

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

8 Glenn Pipes
13 Kaylee Webb
13 Annah Anderson
14 Elaine Higgins
16 Dennis Hill
25 Nona Wennerberg
26 Sheena Jarvey
27 Brad Skaer
31 Kathy McKerrow

Anniversaries

2 Randy & Sheryl Knowles
10 Royden & Connie Levi
23 Bill & LeAnn Budeski



WWOW (Wild Women of the West)

Disciples Women, grab your calendars! We are planning our second ALL WOMEN Interregional event. If you are longing for the company of other women, desire to deepen your spiritual walk, and want to be connected to amazing Disciples women across the West, then mark down June 12-14, 2020 in your calendars. We will all descend on Las Vegas for our Interregional event....we can't wait.

The theme is "Seeking God's Grace in the Desert" with confirmed keynote speakers Rev. LaTaunya Bynum and Rev. Lori Tapia, who will enliven you with their passion for the Gospel. Come to the desert with us in 2020 and find the grace you are seeking.

Early Registration is due by February 1, 2020...so sign up now! You can register at <https://www.discipleswow.com/>

Thank You!

Thank you for the book that lets me know what happens after the Handmaid's Tale! I appreciate the generous Christmas gift—we'll use the money for expenses with our Global Ministries assignment and remember your faithful partnership! Pastor Ron

THE VIEW



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Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Greene, Senior Minister
Ruth Lindabury, Church Administrator

The mission of Central Christian Church
is to empower people for Christ's
ministries in their daily lives:

January 2020

VISION STATEMENT

To be an inclusive people living God's radical love
that challenges all to grow in faith and mission.

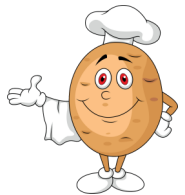


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POTATO BAKE

12:00 PM SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Join us after church on January 12th as the Lydia Group holds its annual Potato Bake with all the trimmings! A free will offering will be accepted. All proceeds will go to the Mission Projects.



FAMILY PROMISE BIRTHDAY BASH

4:00 PM -7:00 PM FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Join us at Smoked American BBQ (203 2nd Ave N, Great Falls) to celebrate our 5th birthday! We will be displaying our brand new logo and 20% of all sales during this time period will go to Family Promise. Let's help end childhood homelessness, one family at a time.



RIPPLES ON THE RIVER



Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” As we begin a new year, it has become clear that it is time for me to give the congregation my retirement date: June 1, 2020. My last Sunday with you will be Pentecost, May 31, 2020.

Thank you for your support and partnership over the past 17-1/2 years of ministry together in Great Falls. We have much to celebrate as we have grown in faith and mission living God’s radical love as an inclusive people.

I turn 65 in March, and my body and soul are telling me it’s time to retire from the full-time pastoral ministry after 42 years as a Disciples minister. It’s time for me to be open to new calls in my vocation. Ruth and I anticipate serving this summer as short-term Global Ministries volunteers.

We will be selling our house in Great Falls and building a new home in Eastern Washington closer to our grandchildren. That will be our home base as I continue coaching, finding other ways to support pastors in transformational ministry, doing spiritual direction, and witnessing for justice.

It will be hard for me to move from this place that has been home longer than any other place I have ever lived. But I believe it’s time for the congregation to call a new pastor after the transition of an interim ministry. It’s time for the church to move into the future with fresh energy, different ideas, and a more contemporary outlook.

In Christ, Ron



OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:45 Worship

Message: “The Search of a Lifetime”
(Matthew 2:1-12)

2020 Messages on the Emotional Intelligence of Jesus

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

10:45 Worship

Message: “The Self-Awareness of Jesus”
(Matthew 4:23-25, 7:1-5)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

10:45 Worship

Message: “The Empathy of Jesus”
(Matthew 9:35-36)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

10:45 Worship

Message: “The Assertiveness of Jesus:”
(Matthew 21:23-27)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:45 Worship Service

Message: “The Optimism of Jesus”
(Matthew 7:7-11)

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS

- ♦ Thank you, to our church family, for a beautiful day as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary. Many blessings to all. Barb & Jerry Kakalecik
- ♦ The Lydia Group would like to thank everyone for helping to make their cookie sale a huge success. The collected a total of \$554 from the sales!
- ♦ THANKS TO ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE for their leadership during Advent in lighting the Advent Candle, reading Scripture, offering music and praising God with tumbling: April Buley, Chloe Buley, Zach Buley, Grady Comstock, Lydia Comstock, Charlie Novak, Daniel Stinson, and Joey Taylor.
- ♦ Thanks to April, Zach and Chloe Buley for singing at our Christmas Eve and to Antonio Jarvey for playing “O Holy Night” on his saxophone.
- ♦ Our Christmas Eve offering for the Christ Child provided \$491 for support of Opportunities, Inc.
- ♦ Thanks to Randy and Sheryl Knowles for their contribution of a new freezer in our church kitchen.
- ♦ Please bring your quilts and wall-hangings to the church by Sunday, January 12th, so that we can hang them up in our sanctuary and fellowship hall on January 13th.

- ♦ Viv Hunter reported that these amounts were collected for the Special Offerings:

Thanksgiving	\$1106.11	Opportunities	\$ 491.00
Christmas	\$2170.00	Total FISH 2019	\$375

IN MEMORY

FAY KIRK MONTNEY

December 14, 1930 – December 23, 2019

We offer our Christian Sympathy and prayers for Fay’s daughter Barbara & Jerry Kakalecik and all their family. Fay was named Diaconate Emerita after a lifetime of service including teaching, playing the piano, singing in choirs, volunteering at church camps, active in Church Women United, and serving as Regional Board Secretary. Funeral services were held at Central Christian Church December 30th with later burial in Kennewick, WA.

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fish Week	Fish Week	Fish Week	1 Fish Week	2 Fish Week	3 Fish Week	4 10:00am Take Church Decorations Down
5 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00 Reception for Glenn Pipes 90th birthday	6 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy"	7 6:30pm ACA Group	8	9	10 4-7:00pm Family Promise Birthday Bash at Smoked America BBQ	11
12 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00 Lydia Group Potato Bake	13 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy"	14 6:30pm ACA Group	15	16 7:00pm Lydia Group	17	18
19 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	20 MLK Day 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy"	21 6:30pm ACA Group Office Closed	22	23	24	25
26 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:15pm Vision Focus Council	27 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy"	28 6:30pm ACA Group	29	30	31	

Helpful Notes When Giving

Sheryl Knowles, Financial Secretary

When you bless the church with your offering you may be supporting a variety of causes. Here are some hints to insure your offering is accurately credited to your giving account:

- If giving in cash it must be in an envelope with your name and how you want it allocated (general, Christmas, FISH, etc.)
- When giving by check, if the offering is for anything besides general fund you will need to indicate on the memo line the intent (general, Christmas, FISH, etc.)
- When giving by check it is not necessary to write separate checks for two different uses, simply indicate on the memo line the allocation you wish (general \$50.00, FISH \$20.00, etc.) Likewise, if you are a weekly giver and miss a Sunday, it is not necessary to write a separate check for each Sunday, it can be combined into one check.
- Some members prefer to have their offerings regularly issued directly from their bank and mailed to the church. If those checks are for anything other than general fund, they must also contain a memo for their intent.
- Coming soon, **Givelify** will offer the opportunity for giving electronically through the **Givelify App**.

Just as a refresher, there are some giving opportunities that could use further explanation.

When giving a **MEMORIAL** in someone's name, your name and amount of your memorial is forwarded on to the memorial committee. The memorial committee sends an acknowledgement of your gift. The memorial committee determines how that money will be spent when the church has particular needs that are not covered by the general fund. (Example: The new computer and TV screen for Zoom video meetings and classes)

The **ENDOWMENT** fund allows you to keep giving after you have passed away because only the interest is returned to the church's annual general fund budget.

A **GIFT ANNUITY** is another way to support the church upon your death while also receiving an annual income until you pass away.

January 1, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Central Christian Church,

Greetings from your regional family across Montana, N. Idaho, Washington and Alaska as we make up the Northern Lights Region. Moments of transition from the familiar to the unknown can be challenging but they also offer opportunities for growth and discovery of new blessings. Just as our region is in a moment of transition, so is Central Christian upon the news of your pastor, Ron Greene's upcoming retirement. We give thanks for his years of ministry with Central Christian, and the congregations he served prior to coming to Great Falls.

I write today to offer a word of assurance that in this transition you are not alone but are surrounded by the resources of the region and wider church.

In the next few weeks I will be in touch with your moderator to talk through the next steps. I also plan to be in worship with you soon after Pastor Ron's final Sunday later this spring.

I'm sure there are many unanswered questions. Please know we will have time to work through them. For now, I encourage you to live into these last few months with your pastor, giving thanks for his ministry with you and the wonderful ministry you have done together and trust that the God of Grace who has led you in the past continues to walk beside you into the future.

I give thanks to God for each of you and look forward to being part of this next chapter in your life and ministry.

Grace and peace,

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