

The Central Visitor



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COVID-19 Updates – Coming Back to Central

Thank you to the over 50 who responded to the survey sent out last week about "coming back" to in-person activities. Results can be made available for those who would like them, but for the time being, we are pleased to announce that we are preparing for the resumption of in-person activities at Central! We are anticipating:

- 1) Beginning the week of June 29, small groups and committees will be able to meet in the building again, and the worship spaces will be made available at designated times during the week for family prayer and vigil time.
- 2) Beginning the week of July 5, we will resume in-person worship.

Having said this, three (3) other points are significant to make here: first, there will be guidelines for how to use the building that are based on CDC guidelines and (obviously) different than how we all interacted with the building, and one another, prior to March 22. Secondly, we will not be able to come back to all three (3) services right away, due to cleaning in the sanctuary. The schedule for which services will be in-person will be forthcoming. Lastly, and most importantly, we will be continuing the live-streaming of all three services regardless of our in-person worship schedule. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact central@cccdisciples.org. (See the Minister's Article, page 2.)



SUNDAY, June 28, 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.

A Hero is.... Courageous!

Text: II Kings 22:14-20

Michael E. Karunas



We would like to thank Central Christian Church for all their many cards and condolences sent in memory of Rick Smith, son, brother, and uncle. We do appreciate your kindness. A graveside service was held on June 16th for Rick. Many thanks to Don Martin for leading us in a wonderful service. We would like to extend an invitation to a Memorial "Gathering" for Rick and his family on Friday, August 21st, from 4-6 pm at Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home. All friends and extended family are welcome, so please come join us. Thanks again.

Joan Smith, Barb & Greg Irwin, and
Aaron & Emily Irwin

Text Giving Now Available

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

1. Text "GIVE" to (217) 212-2173. You will receive a secure link to www.ShelbyGiving.com, which directs your contribution to Central.
2. 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. 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.

****Special Designation Keywords-****

If you would like to text and give to a fund other than the General fund, there are "keywords" you can use to specify which fund you want to give to. You can text in this format- ("dollar amount" "keyword"). For example, if you wanted to give \$25.00 to the Youth fund, you would text "25 Youth" to our text-to-give number.

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Here are the keywords:

Building (building fund 2019-2022)

Concerts (concert fund)

Contemporary (Contemp. worship)

COVID19 (COVID 19 emerg. fund)

Emergency (emergency fund)

General (general operating fund)

Memorial (please include name)

MusicMinistry (music min. fund)

OtherProvide (other- please note)

Pentecost (Pentecost offering)

Preschool (ask for specific funds)

Youth (youth ministry)

New Worship Schedule Beginning July 5

We are looking forward to in-person worship resuming again on July 5. At this time, we want to share some important information about this latest change in our congregational life.

First, we will have a **new Sunday morning worship schedule**. This will not necessarily be a permanent change. We continue to live in an ever-changing world and are prepared to make changes accordingly. We trust in your flexibility and understanding to allow us to make temporary changes as we go forward. One of the biggest changes is that we will have only one (1) traditional service in the sanctuary for the foreseeable future due to the need to clean the sanctuary properly. We are able to have contemporary and traditional worship every Sunday, due to their being in different spaces, just not two traditional services. However, **96%** of those who responded to our survey said they want us to continue on-line worship. We will therefore have an on-line worship experience for all services.

Beginning July 5

8:00 a.m. Live-stream worship only

9:15 a.m. In-person contemporary worship in the Great Hall (Facebook live as well)

10:30 a.m. In-person traditional worship in the Sanctuary (live-stream as well)

In early August, we will re-evaluate how things are going and look at ways for offering an in-person 8:00 option, but beginning in this gradual way allows us to evaluate the broader possibilities going forward. Having said this, you are **not restricted to the service you usually attend**. If you normally attend the 8:00 service, you are free to attend whatever service you choose – 9:15 or 10:30.

Second, you will notice that the contemporary worship is moving to **9:15 a.m.!** This allows our staff extra time between the 8:00 live-stream and the (now) 9:15 service to properly prepare.

Third, we will publish the **procedures** that will be implemented once we come back to in-person activities next week. As you can imagine, these will include things like how to enter the building along with ensuring social distancing within the building. These procedures will not necessarily be permanent but reflect our best attempt to live safely in this new and ever-changing reality.

Finally, we recognize that many among us are fatigued by the restrictions placed on us by the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand, but we don't want to forget that we are still living amid this pandemic. Our Decatur community has done a good job abiding by the guidelines given to us, and we hope and pray that our coming back to in-person activities - in the way we are coming back to them - will continue this forward progress.

Blessings... Michael



Virtual VBS

You can access Virtual VBS links on our Facebook page & YouTube page.

Day 1: Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-15)

Big Idea: I can listen to Jesus

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105

Day 2: Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-36)

Big Idea: I can focus on Jesus

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5

Day 3: Jesus Chooses His Disciples (Luke 5:1-11)

Big Idea: I can follow Jesus

Memory Verse: Romans 8:39

In Sympathy We Mourn

We mourn with Don Swallow and his family the passing of Don's grandson, Michael Fombelle Jr., this past weekend. Michael's mother is Julie Fombelle and his uncle is Brett Swallow. May we keep the Swallow and Fombelle families in our prayers.

We also learned of the passing of Florence Bolin over this past weekend. Florence was active at Central Christian for many years. May we also keep her family in our prayers.

Charity Sale this Saturday

Linda Helton will be hosting a "Fourth Saturday Charity Sale" on June 27 from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Weather permitting, homemade jewelry will be sold with all proceeds to be donated to local food pantries. Location: 3150 N. University Ave., Decatur, IL.

BabyTALK Annual Fundraiser

Fri, Jun 26th 2020 at 6:00 PM



Join us for a wonderful night of music by Andy Mo! Dinner catered by Notorious PIG. Tickets are \$50 - Click link in post

Carry out meals available.



Sunday (28)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Live Stream

9:00-Contemporary Worship,

Facebook Live

10:30-Traditional Worship, Live Stream

Monday (29)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

5:00-Scholarship Committee Meeting, DR

Tuesday (30)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

Wednesday (July 1)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Thursday (2)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - NOON

Friday (3)

CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY

Saturday (4) - Independence Day!!!

Sunday (5) - In-Person Worship Resumes!!

8:00-Traditional Worship,
Live Stream ONLY

9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary &
Live Stream

12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall

Special Online Resources from

The Upper Room Publication Online

Visit 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.

Prayer List Updates

We have a prayer list! Please remember to call the office (217-428-4336) or email us (central@cccdisciples.org) with prayer list updates so that we may keep that list as updated as possible.

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Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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