

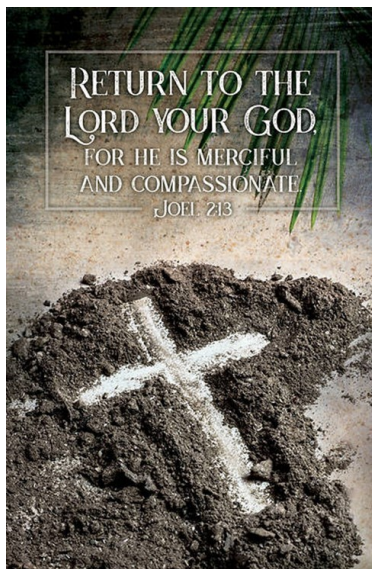
# The Central Visitor

*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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## Ash Wednesday, February 17

We will offer **one (1) service** for Ash Wednesday. It will be at **noon** (12:00 p.m.), **in-person only** and will last about 30 minutes. We will have self-serve communion (as normal during the pandemic). We will also be imposing ashes for those who wish to receive them. Pastors Don and Tina and myself will come to those where they are sitting and impose them on forehead or back of hand. We'll wear masks and use a q-tip to impose the ashes. For those who are uncomfortable with in-person worship, we are inviting you to drive by the church at **12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.** and drive through the West Entrance. We will impose "**drive thru**" ashes and offer a **Lenten prayer** for you and

your household as you drive through. If we are not outside exactly at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. go ahead and form a line of cars. We will be there as soon as we can and will be present for **30 minutes** (so... from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. and then from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.). - Michael

## Crosses for Lent

You might remember how, during Advent and Christmas, there was a large Christmas tree standing just to the north of the West Entrance, visible as we drove under the canopy or approached the building from the west parking lot. In that same location, there are now three crosses, which will stand through the Lenten and Easter season. Thank you to the worship and property departments for providing this inspiring gift.



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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.**

### *Share*

Text: Acts 9:10-20  
Michael E. Karunas



## Sunday, February 21st, 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: Paul Gorden, Brett Swallow

Usher: Gretchen Kirby, David Martin

Elders: Tom Spry

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

**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 Disciples 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/>



**Happy Birthday!!  
(2/21—2/27)!**

Caroline Bryant, Scott Gannett, Stacey Gannett, Celia Johnston, Dinneen Kauzlarich, Dianne Kirtley, Clint McLeod, Pat Penhallegon, Ella Redden, Irwin Soliday,



**Things to keep in your car during winter:**

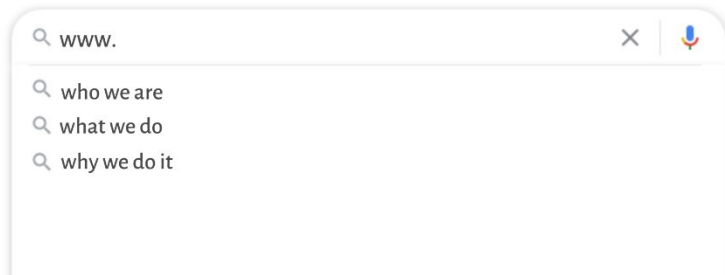
1. Sturdy ice scraper & snow brush
2. Shovel
3. Gloves & other winter clothing
4. Blanket
5. Emergency flares or reflectors
6. Rock salt, sand, or kitty litter
7. First aid kit
8. Extra windshield washer fluid
9. Flashlight
10. Rope or chain
11. Jumper cables
12. Small tool kit
13. Sunglasses
14. Cell phone charger
15. Water and non-perishable snacks

**WWW.**

This week, we begin the season of Lent which is the season in the church year encompassing the 7 weeks prior to Easter. The word "Lent" comes from a word that means "lengthening of days" which happens in the Springtime, but spiritually speaking, Lent is a time of refocusing our lives on Christ and striving to follow him more intentionally. As you know, we are undergoing a time of visioning this winter and spring – as we think about our mission as a congregation. We would like our worship during Lent to accompany the work the vision leadership team is undertaking.

Central Christian Church

February 21-March 28



To that end, our theme in worship will be "Mission." Each Sunday, our worship will be built on the six (6) important words that we have named as our "mission" at Central Christian - Share. Christ. Change. Lives. Deliver. Hope. Overall, the series is called **WWW.** (which stands for **Who** we are; **What** we do; **Why** we do it), and the period (.) matters. It's there at the end of the Ws for a reason. The period represents "that is all." There is nothing that needs to come afterward, which would implied by a comma, a colon, a semi-colon, or even an ellipsis (...). The period implies that sharing Christ, changing lives, and delivering hope says it all about our mission as disciples of Christ. Here's what to expect over the next month and a half:

February 21	"Share"	Acts 9:10-20
February 28	"Christ"	John 1:29-36
March 7	"Change"	Mark 10:46-52
March 14	"Lives"	Philippians 4:8-9
March 21	"Deliver"	Mark 6:7-13
March 28	"Hope"	Romans 5:1-5

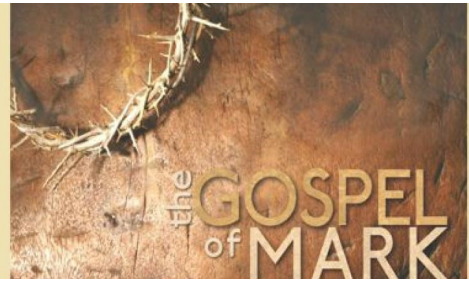
Blessings - Michael



**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!





**“Telling Mark’s Good News!” –  
Small Group Opportunity**

As you know, I do a lot of memorizing scripture. What you probably don’t know is what a deeply spiritual experience it is for me and how much it helps me grow in my own connection to scripture. I want to share the gift of memorizing and reciting scripture with you!!! Every week during Lent (February 17 – March 28), I will meet with all those interested for one hour. We will spend 6 weeks memorizing sections of the **Passion Story** of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Mark (**Mark chapters 14:1 – 16:8**). At the end of the class, **students will perform a memorized section of the story**. It will be filmed and the video will be shown the week before Easter. This has the potential to be an amazing gift – both to you, if you choose to participate, and to the whole church, which will be able to see the videos during Holy Week. We will spend the 6 weeks of the small group picking our sections of the story to tell; memorizing; workshoping; discussing ways of acting out the words we memorize; and more!!! Each person will be responsible for as few as 10-12 verses (but can do more if they choose). I will work with however many are interested – from 2 to 12 or more. More details will be forthcoming on this class but for now, if you are interested, please email me ([mkarunas@ccd-disciples.org](mailto:mkarunas@ccd-disciples.org)). This class is designed to be in-person and we will meet in the Friendship Center where we can spread out (masks required as well – except when workshoping your memorized piece).



**Sunday (21)**

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 9:00-12:30-Craft & Cookie pickup (after each service), West entrance
- 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 (22)**

**Tuesday (23) - Consol. Prim. Election Day**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

**Wednesday (24)**

- 10:30-Ministers’ Meeting
- 5:30-Worship Committee, Disc. Room
- 5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

**Thursday (25)**

- 10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

**Friday (26)**

**Saturday (27)**

- 9:00-Faith Quest

**Sunday (28)**

- 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, February 14, 2021**  
 Total worshipping online = 392  
 Total worshipping in-person = 93

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To "follow" click on the ellipse icon (...).

You will see a list of options pop up.

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

**Temporary Church Office Hours as of**  
**February 1st, 2021:**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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