

# The Central Visitor

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you news from Central Christian Church  
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,  
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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## New Koinonia Bible Study

The Koinonia Sunday School Class would like to invite you to join us as we begin a study on the Holy Spirit. The book we will be using for our study is entitled "Forgotten God" Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit, by Francis Chan. The study will last for approximately 6-7 weeks, and we will be examining the role of the Holy Spirit in our individual lives and the life of the Church. Our class meets in the Connection Café on Wednesday nights from 5:30 -6:45 pm except for the second week of the month, when we meet on Thursday nights. Our study will begin on Thursday, January 14. The cost of the book and workbook which accompanies it is about \$20.00. We follow Covid guidelines by following CCC's guidelines for being in the building and sit at least 6 feet apart. If you are interested, we would be delighted to have you join us, and for more information, please call Liz Campbell at 217-521-5995.



## Women's Group

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME  
Tuesday, January 19 @ 5:30 pm  
Disciple's Room.  
I have books available.

Cultivate: The Process of Living from Your Heart  
FLY HIGH. BUILD HOME

This book is created with the vision of bringing clarity to what it means to live a whole life. The vision for this issue is that it would help bring language to what it means to thrive—to soar and to land in His heart for you.

Please bring your Bibles as we always read auxiliary books through the lens of Scripture. Thanks, and I hope to see you there! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Peace,  
Tina Miller  
Associate Minister CE & Family Life  
Central Christian Church

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN-PERSON  
(SANCTUARY) AND LIVE STREAMED  
ON [WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG](http://WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG)  
AT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

## *Lord of My Heart, Give Me Light*

Text: John 8:12-20  
Michael E. Karunas

## Youth Singers

Hello parents of Central! The music department is looking for various ways to get some younger voices involved (especially those in junior high and high school). This could include some hymn singing, anthem involvement, and even some opportunities for a youth-only special music number. If you have youth in your family who would be interested, please reach out to Christian Jackson at [chjackson@millikin.edu](mailto:chjackson@millikin.edu).



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

CCC received nearly \$1700 in contributions designated for Christmas. These funds will be forwarded to the Disciples Mission Fund to support the work of regional ministries. A few of these initiatives include connecting congregations to each other, gathering Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies, leading the Church to address racism, and inspiring leaders to experiment and create. Every dollar given is a blessing to our denomination - thank you!



**Sunday, January 17th, 2021**

Front table: Donna Dash &  
Carolyn Sunderlik  
Elders: Gerri Munos &  
Krista Rohrscheib  
PA: David Martin



**Happy Birthday!!  
(1/17—1/23)!**

Jan Baird, Alyssa Bottom,  
Parker Campbell, Nancy Hanover,  
Jane Hickman, Felicity Williams



## Minister's Article

### Challenges and Opportunities

Each week of this new sermon series - "A New Heart for a New Year" – we will be issuing a challenge to undertake during the week that follows. This will be based on the sermon theme for the day (which, in turn, is based on one of the petitions from the Celtic prayer "Lord of My Heart"). The intention is that this prayer take root in our hearts and lead to our spiritual growth. We hope the challenges help in that regard. This week, there are actually two.

The first challenge is to create a Vision Board for the sermon series. I'm including pictures both of Pastor Tina's and my own. Your board can look more like hers, or mine, or completely *un-like* either of them. At the very least, it should include some piece of paper divided into 5 sections (one for each week of the series), with some amount of room to put things into each section.



The second challenge is related to this past Sunday's sermon theme of "Vision." In the section of your Vision Board marked "vision," we want you to spend time reflecting on the following four (4) questions. Once you have done so, you can write your answers in the "vision" section on your board (or you may choose to put anything else in that section of your board that relates to these questions). Here are the questions for reflection:

- 1) *What kind of person do I want to become in 2021?*
- 2) *What brings me joy and fulfillment? (not because of the outcome, but simply in the doing of it?)*
- 3) *How is this pleasing to God? In what way is God honored by this?*
- 4) *How are others made better by this?*

Finally, an opportunity this week! Beginning Sunday, January 17, we will be offering in-person worship again at all three (3) of our services.

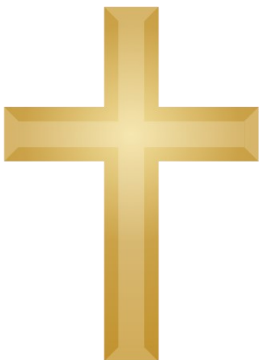
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Here's what you will need to know:

- If you are not yet comfortable coming back to in-person worship, don't worry. We will continue to **live-stream all 3 services** (traditional worship on the website and Facebook, contemporary on Facebook)
- If you are planning on coming back to in-person worship:
  - You will be allowed in to the building **10 minutes** before the beginning of worship. So please don't show up sooner than this
  - Enter through the West Entrance. We will have our regular **check-in procedures** (temperature check, handwashing, sign in, masks)
  - For traditional worship, the **first 25 people** will be seated on the main level of the sanctuary. Everyone after that will be seated in the balcony.
  - For traditional worship we will also be printing a **bulletin**. You will be able to pick these up with your communion supplies. We will not, however, be using hymnals or pew bibles.

If you have any questions about any of these procedures, don't hesitate to contact the office. Thank you for your support, understanding and flexibility.

Blessings - Michael



#### In Sympathy We Mourn

With sadness, we share the news we received that Anne Raddatz passed away early last Thursday morning. She had been living in Belleville, close to her nephew and niece-in-law, her primary caregivers, and entered hospice around the first of the year. Here is a link to her obituary:

<https://www.wfh-ofallon.com/obituary/anne-raddatz>

For those who may wish to reach out to Jim and Peggy Hutchinson, especially those in Anne's Ecclesia Sunday School class, they can be reached at:

*Jim and Peggy Hutchinson, 1046 Oriole Drive, O'Fallon IL, 62269*



#### **Sunday (17)**

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 (18) - Dr. M.L. King Jr. Day Church & Office Closed**

#### **Tuesday (19)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
10:30-Support Staff Meeting  
5:30-Women's Group, Disciples Room

#### **Wednesday (20)**

10:30-Ministers' Meeting  
5:30-Church Council (Business)  
5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

#### **Thursday (21)**

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

#### **Friday (22)**

#### **Saturday (23)**

9:00-Visioning Team, Great Hall

#### **Sunday (24)**

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



#### Counting On You

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

Total (online and worship leaders) = 363

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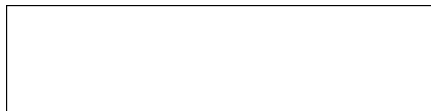
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**Temporary Church Office Hours as of**  
**January 4th, 2021:**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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