



# TOWER

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## Other Worlds

I've written about stones, geese, my cat. I see examples of God's genius, and God's delight in the creation, in all sorts of things. I love to go down to the stream bed that cuts through our backyard in the winter months when the poison ivy is asleep and the leaves are off the trees. It is SO quiet! Another world; a world I could not access in the lush density of Summer.

When we lived in Rhode Island, I loved to scuba dive. I'd go down to the bottom of the salt pond that lay between the barrier beach and the mainland. There the eels had beautiful long eyelashes and would swim lazily away as I approached, the flounder, supposedly hidden by a blanket of sand would watch, unmoving, with one wary eye as I floated just above. Scallops appeared to employ a rocket thrust with a visual clapping of shells to stay just out of reach, seahorses just sat upright in the gentle tidal current that filled and emptied our pond each day and looked back at me as I looked at them. Another world.

Recently Bob bought a microscope to use when teaching Sunday School, and I was introduced to yet another world. Now when I go out walking, I look for fossils, beautiful quartz crystals or lichen on bark near the driveway or on our previously annoying chip 'n' seal road. I, who never took Biology, find myself absolutely enthralled by a micro world, yet another of those worlds God created but which I would not be able to see without a special tool be it microscope or scuba gear.

One's perspective seems to change when exposed to another world. One's perspective tends to change when we begin to see as God sees! The Prophet Jonah wrote: "You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?' The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O LORD my God."

How many more worlds? How many more opportunities to see God's love, to share God's love! May we be given ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to love. Amen.

*Judy*

**VERSE OF THE MONTH:** "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." John 10:16



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 12-16

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Invite your grandkids, friends, neighbors, cousins, and get ready for a great adventure erupting with fun! Our Vacation Bible School theme this year is "Lava Lava Island ... Where Jesus' Love Flows." It's going to be a blast!

===== **Volunteers: We need you to save those dates, too!** =====

Crew Leaders — experience VBS with the kids

Station Leaders — 20-minute small-group sessions that get repeated AND everything is pre-planned and scripted Bible adventures, applying the theme for the day, crafts, games, or snacks

General Help — help to fill out our Bible experiences or floaters where needed

To volunteer, please contact Rene Miserez, Young Youth Director, at 694-6022 or email [bellsic@aol.com](mailto:bellsic@aol.com).

## RUMMAGE SALE

August 7

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for August 5th, 6th, and 7th! Central Church will once again hold its annual **Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 7, beginning at 7:00am.**

You may begin dropping off rummage sale donations in the gym on Sunday, August 1st. This year we're focusing on back-to-school items for elementary through college ages. We are particularly in need of clothing for boys and girls in every size and season. Please make sure all clothing is clean and in good condition. And don't forget to bring household items, books, DVDs, CDs, hobby & craft items, small electronics, linens, toys, puzzles, collectibles, furniture, outdoor things, mini-fridges, microwaves, and flat screen TVs. (Please no computers or printers.)



Central Church is extremely appreciative of the time and effort from the Spencer gals who coordinate this event together. It takes many volunteers, and folks are needed to help with set-up on Thursday, August 5th and Friday, August 6th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. (Feel free to come as go as your schedule allows.) Then on Saturday, August 7, the day of the sale, your help is requested beginning at 6:45am. After the close of the sale at 1:00pm, please stay to help with clean-up, taking down everything, and transporting remaining items to Goodwill. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call and leave a message with Carole or Sondra .

Carole Spencer 635-6580; Sondra Spencer 694-5588

## **JUNE BENEVOLENCE**

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Most of us know about 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 through low-cost loans and sweat equity. With the work of volunteers and generosity of suppliers and contractors, neighborhoods are improving and lives are changing. Your contribution in the June benevolence envelope will help Habitat for Humanity make dreams come true in our community. The Habitat Re-Store is always looking for donated items to sell, including gently used furniture, home décor, kitchen appliances, and washers and dryers.

## **JULY BENEVOLENCE**

### **Samaritan Center**

The Samaritan Center is one of many blessings in Jefferson City, providing food, clothing, utility assistance, dental and medical treatment and other special programs, such as tax assistance to those in our community who are in need. Central Church has been a supporter of Samaritan Center for well over twenty years. Canned and packaged goods left in the barrel by the office are delivered on a regular basis to the Samaritan Center, and our annual monetary contribution is always deeply appreciated. Please consider giving a donation through the Blue Benevolence Envelope this month.

## **2021 RELAY FOR LIFE COLE COUNTY**

Wondering if there is going to be a Relay for Life Cole County in 2021? The answer is yes, and Central UCC Women's team will once again be participating. At this time, the only team member is Mary Ann Wippermann. If you would like to join the team, contact Mary Ann at [mlwipper@embarqmail.com](mailto:mlwipper@embarqmail.com) or 636-3685 and she can help get you registered.

To keep everyone safe and healthy, including the cancer survivors, the Relay will again have a different

look. It will be a drive-in/drive-up style event held on Friday, August 6, outside at the Capital Mall, starting at 7:30 p.m., and will include survivor recognition, sponsor recognition, and more, ending with the luminaria ceremony. Like last year, the silent auction will be held online from 7:00 p.m. on August 1 through 7:00 p.m. on August 8. The website for the auction will be [32auctions.com/rflcolemo](http://32auctions.com/rflcolemo). Central UCC Women's team hopes to provide one or more items for the auction.

Please check out the Relay's website at [www.relayforlife.org/colemo](http://www.relayforlife.org/colemo), or Facebook page, [@rflcolemo](https://www.facebook.com/rflcolemo) for more information about the event. If you wish to make a donation or provide a luminaria in honor of a survivor, contact Mary Ann Wippermann.

## **FESTIVAL OF SHARING**

### **June/July Kit**

During June and July, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will continue collecting for the CWS Cleanup Bucket. If you would like to donate money, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will shop for supplies. If you donate items, all cleaning supplies must be new — please place them in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be EXACTLY as listed below:

- \*\*1 bottle of liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz.)  
Must be water mixable. (no spray bottles)
- \*\*1 **non aerosol** insect repellent (6-9 oz.)
- \*\*Clothesline 1- 100 ft., or 2- 50 ft. lines
- \*\*2 pairs non-surgical latex gloves  
Should be durable for multiple uses.  
(remove packaging)
- \*\*1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden)
- \*\*1— 50 oz. liquid laundry detergent  
(bottles only)
- \*\*1 liquid disinfectant dish soap (16-18 oz.)
- \*\*18 reusable cleaning wipes (like easy wipes)
- \*\*7 sponges, including 1 large sponge
- \*\*24–48 **heavy-duty or contractor** type trash bags,  
sized 36-45 gallon in a roll  
(remove cardboard packaging)

## 85+ BIRTHDAYS



### JUNE

#### **Margaret Norment (6/09)**

3903 Route J  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

#### **Bob Stumpe (6/21)**

1110 Major Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

#### **Rosemarie Sachs (6/30)**

1216 Bald Hill Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

(To our knowledge, there are no 85+ birthdays in July)

## SANDER'S FARM

Have you thought about a weekend camping trip this summer? A good place to start would be at the church's Sander's Farm. You could camp by the pavilion and be close to the fire ring, restrooms, electricity and kitchen. (Sorry, there's no hot water.) You could hike over the area, visit Vesper Point, fish in the lake or Moreau River. And in season, you can hunt and also pick gooseberries and blackberries.

If you'd like to spend a day out at the farm, or camp overnight, all you need to do is call the church office at 573-635-1041 to reserve the pavilion and to pickup a key. Take this opportunity to enjoy the beautiful outdoors at Sander's Farm.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY

Congregational Life Ministry is restarting the following activities listed below:

Dominoes – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning June 2, 1:00pm, in the Friendship Room.

Card Games – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning June 9, 1:00pm, in the Friendship Room.

"After Church Meal" – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, beginning June 20, following worship. (Meal provided by a church group with a free-will offering. Volunteer groups are needed for August, September, November, December – contact Karen Howser or Faye Rinaldi.)

In addition to these activities, the famous KC Wolf – Dan Meers (mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs), will be a speaker at our church on Saturday, July 31, at 3:00pm. Watch for more information to follow.

If you have any questions, or have other ideas to share, please contact Karen Howser at 573-680-5011, or Faye Rinaldi at 573-619-3339.

## CAMP AURORA SUMMER DATES

SATURDAY WORKDAYS (9:00am — 1:00pm):  
June 5, June 19, June 26

SUMMER CAMPS: Senior High: July 4-10; Junior High/Middle High: July 11-16; Junior: July 18-23; Primary: July 25-28

## BROTHERHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

### May 4, 2021

- ◆ Five men met and enjoyed pizza.
- ◆ Discussion was held on the following: trip to Camp Aurora to replace the roof on Cabin Shadrack; golf tournament; removing some shrubs around the church; and repairing the hole in the parking lot.
- ◆ The Boy Scouts will serve our meal in June.

Carl Ernst, Secretary

# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30pm Brotherhood	2 1:00pm Dominoes 6:15pm Bell Choir	3	4	5 9:00am Camp Aurora Workday
6 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 11:00am Congregational Meeting	7	8 1:00pm Card Games 6:15pm Bell Choir	9	10 5:00pm Salvation Army Meal	11	12
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## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### USHER SCHEDULE

January/July	Mary Ann Wippermann Team
February/August	TEAM CAPTAIN NEEDED (Leo & Harold)
March/September	Carl Ernst Team
April/October	Monty Schmutzler Team
May/November	Russell Rottmann Team
June/December	TEAM CAPTAIN NEEDED (David, Dennis, Gary, Warren)

#### JUNE:

*(Team Captain needed...)*

David Kohler	Dennis Kuebler
Gary Siebern	Warren Witt

#### JULY:

*Mary Ann Wippermann — Team Captain*

Freda Maness	Rene Miserez
Norma Rice	Mary Sundermeyer
Gwen Vieth	

### SALVATION ARMY MEAL

June 10 — Mission & Outreach Ministry  
July 8 — Parlor Class

### MEALS ON WHEELS

June 16 — Joni Witt  
July 21 — W.I.G.S. Circle

## “TOWER” DEADLINE

Please email your articles and pictures for the **August “Tower”** issue by Thursday, July 15. You can email them to [office@centralucc.com](mailto:office@centralucc.com). Thank you.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 20, 2021

- The General Fund balances are staying steady, and expenses are less than budgeted.
- Search and Call Committee recommends that Central United Church of Christ withdraws from the United Church of Christ and returns to our previous name of Central Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Council voted to take this to the congregation for discussion and possible vote. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have two congregational meetings, June 6 & June 13 to discuss their findings.
- The water fountain at the bottom of the stairs will be replaced.
- The damaged portion of the parking lot by the trash container is being repaired.
- Patti will be sending letters to prospective young people who could go to Camp Aurora.
- A trolley tour is being arranged to see Christmas lights. Stay tuned for details.
- A Diaper drive is planned for August 29 in conjunction with the Capital City Diaper Bank.
- KC Wolf (Dan Meers) is the mascot for the Kansas City Chiefs. He is also an inspiration and motivational speaker. We plan to have him come to Central UCC on July 31 to give us his inspirational talk. Stay tuned for details.
- Central UCC will be serving the German meal September 24th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm which is the Friday before the Oktoberfest.
- We have agreed to man the Old Munichburg food stand at the Oktoberfest on September 25 from 9am to 5pm. We will have 4-5 people work 2-hour shifts.
- There will be a tour of historic buildings in Jefferson City Sunday, September 12 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Our church is going to be included in this tour.
- Brotherhood will be removing the bushes that are beside the sidewalk between the church and where the parsonage was. They will also remove those along the rail where the parking lot is. Some are dead and some are overgrown.
- Masks are now optional, we can start singing and will put hymnals and Bibles back in the pews.
- Due to delays for roofing materials, the flat roof may not be completed until Fall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joyce Mutert, Council Secretary

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service	5 Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day	6	7 1:00pm Dominoes	8 4:30pm Salvation Army Meal	9	10
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as we reach out to each other,  
to our community, and to our world.

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Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Judith Scott  
Young Youth Director .....Rene Miserez  
Organist ..... Shirley Klein  
Bell Choir Director .....Rene Miserez

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

10:00am    Worship Service