

A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell



As we enter the sixth month of Covid-19 I think about the writer of Psalm 13 who asked the questions, "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?" I hear people speaking with discouragement and sadness, lamenting how our lives are not as they once were. Change is everywhere, and change causes anxiety and discomfort to all of us. Friends, we have cause for hope and assurance that this will pass. It will. Hear the final words of Psalm 13: "But I have trusted in your mercy. My heart shall rejoice in your salvation, I will sing to the Lord because He

has dealt bountifully with me." In Isaiah 41, God assures us, "Fear not, for I am with you..Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." God got the children of Israel out of Egypt. He WILL get us through this. And then we will rejoice together.



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Who's behind that mask?

BABY NEWS

Wes and Emily Goodnight welcomed Madison Marie Goodnight to the world at 5:04 pm on July 7, 2020. Madison weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz and was happy and healthy. Everyone was fine - including the Grandparents!



MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN MARK RUTLEDGE

Central Christian is a "forward looking church". We've always planned for and looked forward to the future. Though we are faced with challenges that we could not imagine this time last year, we are still moving forward. Through video taping we will still have Sunday worship and Bible Study. The homeless who come to our doors asking for food will still be offered food. The sick and needy who need minor medical attention can still come to Central twice a month with the help of Compassion Neighborhood Clinic.

Soon I will be appointing committees to help with upcoming tasks for next year. Yes, NEXT YEAR! I know next year is five months away, but 2021 will be here before you know it. We will need to select Board Officers for the position of Church Secretary, the Chair Elect for 2022, the Financial Secretary and Secretary Treasurer. We will also need a Budget Committee for 2021, and a committee to review new 2021 Board Officers (i.e. Deacons and Elders).

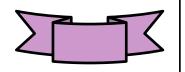
Thinking about our new way of life, I leave you with a quote from Lewis Carroll: "I have seen so many extraordinary things, nothing seems ordinary any more."

MEMORIALS FOR HELEN MARSHALL



Longtime Central Christian member Helen Marshall passed away in May. We received memorials in her honor from:

Pruddy Davis Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Chase Mr. & Mrs. Bob Heller Calvin and Louise Turley David and Ann Tapp Mary Goldschmid. The family was notified of the memorials.



Guess Who!











Guess Who!

With all of our church members and devoted friends of Central Christian Church sheltering in place, you might wonder what they look like with a mask on. Some of our friends will be easy to recognize - but, there might be one or two that will throw you a curve! The answers as to who-iswho will appear in the September issue of the *Banner*. Good luck!



Guess Who! - Continued

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A special thanks to everyone who was able to participate. If your picture didn't make the August *Banner*, please email the church a close up picture with your mask on and we will display it in the September *Banner*.

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DWM News

The Disciples Women's Ministry, under the leadership of Micki Artman, successfully completed its project to provide Safety Kits for the kids returning to school in August. Twenty-one kits were delivered by Debra and George Goodnight to the Park Avenue Christian Church. Each kit consisted of a one gallon zip-lock bag that contained five face disposal masks, hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial wipes and tissues. Micki would like to thank everyone who helped provide some measure of safety from the COVID-19 virus.



August at Central



<u>Wes Goodnight</u> <u>8/1</u> Clay Artman 8/28 Tallulah Campbell 8/29 Carol Scarberry 8/30

Birthdays



<u>Church Calendar for</u> <u>August</u> 5-Election Setup 6-Election 11-Compassion Clinic 25-Compassion Clinic



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