not have one.

## From the Pastor

Ministry Council and Congregational Family of Central Christian Church,

I am taking a Medical Leave of Absence because of illness. I will use that time to heal myself and get better by working with my health care team.

During my eight week medical leave beginning April 28, 2016, all pastoral needs and requests should be directed to the church office or to your shepherding elder.

I thank you for your prayers during this time of healing.

In Christian Love,  
L. Brent Cantrell

## Relay for Life STRIKE OUT RAFFLE!!!!!! **BATTER UP!**

You can be the one to strike out cancer once and for all. We have 3 beautiful quilts, and a pair of Cardinal tickets to see a game this year. Raffle tickets are one dollar each or six for five dollars.

Please help us fund Relay for Life by purchasing the chance to win. A chance to win the raffle and a chance to win the fight for a cure for cancer. Your purchase helps to fund new cancer research, helps with transportation to receive cancer treatments, 24/7 phone support for patients and family, lodging for patients and families to be together during treatments plus many more ways to help in their fight for their cure.

Please help us to find a cure so no one will ever have to hear the words **“YOU HAVE CANCER”** again. Do it in honor of those we have lost, those who are currently fighting, and those of us that are survivors, who wonder each and every day, is this the day? Is this the day I will hear the doctor say **“YOUR CANCER IS BACK”** *there is no more treatment we can try for you. We have not found the right drug yet.*

I have heard several people comment they are not into baseball. This would make a wonderful Father's day gift. And if there is absolutely no one you can think of to enjoy the quilts or tickets, think about buying some raffle tickets and if you win, donating this to a child in Iowa City that is in the fight for their life. Just think what a smile you could put on a child's face!

And for those who REALLY are not into baseball, there is the beautiful landscape picture to be raffled away also. What Dad would not like that for a Father's day gift?

We will be drawing the winners of the raffle May 29<sup>th</sup>, Just in time for Father's day!

## \$Dollars & Sense\$

We are ten months into the Fiscal Year and still running really close to what we estimated we would take in as income and what we would spend for expenses. I want to take this time to commend everyone who has access to different areas in the budget. They are very watchful in what they spend.

The General Fund brought in \$13,821 in April and with the \$1,600 we add to that from our Bequest Fund, we had \$15,421 to pay salaries and other expenses.

The good news in April is, with the pledges in, the Building God's Kingdom account brought in \$13,422. Wow! That is an excellent month's income. Expenses are already accruing on the account. The monthly Financial Report will reflect those.

Hopefully on the General Fund we will end the Fiscal Year in the black. The Pledge Drive for the coming Fiscal Year is now in progress. Let us pray that this will be a success.

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.....

L. Brent Cantrell	Alice Baker
Gary Longhorn	Carolyn Sapp
Ron Ewoldsen	Norma Brody
Darrel Baker	Buzz Blake
Chet Fredin	Tammy Newcomb
Jim Brody	Wilma Johnson
Reva Fredin	Sue Geisler
Helen Miller	Bev Donels
Ann Hewitt	Glen Casteel
Ann Kirk	Brad Neessen
Mary Canfield	Ledger Dalton
Mark Sawyer	Benjamin Wellborn
Zeke Bessire	Jan Sawyer
Rachel Kahn	Jaxton Engstrom
Ruth Larsen	Becky
Ramona Adolf	
Dale & Bobbie Buhl	
All military personnel	

## Welcome New Member!

We welcome Kelly Young into our fellowship at Central Christian Church. Kelly came forward to transfer her membership on Sunday, May 1st.

Kelly has been attending Central for some time and said it's time to make it official. She has been very active in the life of the congregation.

We extend a warm welcome of Christian love to Kelly and are delighted that she is continuing her journey of faith at Central!

## Pentecost Offering



The Special Day Pentecost Offering will be received this Sunday, May 15th. This offering is designated for new church starts.

Disciples have planted 934 churches in the United States and Canada in the last few years, sharing the gospel with more than 61,000 individuals who may not have had a relationship with Christ.

Half of this special offering stays in our region and half is used to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church

## Thanks!!

Thank you one and all for the beautiful flower arrangement I received on Administrative Secretary's Day. They are still very pretty after two weeks! I appreciate the love and support I receive from the wonderful faith family of Central. You are all very special people

I thank God daily for the blessings and opportunities He has provided for me and included is my work at the church. It's a wonderful place to be.

Thank you, thank you!  
Lani Yates

## Thank you, Pastor Jerry!

We thank Rev. Jerry Thordsen for covering for Pastor Brent during Brent's leave of absence. Pastor Jerry's willingness to help in whatever way he can is very helpful and appreciated!

Jerry will be doing Sunday services as well as being on call as we need him. Thanks so much, Pastor Jerry!

## Invitation to 105th Birthday Party!

The congregation is invited to a birthday party for Mary Canfield to celebrate her 105th birthday.

It will be held at Windsor Care Center, 2305 Crescent Dr. in Cedar Falls on Sunday, May 22nd from 1:00 until 3:00 pm.

Please plan to attend and help Mary celebrate!

## A Prayer for our Stewardship Campaign

God you have given us so much. You expect us to be good stewards of all our resources from personal financial in our homes and those in our church. We thank you for the growth and vitality of Central Christian Church. We ask for your Holy Spirit to guide us in giving generously so we might do even more for your kingdom.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Spring Work Day

The Facilities and Finance Committee has set June 4 as an All Church Work Day. Please mark your calendar and save the date of June 4th to come to the church and help clean up and fix up the church inside and out! We can use lots of people!!

Some possible things to be done are; weeding and sprucing up flower beds, clean and polish pews, wash windows, fix a few light fixtures, and other things that will be discussed at the upcoming Finance and Facilities Ministry Team meeting.

Please plan to be here to help!

## Library Books

As we prepare for the start of our remodeling project, we have been going through the books in our church library. Many are old and out-dated. So we will be disposing of some of those. And we will be giving to Bazaar Book Room and Waterloo Public Library others.

There may be titles that our members would like to own. For the next few weeks on the table out in the hall, we will put out books that you may help yourself to. Each week we will try to add titles as we get through the different sections of our library. All we ask is that you not put them in your will to be returned to Central :))

Thanks.

Sharon Gatewood

## Job Opening

Central Christian has a job opening for maintenance and custodial work. It is approximately a 20 hour a week position. Candidates can send a resume to Central Christian Church at 3475 Kimball Ave. 50702 or email a resume to [central@centralchristianwaterloo.org](mailto:central@centralchristianwaterloo.org)

## Summerfest—July 16

If you haven't already started saving your gently used items for our Summer Festival, do so now!!! Any household items, shoes, clothes, knick knacks, children's toys and clothes, books, etc., etc.....everything including the kitchen sink!!

We will start collecting your items after Small World Preschool has completed classes at the end of May.

## Bazaar Chair Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Bazaar Room Chairs on Sunday, May 22nd following the worship service.

If you are a Bazaar room chair, please plan to attend.

## Thanks to Mark & Jan

As we announced in the last issue of The Connector, our custodians, Mark and Jan Sawyer, have retired as of May 6th.

Mark and Jan have been our faithful custodians and maintenance staff for 12 years. We would like to honor them with a monetary gift.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for the Sawyers, please put your contribution in an envelope and mark it for Sawyers gift and leave it in the church office or mail it to the church if you prefer.

Thank you!

## Building God's Kingdom—Breaking Ground for the KINGDOM! May 1, 2016



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## Touching Others For Christ

### EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN MAY

#### **Sunday, May 15, 2016**

9:30 am      Worship—Youth Sunday  
                  Wiggly Worship  
                  Ministry Council Meeting

#### **Monday, May 16, 2016**

Meals on Wheels Delivery

#### **Thursday, May 19, 2016**

10:15 am      Worship Review  
7:15 pm        Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, May 20, 2016**

7:00 am—Noon    Blood Drive

#### **Sunday, May 22, 2016**

9:30 am        Worship  
                  Wiggly Worship  
                  Hospitality Hour  
                  Bazaar Chair Mtg.

#### **Monday, May 23, 2016**

Noon            Connector Articles Due  
6:00 pm        DOEs Group Meeting

#### **Thursday, May 26, 2016**

10:15 am        Worship Review

#### **Sunday, May 29, 2016**

9:30 am        Worship  
                  Hospitality Hour

#### **Monday, May 30, 2016**

