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**Office Hours: Mon - Thu**  
**8:00 am - 4:30 p.m.**

## Sunday Schedule

Praise Service . . . . . 8:15 am  
Bible Discovery . . . . 9:15 am  
Traditional Service-10:45 am

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# The Visitor



My Dad had a favorite scripture. I want to share it with you and then share why he enjoyed this passage so much.

Luke 15: 3-7 - Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

His reason for liking this passage was not some deep theological meaning, or the rejoicing over the "search and find" rescue mission for the lost sheep. No, what made him smile was what he added to the parable. He would look at me with a mischievous twinkle in his eye and add, "and you know what he served his neighbors at the party? "Lost Mutton Stew."

My Dad just didn't have this as a saying in his life. He lived by it. There was no saving grace for a cow that jumped the fence, or a chicken prone to wandering off the farmstead. When he found them, he called them dinner...until they were. His theory was, if they do it once they are twice as likely to do it again. Grace was in short supply for any livestock around our farm as my Dad was Judge, Jury and Executioner! He held to his belief of do it once, twice as likely to do it again, grace did NOT abound.

Thankfully for us kids, Dad's methods with livestock didn't apply to his children. We were afforded grace and my Dad would walk deep into any wilderness to bring us back. I think despite his interpretation of this passage he truly believed in his heart that grace trumps judgement. He learned this from his tremendous ability to read scripture. He read the bible every evening, normally for over an hour and when he wasn't joking about a sheep's fate, he would share with me that grace is God's greatest gift. God has had to journey into some vast wilderness places to return some of us to the fold and yet after the journey his only emotion appears to be the joy over our return. II Peter 3:9 reminds us that God does not wish any of us perish and so he chases, begs and pleads for us to return. It isn't very dignified, but it reveals a God who despite holding all the power in the relationship, seeks to afford us every opportunity to fulfill our part of the relationship even if it makes him look weak.

Be thankful today, that you serve a God who stresses grace and forgiveness, and while you're at it...practice it a little.

God bless you all...real good.

Pastor Scott

**Central Christian Church**  
*(Disciples of Christ)*  
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**"The vision of Central Christian Church is a community of people committed to Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, united in the love of God, and called to make that love real to others."**



**ELDERS**

**Worship: 10:45 a.m.** Mary Copeland and Dan Miller

**Shut-Ins:** Nancy Bregar and Jim Redfern  
**Sub:** Bill Thomas

**Hospitals:** Jeff Fox

**DEACONS**

**Preparation 10:45** Kim Abernathy and Sandy Reems  
**Sub:** Sharon Ross

**Shut-Ins:** Judy Thomas and Thelma Rilling  
**Sub:** Steve Pena

**Table:** Rick Bloomer(TC), Sue Bloomer, George & Earlene Hill, Marilyn Rupp, Donna Miller, Nicole Langreder, and Geoff Gabbert  
**Sub:** JoAnne Rodriguez

**SHEPHERDING**

**Connecting/Evangelism:** Greg Millard **Crisis:** Pastor Scott and Jeff Fox

**Shut-Ins:** Phyllis Strubel **Celebration:** Mary Copeland

<b><u>Giving Report</u></b>	<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR TO DATE</u></b>
General Giving	\$ 17,109.00	\$ 156,433.88
Budget	\$ 20,896.00	\$ 167,167.00
Loose Change	A Caring Pregnancy Ctr	\$ 74.32
Loose Change	Sep: Operation Christmas Child	



## Join the Prayer Team

Pray with other church members each week. The Prayer Team meets for one hour every Tuesday beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the library. The group meets to pray for individuals, mission projects, the church staff, preschool, youth, the community, the country, and God's world. Everyone is welcome especially MEN! Come every week or just when you can. Bring a friend. Make praying with other people a special part of your week. Bless others as you pray and receive a blessing.



### O.C.C. Packing Party

We will pack shoe boxes right after Round-Up Sunday dinner. Your help would be appreciated. So far, we have packed 185 boxes, so we have a lot more left to pack to meet our goal of 500, for this year.

Because of all the wonderful donations, we have reached our goal for school supplies! Thank you

The month of September we could use help purchasing flashlights and batteries, small toys such as decks of cards, yo yos, jack and jump ropes. Thank you so much for all the wonderful help we are receiving.

## 2019-2020 ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

Please share information with families of children ages 3 - 5.

Flyers are available in the foyer.

You can contact Janet Pena at (719) 544-5395 for more information.



## CHOIR BEGINS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

**ALL are welcome. Children, youth, young adults and young at heart!! Tell your friends and neighbors!! Hope to see ALL of you then!!**





ROUND-UP SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019  
WEAR YOUR WESTERN DUDS  
BRING A POT LUCK DISH  
(NO EARLY SERVICE)

*Thank You!*

The cards, handwritten notes, prayers and calls during the loss of my sister and brother were appreciated.

Having such a wonderful church family like you means so much at such a difficult time.

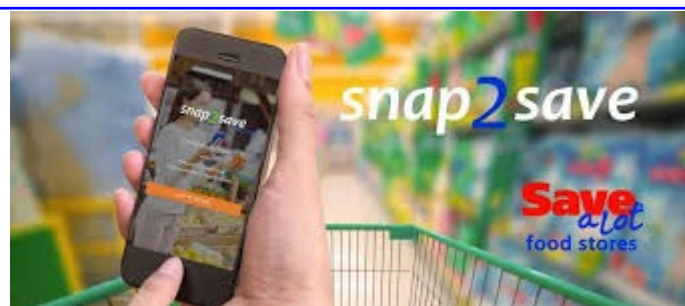
Thank you very much.

Marilyn Rupp and family

## CCYOUTH HAPPENINGS.....

There will be an Ice Cream Social following services on Sunday, September 22, 2019.

Sunday September 29, we will have 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Donuts. Please join us.



Snap2Save has added an exciting new feature to our partnership with the American Diabetes Association. Now, everyone who takes the Diabetes Risk Test will be able to **vote for their favorite local charity in the Charity Voting Challenge!**

The top 5 vote recipients will each earn a **\$500 cash donation**. Each partner in the program will be listed as an eligible charity, or if you are not a 501(c) 3, you can nominate a charity or your choice. Your members/participants can choose to vote for your organization, or alternatively, the voters will have a write-in option.

The goal with the Charity Voting Challenge is to activate the consumer's sense of community and altruism. They will help their favorite local charity while also helping themselves and their family.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FALL 2019

The book of ***Jude***

Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m. WinSum class room: Led by Bob McLin

**BASIC - James** the TOP 40 questions

Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m. For 4 weeks: Beginning Sep 8, 2019

Conference Room: Led by Pastor Scott Schurle

Pastor's Study - Discovering Our Own ***Genesis***, Christian Church  
(*Disciples of Christ*)

Thursdays beginning September 5, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. BYOS (Bring Your Own Sack lunch)

No sign-up

Pastor's Study - Discovering Our Own ***Genesis***, Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*)

Thursdays beginning September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner provided at 5:45 p.m.

No sign-up - No RSVP required!

Children's Programming and Child Care Provided

**Job** *The Story of Unlikely Joy* by Lisa Harper

Wednesdays beginning September 18 at 10:00 a.m. Led by Marti Borden

Book Cost: \$13.00

Please sign up on sheet in the foyer.

**Job** *The Story of Unlikely Joy* by Lisa Harper

Thursdays beginning September 19 at 6:00 p.m. Led by Becky Bregar

Book Cost: \$13.00

Please sign up on sheet in the foyer.



Past sermons are available for you to watch on You Tube.

Search: Central Christian Church Pueblo on You Tube to find a sermon you missed or maybe want to hear again. The date of each message is included in the title.

**A REAL SUMMER**

We say update “Summer 2019” – as this summer has been one quite unlike any other summer we’ve ever seen in Alaska. Even people who’ve lived here all their lives can’t remember one like this. Very little rain since June, less than 2” I believe. July 4 broke all time records all over South Central Alaska. Here in Kenai it was 98 degrees F, while in Soldotna nine miles from our home, it was 103.. And here it is August, and the nice weather continues. The downfall of course is the dryness. A number of the trees around our house and in the area, including most of the Western Kenai Peninsula are being attacked by the “Spruce Beetle.”

**MINISTRY CONTINUES AMONG OUR ALASKAN PEOPLE**

Those of you who follow our ministry closely, know that summer is a bit more ‘laid back’ (if I can use that phrase) than other times of the year. However, every day is a new day, and brings new and existing challenges. A number of our friends (at least three that come to mind) have suffered strokes and are in need of God’s continued healing. I (Alan) am currently received physical therapy on my right arm for a partially torn rotator cuff. Other parts (like knees) need attention, but we press on.

- The **Dekenagh Det’eh** (culture nest) continues; two Thursday’s evenings and two Sunday afternoons each month, with our son Jon (leading the charge) who is the CTO “Chief Tribal Officer” for **Yaghanen Ht’ana** (Salamatof Tribe), literally, “The Good Land People. Jon has a passionate heart that the Dena’ina people (and others who are interested) of this area, keep the language and culture alive. So we fully support him in this. The agenda goes like this: ‘introductions’ – ‘honor an ancestor’ – “say a Dena’ina word, along with it’s meaning” or ‘learning a word or phrase you want to know about’ – ‘break for food’ (K’elqat) – ‘sing and drum Dena’ina songs’ – and (eventually) **Yaht’ana k’eljeshna** have our own dance group.

Our group recently participated in a “**Memorial Potatch**” for the late **Chief Simeon Chickalusion**, who saved eleven people (of 600) from “Susitna Station”, a Dena’ina village, wiped out by a TB epidemic in the 1930’s. These 11 people were relocated in 1934 to present day Tyonek, across Cook Inlet from Kenai.

- The **Qetna t’uh** (elder’s place) called “**Tyotkas**” (a Russian word) is where the elder’s gather for lunch Monday – Friday. Following lunch we sing Christian and other fun songs with the people. Some stay for this and others need to leave for doctor appointments etc, at Dena’ina Wellness Center, next door. Seems we are meeting new people all the time. One lady we just met yesterday (on a ‘berry picking’ trip to Seldovia by boat), we found out she was from a village that Arctic Missions/InterAct Ministries started a church in over 50 years ago! and knows many missionaries who ministered there, and also Victory High School where she attended.. Small world.
- The **Native Fellowship Gatherings** took a summer break, as people leave town or are busy with other things like we are.. We plan to get that back up and running this Fall (which isn’t that far away) Our gauge is the “Fireweed.” When it’s “topped out” that means our fall season is approaching.
- The “**Hearts Going Toward Wellness**” (**Unuwatet Asiyaturtut** - Alutiiq) We recently had a gathering for some of our local people here in Kenai who’ve attended a HGTW. We shared a meal together, “catching up” with each other in our daily struggles and battles, then worshiped together with songs of praise, for all God is doing in our lives. We will be meeting soon with two of our leaders who have expressed interest in preparing for and planning our next conference in October.. This is a huge need, as Linda and I have often prayed that God would raise up those to take over our leadership responsibilities.
- The “**LEaD Alaska**” (**Leadership & Discipleship**) **Program** (of which Linda and I are board members) are doing an “**Alternate Year Program.**” This three month (rather than the six month) residential training (October 2019, January & March 2020) will include for all who participate, the modular trainings by Fairbanks native pastor Harry Hafford, two sessions of HGTW, as well as trainings from Alaska Bible College, Healthy Boundaries in Life, Walking Our Walk & Talking Our Talk, and Bible Studies in the doctrines of our faith, and two NT book studies from 1st & 2nd Peter.

Thanks for your prayers and faithfully supporting us all these years. We pray that God would bless you.

Alan & Linda Ross, 203 Linwood Ln., Kenai, AK 99611





## “CCC Woodworker’s Projects”



Projects that the woodworkers are currently trying to implement include building Dulcimers and building shelves for the sewing room, woodworker Dan Miller is interested in building signs. The signs usually have religious wording or quotes on them and are usually scriptural. He has created some already, which you may have seen on the walls in rooms or the hallway, such as ‘Coffee’ by the coffee maker in the Fellowship Hall or ‘Library’ by the door in the hallway.

These signs may be by request such as “Welcome” or “Home is where Mom is” and can be purchased by anyone for a nominal fee of \$20.00 to help with material costs. One may donate materials (we like old or antique wood) for the project and suggest a quote to put on it or may simply donate monies for any future projects. If there is any remaining money after the finished project, it will be put toward future materials. Signs may be made for individuals for personal use and may cost more for materials or labor but only at an agreeable price. To give you an idea of price, the sign in the church Foyer with the John 3:16 scripture on it, would be \$125.00 because of the rare Cedar wood and the number of letters on it. The church or any individual will not benefit financially.

Currently the text used for the signs that are finished and now on the walls is original poetry by Donna Miller based on scripture, and artwork by Dan Miller based on her poetry. Anyone may contribute text to put on future signs for themselves or for the church. At no time will text be used that is inappropriate. When all the signs have been made and donated for the rooms in the church, any signs after this will be made by or for church members for personal use or for the church.

Dan Miller and Zoi Langreder are currently working on signs with the words for the Nursery, Fellowship Hall, Pre School, Office and Worship. Completed signs so far are Coffee, Library, Gospel, Disciple, Shepherd, John 3:16, God Is Love and Pastor. We need more volunteers to help with the artwork and sign building and we would like anyone to volunteer wording or text that we can put on the signs. Turn in suggestions to Dan (719-344-4600), Zoi or to Barbara in the church office. See attachments for Text examples.





# Garden of Prayer

Please pray for these “flowers” (people) that are a part of the beautiful “bouquet” that makes us family at Central Christian Church. God knows each special need.

<b>The family of Mary Oshiro</b>	<b>Mariellen Dibble</b>	<b>Sharon Ross</b>
<b>Marilyn Rupp and the family of Donna Hewitt</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Janet Pena</b>	<b>Vicki Minor</b>
<b>Ruth Ann Voss, Sandy Reems and the family of Harry Voss</b>	<b>Ruth Anne Pearce</b>	<b>Chris Daugherty</b>
<b>Denise Hood, Anthoinette Goff and Family</b>	<b>Jeanne Cacciatore</b>	<b>Riley Alton</b>
<b>Genette and David Mercer</b>	<b>LaVerne Shannon</b>	<b>Charlie Ferris</b>
<b>Pat &amp; Wilber Thomas</b>	<b>Paula Maine</b>	<b>Matthew &amp; Jenna Barron</b>
<b>Beth Layba</b>	<b>Colleen Goff</b>	<b>Norma Blodgett</b>
<b>Charlotte Garnett</b>	<b>Kathy Scott</b>	<b>Ruth Cannon</b>
<b>Pat Craig</b>	<b>Wes &amp; Donna Stratman</b>	<b>Bud Daniel</b>
<b>Dan Miller</b>	<b>Donna Young</b>	<b>Martha Tuttle</b>
<b>Tom Whaley</b>	<b>Delpha Melton</b>	<b>Lee Summers</b>
<b>Sandy Bidwell</b>	<b>Ruth Abernathy</b>	<b>Betty Kurtz</b>
<b>Joyce Hill</b>	<b>Diane Olson</b>	<b>Board Chair &amp; Members</b>
	<b>Dani Tupper</b>	<b>Elders &amp; Deacons</b>
	<b>Robin French</b>	<b>Pastor Scott Schurle</b>

- 4 - James & Sandy Marcen
- 13 - Justin & Raelene Wilson
- 15 - Abel & JoAnn Rodriguez
- 18 - David & Genette Mercer
- 22 - Ron & Sandy Reems



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - Doris Kester     | 5 - Becky Bregar     | 22 - Sandy Bidwell        |
| 2 - Shawn Bidwell    | 7 - Geoffrey Gabbert | Denise Hood               |
| Linda Hawkins        | 8 - Bella Pena       | 23 - Adalyn Marcus        |
| 3 - Valerie Stratman | 11 - Donna Schmidt   | 24 - Julie Powell         |
|                      | 13 - Evelyn Brocail  | 25 - Ralph Baumer         |
|                      | 14 - JoAnn Rodriguez | 27 - Madison McKenzie     |
|                      | 17 - Genette Mercer  | 28 - Brigitte Alton-Starr |
|                      | 19 - Kim Voss        | Conner Wellesley          |
|                      | Barbara Hatton       | Larry Davis               |
|                      | 20 - Kelley Kyle     | Janet Pena                |
|                      | 21 - Kyle Marcus     |                           |





# 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>LABOR DAY SUNDAY</b> 8:15 am Praise Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:45 am Traditional Worship	2  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	3 10 am Strength Train  Gym Reserved	4 9 am Women's Ministry Board Meeting 9:30 Stitchers  5:00 Men's Vocals 6:00 Choir	5 9:30 ShoeboxWrapping 10 am Strength Train 11:30 Bible Study  6:30 Bible Study	6     <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	7 8 am Woodworkers
8 <b>ROUND UP SUNDAY</b> No Early Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:45 am Traditional Worship 12:00 All Church Pot Luck OCC Packing Party	9  6:00 Board Meeting 7 pm Compassionate Friends	10 10 am Strength Train 11 am Prayer Team 2:30 TLC  Gym Reserved	11 9:30 Women's Ministry Day Group  5:00 Men's Vocals 6:00 Choir	12 9:30 ShoeboxWrapping 10 am Strength Train 11:30 Bible Study  6:30 Bible Study	13     <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	14
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