

# The Central Visitor

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you news from Central Christian Church  
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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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## **THANK YOU for making the Central Christian Church Picnic a success!**

Over 100 people enjoyed time together, engaging entertainment, and scrumptious food. Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee, Christian Action Community Service Committee, Christian Education (CE) Committee, Church Staff, and Music Department. GREAT JOB!!!

**I think we should do it again October 18<sup>TH</sup>!!! Look for details to come.**



## **SUNDAY, September 27, 2020**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE  
STREAMED ON

WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG  
AND IN-PERSON - SANCTUARY  
AT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

## ***Un-Changed: One Faith***

Text: Galatians 3:23-29  
Michael E. Karunas

## More Picnic Pictures....



## Another college student address:

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## Minister's Article

### Stewardship 2021



It would be the greatest of understatement to say that things have changed in 2020! Because of these changes, we have had to learn how to be community without relying on many of the ways we have defined being a community in the past. Some things have remain UN-changed as well. Our love for Central has not been compromised by the Coronavirus. Our generous support of the ministries of our congregation are immune to the first global pandemic in 100 years. And... perhaps most importantly... our sense of oneness will not change. We have continued to be One family of believers, with One faith in One Jesus Christ with One mission and guided by One hope in the One Holy Spirit.

The next four weeks will be our annual emphasis on stewardship, when we consider the impact our financial contributions can have on the ministries of Central. At the end of the four weeks (October 18), we will be invited to provide an estimate of what we think we are able to contribute to the church's ministries in 2021. Though this is an estimate, receiving them allows the church leadership to prepare a budget for the coming year.

The theme of our stewardship emphasis this year will be **"Un-Changed: Connected in Christ."** Whether you are participating online or in person, we believe you will be encouraged and inspired by what we have planned. You will receive a letter the week of 9/28 outlining these experiences, at which time we will also display them online. Among the things we can look forward to: Stewardship Chair Kim Maple as a guest speaker in worship on 9/27; Three videos shown in worship and posted online, revealing how we are Connected in Christ; Scott Woolridge, one of our favorite guest preachers, on October 18; and an outdoor church picnic (with social distancing) on that same day. We are also looking into offering an online "Estimate of Giving" card option. Hope you can join us – virtually or in person - for as much of these events and experiences as you can. Here is the Sunday worship schedule:

September 27	One Faith	Rev. Michael E. Karunas	<i>Galatians 3:23-29</i>
October 4	One Family	Rev. Tina Miller	<i>I Corinthians 1:9</i>
October 11	One Mission	Rev. Michael E. Karunas	<i>Matthew 3:1-3</i>
October 18	One Hope	Rev. Scott Woolridge	<i>Ephesians 4:1-7, 9-11</i>

- Blessings... Michael

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know... that Central has over 100 designated fund accounts for specific contributions. Examples are: Nursery, Summer Youth Camp, Audio/Visual, Emergency Fund, Heart and Soul, and Week of Compassion. If you would like to contribute to a specific fund or ministry, please contact Kim Maple or Steve Swarthout.

### **COVID-19 Update**

We wanted to take this opportunity and inform of you something procedural that may involve our church in the future. In conversations with the Macon County Health Department, we have learned that if anyone using our building (church member or otherwise) tests positive for COVID-19, the Health Department will determine if we need to contact building-users, in order to notify them of their potential contact with the virus (this is why, incidentally, we have everyone sign in every day they are in our building). All positive tests are registered with the state, and then the corresponding county health departments are then contacted to begin contact tracing. If the Health Department has not contacted us, we are not required to do any notifying of our own. Should we ever be asked to do so, anonymity will be protected in communications from the church. We share this, because a person who regularly participates in activities within our building has recently tested positive for COVID-19. Because this person's last activity in our building occurred well before symptoms were experienced, the Macon County Health Department has not asked us to do any contact tracing of our own. It does not believe anyone using Central's building in the last two weeks is at risk from this particular positive case. The Health Department does, however, encourage us to remind those using our building to monitor their own symptoms, take their temperatures regularly, and stay home if not feeling well in any way. We agree that this is a good thing to do. We want to be as transparent as we can be regarding what is happening in our building so that you can take the action you feel is most appropriate for your own safety and well-being. Thank you for your attentiveness to our building procedures. It is for reasons such as this that we sign in, take temperatures, wear masks, and wash hands.

### **Reconciliation Offering to be received 9/27 & 10/4**

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship, and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship, and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

<https://reconciliationministry.org/2018/special-offering-2020/>



### **In Sympathy We Mourn**

In sympathy we mourn with the family of George F. Kuhns, who passed away on Friday. Please join us in prayer for his family, especially his daughter Linda Kuhns and his son George A. Kuhns in Florida.



### **Sunday (27)**

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall

### **Monday (28)**

### **Tuesday (29)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, Disciples Room
- 5:00-I.T. Committee, Connection Café

### **Wednesday (30)**

- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

### **Thursday (October 1)**

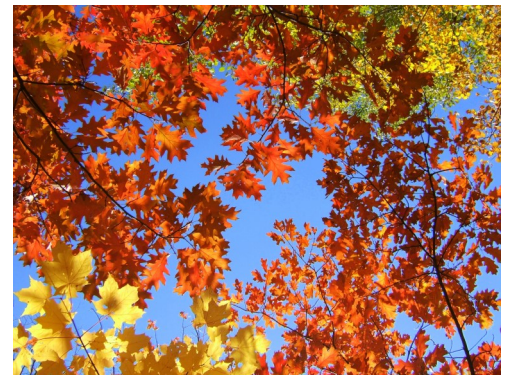
- 10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room

### **Friday (2)**

### **Saturday (3)**

### **Sunday (4)**

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall
- 4:00-Youth Group



### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

Total worshipping online = 155

Total worshipping in-person = 224



**September 27th Volunteer schedule**

**7:45 – 9:30**

Front table – Sandy Garver, George & Pearl Jones

Ushers – David Martin, Mike Munos

**9:00 - 10:00 Usher**

Cheryl Zollinger

**9:30 – 11:30**

Front table – Scott Bicknell, Paul Gorden, Brett Swallow

Ushers – David Martin, Doug Soebbing

Elders– David Wagner



**Happy Birthday!!**

**Birthdays this coming week (9/27-10/3)!**

Steve Baumann, Carys Boehme, Mike Burkham,  
Brian Critchfield, Kim Downey, Christina Doxsie,  
Austin Econie, Kent Helgemo, Thomas Karunas,  
Bayleigh Schrimpf, Jeanette Soebbing, Karen Wade,  
Jodie Walwer, David Williams, Dennis Zinn

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Michael E. Karunas.....Senior Minister  
Don Martin.....Minister of Music  
Tina Miller..... Associate Minister of CE & Family Life  
David Martin.....Youth Director  
Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain .....Organist  
David Williams.....Organist  
Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant  
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant  
Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator  
Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant  
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant  
Cheryl Williams .....Nursery Attendant  
Kattina Williams .....Nursery Attendant  
Paula Partain.....Preschool Staff  
Lora Wright .....Lead Caretaker  
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker  
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker  
Toby Jones.....Caretaker

**Temporary Church Office Hours as of**

**July 20th, 2020:**

**Monday through Friday**

**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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