



Thank you to
Rev. Susan Payne!
We appreciate the time you
Have spent with us!

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Worship *Schedule*

Sundays 8:00am (chapel)
& 10:15am (sanctuary)

Livestreamed at 10:15am
on Facebook and YouTube

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What's Happening this month at Central...

Minister Meet & Greet

**Tuesday, April 9
6:30pm**

The congregation is invited to meet the senior minister candidate. See the midweek update for meal train sign-up!

Congregational Mtg. & Youth Fundraiser

**Sunday, April 14,
11:15pm**

Congregational meeting, to consider our next senior minister, after the 10:15 am service followed by Spaghetti Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds go to Church Camp scholarships.

April Board Meetings

Tues., April 9 - 7:30pm

Called meeting to consider ministerial candidate.

**Wednesday, April 17
5:30 pm**

Regular board meeting. Submit Board Reports to the office **by April 8.**

From the minister

It's odd, but true: we have been saying "farewell" to each other since the moment we began ministering together in September 2022. The relationship between a Transitional Minister and a congregation begins with the acknowledgment that there is an end in view. That end point will come April 18 as we worship together for the final time.

During this time we have been brave enough to form solid connections, based on our mutual love of Christ and his church. I say "brave," because it takes a degree of faith and trust to be church together. And it took guts to welcome this stranger into your lives: We have **celebrated** – baptisms, graduations, birthdays and anniversaries, Central's 130th Anniversary, two Christmases, two Easters.

We have **given thanks** together – for dedicated leadership, faithful teachers, spiritual leaders, and hands that serve. For each Sunday

at the Lord's Table, for stirring music, and for loved ones remembered well at their passing.

We have had times requiring **forgiveness and the making of amends** – for misunderstandings, for words spoken hastily or not soon enough, for missteps and miscalculations that sometimes arise in the context of important and difficult work.

And now we enter a time of mutual **blessing**. We affirm what has been accomplished, and the ways that we have grown. The journey through New Beginnings continues, but there is a more focused understanding of Central's resources (people, building, finances). There is also a growing awareness that Central's "why" – can't be simply "to survive" or "to maintain the status quo." Central's "why," its passion, must emerge from this: loving God, loving neighbor, and making disciples.

Finally, as we prepare to part, it is

appropriate to offer **challenges to each other:** to prepare your hearts to receive your next minister and my heart for my next congregation; to nurture the seeds we have planted together with hope and courageous action; and to joyfully anticipate the harvest of blessings to come.

Be kind to one another. Celebrate your successes. Look to the future, while honoring the past. And do everything for the glory of God.

Blessings and Peace,



Rev. Susan Payne



Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser

Disciples Youth Camp Fundraiser

Sunday, April 14, 11:30am
Fellowship Hall (directly after the special congregational meeting)

Our youth will be preparing and serving baked spaghetti casserole, green salad, bread and a variety of cakes as a fundraiser for Disciples Youth Camp Registration. They would also like to celebrate Rev. Payne's ministry with us.

RSVP to the office by April 10.

2024 Regional Assembly (On Land) Business Meeting

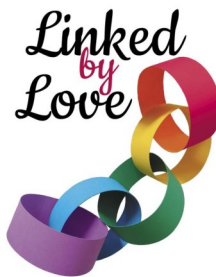
First Christian Church Stroud is hosting the **2024 Regional Assembly** for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10am-noon. This is open to all Oklahoma Disciples, and Central is allotted three voting delegates as well.

- Election of the new officers for the 2024-2026 term,
- Approval of the date and location of Regional Assembly 2026
- 2023 financial recap
- Introduction of Interim Regional Minister Rev. Randy Kuss,
- Worship featuring **Rev. Dr. Nancy Pittman from Phillips Seminary,**
- Plus Fellowship and lunch.



Cost: 35.00 (Adults)
20.00 (Students)
8-17

To register, go to: <https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/ok-2024-regional-assembly>

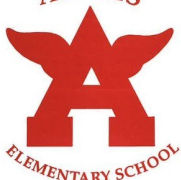


Now is the time for children and youth completing **Grades 2-12** to register for Church Camp. **Deadline: April 24, but earlier registration helps us plan for church funding.** <https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/ok-2024-summer-camp-registration>



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Thank you from McKinley School.



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Serving in Worship in April

Elders

8:00 am Worship

4/7 Laurie Bushman
4/14 Valerie Driscoll
4/21 Jana Harvey
4/28 Mickie Giberson

10:15 am Worship

4/7 Natalie Schuermann (C), Van Schuermann (O)
4/14 Pat Novak (C), Gail Novak (O)
4/21 Martha O'Banion(C), Mickie Giberson (O)
4/28 Laurie Bushman(C), Tom Bushman (O)

(C) = Communion Elder
(O) = Offering Elder
* Lead Deacon

Deacons

8:00 am Worship

4/7 *Georgie Haltom, Darrell Herndon
4/14 *Georgie Haltom, Darrell Herndon
4/21 *Shirley West, Tom Ireland
4/28 *Shirley West, Tom Ireland

10:15 am Worship

4/7 *Jason Seigars, Allison Seigars, Mary Suzan Chambers, Allison Angleton
4/14 *Sue Chael, J. Curtis Huckleberry, Jim Jorden, Myrtle Mae Atkinson
4/21 *John/or Carol Ingram, Mary Suzan Chambers, Elizabeth Maddux, Maxine Shepard
4/28 *Melissa Hula, Sonya Waldrip, Aubrie Russell, Bryan Russell

Central Prays for: Dick Castle and Family of Beriece Castle, Jim Freeman, Tammy Hromas, Myrla Powell, Glenn Crabbs, Krista Braud, Glennis Holler, Scott Warfield, Eddie Vickers (father-in-law of Austin Hula), Corky Fowler, Bill Masters, Jim & Janet Cox, Sandra Justice, Dorothy Gregory, Virginia Matthews, Joanne Berridge (sister of Margaret Day).