

# The Central Visitor

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

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## **A Word About Worship Schedules**

From having read *The Visitor* over the years, you have undoubtedly noticed that we print a schedule of worship assignments for the coming week's worship service. Given that we are gradually introducing in-person worship again, in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, we wanted to share some important information with you.

- First, all existing schedules (deacons, greeters, liturgists and ushers) have been temporarily suspended.
- Second, a new schedule has been made with some new volunteer titles (e.g. "Front Door Check-in"). This is the schedule that will be printed in *The Visitor* each week. For the foreseeable future, a smaller group of volunteers will be handling these new volunteer roles. Since not everyone on the original schedules published in early 2020 feels comfortable coming back to in-person worship, this was thought to be the most efficient way to proceed for the time being.
- Third, should we return to more "normal" Sunday morning practices, we may very well re-institute the schedules first published in early 2020.
- Fourth, should you be interested in helping out with these new in-person worship volunteer opportunities (and are not yet on the schedule), please let us know and we can add you to the roster of volunteers ([central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org)).
- Finally, if you have any questions about anything at anytime, please don't hesitate to let us know.

## **July 26 Volunteer schedule**

**8:45 – 10:15**

Front table – Janet Lyman, Carolyn McCall, Christine Lyman-Harm  
Ushers – Cheryl Zollinger, Kathy Matherly, David Martin  
Elder – David Wagner

**10:00 – 11:45**

Front table – Sandy Garver, Keith & Jeannie Backes  
Ushers – Doug Soebbing, Gretchen Kirby  
Elder – David Wagner

## **SUNDAY, July 26, 2020**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE  
STREAMED ON  
[WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG](http://WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG)  
AT **8:00 a.m.**

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ON  
FACEBOOK LIVE  
AND IN-PERSON - GREAT HALL  
AT **9:15 a.m.**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE  
STREAMED ON  
[WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG](http://WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG)  
AND IN-PERSON - SANCTUARY  
AT **10:30 a.m.**

Text: Matthew 14:13-21  
Michael E. Karunas



Thank you for awarding me a scholarship for my college education! This award will help with my cost of tuition and other expenses such as music equipment. Thank you again. I cannot wait to start the next chapter of my life at Eastern Illinois University!  
- Thomas Karunas

**Something to do this week!**

Pastor Michael is preaching about loaves and fishes this Sunday, July 26, 2020. The story of Jesus' feeding a multitude of 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish is found in Matthew, Chapter 14 in the Bible. Let's learn about the miraculous story that teaches about sharing, faith and forgiveness. A variety of crafts can be utilized during and after the lesson to encourage discussion.

Check your email for print-outs and kid's activities to go along with the lesson!

**Central Women are ready to serve again!**

After listening to Michael's sermon Sunday, in which he highlighted Dorcas as another example of biblical heroes, I decided it is time to share that our Dorcas women here at Central are patiently waiting to receive direction as to when and how we can safely re-start our meetings and service projects. Dorcas Disciples continues to be a vibrant group of women of all ages and all Central women who share the church's mission - "Change Lives, Share Christ, and Deliver Hope" are invited. If you enjoy mission-based messages, service projects, and fellowship, please contact Sandy Garver at (217) 877-0800 or [revrag@comcast.net](mailto:revrag@comcast.net) for more information about Dorcas Disciples. As soon as it is possible, program information will be shared.

**Charity Sale this Saturday**

Linda Helton will be hosting a "Fourth Saturday Charity Sale" on July 25th, from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Weather permitting, home-made jewelry will be sold with all proceeds to be donated to local food pantries. Location: 3150 N. University (Pershing at University).

**Letting Go**

A week ago Monday, our Central Christian Preschool board made a very difficult decision – not to open the preschool for in-person learning this fall. This was due to two (2) primary reasons. First was the (obvious) uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the second was the fact that our former preschool director resigned in early April, and the board was simply unable to identify a DCFS-qualified candidate who could maintain the high standards long a staple of the preschool and its 50-plus year reputation. I wanted to share a portion of the letter that was sent out to parents last week, as well as thank the preschool board members for their tireless efforts and hard work over the last few months. They are: Becky Flanders (president), Donna Dash (treasurer), Gretchen Kirby (secretary), Mike Munos, Carrie Funk, Debbie Hoffert, Tonya Morelli, and Jeff Romine. The last two are preschool parents, and Tonya is also a church member.

*Dear parents, this is not a letter that anyone associated with the Central Christian Preschool or the church itself would ever want to write. As you know, our director resigned her position this past April. While the board has given great effort to find a replacement over these past few months, and pursued every option available to us, the results have been unsuccessful. Due to the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic and this key staff vacancy, we regretfully announce that we are delaying the opening of the Central Christian Preschool until Fall 2021.*

*We have every intention of keeping our DCFS license and will continue our search for a qualified director, aiming for a Fall 2021 return of in-person learning. Again, we are deeply saddened to make this decision, and thank you for your past and present interest and support in our preschool. We furthermore know that your children are the most precious part of your lives, and we do trust that you will find educational opportunities for them worthy of all they deserve to receive.*

Blessings... Michael

**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.Shelby Giving](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 online 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.

**Youth Service Project pictures!**



**Neighborhood  
Free  
Libraries!!**



**Sunday (26)**

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

**Monday (27)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM**

**Tuesday (28)**

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7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, Disciples Room

10:30-Support Staff Meeting, Conn. Café

5:00-Women's Group, Connection Café

**Wednesday (29)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM**

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

5:30-Koinonia class, Connection Café

**Thursday (30)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM**

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

**Friday (31)**

**OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM**

**Saturday (August 1)**

**Sunday (2)**

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

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**Counting On You**

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

Total worshipping (in-person & online) =  
356

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 Andrew Evans.....Caretaker  
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**Temporary Church Office Hours as of**  
**July 20th, 2020:**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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