



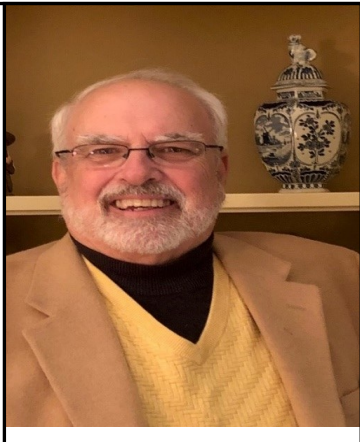
# Central Christian Church **Banner**



**June 2020**

## A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell

**What an interesting three months we have just seen; they've not been a good three months, but you must say, they've been interesting. What lies ahead we can only speculate about, and we can listen to any number of opinions without being sure what is fact and what is not. It's just plain confusing and we question almost everyone's credibility. But that is not necessary. We have God's Word to show us truth and give us assurance. Jeremiah tells us that God spoke these words: "Ask me and I will tell you some remarkable secrets about what is going to happen here". (Jer. 33:3). In Matthew 28:20, Jesus assures us, "..be sure of this, that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." During these times, let the Lord be your shepherd. Trust Him. This all will be over at some point and we will be back together, fairly soon, I hope and pray. Stay healthy, pray for each other, pray for our church, and remember, "..In all things give thanks". (1Thess. 5:18). I miss each one of you.**



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## THANKS!

### KUDOS and THANKS!

We want to recognize Pastor Bill and Layne Wilson, along with several of our members, for the work that they are doing to bring our Worship Services and Bible Study into our houses during this time of Shelter-in-Place. Thanks to Pastor Bill and Layne for their continuing work to give us beautiful and quality worship each week! George Goodnight is videoing the services both at church and at Pastor Bill's house and then converting them to the video that you see on YouTube and doing a fabulous job. Mark Rutledge, along with John Rainey are our 'set designers' at church. All of these folks together have gone to much extra effort so that we can worship and study the Bible together so please reach out to them with your sincere thanks.

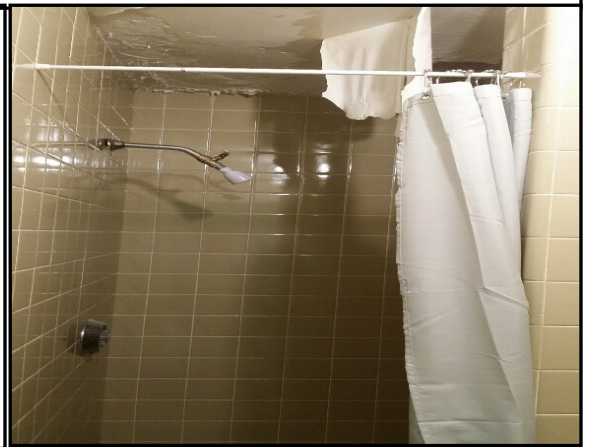
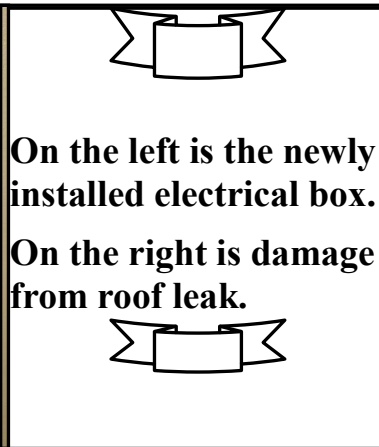


## UPDATE ON CHURCH FACILITIES

It has been said more than once that we at Central Christian Church have a beautiful place to worship and to fellowship in. Of course to keep it that way requires that we be good stewards of what God has given to us so that we can worship, study, meet, and fellowship together.

While the church has been closed, repairs and maintenance continue. The City of Memphis graciously repaired the sidewalk on the southwest corner of Peabody and McLean. City workers had to tear up the corner when laying new pipes under the street. The electrical boxes on the second and third floors of the Education Building have been replaced. No longer do we have the old fuse boxes, which have been a fire hazard for many a year. This additionally helps Christ City Church with their electrical issues: there's no longer a need to replace blown fuses.

Unfortunately we have a significant problem with the gym roof. Over the years the roof has slowly deteriorated to the point there are water leaks on the gym floor. The leaks are dark brown and are slowly staining the floor. In addition to the gym floor, the third floor area in the southwest corner has water leaks that are seeping down to the showers on the second floor. The good news is that the Property and Ground Committee, along with the Executive Board and Trustees, are looking at ways to repair the roof. Hopefully we *all* will be good stewards and do what we can to solve this problem.



## ARTS AT CENTRAL

If we currently can't go to Paris, France, maybe Paris could come to us. And it has! Mademoiselle Collette, a very young artist living within walking distance of Central Christian Church, was inspired to use the sidewalk as a pallet for her drawings. Even though our church is not open for worship, the church can be an outlet for fun on rainy days - and Collette's dad gives a "Thank you!" to Central for letting her get out and about from "sheltering at home".



## OUR CHAPEL GARDEN—WOW!

Spring managed to finally find its way to Central's Chapel Garden. The magnolia trees bloomed with their magnificent flowers. Red flowered begonias have been planted and now decorate the garden's stone walkway. And, a new addition was recently added. A Japanese red-leaf maple has been planted in the same spot where the old red bud tree was. The maple tree was donated by Mark Rutledge to honor the Disciples Women's Ministry.



On the left is the lovely magnolia and on the right is the new Japanese red-leaf maple.



## COMMUNION—WE GATHER TOGETHER

We miss being in our sacred space of worship in our beautiful sanctuary and are eager to share the bread and cup once again at our Lord's Table. But during this time apart we have continued our worship together. We are sharing several pictures to show our communion elements from our houses and through this act of worship have discovered new strengths. As Disciples, we are a people bound by our covenant with God and The Preamble for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) reminds us of our shared calling:

In the bonds of Christian faith,  
we yield ourselves to God  
that we may serve the One  
whose kingdom has no end.  
Blessing, glory, and honor  
be to God forever. Amen.



**MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN  
MARK RUTLEDGE**

**Who would have thought six months ago that members of Central Christian Church would be worshipping and having Bible Study via the internet and not in our beautiful church! I know I wouldn't have. But, in spite of COVID-19 problems, in spite of having to close our doors temporarily for worship and fellowship, we are still a viable church at the corner of Peabody and McLean.**

**Hopefully within the next few weeks we once again will be able to open our doors for worship \*together\* and not just through the internet. I've heard more than once about how wonderful it would be to see one another in person. However, that said, there will have to be some changes that we will have to adjust to. Working with the Worship Committee and the Executive Board, new guidelines will be forthcoming as to how we worship on Sunday mornings.**

**On a positive note, two groups have once again started using our facilities: Compassion Neighborhood Clinic and the Aikido Martial Arts. Both groups are meeting on a limited basis, each setting up their rules for self-distancing and cleaning. They are following guidelines as suggested by the CDC, and will continue to do so.**

**As Chairman of the Board I ask you to keep our church in your prayers, and to continue to reach out to each other via phone, email, skype, or even Zoom. May God continue to bless us, one and all.**

**Mark**



**Church Calendar for  
June**

7-Baby Shower Parade  
9-Compassion Clinic  
14-Flag Day  
20-Summer begins  
21-Father's Day  
23-Compassion Clinic

**Birthdays**

Henry Lindeman  
6/14  
  
Quay Butts  
6/23

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## June at Central

BEEP, HONK, SHOUT AND WAVE. IT'S A DRIVE BY

# Baby Shower

PARADE  
HONORING

*Emily & Wes Goodnight*

Since we can't be together to celebrate today,  
Let's shower the family in a different way.  
Drive by to show your Love and Support.  
Follow the signs to enjoy curbside treats, favors  
and a gift drop.

Sunday, June 7 2020

*between 5:00 pm - 6:00pm*

3811 N. Swan Ridge Circle 38122

Emily's Baby Registry

[babylist.com](http://babylist.com)

Questions about the fun?

Call Micki 901-340-7396

