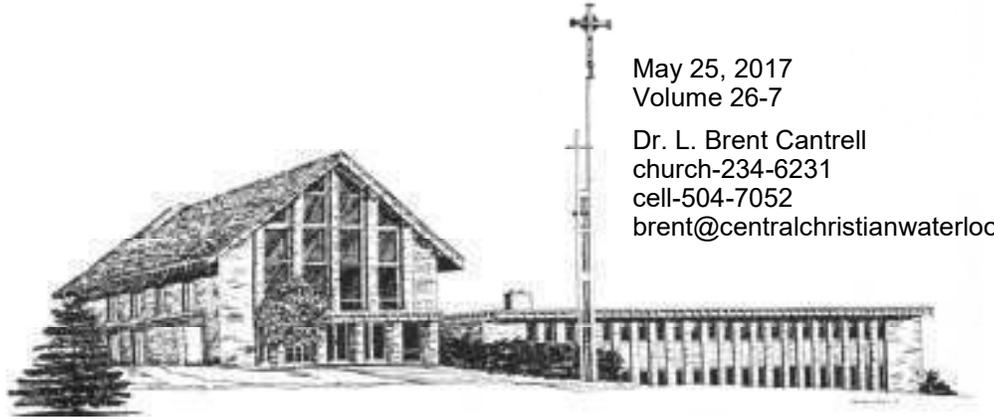




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The CONNECTOR



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

From the Pastor

We are in the midst of a sermon series called the Seven Wonders of Faith. We have looked at "I Wonder if God Exists," "I Wonder Why Bad Things Happen to Good People," "I Wonder Why My Prayers Go Unanswered?," and "I Wonder about God's Will for My Life."

Ahead of us we will look at "I Wonder about the Miracles in the Bible," "I Wonder about The End of the World", and "I Wonder about Life after Death."

I have had positive feedback to this sermon series and I hope it has been helpful in your Christian Walk. I am excited about the three remaining sermons and hope you will not just make plans to attend but to invite another person to join you as we explore this series.

Looking forward to seeing you around the Lord's Table next Sunday.

Pastor Brent



Count Your Blessings—Consecration Sunday, June 4th

Count Your Blessing has been the theme of our 2017-2018 Stewardship Campaign for our General Operating Fund. We have heard from the speakers on Sunday morning many of the blessings we have in life. God has graciously blessed us as individuals and as a congregation. We have so much to be thankful for. Many things we take for granted.

Our General Operating Budget is greatly in need of your generous support. It is through your gifts that we are able to pay the bills -- the electricity, the insurance, the salaries, the work of the committees. We need you to give generously to the budget so we can continue to function at the level of ministry that we currently function. The bottom line is it cost lots of money for the church to function and to function we need your strong generous support.

Pledge cards were mailed to each of you or they are available in the Church Office. We ask they are returned on Sunday, June 4th, Consecration Sunday or mail/drop yours off to the church office between now and then. Thank you for your support to the church. Let us one and all continue to support the church with our gifts, our time and our talents.

Blessings,
The Stewardship Committee

Count Your Blessings

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 June the suggestion is... toys

A child from Grenada said, "The slinky was fascinating to me. We loved to send it down the steps and we played a lot of games with it. It was a simple toy but it was my favorite in the box."

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program.



Summer Festival 2017—July 15

Spring cleaning: It's that time of year! As we prepare for summer, now is the time to donate furniture, household items, shoes, purses, clothing and especially children's items, toys books clothes, etc. Once preschool is done for the summer we will have extra room besides the garage. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to make this festival a success.

If you have questions call Nan, 610-7517 or Diane, 504-4923.

God Bless,
Nan Kane and Diane Forney

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will meet Saturday, June 24th at 8:00 am

All men are invited and encouraged to attend!

Name Tags

Just a note to encourage everyone to wear their nametags on Sunday mornings. We have had visitors and new people joining us and it would be very helpful for them if we all had our nametags on!

\$Dollars & Sense\$

We are well into the 11th month of our Fiscal Year. Expenses are running true to course, so we will probably finish a little under Budget. Having said that, predicted income for 2016-2017 was not enough to cover the Budget, so income for the year will probably be short even though we are under Budget. What that means is we've gotten by most months enough to keep us in the black but in the end we could be in the red. We'll know more after the May Financial Report.

A couple things regarding the Building Fund. The final papers have been signed and our first payment of \$1,651.21 is due July 5th. In the next couple of months you will see Landscaping done and furniture bought for the new gathering space. Please know the money spent on these items are from the fundraisers we have had for the building project, a rebate on the heating & cooling system in the space, and also some from the Memorial Fund. The money from your pledges goes toward paying down the debt. And only that money.

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

Thank You

Friends,

Your kind-hearted gift of \$71.96 has arrived. Thank you! I am deeply grateful for your faithful, generous support for The Salvation Army.

Because of you, broken lives are restored. People who are facing hunger...homelessness...abuse...receive compassionate help here. No one needs to face life's problems alone.

For almost 150 years, The Salvation Army has been coming to the rescue of people who are overwhelmed by life. It started in the backstreets of London, when William Booth began sharing God's love with needy souls. Thanks to kind and compassionate friends like you — people with a heart for their struggling, suffering neighbors—that tradition continues just as strongly today in our community.

So again, thank you for sharing so generously from your hard-earned resources with us. May God bless you for your compassion.

Major Harold Poff
Corps Officer



DOING THE MOST GOOD™

Small World Preschool News

The 27th of May a very special happening will take place here at Central. Eleven boys and girls will graduate from PreSchool and move on into Kindergarten elsewhere. Twelve boys and girls will move up from their 1st year at Small World into their 2nd and final year. Having seen years of this happening, I can tell you it is a delightful experience. And would you believe the children from classes years ago are men and women in their middle twenties!! At graduation the students say what they want to be when they grow up. I wonder how many are now doing what they said they wanted to be?

We do want to say Angie Stafsholt, one of the teachers, is leaving Small World. Thanks Angie for your years of teaching, caring and nurturing the students. We wish you well at whatever you do.

The classes are in order for next year. We're finishing our first year of partnering with the Waterloo Schools and looking forward to moving into the second year.

Parents, thank you for choosing Small World for your PreSchool.

Toots Weston,
Small World Preschool Board Chair

Time and Talent Survey

As a follow up to the letter you received in January regarding leadership, the Elders have a survey we would like to have you fill out. It is in regard to what you like to do and what skills you may have in certain areas. Sunday they were made available after church. THANK YOU to all who took one. If you did not pick one up or were not in church we would encourage you to pick one up in the office or Sunday after church.

Please return to the office by June 4th as Administrative Council is in the process of forming the leadership and ministry teams for 2017-2018. To all those who are new to our church family or our long timers and may have questions, please give me a call.

Sharon Longhorn at 269-2514.

Graduation Open House for Noah Cantrell

You are invited to help the Cantrell family celebrate Noah's high school graduation.

We congratulate Noah on his graduation from West High School. Noah plans to continue his education at Iowa State University.

Great job, Noah!!

June 3, 2017
1:00-3:00 pm
Central Christian Church
3475 Kimball Ave.



Congratulations, Robert Damme

We congratulate Robert Damme on his graduation from Hawkeye Community College with a Police Science degree! Robert plans to continue his education in Criminal Justice at University of Northern Iowa.

Great job, Robert!



Resignation of Our Accompanist

Mary Cleope, our accompanist for the last 6 1/2 years has submitted a letter of resignation.

Mary will be with us until July 1st.

Mary has been a faithful, dependable, talented and excellent accompanist for us and we will miss her.

Her faith in God is evident in all she does. She is an inspiration and wonderful example of a Servant of God.

We wish Mary well in her future endeavors and may God always bless her in her life journeys.

Central Christian Scholarship Recipients

On behalf of the Elders and the two Scholarship Fund recipients, Robert Damme and Noah Cantrell, we celebrate Higher Education via the scholarships and prayers of the congregation.

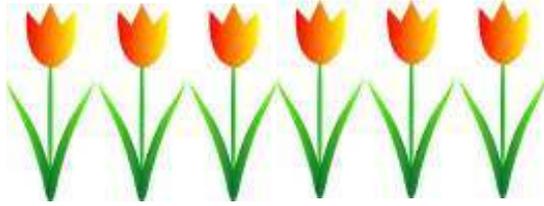
Students who are part of the congregation are eligible for assistance. We encourage congregation members to donate to this fund to assist those members who are making a difference in our church, community, and in their own lives. Thank you to the Beeman family for their vision.

Linda Sharp, Elder

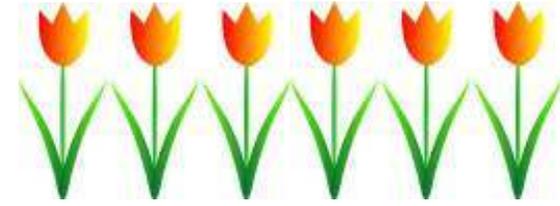
Bazaar 2017-----RAFFLE

The first Bazaar meeting was held Sunday and I received the first items for the raffle Sunday so I guess that means we are on our way. With the new Gathering Room we will have more room so.....please contact me if you have ideas or items. Remember the entire proceeds from the Bazaar 2017 are going towards paying off the loan for "Building God's Kingdom". We have been blessed financially for so many years let's take our thankfulness and soar with our ideas and efforts.

Grandma Sharon 269-2514



June 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:15 am Worship Review	2	3 1:00-3:00 pm Graduation Open House for Noah Cantrell at Central Christian Church
4 9:30 am Worship Commitment Sunday Hospitality Hour Ministry Council Mtg. FOOD BANK SUNDAY	5 5:00 pm Small World World Preschool Board Mtg.	6 7:00 pm Elders Mtg.	7	8 10:15 am Worship Review	9	10
11 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour	12 Meals on Wheels	13 6:30 pm Facilities and Finance Mtg.	14	15 10:15 am Worship Review	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour FATHER'S DAY	19 Meals on Wheels	20	21	22 10:15 am Worship Review	23	24 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
25 9:30 am Worship Congregational Mtg. Hospitality Hour	26 Noon Connector Articles Due	27	28	29 10:15 am Worship Review	30	

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Touching Others For Christ

SERVING IN JUNE

COMMUNION FILL & WASH

4 Pam Barker
11 Peggy Moore
18 Wendy Jordan
25 Julianne Kahn

DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Linda Lambert
Lower: David & Maralee Crooks

ELDERS SERVING 2nd VISITING ELDER

4 Jerry Thordsen	Larry Durchenwald
11 Elda Watson	Robin Thomas
18 Mike Deters	Linda Sharp
25 Sharon Longhorn	Jerry Thordsen

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

07 June Marken	20 Alan Carlson
11 Jeremy Hayes	22 Brett Sapp
13 Zoe Helmke	23 Darrel Baker
13 DiAnn Zager	24 Marian Cook
14 Jenna Miller	25 Zac Zager
16 Sharon Longhorn	26 Hayley Bagg
17 David Derifield	26 Tammy Gray
18 Nicole Derifield	29 Kristi Butikofer

JUNE 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