



**Central  
Christian  
Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)

# The CONNECTOR

October 22, 2020  
Volume 12-20

Www.centralchristianwaterloo.org  
3475 Kimball Ave.  
Waterloo, Iowa 50702  
319-234-6231



Email: [central@centralchristianwaterloo.org](mailto:central@centralchristianwaterloo.org)  
Website: [centralchristianwaterloo.org](http://centralchristianwaterloo.org)

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

## **WHAT DOES OUR LORD WANT US TO DO? (1John 4:7)**

“...love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.”

We should faithfully look forward, listen, learn and pray together—devote our lives as we become instruments of our Lord’s purpose. With faith, with working together *as a team* and with taking **active ownership** of our Lord’s purpose.

The witness and the words of so many gracious, gifted and spirit filled individuals have been mighty instruments in the ministry of Central Christian Church. **Together**, as a team we can take our faith steps toward the future. Our Lord’s purpose will become clearer as we listen, learn and pray together.

I believe in Central Christian Church as an instrument of God’s purpose in the years to come. It has been a joy to be your interim pastor for these last several months.

Much love and peace,  
Pastor Jerry Thordsen

## **God, Whose Loving Grace Knows No Ending**

One of the things I love about choral music is that you get the best of two worlds when hearing or performing it. On the one hand, you are able to hear beautiful melodies and harmonies weave in and out of each other to create these beautiful dissonances and chords, conveying a more physical manifestation of thoughts and feelings that we otherwise have trouble conveying. On the other hand, and at the same time, you also gain access to a wonderful library of poetry, texts, verses, revelations...all thoughts that make up our very human existence. It is this existence given to us that allows us to explore God’s creation and define Him through our being, interacting, thinking, and loving. Choral music has helped define these concepts for me over the years, albeit subtly until I sit down and reflect on where it has taken me in this life.

As we continue on through 2020, the news concerning the state of our nation and the world at large continues to grow ever more unusual and trepidatious. It’s difficult to not feel the burden of everything we’re dealing with as it lays upon our shoulders. While we do our best to live our lives as servants of God and messengers of God’s word, we also have to struggle more than what we’re used to maintain this sense of discipleship. In order to continue on, we must take the time to find refuge, stop, rest and reflect on what we’re doing, ere we lose our way. Two texts come to mind when I think of this for myself. One is Frank Ticheli’s wonderful piece, “Earth Song,” wherein he writes “music and singing shall be my refuge.” We find comfort in our songs during periods of reverence and where hope is dim. Another is the fourth stanza of the eighteenth century poem, “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree,” which is as follows: “I’m weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile; under the shadow I will of be of Jesus Christ the Appletree.” Both of these texts remind me that there is safety and refuge in God and in God’s gifts, and we must do our best not to lose sight of those during even the most difficult times.

I cannot say what will come in the following months as we continue through this pandemic. My hope is that we are able to continue with music making in new forms that will bring much-needed relief and warmth to our communities, and when it is all said and done we may rest for a while before continuing on. May God’s love and endless grace shine on us and guide us we go forth from this day on.

Judson Lee

## Welcome to Rev. Josh Patty

**New Regional Minister and President  
of the Christian Church in the Upper  
Midwest**



Rev. Josh Patty has been called to serve as the next Regional Minister and President for the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest. He will begin his work with the region on October 1, 2020. Rev. Patty comes to the Upper Midwest having served congregations in Illinois, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Kansas City, most recently as the Senior Minister at Eastgate Christian Church in Independence, Missouri.

Rev. Patty was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, the oldest of four children. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School and was ordained in the Illinois/Wisconsin Region in 2007. He is in the process of becoming an Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Trainer and has served as Chair of the Kansas City Region's Ordination and Standing Commission. In addition to these ministry passions, he has loved reading and singing since before he can remember and is an unabashed movie fan and a student of U.S. History. He met his wife, Rev. Sara Patty, at a clergy gathering and they will be relocating to the Upper Midwest with their two boys, Caleb (3 1/2) and Isaiah (1).

The Regional Minister Search Committee was immediately struck by Josh's deep sense of collegiality and partnership in ministry. As they got to know Josh through the search process, they saw evidence of his deep love for God and his faithfulness to the Gospel and were impressed with how he beautifully articulates the central role of the Table in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and in his own theology. The search committee believes that he will be an asset in helping our region create long-term goals, sustainable systems and plans for the future. They also believe that he will be a reassuring pastoral presence to our region's ministers and to congregations in conflict or crisis.

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Patty and his family to our region and offer your prayers for them and the region during this transition.

## Veteran Outreach

First of all, I want to say a **huge thank you to all that have been helping fill our Veteran's barrel**. 2020 has been such a hard year for all of us, but the Veterans are in need just like the rest of us that have fallen on extra hard and trying times. But let us remember there is always someone worse off than we are. These are the people that have given so selflessly to make sure we have our freedom, to ensure that we continue to have the freedom to choose our religions, attend the churches of our choice, and our right to live in our country where we are allowed to live with our freedoms.

I visited the Americans for Independent Living today and spoke with Teresa to see if there was anything they were in dire need of. Right now they have a huge need for cleaning supplies. Otherwise please help by bringing any non-perishable food items. At this time, we are basically the only food they are receiving for their food pantry. **Anything that you can bring is so appreciated.**

## Note From Your Moderators

Good things continue to happen here at Central. Jerry continues to bless us with inspiring services every Sunday and making calls to those with needs, Judson and Mike continue to supply us with music ministry both in service and online and filling in whenever there is a need. Thank you to Emma Stoffer for sharing her beautiful voice with us and being our vocalist this last Sunday.

Last Sunday we were happy to see 57 worshippers attending service which continues to grow. Just a reminder also with half the pews being roped off for social distancing we have the balcony available to sit also. We look forward to the time when everyone else will be able to join us again. Those of you who don't feel comfortable returning yet, know you are missed!

Pastors Anna and Henry are here and moved into their apartment. Unfortunately, the day they moved in so did the cold weather. Hopefully, we can get a few warmer days before winter hits and give them some time to acclimate to it. They will officially start their responsibilities Nov. 1, but have agreed to join us this week already for some meetings. It is so good to see them again!

From the Search Committee: Bev Olds, Mike Deters, Brent Thomas, Niki Annis, Sue Geisler: We have completed our work for the congregation and now are history. Anna and Henry are here and ready to jump in with us. The committee will transition to Pastoral Relations Committee and will meet with Anna and Henry monthly. We thank you all for your support, guidance and patience as we moved to find Anna and Henry.

Just a reminder, we locked the lower entrance at 9:35 a few times last year to discourage strangers from coming in and going thru coat pockets for car keys during service as some churches had experienced. Ministry Council does not feel comfortable with locking the door during service so...Remember to keep your car keys, key fobs with you. This has not been an issue for us so far, but I am hearing there are increases in auto thefts lately in surrounding communities, not necessarily churches.

Thank you to all those that participated in the soup sale. Many chipped in, went to work planning, making noodles, picking chicken, making soup and distributing. I am attaching a sheet that Marilynn typed up to show the harvest of your hard work. Well done everyone!

NO BAZAAR 2020!!! Marian Cook will be making jams and jellies and a raffle item to sell at church as you come through in November. And anticipate what will come in December for No Bazaar 2020—Bob's toffee, truffles, fudge and more. We will keep you posted. So save your calories for December!!!

Mike and Bev

## Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU to Lani Yates for covering the office while I was gone. She is a definite blessing to Central Christian and she kept my mind at ease knowing that the office was in great hands. Thank you to Bev Olds and Toots Weston as well for handling the finances. Also, thank you to everyone that called, sent me a note and prayed for me while I was sick. I am feeling much better and so happy to be back in the office.

Blessings to all,  
Robin

### THANK YOU!

#### TO ALL OF CENTRAL'S SOUP SUPPORTERS!

With all of your help .... if you were a cook, a seller, a buyer, a background supporter, and so many others ..... you were all needed to make the soup sale a huge success! At least 446 quarts were sold - WOW! Hey Team --- Give yourselves a pat on the back. PS: Still 20-25 quarts of Ham & Bean available for sale.

## Thank You!

Thank you to Bob Mayfield for cutting down the two trees out by our electronic sign. Thank you to Kevin Rose and crew for hauling away the tree debris and the stumps. Also, thank you to Wayne Sparks for trimming some of our other trees. Their hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you to all!!!!

## Thank You!

Many, Many Thanks dear Central Christian Church Family, Our lives have been blessed so much by the generosity of this community of faith. Your prayers, support, worship help and participation, council and encouragement have been received with much gratitude. Vicki and I are touched by your giving spirit and we thank you for the gift card which we will enjoy. Our prayers and love are constant for each of you.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Jerry

## WELCOME!

We welcome Anna and Henry Brewer-Calvert to the Central Christian Church Family. We are so excited that you have arrived in Waterloo. Their address is 141 Rapids Square #10 Waterloo, Iowa 50702.

Anna's email is [annamarie94@gmail.com](mailto:annamarie94@gmail.com).  
Anna's phone number is 1-919-920-5675

Henry's email is [henrybc7@gmail.com](mailto:henrybc7@gmail.com)  
Henry's phone number is 1-770-595-4467.

With the arrival of Anna and Henry, please remember to wear your nametags, so that they can get to know us.

Again, we are so excited to have you here and we look forward to your ministry!



## Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. We would like to do something special to show how much we appreciate all they have sacrificed for us. If you remember last year we were able to put together 50 shoe boxes filled with hygiene products. This year we would like to be able to give each of the Veterans a treat to show how much we appreciate all they have done for us.

When I talked to Teresa at the Americans for Independent Living, I asked how many Veterans they have as regular clients that they help each month. She said they have approximately 35 that are in need for sure each month and with new vets that need help, they usually help at least a minimum of 50 each month.

What we would like to do this year if give them bags of M&Ms. We thought 12.6-ounce size would be a good size for this. We would love to have a goal of 50 of these that we could donate to them. We would like to take them over before Veteran's Day. So, if we could have as many donated by Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will take them that Monday. We will plan on finding a good saying or Bible verse to put on each of the bags with our church name, address and time of Sunday service. There just may be someone out there that we could reach that may feel welcome enough to come and give our church a try.

Thank you in advance,  
Your Outreach Committee



## Prayer Concerns Please pray for.....

Kevin Evans	Charlie Mims
Shannon	Reva Fredin
Charlotte Parks	Anita Neessen
Rick Fairbanks	Benjamin Wellborn
Wilma Johnson	Travis Geisler
Sue Geisler	L. Brent Cantrell
Buzz Blake	Bill Kammeyer
Bill Mims	Zeke Bessire
Mary Canfield	Tammy Newcomb
Ron Greenley	Ashley Arnold
Gloria Kammeyer	Rose Marie Wood
Mark Sawyer	Rachel Kahn
Jaxton Engstrom	Kevin Johnson
Wayne Sparks	Alyssa Newcomb
Keri Hayes	Elda Watson
Ralph Hocken	Ann Kirk
Rickieana	Dawsyn Nichols
Lennyn Nichols	Victoria Kollmann
Matt Schimmel	Jayce Wright
All poor and oppressed people across the world	
Children of Yemen and other war zones	
All military personnel	



# NOVEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9:30 am Worship Welcome Anna & Henry! 10:30 am Elders Meeting	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 9 am—Noon Sew What Group	<i>4</i> 5:30 pm Frog Pad	<i>5</i> 10:30am Worship Review 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 9:30 am Worship	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 5:30 pm Frog Pad	<i>12</i> 10:30am Worship Review 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Ministry Council Meeting	<i>16</i> Noon—Connector article due	<i>17</i> 9 am—Noon Sew What Group	<i>18</i> 5:30 pm Frog Pad	<i>19</i> 10:30am Worship Review 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 9:30 am Worship	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 	<i>27</i> Office Closed.	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 9:30 am Worship	<i>30</i>					

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Pre-Orders received (due date 10/5/20!)

Ham and Bean	59 quarts	( ~ 95 made – 25 left )
Vegetable Beef	63 quarts	( 63 made – all sold )
Chili	30 quarts	( 37 made – all sold)
Chicken 'n Noodles	187 quarts	( 216 made – all sold)

---

Total: 386 quarts @ \$6.00 / quart = \$2,316.00

---

Sloppy Joes 60 quarts  
Total: 60 quarts @ \$8.00 / quart = \$480.00

---

Judy McVey ---- Ham & Bean cook  
Niki Annis ----- Vegetable Beef cook  
MariLynn Pierce/Rachel Crow ----- Chili and Sloppy Joes  
Everyone! ----- Chicken and Noodles

Sales tracker / Spread Sheet ----- Rachel Crow  
Money Managers ----- Toots Weston / Peggy Moore  
"Floor Manager" ----- Linda Sharp

Chili and Sloppy Joes – made and frozen by 10/8/20

**Noodle Zoo** scheduled for 10/17/20

Terrific Team!! 100# hindquarters + 9# boneless breasts / 10 cooking pots / 28 gallons broth / 26 batches of noodles / 13 finished pots / 35# flour / 11 dozen eggs / 4 quarts cream / 216 quarts finished / 4 bags of cooked & picked chicken in freezer

With the high number of C/N ordered – organized a last minute **mini-zoo** on Monday 1/12/20 ... 3:00-5:30. 60 # Chicken / 14 batches noodles / 14 gallons broth / completed 77 quarts – all picked up/delivered same day

Everything ready for delivery by 10/17-18/20

## CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Disciples of Christ"  
3475 Kimball Avenue  
Waterloo, IA 50702  
(319) 234-6231

## Touching Others For Christ

### SERVING IN NOVEMBER

#### COMMUNION FILL & WASH

1 Carrie Hageman  
8 Carrie Hageman  
15 Carrie Hageman  
22 Sue Geisler  
29 Sue Geisler

#### DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Anita Neessen  
Lower: Lani Yates

#### ELDERS SERVING

1 Wendy Brudevold  
8 Mike Deters  
15 Brent Thomas  
22 Toots Weston  
29 Shiela Carlson

#### 2nd VISITING ELDER

Brent Thomas  
Toots Weston  
Shiela Carlson  
Dave Kane  
Larry Durchenwald

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Frances Dillon	23 Kayla Millar
03 Barbara Moeller	24 Vicki Thordsen
03 Abigail Hayes	24 Justin Thomas
03 Wayne Riddle	24 Wendy Jordan
03 Mary Cleope	26 Karen Hanson
05 Carol Mayfield	26 Henry Brewer-Calvert
09 Carolyn Sapp	29 Sondra Dyer
10 Dave McVey	29 Jack Bullock
13 Pam Durrwachter	29 Stephanie Hoppe
16 Don Shellenberger	
16 Phyllis Zager	
20 Cindy Wagner	
22 Lexi Derifield	
22 Jack Mussett	

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12 Jared & Stephanie Hoppe  
29 Dave & Judy McVey

