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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Central United Church of Christ continues to be a hub of activity, with many activities going on and many hours of involvement from our congregation. I want to thank everyone who is getting involved and contributing in so many ways. If you want to enjoy your church even more, increase your pride in CUCC, and/or have more comradery with fellow Christians, I highly recommend you join in the fun with some of these activities. While many of the activities we classify as volunteer "work", I can tell you from firsthand experience and feedback from quite a few others, this "work" is very enjoyable and often turns into more fun than work. If you haven't been involved in some activity yet, I guarantee everyone involved would welcome your participation and help. Just take the most difficult step, get started. I promise you won't regret it.

If you haven't heard, Rev. Scott is now coming to Central two days a week. In addition to Sundays, she is coming to the office on Thursdays as well. This allows her to have face to face communication and coordination with everyone to prepare for the Sunday services. She is also visiting with folks in the hospitals, homebound members, and anyone else that has a need or desire to speak with her. We have already received very positive feedback from members of the congregation and Rev. Scott on this extra day at Central. I greatly appreciate Rev. Scott being willing to make the long drive and continue to help lead our church in so many ways.

Central conducted another very successful garage sale and a breakfast bonanza in May. In addition, another outstanding performance was performed by the Southside Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Patrick Clark. While the garage sale and breakfast bonanza are part of our fundraising efforts, more importantly each of these activities brings in well over 100 people into our church from around the community. At each event we are now seeing some familiar returnees as well as new faces. These are great community outreach events, opportunities to introduce new people to CUCC, and opportunities for us to work and socialize together.

June 9 will be a big day for Central. On that Pentecost Sunday, we will graduate our first confirmation class in probably 5 years. We have three confirmands (Bailey Higgins, Logan Kujath, and Olivia Scrivner) who are working hard with Rev. Scott to complete their assignments and be ready for this confirmation. I congratulate the confirmands, the families of the confirmands, and Rev. Scott for getting this confirmation class completed. It is great to see these young people working hard, learning, and getting involved in our church.

Also on the evening of June 9, we are going to put on an ice cream social. This is open to the public as another opportunity to bring people from the community into Central Church and as a fundraising activity. We plan to have homemade ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade pies and cakes, and several side dishes. I hope this grows into at least an annual event and becomes one of our biggest outreach and fundraising activities going forward. Please spread the word and plan to come to either help, eat, or both. I really look forward to this fun event (and the homemade ice cream and pies).

The Search and Call process continues to show little progress. The committee is continuing to meet to discuss other avenues or processes for identifying potential candidates. Several people who have gone through this process have encouraged us to be patient. We are in great hands with Rev. Scott and that helps us to not have to rush into anything. It is definitely more important that we get this right than to just get it done soon. Please continue to be patient and help me and the rest of the Search and Call committee to be patient. I know there is someone out there that would be a great fit for Central Church.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention or to one of the Council members.

Have a great summer,

Warren Witt
Council President

FESTIVAL OF SHARING KITS

JUNE

During the month of June, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the CWS Cleanup Bucket. We have 6 buckets that are not complete. Donated items must be exactly as shown below.

We need the following items to finish the buckets:

Non-aerosol insect repellent, 6-9 oz.

Reusable cleaning wipes (i.e. easy wipes)

*Heavy-duty or contractor type trash bags, size 30-45 gallon
in a roll*

*Liquid household cleaner 12-16 oz. (must be water
mixable to spray bottles)*

Liquid disinfectant dish soap



JULY

Missouri Youth Personal Care Packs:

The Festival of Sharing office had a lot of the items for the Youth Personal Care Packs but not enough to complete them. The Mission and Outreach Ministry volunteered to take 100 of these packs. Thanks to the WIGS Circle, we were able to purchase the drawstring bags to place the items inside. These packs go to teenagers who have been removed from a home because of bad circumstances, and also to homeless teenagers. Please place your items in our box in the narthex. Items donated must be exactly as shown below. We need the following items to complete these packs:

Box or jar of medicated facial cleansing pads (such as Stridex, Dollar General \$3)

Travel-size hair conditioner

Journal - when school supplies go on sale these should be reasonable

Men's body spray (such as Axe)

If anyone would like to donate money, we will shop the sales for items to complete the packs. You may contact Susan Poettgen with any questions at susan.poettgen@gmail.com or call 573-298-4515.

FAITH IN ACTION

JUNE MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE **Habitat for Humanity**

Most of us know of the good work of Habitat for Humanity, a not-for-profit agency, that allows people who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford their own home become homeowners through low-cost loans and sweat equity. Through the work of volunteers and generosity of suppliers and contractors, neighborhoods are improving and lives are changing. When River City Habitat builds a house here, it tithes to Habitat for Humanity International. Those funds are used to build homes in other parts of the world. Funds tithed from Jefferson City have built houses in places such as Mozambique, Afghanistan and Ethiopia. Please contribute to the June benevolence envelope; and remember that the Habitat Re-Store is always looking for donated items like home décor, gently used furniture, kitchen appliances, and washers and dryers.

JULY MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE **Samaritan Center**

The Samaritan Center is much more than a food pantry: they offer clothing and household items, a dental clinic available by appointment, free medical clinic open on Thursday evenings, prescription assistance, diabetic or nutritional needs, vouchers for special wound care, adult disposable undergarments, information and assistance on legal matters for low-income persons, professional assistance with filing taxes and obtaining refunds, Valentines that children can use to hand out at school, Easter baskets for children, Halloween costumes for children, Santa's Workshop which helps provide parents and caregivers with two gifts for each child for Christmas (these are people who do not qualify for adoption by groups and individuals but can't afford the extra cost of buying Christmas

presents), fans during the summer months, utility assistance when funds are available, rent assistance for special circumstances, and vouchers for gas to medical appointments. Your contribution to the Samaritan Center helps them provide these items for those in need.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is helping sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on July 23, from 11:00am—6:00pm in the church gym. Red Cross is looking for volunteers to staff the canteen and the registration table. Cookies for the canteen are also needed. Sign-up sheets will be in the bulletin when the date gets closer. Please consider helping, and donating blood if possible. If you plan to donate blood on July 23, your last day to donate at other locations is May 28 so that you'll be eligible to give blood at Central's drive. If you have questions, or can volunteer, contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515 or email susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The 2019 Summer Lunch Program is being held at Second Christian Church again this year. It will run from May 28 through August 23. Sack lunches will be provided every day during the week while school is out for children ages 17 and under. We have been asked to help with this program. Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex (NO nuts please). Money can also be donated for help with purchasing meat for the sandwiches.

Donation Suggestions: pudding cups, Jello cups, fruit cups, fruit snacks, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, potato chips/other chips, juices, Kool-Aid packets, bottled waters.

OUR SHARED LIFE

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AT VBS

Top Ten Reasons you might be LURED to help with Vacation Bible School:

10. PIER pressure
9. Nine out of ten DOCKS say that helping with VBS is good for your SOLE
8. The only WADERS you don't have to tip
7. VBS is a REEL fun o-CAJUN ... and we BOAT know it!
6. All the hip FUNGIs are helping with VBS
5. Where else CANOE eat what BUGS you?
4. The LURE of wearing DOCKers and CROCs ... WATER you waiting for?
3. Trust me ... you don't want me tracking you down with BAITED breath
2. Kids will be led to God ... BAYOU

And the #1 reason you might be HOOKed ...

1. We're dealing with crocodiles ...

Can you give a hand?

If you'd like to volunteer, please complete the form on page 7.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with snacks for SPO. All items were appreciated.

*Susan Poettgen, Chair
Mission & Outreach Ministry*

90+ BIRTHDAYS

To our knowledge, there are no "90+ Birthdays" in June or July. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the office.

CELEBRATION OF MEN DINNER

On Tuesday, June 11, the Elenor Circle will be hosting a dinner in honor of all the men of Central Church. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children age 5-12, and under 5 are free. Please make your reservations by calling the church office at 635-1041 by June 7. The dinner will be served at 5:30.

FAITH FORMATION

During June, July, and part of August, we will not be holding regular Sunday School for children, and will resume with our normal schedule on Rally Day, August 25. Watch for special Faith Formation youth activities throughout the summer at all-church events, and some designated dates during the weeks. We'll post the events in the bulletin, Facebook, and on the website. If you have questions, contact a Faith Formation Ministry member: Amber Gonzales, Patti Schmutzler, Rene Miserez, Jeanne Woodward, Joni Witt and Judy Creed.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 18, 2019

- Lawn mowing is now being done by church members. Please contact David Kohler if you would like to help
- Members continue to clean the church. If you wish to help in any way, please contact Larry Long.
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
 - Ice Cream Social held on Sunday, June 9
 - Red Cross Blood Drive, July 23, in church gym
 - Oktoberfest Meal, Friday, September 27
- Next Council meeting is Thursday, May 16, 7:00pm in the church library.

Respectfully submitted,
Freda Maness
Council Secretary

WIGS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 2, 2019, the Women In God's Service Circle (WIGS) will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. All women who have ever been members of the WIGS are invited to sit together for the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Central Church. There will be a reception in the Parlor following the service. Please RSVP to Jeanne Kujath at Kujathsweb@aol.com or Cindy Sullivan at CASullivan4@Gmail.com.

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will hold their June meeting at noon on Tuesday, June 25th. Please come and bring a dish. Watch for more information about the program which will be announced later. There will be no meeting in July.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

May 7, 2019

- ◆ Ten men met and ordered pizza.
- ◆ Discussed the following:
 - Setting up tables for Breakfast Bonanza
 - Painting stencil on curb
 - June 4th Brotherhood Meeting—election of officers, having ice cream & strawberries
 - June 9th Ice Cream Social—also serving hot dogs & hamburgers from 5:00—7:00; cost is \$10 for adults
 - Golf Tournament—letter to hole sponsors, will talk to Boy Scouts about serving meal

Carl Ernst, Secretary

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 5-7 PM



Homemade
Ice Cream

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Desserts

Side Dishes

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All are welcome ... kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends

Vacation Bible School

July 8 – 12

9:30am – 12:00pm

Are you ready to sink your teeth into big fun? That's what we're going to do at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! Kids age 4 through those just completed 5th grade are invited to join us on our VBS bayou adventure. You'll get to be part of Bible stories and everything goes along with the theme ... crafts, games, music, and even snacks. Plus, God sightings will help you discover how to see God.

At Crocodile Dock, we're going to explore MIRACLES ... the big stuff God did to make himself known. A burning bush. An assault of plagues. Jesus' resurrection. But we're also going to discover God's little miracles ... things that show God's love in everyday life.

Contact Rene with questions ... 694-6022 or bellsic@aol.com. It's gonna be a romp in the swamp ... bring a friend to sit BAYOU and we'll see you there!

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Name:

Age/Grade finished:

Address:

Phone #:

Emergency name/number:

Email address:

Allergies or other special considerations:



CANOE help at VBS

so we're not so SWAMPed?

July 8 – 12

9:30am – 12:00pm

It's time to get our **volunteers** HOOKED up for Vacation Bible School. Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a spot for you.

Crew Guides ... Travel with a group of 5-6 kids through the day's activities ... and there's no preparation! The small groups allow one-on-one interaction and help the kids connect with God.

Station Leaders ... Scripted manuals help you prepare. Bible Adventure (puts the kids *in* the Bible story), Chadder (applies the Bible story), Crafts, Games, and Snacks are all pre-planned and theme-related.

General Help ... Daily floaters are always needed. We especially need someone to be our Pharaoh on Tuesday, July 9 (the plagues are coming!).

Decorations ... Most of it is done already, but there will be a few things to work on.

Decorations Set-up ... FRIDAY, July 5. Plan to meet at 9:30 a.m.

Closing program lunch ... Sunday, July 14. We need people to help serve and several for kitchen clean-up.

Not sure how to help? Let me know what your interests are.

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VBS will run July 8-12 from 9:30-12:00. If you can help during VBS, which days are you available?

How CANOE help?

Name/phone #:

Comments:

(Contact Rene at 694-6022 or bellsic@aol.com to sign up)

SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



The Southside Philharmonic Orchestra performed their "Kings of Classical: Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven" concert on May 17 to rousing applause. From the might and momentousness of Haydn to the effervescent joy of Mozart to the sheer magnitude and magnificence of Beethoven, the SPO took attendees on a spiritual and emotional journey.

Gary Sanders was masterful on the Mozart piano concerto, and as a special treat performed "Happy Birthday", in the style of Liberace, to celebrate what would have been the 100th birthday of that legendary pianist on May 16. It was truly a spectacular performance.

Thank you to our fans who continue to come out and support us. Thank you to our donors and sponsors who help to make all of this possible. Please, support these businesses and let them know you appreciate their support of arts programs in this community. Thank you to the members of Central United Church of Christ who step up to help in so many ways whenever asked. Thank you to our musicians, who continue to provide their time and talents to share such beautiful music with the world. Thank you to Patrick Clark and the SPO Board for continuing to dream. We are off for the summer, but we look forward to seeing all of you again on Friday, October 11, 2019 as we present "An Evening at the Opera".

As a special note, the musicians of the SPO would like to thank the Mission and Outreach Ministry and their helpers for the snacks that were provided for the dress rehearsal on Thursday evening, May 16. According to Patrick, they were astounded and pleasantly surprised at something they were obviously not expecting. They were VERY appreciative of the support that was shown to them.



SPO Musicians at the "Kings of Classical: Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven" concert, May 17.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am W.I.G.S. 50th Celebration	3	4 5:30pm Brotherhood Mission and Outreach Ministry 6:00pm	5 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Sr. Choir	6	7	8
9 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Reception for Confirmands 5:00pm Ice Cream Social	10	11 5:30pm Celebration of Men Dinner	12 9:00am Quilting 9:00am CUCC Family Time (Perkins) 7:00pm Sr. Choir	13 5:00pm Salvation Army Meal		
16 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service	17	18 1:00pm Elenor Circle	19 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 7:00pm Sr. Choir	20 5:30pm Finance Ministry 5:30pm Faith Formation Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting	21	22
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JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP USHERS

2019 Team Schedule:

January & July — (formerly Dick Kettenbrink's)
February & August — Mary Ann Wippermann
March & September — (formerly Dennis Horn's)
April & October — Carl Ernst
May & November — Monty Schmutzler
June & December — Russell Rottmann

June:

Russell Rottmann — Team Captain
Bill Graves Harry Kujath
Duane Muck Walter Rottmann (Honorary)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, June 2 — Freda Maness
Sunday, June 9 (Confirmation) — Rene Miserez

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, June 13 — Mission & Outreach Ministry

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, June 19 — Joni Witt

JULY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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July:

(team captain needed)
David Kohler Dennis Kuebler

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, July 7 — Rene Miserez

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, July 11 — Patti Schmutzler

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, July 17 — WIGS Circle

OKTOBERFEST 2019 UPDATES

Central Church's Council and the Old Munichburg Association (OMA) agreed after a discussion in late March about changing the percentage split of the Oktoberfest profits between the two groups to discontinue this partnership. Six years ago, Central Church was asked by the Old Munichburg Association (OMA) to prepare and serve the German meal after ten years of OMA preparing the meal and serving at Central Church at noon on the Saturday of Oktoberfest. Central Church members provided the manpower to help with the serving during that period of time. The agreement was that Central Church would get 60% of profits before/after meal expenses and OMA got 40%. Therefore, the Friday evening event of Oktoberfest was formed. The German meal was prepared and served by Central Church and OMA provided the outdoor entertainment (Loehing German Band from Hermann) and a beer garden was held on our church's upper parking lot. The first few years were successful. With food expense increasing and low attendance due to the weather and other events going on in Jefferson City on the same night, Central Church approached OMA about changing the profit margins. It was decided that Central Church would be responsible to continue the Friday evening event without OMA's involvement. Central Church's Council voted in February or March to have no alcohol served on our church property during our German meal. The Loehing German Band was contacted by Patti Schmutzler. The band won't be coming to play without the beer garden available plus the band members' health has resulted in the band limiting their current and future performances. Central Church will CONTINUE to have our well-known German meal on Friday, September 27th, this year. We will do our own publicity. A planning committee will be formed in early June. Let Patti Schmutzler know if you're interested in helping or to ask any questions you may have.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			9:00am Quilting	Office Closed for Independence Day	VBS Set-Up	VBS Set-Up
8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship	9:30am Vacation Bible School	9:30am Vacation Bible School 6:00pm Mission & Outreach Ministry	9:00am Quilting 9:00am CUCC Family Time (Perkins) 9:30am Vacation Bible School	9:30am Vacation Bible School 5:00pm Salvation Army Meal	9:30am Vacation Bible School	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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			9:00am Quilting			
28	29	30	31			

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to our community, and to our world.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

8:30am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Coffee Hour
9:30am Children's Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service

Ministers..... Every Member
Pulpit Supply Minister..... Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music..... Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director Rene Miserez
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