



NEWS

UP FRONT

Hello church family!

I hope you are enjoying the much cooler weather. I know I am! While I enjoy the weather and the colors, I know just beyond the horizon are shorter days and much, much colder weather. So, needless to say, I am enjoying each day this fall.

Well, we had our first Faith + Justice event. There are few things that stood out to me from this. First, as we seek to grow our church body, this event was a virtual call as to the kind of church we seek to become and maintain. A church that does not shy away from critical conversations. A church that allows for people to arrive at different conclusions and still maintain Christian fellowship. We have lost the notion in our society that we can disagree and not be disagreeable. What an opportunity to show our community what diverse thoughts can look like in such a polarized age. Secondly, I am thinking through how we might be able to carry this conversation beyond this past weekend. Maybe, for those that are interested, we host a small gathering for continued conversations as we go through some resource materials. Third, like many things, this was a seed. What will become of our Faith + Justice weekend is exciting. I am hoping it will continue to grow and evolve.

Also, we passed our annual budget this past month and we added several line items for new team members. As it turns out, some of these new positions will be sought after more quickly than we thought. Jerry Patterson and his wife are moving to Rochester, NY at the beginning of December. The Pattersons have been a huge blessing to our church as we have loved hearing Zuriel (his daughter) play the harp for us during communion.

For those who may not know, Jerry is one of the main reasons we are operational in our streaming. He worked with our audio equipment and was able to lead the way in us putting out quality programming on YouTube. We will now begin the search for a part-time candidate who can help lead out technical services on Sunday morning.

Lastly, we have a big season coming up with Feast of Plenty, Advent, Graham Christmas Mart, hanging of the greens, and our Christmas Eve service. I am looking forward to a rich time of ministry with each and every one of you! We have some great things on our horizon.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tony Stang

COMING UP

- 11/4 Men's Breakfast
- 11/10 Children's House and Church office are closed for Veteran's Day
- 11/14 Leadership Coordination, 6:30 p.m
- 11/18 Men's breakfast
- 11/23-24 Children's House and Church office are closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/24 Feast of Plenty

Church Office
8-5, M-F
Children's House
7:30-5, M-F

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kumler & New Berlin Food Pantries

Do you help feed the food insecure of Springfield? When you go to the grocery store pick up an extra can or even a few extra cans of non perishable food and put them in the Serve the World Center and they will be taken to Kumler Food Pantry. It's not hard to do! Soup, peanut butter, vegetables, cereal will all make a difference to someone who is hungry.

Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We provide meals for Contact Ministries through MealTrain. Instructions are on the Meal Train web site. Type this link into your browser to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yoog5m> or call the church office and Ann will sign you up.

Dates to Remember

11/4 & 11/18 Men's Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. in Merriam Hall for food and fellowship. All men of the church are invited.

11/10 Children's House and Central Baptist Church offices are closed in observance of Veteran's Day

11/14 Leadership Coordination meets at 6:30 p.m. in Weber Lounge.

11/23 & 11/24 Children's House and Central Baptist Church offices are closed for Thanksgiving.

11/24 Feast of Plenty in Merriam Hall 12:00-1:30

News and Notes

Our Condolences

- To Emily Wheeler on the death of her Grandmother
- To Stephanie Cave on the Death of her brother.

GRAHAM SCHOOL LIBRARY

Sharon Smith would like to thank everyone who donated money to buy books for Graham library. They received enough to last them through the 23-24 school year.

Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, November 26, we will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. We will have pizza for lunch. Please join us!

Feast of Plenty Set Up

On the **Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19 the youth invite you to join them for pizza and to help set up for our Feast of Plenty** Thanksgiving meal for the community. We will be setting up tables, work spaces, and decorating Merriam Hall. Join us in Merriam Hall directly after the morning worship service and we will stop to share pizza and dessert sometime in the middle of it.

BIRTHDAYS

11/3 Lindsay Stang
 11/3 Emily Sharp
 11/3 Evelyn Nagel
 11/5 Garvice Saunders
 11/8 Michelle Stone
 11/8 Betty Darrow
 11/12 Nancy Wilkinson
 11/14 Marilyn Winn
 11/18 Dick McDaniel
 11/23 Bruce Hays
 11/29 Lillian Bernauer

ANNIVERSARIES

Erica and Phil palsen 11/5
 Ralph and Jackie Billings 11/6
 Scott and Natalie Nichols 11/11
 Brad and Sheila Zeiger 11/17
 Greg and Paula Seifert 11/25
 Scott and Betty Darrow 11/28
 Jason and Jenna Cox 10/22
 If we missed anyone, let us know at Rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org

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Feast of Plenty

The frost is on the mums, the pumpkins and all the fall decorations and we are moving full speed into Thanksgiving and our Feast of Plenty Thanksgiving Day meal for the community. As in past years we will be providing meals for delivery, carry out and for those who want to dine with us in Merriam Hall from 12-1:30 pm on Thanksgiving Day. It could not happen without a multitude of volunteers. We hope you will be one of them!

Denise Perry, from Copper Pot Cooking Studio, has volunteered again this year to cook. Volunteers are needed to serve food, pack boxes, donate commercially prepared desserts, greet visitors, deliver meals help set up, and provide additional help wherever needed. Many volunteers make this an annual tradition and spend their holiday helping others in the name of Christ and His love. But if you can't be here that day, there are needs ahead of the holiday. There is a signup sheet on the Serve the World Center to volunteer in any of these vital areas. Financial gifts are also gratefully received. To help in any way or if you have questions, please call 217-523-3639 or email the office@cbcchurchfamily.org.

The Graham Christmas Gift Mart is an opportunity for our church to partner with the staff of Graham Elementary in a way that empowers the families this Christmas season. Parents purchase a voucher at the school for \$5 and then come to Central to shop for their children on Saturday, December 9 from 9-1. The \$5 goes to Graham to support their family engagement programming and the parents get the opportunity to select gifts for their children, wrap them, and bring joy to Graham children on Christmas morning.

We need your help to make this year another successful event! Would you consider helping in the following ways:

- **GIVE:** We have had volunteers shopping for deals all year and the store is already better stocked than it has ever been. Would you consider making a monetary gift to help cover the cost of gifts?

-We are in need of scotch tape rolls and Large lawn and leaf trash bags.

-**Volunteer:** Volunteers will be needed beginning December 2 to help turn Merriam Hall into a Christmas store. Young people with strong backs would be especially appreciated. We need to get everything out of storage, set up tables, and hang signs from the ceiling. Please contact Sharon Smith at 217-416-8047 if you can help with setup.

Thank you for helping us Serve the World this Christmas season!

CBC Gift to Helping Hands with Partner Organizations

As part of a new project supported by the Outreach Team, Central will work with two community partners to place computers at Helping Hands Shelter. Helping Hands mission is to provide shelter, support, and housing to those experiencing homelessness. CBC also supports Helping Hands in our benevolence budget. Each of the three partner organizations, CBC, the Rotary Club of Springfield and the Springfield Computer Banc, will contribute approximately \$2000. The gift of over \$6,000 will place 10 computers, printers, and related supplies at Helping Hands shelter for use by a subset of their clients that are transitioning from homelessness to employment and housing. A computer room will assist in job searches, resume writing, and connection to employers and family. As part of the project, partners plan to offer quarterly social nights at Helping Hands where 25-30 chronically homeless adults with disabilities would be welcomed to join partners and their members or staff for a social night which might include pizza; a chili dinner; a movie and popcorn night; etc. Members of the CBC community would be welcome and encouraged to join in the socials.

Ross Hodel,
Benevolence Treasurer

FROM CONNECTED PAIRS

Relationship Article

7 Signs That a Partner's Jealousy Is a Problem; Andrea Bonior, PhD Author

In this article, Dr. Bonior examines jealousy in relationships. She states that sometimes there is a fine line between "normal" jealousy and controlling or threatening behavior. She lists seven signs that jealousy is crossing that line. Some of them are:

1. Their jealousy is being used to blame or gaslight you. This is a sign they are trying to control you.
2. Their jealousy is out of proportion to realistic expectations of normal life. An example might be If they insinuate that even talking to the opposite sex is a problem.
3. Their jealousy is used to gain leverage, cause guilt or create punishment. Are they using perceived transgressions as an excuse for their inappropriate behavior?

To find out more about problem jealousy, click here

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