

# 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 and Nursing Homes**

Members of Central’s Peace and Justice Task Force have been meeting regularly by zoom with the Decatur chapter of Illinois People’s Action during the pandemic. The primary topic has been the spread (or potential spread) of COVID-19 in local nursing homes. The IPA is advocating that nursing homes follow state guidelines and that they be transparent with the public about what is happening in their respective facilities. For example: What are the criteria for moving a patient with COVID-19 from a nursing home to a hospital? What kind of medical and supportive care can a person expect a loved one to receive if they are diagnosed with COVID-19, exposed to it and/or worried about contracting it? If you would like to get involved in this advocacy, please contact [central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org) and we will connect with you representatives from the Peace and Justice Task Force.



## **Text Giving Now Available**

Giving by text is the newest way to make contributions to Central. If you are already familiar with on-line giving through Central’s website, you will find the process is similar:

- Text “GIVE” to (217) 212-2173. You will receive a secure link to [www.ShelbyGiving.com](http://www.ShelbyGiving.com), which directs your contribution to Central.
- Choose “Give Now” and follow the prompts to select the fund, donation amount, and your payment information, then tap ‘submit.’

The system will automatically save your personal information and payment source, so you do not need to re-enter it when you make subsequent gifts. Text and on-line giving offer new ways that Central members and friends can contribute to the church’s many ministries. Many people prefer to donate by writing a check or, for those who use online banking, by setting up direct payments from their bank. Like online giving, direct payments from your bank can be one-time or recurring donations.

## **SUNDAY, June 14, 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.

***A Hero is.... Selfless!***

Text: 1 Samuel 1:24-28

Michael E. Karunas

# Thank You

## **Thank you!**

The family of Joyce Hawks would like to thank the Central members for all their prayers, condolences, cards, and memorials. Losing a loved one is never easy, but the hardship was definitely compounded by the coronavirus! With the help of Michael and our family though, we were able to have a very nice graveside service for our lovely Joyce. Joyce Loved Her Church. We thank all of you.

-Bill Hawks & family



We are so excited to announce that **VBS IS HAPPENING** this year!

**Instead of you bringing your kids to VBS, we're bringing VBS to your kids!** This summer, on **June 22, 23, & 24**, we'll be using **BOLT VBS**.

With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed for you to perform with your family at home. It's so simple! Depending on your pace, you can expect that each day's experience will last about an hour and a half. It's great for kids 5 and up. Even middle and high school kids can enjoy it! Get your family excited about BOLT. This is going to be SO MUCH FUN!

Email [tmiller@cccdisciples.org](mailto:tmiller@cccdisciples.org) if you have not received an informational email and want one.



**Congregational Survey**

On May 30, Governor Pritzker allowed for in-person activities in churches including worship. As we prepare to do so, we seek your responses to the following questions. Responses may be US mailed or emailed to Central ([central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org)). Many thanks.

**How ready are you to interact with the general public?** (check which applies)

Very ready \_\_\_\_\_ Fairly ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not sure \_\_\_\_\_ Not quite ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Definitely not ready \_\_\_\_\_

**If we were to offer the possibility for small groups (bible studies and committee meetings) to take place in our church building, how ready are you to participate in such events?** (check which applies)

Very ready \_\_\_\_\_ Fairly ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not sure \_\_\_\_\_ Not quite ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Definitely not ready \_\_\_\_\_

**If we offered a safe way for musical groups (choir ensembles of less than 10, brass choir) to meet, how ready are you to participate in such events?** (check which applies)

Very ready \_\_\_\_\_ Fairly ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not sure \_\_\_\_\_ Not quite ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Definitely not ready \_\_\_\_\_

**If we were to offer an opportunity for individuals, couples and/or family units to sign up for a chance to come to the sanctuary for personal prayer, devotion, and communion, how ready would you be to participate in such an event?** (check which applies)

Very ready \_\_\_\_\_ Fairly ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not sure \_\_\_\_\_ Not quite ready \_\_\_\_\_  
 Definitely not ready \_\_\_\_\_

**Regarding in-person worship, the governor's office suggests the following. Please check all that are important to you.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Limited access within building*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Coffee makers and drinking fountains turned off*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *No greeting / shaking of hands*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Pews and printed material removed*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Bathroom doors opened*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Exterior doors opened*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Accessed parts of building cleaned before and after worship*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Signs posted strongly encouraging at-risk populations to remain home*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Hands washed and proof of mask upon entering*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Designated seating 6 – 10 feet apart*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *No nursery available (children sit with family)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *No coffee, refreshments served at this time*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Modified communion and offering procedures so ensure that objects do not pass hands*

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If Central Christian were to abide by these guidelines, would you be feel more ready or less ready to attend in-person worship? (check which applies)

More ready \_\_\_\_\_ Less ready \_\_\_\_\_ No difference \_\_\_\_\_

How important is it to you that Central Christian continue to live-stream Sunday morning services?

Very important \_\_\_\_\_ Not very important \_\_\_\_\_  
Somewhat important \_\_\_\_\_ Not important at all \_\_\_\_\_  
Not sure \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional):

Comments:

Blessings... Michael



**"Heroes!" Sermon Series**

*Humble? Selfless? Courageous? Inspiring?* How would you define a hero? Would you use one of these characteristics? Which of them seems most "heroic" to you? **Heroes!** will be the focus of our new six-week sermon series at Central Christian. In the process of taking a closer look at some (possibly) lesser-known heroes in scripture, we will discover three (3) important truths about heroes.

- First, heroes don't have to look a particular way. They certainly don't need to appear other-worldly. In fact, heroes probably look more like you and I than we tend to think.
- Second, heroes don't set out to be heroes. On the contrary, heroes *become* heroes in the course of living the life before them.
- Finally, heroes inspire us to be better! They are enough like us so that we see ourselves in them, but they are enough un-like us to motivate us to become something more than we are today.

June 14	Hannah, mother of Samuel <i>I Samuel 1:2-2:21 (Selections)</i>	Selfless
June 21	Nathan, aide to King David <i>II Samuel 12:7-14</i>	Morally upright
July 28	Huldah, prophet in Jerusalem <i>2 Kings 22:14-20</i>	Courageous
July 5	Paul the apostle <i>I Corinthians 8 (selections)</i>	Patient
July 12	Dorcas, author of charitable acts <i>Act 9:36-42</i>	Humble
July 19	Peter the apostle <i>Acts 8:9-24 (selections)</i>	Inspiring



**Sunday (14)**

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

**Monday (15)**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday (16)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON**

**Wednesday (17)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON**

**Thursday (18)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON**

**Friday (19)**

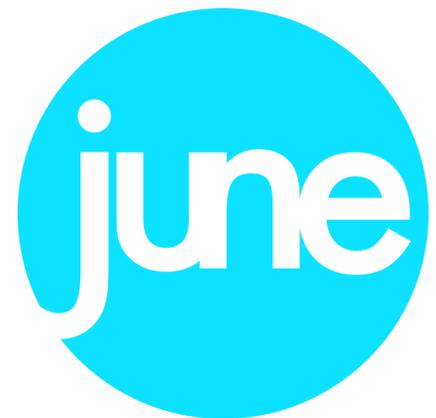
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday (20)**

**Sunday (21) - Happy Fathers' Day!!**

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

**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.**



**Counting On You**  
**Sunday, June 7, 2020**  
Total worshipping together online = 269

**Special Online Resources from  
The Upper Room Publication Online**

Visit [www.upperroom.org/covid-19](http://www.upperroom.org/covid-19) for a list of all resources specific to the pandemic, along with special articles, daily prayer at 11:00 AM Central Time, "Every New Morning" with daily video, "Freedom From Worry" ecourse, other half-price ecourses, a prayer wall, and other free resources.

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Andrew Evans.....Caretaker  
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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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