

Central Christian Church

2026–2027 Annual Fund Campaign

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Fellow Centralites,

A friend of mine once said that you can tell what's important by looking at a person's datebook and checkbook. Central's budget shows what is important to us. It tells the story of mission and intention in how we deal with the world around us.

The first thing I notice as I look at the budget is that we value the people who are involved in leading the congregation. We are a fair wage employer and we should be proud of that fact. We are helped in our mission by a variety of people who are called by God and this congregation to provide ministry or to help those who provide ministry in the name of Central Christian Church. These gifted people — from our new pastor, Lee Hull Moses, to the many people who serve the congregation by attending to its needs — are a treasure that we respect and honor.

The second thing I see is that the building is something we respect. The costs of an aging building are many. But we share this building with a variety of groups that meet here. It is not a building empty except for Sunday morning. It is a central part of the congregation's mission. From these doorsteps a variety of ministries reach out into the community. The building is also a place where two other congregations worship on Sunday mornings. The building is a real expense, but it is also an asset for the church's mission.

That mission is the third thing I see as a focal point of Central's budget. We are a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and regularly contribute to the denomination's work from our doorsteps to the very ends of the earth. We are also involved in a variety of missions closer to home — the food pantry, free clothing, the thrift store, the anti-racism team, and other activities that reach out to the community to provide for the needs of others and the betterment of our congregation's participants.

We are looking forward to the demonstration of *What's Central to Central* by the activity of our checkbooks and datebooks. Let's make Central's budget a testimony to what is really important in our lives and in the life of our congregation. This is an opportunity to state clearly who we are as people of faith.

May your commitment reflect God's love for you and for our world.

On behalf of the Finance Committee,

Howard Bowers, Chair