

The Central Visitor



*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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COVID-19 Updates for Central - New office hours beginning March 23

In accordance with the Governor’s directives from March 20, Central will only be open so that “essential” work can be done. There is no reason for anyone physically to come to the church during these hours, but should you want to speak to someone, the phones will be answered from **8 a.m. – 12 noon, Tuesday – Thursday**. You can call the office any-time and leave a message. Otherwise, all staff will be working from home. You may contact pastoral staff at any time with pastoral care needs and/or emergencies:

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

or request an email from tmiller@cccdisciples.org

Higher education is important and valuable in today’s society. A college education opens possibilities and helps students discover and foster unique gifts and talents. It also demonstrates a person’s willingness to make an investment in his/her own future! Central Christian Church supports those pursuing higher education, and we understand the challenges of meeting its cost. Scholarships are open to all high school graduates as well as anyone who is currently attending a college or university, technical and vocational schools, or is planning to attend one during the 2020-2021 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES:

Available: March 29, 2020

Deadline: May 1, 2020 @ 3 pm

SUNDAY, April 5, 2020

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK
LIVE AT 8:00 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ON
FACEBOOK LIVE AT 9:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE STREAMED
ON WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AT 10:30 a.m.

The Sixth Spiritual Practice:

Sharing Our Faith

Text: Matthew 28:18-20

Michael E. Karunas

ZOOM MEETING: WOMEN’S GROUP

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN TINA

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

This week’s topic: Testify!

Meeting ID: 244 215 938

Password: 747719

ZOOM MEETING: LUNCH AND SHARE FOR CHILDREN

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN
PASTOR TINA

Thursdays at noon

This week’s topic: What have you been
doing?

Meeting ID: 339 642 674

Password: 039391



Facebook Live—101

Question: What is a Facebook Live? How do I see it?

Answer: A Facebook Live is a quick way to take a video of yourself or something/someone else and share it with an audience on Facebook. It's quick to set up, easy to use and view, and you have the ability to control the size of the audience you want to be able to see the video. It's probably the easiest way to "Live Stream" something.

To view a Facebook Live post from Central: Log into Facebook. Click on the icon that looks like a magnifying glass ("Search"). Type in "Central Christian Church, Decatur, IL." This will give you options of pages to click on, but ours should be near the top. Click on our listing, and it will take you to our Facebook page. When the service begins recording (which will be VERY close to start time), you'll see a post pop up that says "Central Christian Church is live now," and you'll see the video playing. Click on it, and enjoy your worship experience!

Livestream 101

Question: How do I access the Live Stream of Worship?

Answer: Go to this website:
<https://www.cccdisciples.org/worship/live-stream/>

This link will go to Central Christian Church's live stream page on the website. When the service is being streamed (during service hours), you will see the video playing. Click on the box in lower right to magnify to full screen. Enjoy your worship experience!

New Normal – Easter Opportunities

Even though we are living in a new reality – that of being socially distanced from one another, we are still seeking ways for things to be as normal as possible. As we near the season of Easter, there are two opportunities for you to experience a little bit of normalcy in the midst of all this newness.

First, Easter lilies will still be sold. From **April 1 – 9**, you may place an order by calling the church Tuesday through Thursday between 8:00 am - noon, or e-mailing anytime (central@cccdisciples.org). You will need to notify us: 1) how many you would like; 2) the name of the loved one you are remembering or honoring. The cost will be **\$15.00 per flower**. Checks should be made out to "Central Christian Church" and mailed to the church with "Easter Lilies" on the memo line. If we are still worshipping online only, the lilies may be picked up on Easter Sunday, April 12th, from noon until 2:00 p.m. We will have drive through pick up at the West entrance. **Please note that we only have 40 Easter Lilies this year, and when they are purchased, no more orders will be taken.**

Additionally, one of the great traditions of Easter is the homecoming that takes place as we are able to visit with friends we may not have seen recently. While we certainly cannot replicate that sense of fellowship, we are proud to offer a special Easter event. On **Saturday April 11th**, we will be offering a Hearty Vegetable Soup meal to all of our church family and the homes in our surrounding neighborhood. Here are the particulars: Between **10:00 a.m. and noon** on April 11th, we will deliver soup to all who wish to participate. We will place the soup at your **front door**. If you are able and comfortable with being out and about, you can pick up your soup at the **ramp entrance** to the church. No need to get out. It will be brought to your car. Hopefully while you enjoy your soup, you can prayerfully reflect on the wonderful worship services we have enjoyed together in the past and look forward to the day that we can worship together again and thank God for his many blessings. If you would like soup:

1. Call (428-4336) or email (central@cccdisciples.org) the church and tell us how many orders you would like (one order is four (4) servings).
2. If you are willing to deliver soup to someone in the church family, please call/email and tell us to whom you are willing to deliver an order of soup.

On the horizon...

Check out our website and Facebook page in the coming days. We will be sharing information about:

- Maundy Thursday worship (April 9)
- A Good Friday bible reading experience (April 10)

We are planning an online event for each of those important days!

Blessings... Michael

This Week in Central's History...

Since we are not advertising as many upcoming events at Central during this time of physical separation, we thought we would share with you a "look back" at significant things that happened this week in our shared history.

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Did you know that:

- This week in 2012, Pastor Michael performed the Gospel of Mark by memory to help commemorate Palm Sunday weekend;
- Or that this week in 2014, Luc Longcor, Kelsey Gannett, and Mallory Hawbaker were baptized?
- Or that this week in 2016, an informational meeting was held to announce a mission trip to Detroit, MI, scheduled for that summer?
- And that this month in 2015, the Blueprint Committee, consisting of Steve Funk (chair), Gene Garver, Becky Johnston, Susan Bryant, Norm Lienemann, and Dale Ford shared drawings with the congregation of our then-planned renovations?



Easter Offering 2020: Rejoice
April 5th & 12th, 2020

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24 NRSV

Across the US, Canada, and beyond, Disciples are rejoicing in all that the Lord has made. This Easter, we rejoice together as one church, as the One Body of Christ. We rejoice in all that we accomplish together, and the work God accomplishes through us. Let us rejoice that the Easter Offering, through the Disciples Mission Fund, makes this ministry - and so much more - possible. Through the general ministries of our Church, lives are changed and our world is transformed. Will you rejoice with us and give to this special day offering? This Easter season, let us rejoice in all the ways our wider Church embodies the Spirit of Resurrection, through life-giving ministry. *(Excerpted from Disciples Mission Fund flyer, Easter 2020.)*



Sunday (5) - Palm Sunday!!!

- 8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Facebook Live
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Facebook Live
- 10:30-Traditional Worship Service, Live Stream
- 6:00-Woolridge Lenten Study Group, Zoom

Monday (6)
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday (7)
OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Wednesday (8)
OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Thursday (9)
OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Friday (10)
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday (11)
Sunday (12) - Easter!!!

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Current Information on Coronavirus

For more information on the Coronavirus, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Counting On You
Sunday, March 29, 2020

(all numbers are approximate but reflect educated calculations of online worship attendance)

- 8:00 – 58
- 9:00 – 98 (522 total views)
- 10:30 – 150
- Total – 306

STAY-AT-HOME FUN!

Salt Dough Easter Eggs – Supply List

- batch or two of salt dough (see below)
 - rolling pin
 - ruler, to measure dough thickness
 - egg shape cutter
 - spatula
 - straw, for making holes
- parchment-paper covered baking sheets
 - spray or acrylic paint
 - paint pens, optional
- clear coat sealer, optional
 - twine, ribbon

Recipe for Salt Dough Easter Eggs

Mix up your favorite salt dough recipe. For this project, I used the following recipe:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/2 cup water

Stir together all three ingredients until a dough forms. Kneading the dough a couple times can help make it smoother.

Roll it out (I rolled mine to 1/4 inch thick) and cut out desired shapes.

Place the salt dough Easter eggs on the parchment-covered baking sheets. Remember to make a hole so you can hang the ornaments — a straw works perfectly!

Bake at 250F for 2 hours.

Once the shapes are adequately baked, dried and then thoroughly cooled, it's painting time. I like using spray paint because it's faster and easier but acrylics work just as well. Allow the paint to thoroughly dry. Use paint pens to add polka dots or lines of decorations to the eggs.

Optional: To further protect the color and design, add a clear coat sealer. Loop the twine or ribbon through the holes and hang.

<https://www.designmom.com/diy-salt-dough-eggs/>

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Temporary Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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