

# 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**

The Women's Event planned for May 8th has been postponed. An attempt to host this event later in the fall will be made.

The Deacons luncheon scheduled for April 18th has been cancelled.

Stop by the church any Tuesday – Thursday from 8 a.m. – 12 noon; in the breezeway at the West Entrance, you will find individual communion servings for your home worship (while you participate online). Come as often as you need, as long as supplies last, but please limit 10 communion servings per trip. Be sure to tune in for online worship every Sunday for traditional worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. [Click here](#). Be sure to visit our [church Facebook page](#) every Sunday for live worship at 9:00 AM.



## **Congratulations, Irwin!**

Irwin Soliday, 102 years of age as of February, is one of two living Central members who have now lived through two (2) global pandemics! The Decatur Tribune featured Irwin in a recent publication. He is pictured here with two of his grandchildren, grandsons who are both Eagle scouts.



Ladies: if you're interested in the Wednesday Zoom meeting with Tina, email her at [tmiller@cccdisciples.org](mailto:tmiller@cccdisciples.org) for more information.

## **SUNDAY, April 26, 2020**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE STREAMED  
ON [WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG](http://WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG)

AT 8:00 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
ON FACEBOOK LIVE

AT 9:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE STREAMED  
ON [WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG](http://WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG)

AT 10:30 a.m.

## ***"Doers' of the Word"***

Text: James 1:22-25

Michael E. Karunas



*Psalms 5:11* ❤️

*But let all those that put their  
trust in thee rejoice:  
let them ever shout for joy,  
because thou defendest them:  
let them also that love thy name  
be joyful in thee.*

## Hope in These Times

Several weeks ago, just after we moved to on-line worship only, I sent out a mass email to the extended church family) asking for your responses to the following questions:

*During this time of quarantine and pandemic:*

- What worries and concerns you the most?
- What are you learning about yourself?
- What gives you hope in these times?



### Children Worshipping at Home

We miss Central youth!!

Send us pics to share.

(This is Miss Addy McCoy, praying with Tina during the children's message on Easter Sunday.) Thank you for sharing, Carrie Funk!

From Vicky Woolridge:

"I wanted to let you know that Harrison was with us yesterday morning, and we watched your children's moment. He joined you to take some breaths and for the prayer. He repeated with us and you. When the prayer was finished, he opened his eyes and said, "that was a good prayer." Thanks!!



*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*  
(Proverbs 22:6)



Nearly 20 responses came in, and they will serve as the basis for a new five-week sermon series that will begin this Sunday, April 26. It is called "Hope in These Times." Each Sunday will be grounded in a scripture from the Letter of James, which is very much about how our faith can be a Living Faith. We will explore how your responses to these questions illustrate the truths we find in scripture in ways that can give us all "Hope in These Times." We will also be emailing a list of scriptures for you to read each week. We want to continue the Lenten challenge of reading 5 verses of scripture per day. All daily readings will come from the Letter of James and will be those we are not able to cover during Sunday worship.

April 26	James 1:22-25	"Doers' of the Word"
		<i>What gives hope are expressions of kindness and a strong spirit of volunteerism</i>
May 3	James 2:1-13	"No Limits Hospitality"
		<i>What gives hope is realizing "we're all in this together" (even if it takes a pandemic for us to see that)</i>
May 10	James 3:1-12	"The Words we Speak Matter"
		<i>What gives us hope are the encouraging words we hear and read online</i>
May 17	James 4:13-16	"Avoiding Assumptions"
		<i>What gives us hope is an appreciation of the present moment</i>
May 24	James 5:13-20	"Pray for the Community"
		<i>What gives us hope is our faith – and our faith practices</i>
		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.

Did you know that:

- In 1979, Central was preparing for a month-long program of inviting a "plus-one" to worship? For those who were part of Central... did you do it???
- In 1989 a new class of Emeritus leaders were inducted? You might notice the name and picture of Wilma Dakan, sister of Dorothy, a great benefactor of Central.
- In 2008, an all-area-Disciples singing event was held at Central? A "Festival of Hymns" sounds a little like our Lenten Evensong service we held in early March.



#### **Festival of Hymns This Sunday, May 4, 4:00 p.m.**

*Festival of Hymns* by Hal Hopson is a collection of stories about hymn writers combined with their hymns. The Decatur Area Cluster of Disciples Churches is cooperating to present this program at Central Christian Church. Clergy members and some lay people will read the stories. The mass choir and congregation will sing the hymns accompanied by organ, brass group, bells and other stringed instruments. After the singing there will be a time to fellowship. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends.

### In Sympathy We Mourn

We invite you to hold Bill Hawks and his family in your prayers. His wife, Joyce Hawks, passed away on April 20. A family-only graveside service will be held for Joyce in her hometown of Jacksonville, IL on April 22.



#### **Sunday (26)**

8:00-Traditional Worship Service,  
Facebook Live  
9:00-Contemporary Worship,  
Facebook Live  
10:30-Traditional Worship Service,  
Live Stream

#### **Monday (27)**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Tuesday (28)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON**

#### **Wednesday (29)**

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#### **Thursday (30)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON**

#### **Friday (May 1)**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Saturday (2)**

#### **Sunday (3)**

8:00-Traditional Worship Service,  
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### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

Total worshipping together online = 342

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**Temporary Church Office Hours:**

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

Reminder: Please do not come to the church during these hours. These are the hours in which someone will be available to answer phone calls.

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