

# 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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## Welcome New Member

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Michael Badger into the Central fold. Michael transferred his membership to Central this past Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. service. He has recently located to Decatur after having lived in a variety of places around the country. While living in Kansas, he was a member of a Disciples of Christ conversation. Michael has recently moved into an apartment near the church and has been attending Central regularly for the past 3 months. Welcome Michael!

## Welcome Baby Shartzter!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Rowan Nicole Shartzter to the Central family. Rowan was born on April 28th to proud parents Cole & Andrea Shartzter.



## Addition to the Bride's Room

Central received an unexpected, but very beautiful and appropriate, gift recently. Becky Johnston presented us with this wall hanging. It reflects the essence of I Corinthians 13:4-7. In giving it to Central, she noted that it reminded her of the long and faithful marriage of her parents, Bob and Wanda Webb. Bob and Wanda were themselves long-time, faithful, and committed members of Central. This wall hanging has been hung in the Bride's Room on Central's second floor. Stop by and see it the next time you are in the building.



## SUNDAY, MAY 9, 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.

***Penguins: Bold, Committed, and  
Compassionate***

Text: Mark 6:7-13  
Michael E. Karunas

for all you do  
you do with love  
you are so special  
a gift from above  
and with all my heart  
I want to say  
I LOVE YOU MOM  
happy mother's day





**Mark your calendar:**  
**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

May 16, 2021

ALL SERVICES

Bring your children to celebrate  
another year of school,  
“in the books!”

Join us in-person as we celebrate  
your achievements and announce  
scholarship winners!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

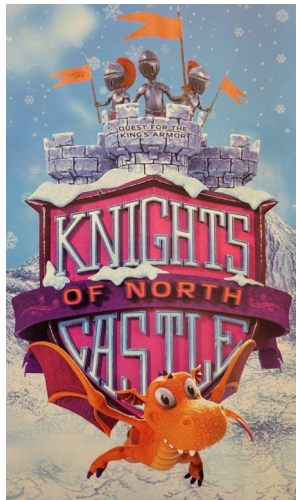
**Available Online and**  
**at the Welcome Center**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**DATES:**

**Available: now!**

**Return Deadline: May 7, 2021 @  
3:00 pm**

Click [HERE](#) for the fillable PDF.  
Click [HERE](#) for the printer-friendly  
version.



**VBS Registration**

VBS registration is now open!

Go to <https://www.cccdisciples.org/vbs-registration-2021/>

**Minister's Article**

**On Your Radar**

I wanted to share a few things in this column about several important things happening in the congregation's life that we would like you to have on your radar. Among them:

**A "Priestly" 5-Day Challenge**

In this past Sunday's worship, we discussed how priests have been those – throughout our Judeo-Christian history – who have been tasked with helping people honor God with their actions. Though the particular actions have been different over the millennia, the mission itself has not changed. We furthermore said that to tap into our inner priest is to honor God “out in the vineyard” with the way we live our lives. At the close of the message, I offered a 5-day challenge to embrace five different actions that our spiritual ancestors practiced as a step in that direction. For those that would like them again, here they are:

Day 1 – Theme: Word – Read Matthew 21:28-32 three times (morning, afternoon, evening)

Day 2 – Theme: Prayers – Pray for 5 people

Day 3 – Theme: Fellowship – send or give a word of encouragement to someone

Day 4 – Theme: Personal example – spend the day thinking of being a good example for others in all you do

Day 5 – Theme: Giving – Identify something of value to you and give it to someone in need

**Don Martin Retirement – Save the Date**

As you know by now, our music minister and minister of visitation Don Martin will be retiring at the end of June. Don and his family first arrived at Central in early 1998 and after 23 years of faithful service, his professional days with us are coming to a close. We wanted you to “save the date” for two important events as this happens. *Note: some of the details and specifics may change slightly.*

**Saturday, June 26**

At 3:00 p.m. there will be a “Program to Celebrate the Ministry of Don Martin at Central.”

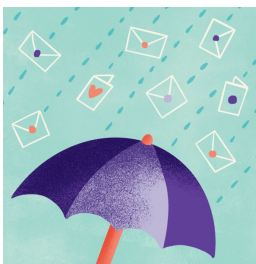
This will likely be 90-minutes (or so) and take place in the sanctuary. As you can imagine, there will be lots of music, some refreshments to follow, and... quite possibly, a few surprises.

**Sunday, June 27**

We will have a 9:15 contemporary service as usual, but there will be ONE (1) traditional service at 10:30. There will not be an 8:00 service that day. Again, there will be lots of special music, and Don will preach the sermon for the day. Again, more information will be forthcoming about this important weekend, but for now we wanted everyone to be able to save these dates.

**Card Shower for Claudine Nichols**

Long-time member and former pastor's wife Claudine Nichols will be moving to Shawnee, Kansas, in the next couple of weeks, and we are collecting farewell/wishing well cards for her to take to Kansas with her. If you would like to bring a card, please do so by Sunday, May 16th.



### **BLUE SKIES FOR DORCAS DISCIPLES!**

All Central women are invited to share in the re-starting celebration of Dorcas Disciples on Tuesday, May 18th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Join in an evening of fellowship, food, and fun, with a moment of remembrance and a "look to the blue skies of the future". Come together safely to explore new ways to Share Christ, Change Lives and Deliver Hope as Dorcas women.



#### **Sunday (9) - Mothers' Day**

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

#### **Monday (10)**

5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

#### **Tuesday (11)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207  
10:30-Support Staff Meeting  
5:30-Women's Group

#### **Wednesday (12)**

10:30-Ministers' Meeting  
5:00-Elders, Great Hall

#### **Thursday (13)**

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room  
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café  
5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room  
5:30-Koinonia, 212  
6:00-Choir, Choir Room

#### **Friday (14)**

#### **Saturday (15)**

9:00-Visioning Team, Great Hall

#### **Sunday (16) - Graduation Sunday!**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream  
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live  
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream  
2:00-Arts in the Parking Lot

### **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!



#### **Bottle Cap Collection Deadline**

The last day for collecting bottle caps will be May 16th.

#### **In Sympathy We Mourn**

In sympathy, we mourn with Kathy Matherly for the loss of her father on April 22nd. Please join with us in prayer for her and her family.



#### **Sunday, May 9th, 2021**

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

Front table: Donna Dash, Carolyn Sunderlik  
Ushers: Karma Lynn Carpenter, David Martin

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

Front table: Keith & Jeannie Backes, Paul Gorden  
Ushers: David Martin, Doug Soebbing

Elders: Tom Spry, Matthew Swarthout

PA: 8:00 Donna Dash

10:30 Mike Kirby



#### **Happy Birthday!! (5/9—5/15)!**

Karma Lynn Carpenter, Greg Carter,  
Jim Denzer, Alex Harm, Tessa McCoy,  
Phyllis Morris, Robert Reed

#### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

Total worshipping online = 151  
Total worshipping in-person = 186



# CCC ARTS IN THE PARKING LOT!

COME OUT AND ENJOY A FUN AFTERNOON FULL OF ART. WHETHER YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE OR JUST APPRECIATE, THERE WILL BE A LOT TO SEE AND DO! THERE WILL BE DRAWING, CRAFTING, PAINTING, AND EVEN COOKIE DECORATING. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A MUSIC STATION WHERE YOU CAN TRY OUT (OR SHOW OFF) YOUR MUSICAL TALENT.

**SUNDAY, MAY 16**

12:00-2:00

North East parking lot next to the playground

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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**

### Vaccination Assistance

If you want some help getting your Covid vaccine, the office has a couple of resources for you. Call us at 217-428-4336, and we will get this information to you.

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