

# The Central Visitor



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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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## The Christian Church (DOC) in Illinois & Wisconsin 2020 Regional Assembly "We're all in this together"

Join us virtually on  
Saturday, October 17, 2020  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Keynote Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. William E. Crowder, Jr.  
Park Manor Christian Church

### We're all in this together!

At the beginning of 2020, we had hopes for a Regional Assembly in Bloomington where we would gather and learn to share our own stories of faith with each other---remembering the ways that God has blessed our lives. Instead, we are amid a global health crisis, and our gathering Saturday, Oct. 17 will be virtual, while remembering --- "We're all in this together." We, together, are learning how to love one another by "flattening the curve." We, together, are learning the reach of our church expands when we use social media. Together we are learning to make video messages, use Facebook Live, stream worship services, offer virtual weekday devotions, share Zoom coffee hours, book groups, and small groups. Together we are making face masks, tending to the hungry, supporting parents and teachers, advocating for justice for the working poor, finding ways to support the elderly, and standing against systemic racism. Together we are supporting each other in this amazing transformation in what it means to be the church. I'm proud of you. This has been a challenging time, which is why we need to come together: for support, inspiration, encouragement. God calls us, Jesus calls us, the Holy Spirit calls us— We're all in this Together.

Register today to join us- <https://cciwdisciples.org/portfolio/ra-2020/>

*Teresa Dulyea-Parker*

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker  
Regional Minister

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 Family

Text: I Corinthians 1:9

Tina Miller

### Operation Enduring Support

Operation Enduring Support is making plans to send Christmas boxes to our military. We are currently collecting names of our servicemen and service-women serving overseas. If you have a relative, friend, or neighbor that would like a nice Christmas box to remind them that we appreciate all they do, please let us know their name(s) and APO address(es).

Thank you,  
Nancy Hanover  
& Carol Bischoff



**From the Desk of Tina Miller...**

We have felt the impact of Covid-19 in various ways throughout our congregation. **Some of our Central parents are stressed with the extra demands that remote learning has placed upon their homes. Central Christian Church members have offered to help parents manage stress and grow in confidence as home-teachers.** These experienced educators hold wisdom to find solutions that could direct parents and students toward better educational, psychological, and emotional health. **They offer a listening ear and a helpful voice.** Please watch for an email with volunteer educator contact information. If you would like to join the volunteer educator contact list, please email:

[tmiller@cccdisciples.org](mailto:tmiller@cccdisciples.org).

**From our youth...**

Hello, we are a part of the youth group here at Central. Beginning October 4<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting plastic bottle caps to recycle into a bench. Types of bottle caps we will be accepting include: water bottles, soda bottles, or sports drinks. For a full list, go to our website at [www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org) or look at our Facebook page. If you want to contribute, you can bring your caps from home to the church office any time during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM). We will also have a container by the front desk on Sunday morning. Please help us reach our goal of 200 pounds of bottle caps so we can put our bench up this spring. If you have any questions, you can email David Martin at:

[demartin@cccdisciples.org](mailto:demartin@cccdisciples.org).

Thank you for supporting our group,  
Luke Karunas and  
Riley Barry



**Staying Connected**

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify how we are utilizing volunteers on Sunday mornings for in-person worship. We seek to be as informative and transparent as possible for how we are embracing the changes that 2020 had presented to us. Should you desire clarification on anything you read here, feel free to contact me directly or Kathleen in the church office.

Regarding ushers: we are not using ushers as we were prior to March. That is, ushers are not currently handing out bulletins or counting attendance, since those things are being handled in other ways. Therefore, we have suspended the 2020 usher schedule until such time as we return to in-person worship without social distancing guidelines. If those guidelines are lifted, we will reinstate the 2020 schedule. However, we still have a need for ushers who are now taking on a few new responsibilities. If you are an usher and wish to be put on a new usher schedule, we would love to have you. If you were not an usher, but would be interested in helping in this regard, the same holds true for you. Simply let us know and we'll give you more information and put you in the rotation.

Regarding greeters: similar to ushers, we have suspended the 2020 greeter schedule until such time as we return to in-person worship without social distancing guidelines. If those guidelines are lifted, we will reinstate the 2020 schedule.

Regarding deacons: similar to ushers and greeters, we have suspended the 2020 deacon schedule until such time as we return to in-person worship without social distancing guidelines. Since we are not using trays to collect offerings or pass communion, we feel this the best step to take at the moment. However, if you are a deacon and would like to be involved in other ways, please let us know.

Regarding west entrance check-in: new since the pandemic are three (3) new positions that never before existed. **One (1) greeter** is now used to help guide traffic in and out of the building. **Two (2) front table hosts** take temperatures and sign people in. We would love to add you to the team of volunteers who are serving in these new roles – whether you are an usher, greeter, deacon, or otherwise interested. Currently, we have **two (2) Sunday morning shifts**.

Shift #1                7:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Shift #2                9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Once we build the team of volunteers sufficiently, we may add a third shift so that there is one shift per service.

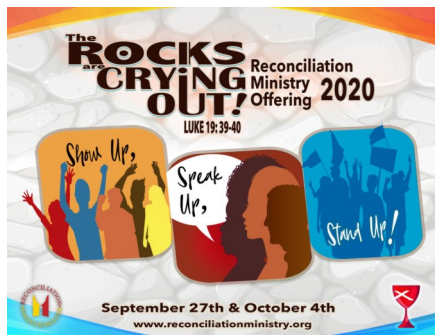
Our philosophy has been that we will not pressure anyone to come back to in-person worship. Therefore, it was never our intent to “assign” people to Sunday volunteer roles (as usher, greeter or deacon) once shelter-in-place began in March. Rather, we want to see who feels comfortable coming back to in-person worship and proceed from there. In that respect, allow me to reiterate that you are most welcome being added to a new team of volunteers at any time. Our scheduling is flexible enough that we can add people to the rotation fairly seamlessly (Donna Dash, Christine Lyman-Harm, and Mike and

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Gretchen Kirby have been doing a great job training and scheduling new volunteers). Likewise, if you do not feel comfortable coming back to in-person worship yet, please know that you are not in danger of “losing” a position you might have once held. Again, please contact me directly – or Kathleen in the church office – and if we can’t answer whatever questions you might have, we will do our best to connect you with those who can.

Blessings... Michael



### **Reconciliation Offering to be received 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/>

Did you know... that over 300 members continue to give to Central, even though they passed away years ago? Their estate included Central as a benefactor or memorial funds were donated in their name at the time of their death. Income earned from these investments helps fund our operating budget each year.

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

### **Central in the News**

Did you see the article in the Decatur Herald & Review on Dee Dee Gain’s new album? Here’s the link: [https://herald-review.com/entertainment/music/watch-now-after-years-of-encouragement-from-others-decatur-organist-shares-talent-with-the-world/article\\_c3c472ca-d14b-5030-a976-60c0755c19d5.html#utm\\_source=herald-review.com&utm\\_campaign=%2Fnewsletter-templates%2Fdaily-head-lines&utm\\_medium=PostUp&utm\\_content=7d74f376c155d24e4919a9e15a60166437a54bf2](https://herald-review.com/entertainment/music/watch-now-after-years-of-encouragement-from-others-decatur-organist-shares-talent-with-the-world/article_c3c472ca-d14b-5030-a976-60c0755c19d5.html#utm_source=herald-review.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletter-templates%2Fdaily-head-lines&utm_medium=PostUp&utm_content=7d74f376c155d24e4919a9e15a60166437a54bf2)



### **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

### **Monday (5)**

5:30-Nominating Comm., Zoom

### **Tuesday (6)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, Disciples Room

10:30-Support Staff Meeting, Conn. Café

5:00-Women’s Group, Disciples Room

### **Wednesday (7)**

10:30-Ministers’ Meeting

5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

### **Thursday (8)**

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room

5:30-Preschool Board Meeting, C. Café

### **Friday (9)**

### **Saturday (10)**

### **Sunday (11)**

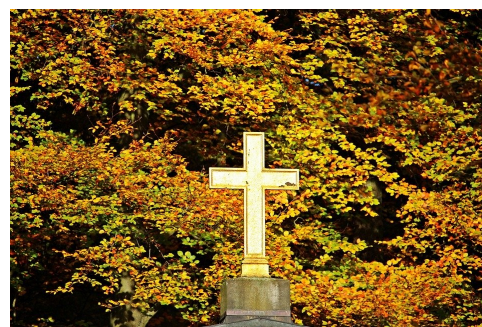
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### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

Total worshipping online = 231

Total worshipping in-person = 132



### **October 4th Volunteer schedule**

**7:45 – 9:30**

Front table – Hannah Brimner, Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince

Ushers – Pamela Bednar, David Martin

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

Cheryl Zollinger

**9:30 – 11:30**

Front table – Gregg Foltz, Bob & Mary Jane Linton

Ushers – Gretchen Kirby, David Martin

Elder - Tom Spry



### **Happy Birthday!!**

### **Birthdays this coming week (10/4-10/10)!**

Larry Bafford, Sara Beyer, Janine Boehme, David Bottom,  
Andrew Evans, Katie Fehrenbach, Larry Foster, Amy Funk,  
Erik Harm, Hailey Holt, Charlee McLeod, Laura Moma,  
Rosaline O'Neal, Ashely Sparks, Jim Taylor, Jim Whitaker

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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 Brimner.....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:**

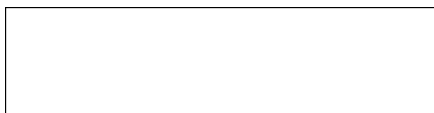
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