

The Central Visitor



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Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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COVID-19 Updates for Central

The individual communion servings that were located in the breezeway at the West Entrance last week have all been distributed (and/or picked up). Therefore, there is no reason to come by the church this week, as there are no more available. We are in the process of obtaining some more, and once we have some, we will let you know. Be sure to tune in for online worship every Sunday for traditional worship at 8:00 and 10:30. [Click here](#). Be sure to visit our [church Facebook page](#) every Sunday for live worship at 9:00.

"Free Hug" kits

Matthew Swarthout is offering **Free Hug "kits"** to anyone who wants one!!! The hug comes in the form of a **peel-and-stick sticker** (non-permanent, easily removable for up to 3 years once adhered to a surface). You are encouraged to put the sticker somewhere you will see it daily as it is meant to **brighten your day** during this time of pandemic and social distancing. Or, **send a kit to a loved one** you can't see during these times. Each free hug kit has been sanitarilly packaged and includes a **poem** with instructions, a **sticker**, and a blank 5" x 7" **envelope**. Simply send a message to central@cccdisciples.org and let us know how many you would like. We will let you know when you can pick them up from the West Entrance Breezeway.

FREE HUGS!

THINKING OF YOU WHILE WE'RE ALL STUCK INSIDE,
MANY GAMES AND PROJECTS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN TRIED.
SCHOOLWORK IS NO FUN WITHOUT FRIENDS AROUND,
AND PARENTS WISH FOR DINNER OUT ON THE TOWN.
STAYING AT HOME TO HELP DO OUR PARTS,
SURE IS WEIGHING HEAVY ON ALL OF OUR HEARTS.
SO HERE'S A STICKY LITTLE MOOD UPLIFTER,
A HUG FROM ME - IN THE FORM OF A STICKER!

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SUNDAY, May 3, 2020
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE STREAMED
ON 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
AT 10:30 a.m.
No Limits
Text: James 2:1-13
Michael E. Karunas

Welcome to our World

The cradle cross and rose on the communion table this past Sunday were in honor of Austin Brintlinger, grandson of Dan and Nedra Brintlinger. Austin was born on Thursday, April 23 in Peoria.



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

SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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, university, or technical and vocational school, or who is planning to attend one during the 2020-2021 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES:

Available: Now

Deadline: May 15, 2020 @ 3 pm



Staying Connected...

I would like to share with you some new ways you can stay connected with the Central family as shelter-in-place continues. First, many have requested information on how and where they can view our online worship services again (or at a time other than Sunday morning). Good news! There are several options. If you are looking for the 9:00 contemporary service on Facebook live, simply visit the Central Christian Church Facebook page. It will be there (though you may have to continue scrolling down until you find it).

If you are looking for the traditional services, they are all held on our YouTube channel. Each Sunday's service is uploaded to that channel within 24 hours. To find that channel:

- Go to **You Tube**

- Type in "Central Christian Church, Decatur IL" (or [click here](#)).

- There you will see a full archive of all our services.

OR...

- Go to our church **website** (www.cccdipiles.org). Click on "Worship Live Stream." On that page you will see a link to "**archived services**." Click on that, and you will be taken to our YouTube page.

- On the church's YouTube page, you can "**subscribe**" to our page, and if you click on the "**bell**" icon somewhere in the upper right-hand corner, you will receive a notice every time a new video is posted!

We are also proud to announce a new **Text to Give** feature with our ShelbyNext Giving.

- Text the number **(217-212-2173)**. This is our church's permanent "text to give" number. Feel free to save it in your contacts.

- Type "**Give**" and hit return.

- If you are a **first time**, text-giving donor you will be prompted to visit a secure URL and register yourself. You will enter your credit or debit card information. At this point, your donation will process.

- You will then be directed to our ShelbyNext online giving site.

- You can **select the fund** to which you'd like to donate (options listed at the bottom of the screen).

- You can type in your **desired amount**.

- If you would like to direct your donation to a specific fund, you can type that in in the "comments" field.

- You will receive **confirmation** that your donation was successful.

- For future donations:

- You can simply type in a dollar amount (ex: "\$50"), and your gift will be directed to the operating fund.

- If you type that in erroneously, simply type in "REFUND" and it will be refunded.

- Or... type "EDIT" and you will be given a chance to redirect your donation.

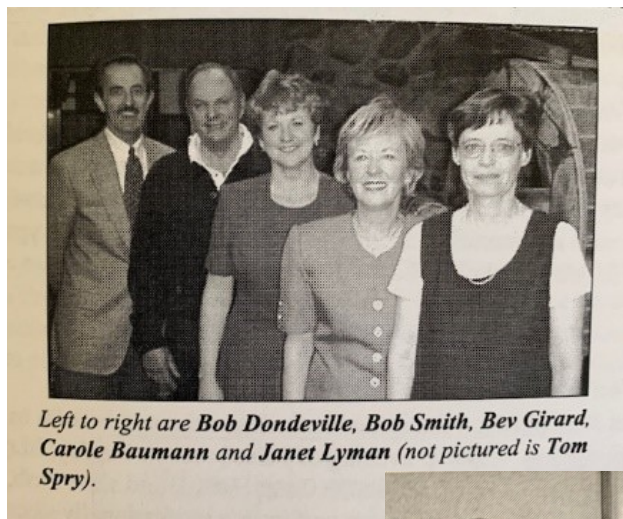
Blessings... Michael

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:

- This month in 2000, a new class of Stephen's Ministers were commissioned? You might recognize (below) Bob Smith, Janet Lyman and Carole Baumann (mother of Steve Baumann);
- This month in 2007 Audrey Miller was dedicated? Picture with the Miller family is Joel and Kerrie Chapman and their children (Joel is the son of Betty Chapman).



Scripture Challenge for the Week of April 27 – May 2

Join us in reading the Book of James, one chapter per week, over the course of our 5-week sermon series. Here are the readings for week one (*Chart your progress by initialing every day that you read the assigned verses*):

4/27	JS 1:1-8	_____
4/28	JS 1:9-11	_____
4/29	JS 1:12-16	_____
4/30	JS 1:17-21	_____
5/1	JS 1:22-25	_____
5/2	JS 1:26-27	_____



Sunday (3)

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

Monday (4)

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday (5)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Wednesday (6)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Thursday (7)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Friday (8)

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday (9)

Sunday (10)

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

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Counting On You

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Total worshipping together online = 355

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Andrew Evans.....Caretaker
Toby Jones.....Caretaker
Donté Morgan.....Caretaker

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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