

The Central Visitor

A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope

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Free Virtual Women's Conference

You are invited to attend the free Virtual Women's Conference on February 19-20, 2021, hosted by the CCIW Disciple Women's Ministry Leadership Team. The theme is "New Times, New Wineskins". We will examine change, old practices, and move beyond our comfort zones to engage God in a new, refreshed spiritual wineskin. To register for this free event, click on the link below:

<https://cciwdisciples.org/portfolio/new-times-new-wineskins/>

Blessing Boxes

The CCIW Disciple Women are collecting funds for the Blessing Box offering once more. Please send in your contributions by February 7th for the Blessing Box offering.



Journeyman Men's Bible Study Underway

Both the men's bible study groups have re-convened for in-person meetings in 2021. The Tuesday group meets from 7 - 8 a.m. The Thursday group convenes from 4 - 5 p.m. Both groups are studying the scriptures and themes of the current

sermon series, "A New Heart for a New Year." All men are invited to join us!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN-PERSON
(SANCTUARY) AND LIVE STREAMED
ON 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 Courage

Text: Joshua 1:7-9

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.



IRON SHARPENS IRON 2021 NATIONAL MEN'S ONE DAY **EQUIPPING CONFERENCES**
SPRINGFIELD, IL MARCH 20TH
Tabernacle Baptist Church - Decatur, IL 8:30 AM - 4:55 PM
Registration starts @ \$47 per man for groups of 10 or more.
RPMFM.ORG



Mark your calendar
February 21, 2021
Valentine's Craft and
Cookie Pick-up
Until 12:30

Items will be available for pick up after all three services.

If you cannot make a service, please drive up to the West Entrance after 11:45 am and we'll hand your bag to you.

We have a few mangers leftover from Advent.

Please email or call the church office and let us know if you would like one!

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

2020 year-end giving statements will be mailed late this week. Please review yours carefully and contact the office if you have any questions or need any additional information. Many thanks to the financial team for all the great work they do to support Central Christian.



Share Christ... Change Lives... Deliver Hope...

This past Saturday morning, the Visioning Team (introduced in last week's *Visitor*) had its first meeting with Bruce Nims. After introductions and a general overview of expectations, we spent the majority of the time with a spirited conversation about our mission statement: Share Christ... Change Lives... Deliver Hope. Bruce's question for us to consider was, essentially, "Does this statement still fit us?" Do we feel that this should still be our guiding vision going forward?

The group was in agreement in the belief that these words "still fit us" in their great value for us. First, they are already part of our general conversation regarding who we are as a community of faith. Moreover, the group felt that the words do represent, in general, who we want to be as people of God.

And yet, questions were raised. Some felt that the words might not be interpreted the way we intend them. For example, when we say "change" lives, are we implying that someone's life *should* be changed? And does that presume a privilege that could come across as self-righteous? Others suggested that some important words were missing from this statement. Nowhere in that six-word mission are the concepts of serving, equipping, or empowering present – all words that would also reveal what we think is important in living out faith.

In terms of resolution, we did not come to any at this point. That was not the intent. While we acknowledged that the mission statement is effective and appropriate, our task (as a Vision Team and a congregation) is to clarify what that means for us today, and that is where you all come in. As Gregg Foltz (Vision Team chair) and I have emphasized, we want the entire congregation to feel they are represented in this process we are undertaking, so I want to offer you the opportunity this week to let us know what you think about our six-word mission statement. What do you think about Share Christ... Change Lives... Deliver Hope?

Do you feel that this statement reflects who we are?

Does it reflect who you feel we should be?

Are there words / concepts you feel are missing?

If you were to change anything about this mission statement, what would it be?

Feel free to email any feedback or insights you have to:
g55foltz@gmail.com or central@cccdisciples.org.

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- Blessings - Michael



Sunday, January 31st, 2021

7:45-9:30 teams

Front table: Sandy Garver, George & Pearl Jones

Usher: David Martin, Mike Munos

9:30-11:30 teams

Front table: Gregg Foltz

Usher: Gretchen Kirby, David Martin

Elders: Gretchen Kirby/Gail Prince

PA: 8:00 David Martin/10:30 Jim Hinze



Sunday (31)

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 (February 1)

Tuesday (2)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

10:30-Support Staff Meeting

5:30-Women's Group, Disciples Room

Wednesday (3)

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

Thursday (4)

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

Friday (5)

Saturday (6)

Sunday (31)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

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

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Happy Birthday!!

(1/31-2/6)!

Ellen Damery, Ryan Damery,
John Downs, David Econie,
Paige Garver, Peyton Garver,
Christian Jackson, Doug Luthy,
Olivia Patricio, Tony Reider,
Sally Thickesten, Carol Wade,
Judith Wagner

Counting On You

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Total worshipping online = 302

Total worshipping in-person = 120

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Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator
Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl WilliamsNursery Attendant
Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
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Andrew Evans.....Caretaker
Toby Jones.....Caretaker



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You will see a list of options pop up.

Find the option marked "follow" and click on that.

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