

## Moderators Message

Dear Disciples Family,

It's been a long week. We had three meetings in a row in preparation for the Congregational Meeting (Dec. 13). We have people who care about the work of the church. Today (Sunday, Oct. 25) Pastor David prayed as we closed the board meeting that as we work, we remember the ministry of the congregation.

I had been thinking about how grateful I was that there are people who know about the ins and outs of the business of the church as the Board - and that is very necessary. But our true mission is helping people, particularly families with children. Right now, during COVID, it is hard to reach out to people we don't know. So, let's take a look at what we do.

We sponsor FISH with money and food and providing helping hands. The Hills keep us informed and keep the shelves filled with donated food. We provide a space for Family Promise to store their office furniture and donated items to help families. We have a couple AA groups meeting in the church. These folks are so kind that we get as much a blessing from them as they get from us. We support our Church Administrator, Ruth Lindabury, in her mentorship of Veterans. All these missions support people, and by strengthening them, we help strengthen their families.

We are a small family doing big work - and doing it well.

Margaret Houge, Moderator

## THE VIEW

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**Rev. David James, Interim Minister**  
**Ruth Lindabury, Church Administrator**

The mission of Central Christian Church is to empower people for Christ's ministries in their daily lives: home, school, workplace, church, and Community.

### VISION STATEMENT

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

November 2020



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## 2020 Virtual Crop Walk



Our church believes in ending hunger. This year we continued to fight against the new challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry by raising \$1885 during the Virtual Crop Walk that was held on Sunday, October 11th.

Thank you to all the Central Christian Church members that collected funds and to those that gave to this worthy cause. Also, thank you to Gary Hill for heading this up.

25% of funds raised will help support the Helping Hands Food Pantry at First English Lutheran in downtown Great Falls.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### **Birthdays**

5 Kristen Raaen  
10 Jennifer Knowles  
10 Bob Frank-Plumlee  
11 Jinks Monroe  
13 Eloise Chord  
15 Randy Knowles  
16 Aaron Fagenstrom  
17 Brett Fagenstrom  
17 Robert Wennerberg  
30 Alexandra McKerrow

#### **Anniversaries**

15 Gerald & Barbara Kakalecik  
24 Clint & Margaret Houge  
28 Bob & Karen Frank-Plumlee



## FROM THE PASTOR



I really like Paul Simon. His music is sometimes funny, poignant, and cathartic. One of his songs came to mind last Sunday as I was driving to church. I found myself stuck in the snow about a block from the church. Instinctively, I began humming "Slip Sliding Away." I was eventually rescued by three brave young men, Brett, Clint, and Chris. It is moments such as these we overtly recognize our reliance on one another. One of the things I have found in my brief time here, is that the people in this community are loving and caring. The mind of Christ lives within us. I see that repeatedly.

Even amid tumultuous times, we care for and support one another. I know there is a lot of anxiety in our country today. In just a few days, we will be electing the next President of the U.S., and it is sad to realize the deep divide in our country. New racial tension hit in Philadelphia when Walter Wallace was killed by the police just last week. And, of course, the COVID-19 pandemic continues its assault globally.

Philippians 4:6-7 reads, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." At times, this may be easier said than done. Indeed, for me, this seems like one of those times. Yet I know, deep inside, God's peace is a balm for our hearts and minds. Further, I know that in the midst of this faith community at Central Christian Church, Christ can be found among us and within us. Thanks be to God.

*Pastor David*

 **OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** 

**Sunday, November 1**  
10:00 Worship  
All Saints Day

**Sunday, November 8**  
10:00 Worship

**Sunday, November 15**  
10:00 Worship

**Sunday, November 22**  
10:00 Worship

**Sunday, November 29**  
10:00 Worship  
First Sunday of Advent

### TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE FOR FISH

Thank you to the generous folks who have recently contributed to the Town Pump Challenge for FISH.

Any donations received by November 30 will be matched by Town Pump. They will match up to \$20,000 which will greatly help FISH to purchase food items for the needy of Great Falls.

Checks may be sent to: FISH P.O. Box 662 Great Falls, MT 59403.

### PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor David will be working Sunday to Thursday each week. Saturday is his study/retreat day, and Friday will be his day off. Pastor David is available at all time for emergencies. For urgent matters please call or text him at 510-461-0791. You may also contact him by email at [pastor@gfccc.net](mailto:pastor@gfccc.net).

## Helping Out One Another During the Pandemic

As you are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic is still raging strong throughout the country and around the world. Cases continue to rise, and with the mingling of flu season, it seems overwhelming. Here at Central Christian Church, we have had a number of members, friends, and family who have either been infected, or have needed to quarantine for a period of time. As a community of faith, one which has, time and time again, demonstrated love and concern for one another, let's remember we are here for one another. If you, or someone you know, is sick, in isolation, or quarantine, please reach out for help. There are many in the church who are willing to assist, particularly with grocery shopping, picking up medication, and more. This can all be done safely as long as we continue to follow safe practices. We will get through this uncertain time together.

## Splinters from the Board



The Board met on October 25. The main items of action were discussion of a new Constitution and Bylaws, approval of the slate of officers for election at the Annual Meeting, and approval of a policy for Executive Sessions of the Board. Both the Constitution and Bylaws and the slate of officers will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Copies of the proposals will be available at the church. They will also be available online at the church website at [www.gfccc.net](http://www.gfccc.net)

### Nominees for 2021 are:

Vice-Moderator:	Chris Hunter
Treasurer:	Viv Hunter
Financial Secretary:	Sherly Knowles
Secretary:	Stephanie Skaer
At-Large Directors:	Carl Donovan and Kathy Asich
Elders:	Brett Fagenstrom, Lori Novak, and Jeremy Comstock
Elder Emeritus:	Jean Muir
Diaconate:	Mauri Novak, Shelly Fagenstrom, Barb Kakalecik, and Carl Donovan
Junior Diaconate:	Grady Comstock
Memorial Fund:	Jean Muir

## Pastoral Search Committee

At its most recent meeting, the Board approved the appointment of members who have graciously accepted the invitation to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee. Those serving will be: Viv Hunter, Yessie Jarvey, Sheryl Knowles, Jeremy Comstock, Kevin McCafferty, Lynn Yahraus, and Ken Palisin. Please keep these people in your prayers as the work toward find a new Pastor. A commissioning service will be held soon.



Please mark your calendars! The Annual Meeting of Central Christian Church will be held on Sunday, December 13 following worship. We will be voting on a number of items including the election of officers, a new Constitution and Bylaws proposal, and (of course) the church budget for 2021.

## Stewardship Concert

Join us on Saturday, November 21, at 7:00 as we kickoff our Stewardship drive with a free concert featuring some of your favorite church musicians. Social distancing and masks will be required.

You will be receiving a pledge card in the mail and we ask that you fill it out and bring it along to the concert. Receiving your pledge cards helps those of us on the budget committee balance the budget.

Look to your heart for a sign of what God needs of you, of what you can give this year. Then let God lead us in mission and God's work

## Regional Assembly

Just a reminder, Regional Assembly will be held virtually on November 13-15. Registration is free. You can find our more and register at:

<https://northernlightdisciples.org/2020-regional-assembly/>

## Disciples Home Mission Fund THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

Every day, Disciples answer the call to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. In the Preamble to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we accept our mission of witness and service to all people in the name of Jesus the Christ. We extend God's welcome to all at the Lord's Table, because we believe that our shared Christian faith bonds us to each other and to the entire world.






No matter the challenges we face – from combatting racism to ending human trafficking, from starting a church to sustaining a community – Disciples know that by sharing the work, we accomplish what, by God's design, we cannot do alone.

Disciples Mission Fund brings the whole Church together, connecting us to the life-giving and life-saving work we have been called to do. It also simplifies giving for congregations and individuals, providing a way to support the entire Church at once. DMF-funded regional and general ministries offer opportunities for Disciples to serve as missionaries, attend college or seminary, advocate for the least of these, and so much more. When you make a gift to Disciples Mission Fund, you share God's love from your doorsteps to the ends of the Earth.

The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church.

# NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Elders Breakfast 10:00am Worship 6:00pm ACA	2	3 6:30pm ACA	4	5 10:00am Rock Bottom	6 10:00am Rock Bottom	7
8 8:00 Elders Breakfast 10:00am Worship 11:30am Board Meeting 6:00pm ACA	9 10:00am Rock Bottom 1:00pm Alanon	10 10:00am Rock Bottom 6:30pm ACA	11 10:00am Rock Bottom  	12 10:00am Rock Bottom	13 10:00am Rock Bottom Regional Assembly	14 3:00pm MT Blind & Low Vision Regional Assembly
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22 8:00 Elders Breakfast 10:00am Worship 6:00pm ACA	23 10:00am Rock Bottom 1:00pm Alanon	24 10:00am Rock Bottom 6:30pm ACA	25 10:00am Rock Bottom	26 10:00am Rock Bottom Thanksgiving Office Closed 	27 10:00am Rock Bottom Office Closed	28 9:30am Decorate the Church 
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