

# 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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## Schedule of Baptisms in April

What an inspiration it was this past Sunday to witness 10 youth confess their faith for the first time (five at our 9:15 contemporary service and five at our 10:30 traditional service). All 10 will be baptized in the coming weeks (along with two more youth who were out of town this past Sunday). Here is the schedule for baptisms in the coming weeks. All baptisms will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service.

### April 4 (Easter Sunday)

Jordan Lindsey	Julina Lindsey	Reese Mahannah
Kaedon McCoy	Josie Morelli	Peyton Swarthout

### April 11

Luke Karunas	Nola Redden
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### April 18

Hannah Kilday	Declan Kilday
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## SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 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.

## What Happens Next?

Text: Mark 16:1-8

Michael E. Karunas

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS Available Online and at the Welcome Center

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES:**

**Available Now**

**Return Deadline: May 1, 2021 @ 3 pm**

[www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org)

## Easter Offering to be Received April 4th

The Disciples Easter Offering, received by most congregations on March 28 and April 4, 2021, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Please consider giving generously.

## Hey children!

**Be sure to stop at the  
table in the Children's  
Lobby on Easter Sunday  
for a bag of goodies!**

## CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

650 W Williams St Decatur IL

[cccdisciples.org](http://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

**Lots of Thanks!!!**

**To the Fellowship Committee,**

What a scrumptious end to a fabulous Sunday! We appreciate your effort in making dinner and serving it to the congregation Sunday, March 28. The fried chicken, potatoes, vegetables, roll, and dessert were delicious!

With appreciation,  
Your Church Family

**Dear CE Committee,**

Thank you for giving your time, energy, effort at the Craft Gathering last Saturday, March 27, 2021. You made the day a success! The children enjoyed our time together making crafts, snacking, and spending time with others in our building.

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

**Thanks from Gail Prince**

A very special thank-you to everyone that helped with the meal preparation in the kitchen on 3-25! I couldn't have pulled it off without the help of Lora, Andrew, Christine, Janet, Mary Jane, Donna, Suzie, Jeanie, and David. Also, thank you to the Faith Quest group for the decorated Easter boxes.

Blessings of Love, Gail

**Vision Team Update**

The Vision Team continues to meet to develop CCC's strategic plan for the next three to five years. A key to success is not only gaining input from the Vision Team, but from everyone in the congregation.

Michael's current sermon series WWW. parallels the vision team's work. We have already received input from congregants based on feedback requested in The Visitor and Michael's sermons. **Please continue your good work, as everyone's input is important.**

**Vision Team Roundtables**

The Vision Team would like to share with you an update on where we stand on the visioning process as well as getting your feedback as it continues its work. It is important that our strategic plan for fulfilling our mission over the next 4-5 years is one that we all have a voice in formulating and one that we are all excited about supporting.

To that end Gregg Foltz, Vision Team leader, is inviting you to attend one of two (2) roundtable discussions. The format for these discussions will be as follows:

- Gregg and some other members of the Vision Team will share what it believes Central's Core Values are (that is, what the non-negotiable characteristics are that best describe our congregation); and what the Focus Areas of Ministry we should embrace over the next 4-5 years.

The Vision Team representatives will be interested in hearing from you whether or not the team is on the "right track." That is...

Is the Vision Team's impression of the church on the same page as your own? And when you think of where we should focus our energies and resources going forward, is that similar to what the Vision Team is thinking?

- Additionally, the Vision Team would like to hear from you regarding what you think our "next steps" might be.
  - Once we have the Focus Areas of Ministry identified, we will want to name a handful for specific projects for each area that our church should undertake.
  - The Vision Team would be interested in hearing what kinds of projects interest you and behind which you would be willing to stand.

The roundtables will take place:

**Wednesday, April 7**                      **6 – 7 p.m.**  
**Thursday, April 8**                      **6 – 7 p.m.**  
*(these will both be in-person at the church)*

If you are interested in attending one of these roundtables, please do the following:

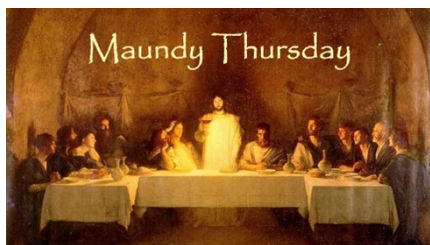
- 1) Call the church (217-428-4336) or email [central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org). We would like you to reserve a space at the roundtable so that we can be prepared, space-wise.
- 2) If you would like to participate, but are not comfortable with in-person gatherings, let us know and we may set up another session by zoom.

And if we need to create a third roundtable date, we will. Thank you for your support of Central – its past, present and future. If you have any questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to contact us, Michael ([mkarunas@cccdisciples.org](mailto:mkarunas@cccdisciples.org)) and Gregg ([g55foltz@gmail.com](mailto:g55foltz@gmail.com)).

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

### From the Millikin University Choral Directors

On Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm, the Millikin Choral Department will premiere its annual **Concert For Holy Week** in virtual format. The program features contemplative texts from Biblical, liturgical and poetic sources creating a meditational evening ideal those looking with expectation to the following Easter morning. (Texts are posted so that the listener may engage them more fully.) The 45-minute presentation titled "**Health, Hope and Heaven**" progresses from pieces of despair and brokenness to sources of healing and finally, views of eternity.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MillikinUniversitySchoolofMusic/videos>

You tube – Millikin University School of Music  
Millikin University Choir  
Brad Holmes, Conductor  
Millikin Collegiate Chorale  
Benjamin Hawkinson, Conductor



### **Sunday (4) - Easter**

#### **Faith Quest Baptisms**

#### **Easter Bag hand-outs**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

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

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

No Youth Group

### **Monday (5)**

#### **Church & Office Closed**

### **Tuesday (6) - Election Day**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-Christcare Stitchers, Disciples Room

### **Wednesday (7)**

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

### **Thursday (8)**

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room

5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

### **Friday (9)**

### **Saturday (10)**

### **Sunday (11)**

#### **Faith Quest Baptisms**

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4:00-Youth Group



### **Happy Birthday!! (4/4—4/10)!**

Hannah Brimner, Jane Davis,  
Gregg Foltz, Kathy Kauzlarich,  
Adalyn McCoy

### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

Total worshipping online = 228

Total worshipping in-person = 237





**Sunday, April 4th, 2021**

**7:45-9:30 teams**

Front table: Sandy Garver, George & Pearl Jones, Karen Penn

Ushers: Pamela Bednar, Gary Horvath, David Martin,

Mike Munos

**9:30-11:30 teams**

Front table: Paul Gorden, Janet Lyman, Tom Ritter,

Brett Swallow

Ushers: Gretchen & Mike Kirby, David Martin, Ron Oliver

Elders: Gretchen Kirby, Gail Prince

PA: 8:00 Jim Bednar

10:30 Jim Hinz

### **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.

### **OPEN NURSERY CARE STAFF POSITION**

Are you happy, energetic, and patient? Do you have good communication skills? If so, I have the perfect opportunity for you! We are looking for individuals who want to engage with infants and toddlers as part of our nursery care staff. The position includes minimal hours (five to twelve hours per month): perfect for college students. Please pass this along to anyone who might be a good fit for the position. Send resume' to Tina Miller (tmiller@cccdisciples.org). Thanks in advance!

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 David Martin.....Youth Director  
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 David Williams.....Organist  
 Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant  
 Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant  
 Hannah Brimmer.....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



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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.

## **Church Office Hours as of**

**March 15th, 2021:**

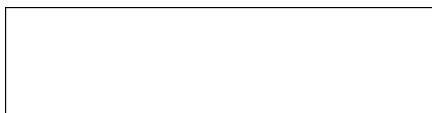
**Monday through Friday**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

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