

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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No. 11



All Church Boxed Lunch Picnic

March 28, 2021

12 noon

West Parking Lot

**Please call or email the church office
for reservations**

By March 21

Bring a lawn chair

Southern Fried Chicken, Hash Brown Casserole,
Vegetables, Roll, and Cookie



ATTENTION PARENTS!

Please see the link below to register your children for the upcoming
Craft Gathering. Be sure to register your children by March 19th!

We will gather for an hour to enjoy crafting and
individually wrapped snacks and drinks.

Safe social practices will be observed. Masks are required. Thank you!

<https://www.cccdisciples.org/childrens-craft-workshop-registration-page/>

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 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.

Deliver

Text: Mark 5:1-21

Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!!

(3/21—3/27)!

Shelby Baum, Mac Funk,
Gary Johnston, Emily Konoplisky,
Christine Lyman-Harm, Kim Miller,
Blair Moran, Kate Neumann,
Wanda Poisel, Nancy Ellen Taylor,
Rev. Charles Watkins

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

650 W Williams St Decatur IL

cccdisciples.org

7:00 PM
IN-PERSON

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

The Passion Story
Retold

5:00 PM
ONLINE

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

The Passion Story
Retold

8:00 AM
9:15 AM 10:30 AM

**EASTER
WORSHIP**

Livestream &
In-Person



June 11-12, 9 am through 12 noon

2-day, in-person VBS!

Ages 5 years through 5th grade

Pre-registration required: capacity
40 children.

Registration forms will be available
later.

Look for updates.

**Central Christian Church will host a
two-day VBS this year. We need
your help. Please write
tmiller@cccdisciples.org or call
217.428.4336 if you would like to
serve with us as we explore the
Armor of God!**

Social distancing and safe practices
will be exercised.

If you aren't available to volunteer
at VBS, you can also support VBS
by:

- Donating items when lists are published.
- Helping assemble children's bags (the week of VBS).

Important Palm Sunday and Easter News

One of the great joys we will be celebrating in the next few weeks is the culmination of another Faith Quest class at Central. Faith Quest is for those youth seeking to make their first formal confession of faith and the gift of baptism. This year we have the largest class in the last decade – 12 total! Ten of the students will be making their confessions of faith on Palm Sunday (3/28). Half of those making confessions on Palm Sunday will be doing so at the 9:15 service, with the other half following them at the 10:30 service. Some of the 12 will be baptized on Easter Sunday, and the rest will be baptized on some Sunday later in April or early May. This year's class has been particularly wonderful, though as you can imagine, we have had to be creative, given the current pandemic.

I share all this because we anticipate having extra people in worship on March 28 (Palm Sunday) and Easter (April 4). Some of these will be the family members of these youth making their confessions of faith. Others will be those we suspect are simply looking forward to celebrating this Highest of Holy Days with in-person worship at Central! We want everyone to feel welcome, and we will not turn anyone away. At the same time, we want to:

- 1) Share some important information as you make your Palm Sunday and Easter Plans, and
- 2) Ask you to do something for us.

First, we will still be abiding by our social distancing guidelines. This means that for the 8:00 and 10:30 services:

- We will be reserving the first few pews in the sanctuary for the family members of the youth confessing their faith (3/28) and getting baptized (4/4).
- We will still have every other pew roped off and will ask people to sit at either end of the pews.
- We will have ushers guiding you to one of three (3) seating areas for worship (we will fill area 1 before moving on to area 2 and so on)
 - Seating area 1 – sanctuary, lower level
 - Seating area 2 – sanctuary, balcony
 - Seating area 3 – Great hall, watching worship on video monitors

For 9:15 contemporary worship, we do not anticipate having the same seating issues. However, if there are more than the Great Hall can accommodate (with distancing), then the first over-flow area will be the Connection Café (viewing worship on the monitor).

For all services, we are asking your cooperation. Please note that if you are not able to sit in your particularly preferred area, we are trusting you to understand our desire to make room for everyone while abiding by pandemic guidelines. And we thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Second, here is what we are asking you to do. Please call the office (217-428-4336) or email us (central@cccdisciples.org) and tell us:

- Which service you wish to attend on 3/28 (and how many people)
- Which service you wish to attend on 4/4 (and how many people)

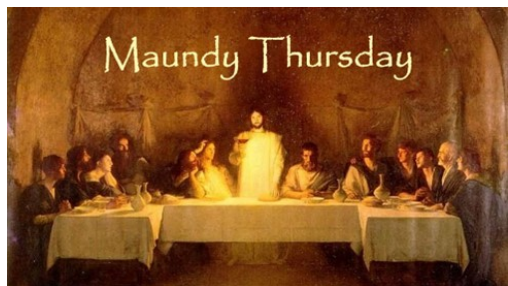
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Thank you for helping us be as prepared as possible for whatever accommodations we need to make in order to allow everyone who wants to attend to be there.

Blessings - Michael

Maundy Thursday

Make your plans to attend worship on **Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 1) at 7:00 p.m.** You may attend in person or online. The service will be the dramatic re-telling of the Passion Story of Jesus as told by the Gospel of Mark. The word passion means "suffer", and the Passion Story tells of the suffering and death of Jesus which precedes Easter. Communion will be taken as part of the dramatic re-telling.



As our Maundy Thursday Passion Story is told, the sanctuary will become ever darker until the service ends with the burial of Jesus. When we re-convene on Easter Sunday, we will begin worship with a dramatic recitation of the resurrection of Jesus (Mark 16:1-8). The troupe of storytellers who will present the Maundy Thursday Passion Story from Mark are:

Karen Wade
Shirley Swarthout
Janet Lyman

Donna Rutherford
Mary Jane Oliver
Wayne Rutherford

Angie Horvath
Betty Thorp
Michael Karunas

Easter Lilies

Central will be selling Easter lilies on Sunday, March 21st and Sunday, March 28th. Each lily is \$15.00. You may call the church office (217-428-4336) or email central@cccdisciples.org to reserve your lily and mail or bring in a check or cash. Lilies may be picked up after Easter worship services with a drive-through from noon to 1:00 PM on April 4th. If you are unable to make the pickup time, they may be picked up from the church on Tuesday, April 6th or Wednesday, April 7th (the church is closed on Monday April 5th) in the Connection Café.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Here's an update on the Operating Fund - receipts slightly exceeded expenses in February, and we currently have a year-to-date surplus of \$2,309. No unusual expenses were incurred, although Property's expenses were up due to snow removal costs and higher utility bills due to the extremely cold temperatures.



NURSERY NEWS

The nursery is open for the 9:15 am and 10:30 am church services. Please call church office to request nursery service for the 8 am service. See new nursery guidelines on page 4.



Sunday (21)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
4:00-Youth Group

Monday (22)

5:00-Mark's Gospel group, Sanctuary
6:00-Pastoral Sup. Comm., Disc. Room

Tuesday (23)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, Disciples Room

Wednesday (24)

10:30-Ministers' Meeting
5:00-PR Committee, Zoom
5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

Thursday (25)

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

Friday (26) Scholarship Applications available

Saturday (27)

9:00-Faith Quest
10:00-Children's Craft Gathering

Sunday (28) - Palm Sunday

Faith Quest Confessions of Faith & Baptisms

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
11:30-Picnic/Box Lunch pickup
1:00-Mark's Gospel rehearsal
No Youth Group

Counting On You

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Total worshipping online = 163
Total worshipping in-person = 163



Sunday, March 21st, 2021

7:45-9:30 teams

Front table: Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince
Ushers: Dianne Devore & David Martin

9:30-11:30 teams

Front table: Paul Gorden & Brett Swallow
Ushers: David Martin & Ron Oliver

Elders: Gerri Munos & Krista Rohrscheib
PA: 8:00 Pat Penhallegon
10:30 Keith Backes

Nursery Guidelines:

**Please follow these guidelines
to ensure safety and wellness.**

- . Children must be checked in at West Entrance.
- . Adhere to correct sign-in & sign-out procedures.
- . Masks required by all persons two years old & older.
- . Only one parent admitted into nursery for drop off & pick up.
- . No siblings admitted who are not of nursery age.
- . No personal toys, book, puzzles, or snacks.
- . Only pre-packaged, nursery-provided snacks and drinks.
- . Baby bottles with liquid are permitted for infants.

Thank you for cooperating.

We hope to serve you while remaining safe and healthy.

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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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March 15th, 2021:

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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