

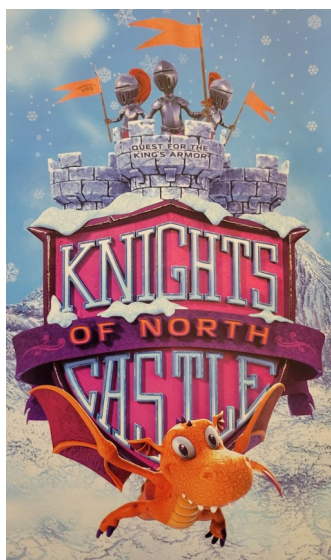
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KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

VBS 2021

JUNE 11 & 12

9 AM-12 NOON

**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH
5TH GRADE**

**3 & 4 YEAR OLD CHILDREN MAY
ATTEND WITH ADULT
ACCOMPANIMENT**

**REGISTER BY THIS SATURDAY,
MAY 22**

Online: [https://www.cccdisciples.org/vbs-
registration-2021/](https://www.cccdisciples.org/vbs-registration-2021/)

In person: at the Welcome Center

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 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.**

***Pentecost Power:
What the World Needs***

**Text: Acts 2:1-12
Michael E. Karunas**

2021 Central Christian Church Scholarship Winners

**Congratulations to the selected recipients of the
2021 Central Christian Church Scholarships!**

Walter & Inabell Kirby Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Karunas

Don & Bonnie Sauer Peace & Justice Scholarship

Hannah Brimner & Toby Jones

Roy O. & Rachel R. Schilling Scholarship

Spencer Domer & Drake Niles-Cox

Cocoa & Lilabelle Traylor Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer Baumann & Megan Swim

Dr. Barbara Tyler Scholarship

Erik Harm

**STUDENTS,
Your church is
cheering you on.
Finish the school
year strong!
You can do it.**



Elevator Repairs Are Underway!

We are so excited that our elevator repairs have now begun! Your faithfulness is helping to keep our building maintained and in great working order. Thank you so much!

Repairs started Monday the 17th of May, and we anticipate the repairs taking about 6-8 weeks. During this time, the elevator in the Friendship Center is completely out of order.

We are going to open the Ramp Door on Sunday mornings (in addition to the West Entrance) for those who need access to the elevator nearest the Sanctuary. This elevator grants access to the Great Hall level, the Ramp Door level, the Sanctuary main level, and the balcony level of the Sanctuary (which includes the classrooms on the East side of the building).

We are asking everyone's help in stewarding the use of our elevator nearest the Sanctuary. If you need the elevator for reasons of physical limitations, please feel free to use this elevator as needed. We are asking those that do not need the elevator to please use the stairs as much as possible, so that the elevator isn't pushed beyond its limits. We want to make sure that this elevator is cared for so that it continues to serve us for a long time.

Currently, we are activating key cards for the Ramp Door by request. If you need access to the elevator, please call us so that we can activate the Ramp Door for your key card. We will also have a host stationed at the Ramp Door on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your help in caring for our building during this transition period!

Weekend to Celebrate Don Martin's Ministry

By now we trust you have officially and successfully "saved the dates" of June 26 and 27 for a weekend to celebrate the ministry of Don Martin at Central. On Saturday afternoon June 26, there will be a Program to Celebrate the Ministry of Don Martin. This will include a lot of music and other special moments. It will take place in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. The following day, there will be one (1) traditional service at 10:30. We will have the 9:15 contemporary service as usual, but the 8:00 service will not meet. Again, music will feature prominently in the Sunday service and refreshments will be served after both events – on Saturday and Sunday – allowing for ample opportunity to fellowship.



(Don Martin... ever in action...)

At this time, we would like to share a bit more information regarding what is planned over those two days. Clearly, we want to honor Don's 23 years at Central through the expression of gift-giving. Of course, individuals and/or small groups may choose to honor Don with their own personal gift, but as a church we are inviting you to contribute to one (or more) of three (3) gift opportunities available that weekend.

1. First, we will be presenting Don with a **memory book** of greetings and words of blessing written by church members and friends of Don and of Central. The book will be available for signing prior to the program on Saturday and worship on Sunday, as well as afterward. If you would like to write a few words to Don, be thinking ahead of time of what you might want to say, and come prepared. There should be room enough for everyone to share a few sentences at least.
2. Second, Central is **commissioning a choir anthem** dedicated to Don. Future generations will be able to see the impact Don had on our church family every time that song is sung. If you would like to donate towards this gift, please make checks out to "Central Christian Church" and write "Don's Anthem" in the memo (or on the envelope you are using). If we receive more than is needed for the commissioned anthem, any additional funds will be held for future purchases of choir music.

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3. Finally, if you would like to give to Don personally, we will have a basket prominently displayed at both the Saturday and Sunday events marked **"Love Gifts."** Into this basket you may put any card, letter, or personal financial gift you would like Don to receive directly.

It goes without saying that these gift opportunities cannot do justice to the impact Don has had on our lives over nearly two-and-a-half decades. But we trust they will convey our attempt at saying "thank you" to Don in a thoughtful and meaningful way.

Your Faith in 60 Seconds

During the weeks preceding Easter, we introduced a challenge to everyone: Describe why you are a Christian in 60 seconds. Why we believe in Christ and not something (someone) else? Many have taken us up on this challenge and have shared their testimonies with us. As they do, we are asking them to share them in worship. We will then publish the testimony in *The Visitor* the following week. Andy Fulk, regular attender of the 9:15 service, elder, and long-time member, offered his faith in 60 seconds this past Sunday. Here is what he said:

I grew up in a farm community where going to church was the norm. My parents, and especially my mother, made sure we went even when poor health kept her home. Times when she expressed disappointment in me are among my strongest memories, but I was also drawn to Sunday school where we sang "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children" together before going to our separate classrooms for the lesson. In worship, a friend of my dad's gave me a nickel to sit next to him in church, and it didn't feel wrong. It felt right, because we were all members of the same church family. After I got my license, I brought older member of the congregation who could no longer drive to church. This strong foundation in the love of God and his son Jesus has guided me throughout my life.



Sunday Door Hosts Needed

While elevator repairs are being made (for about 6-8 weeks), we will need extra sets of hands at the Ramp door to assist members with check in. We also need more volunteers for the West Entrance. Please contact the church office at 217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org if you can help us with this.



Food Collection for NECF

Your generous food donations for our grocery cart last month were graciously received by Northeast Community Fund. For the collection for June 7, cereal, dried or canned beans, & tomato products are needed. Thank you.

VBS Supply Boards:

Please help us collect VBS supplies. Simply write your name in the box that lists the items you wish to purchase and contribute to VBS. Drop off the items in the black trunk at the top of the stairs in the Friendship Center by May 30.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Sunday (23) - Pentecost

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

Monday (24)

- 12:00-Evaluation Team, Disciples Room
- 5:30-Safe Church Training/VBS Update
- 6:00-Pastoral Support Comm., Disc. Rm.

Tuesday (25)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 5:30-Concert Series Committee
- 5:30-Safe Church Training/VBS Update

Wednesday (26)

- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:00-PR Committee

Thursday (27)

- 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 (28)

Saturday (29)

Sunday (30)

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



Happy Birthday!! (5/23—5/29)!

Gretchen Barron, Roger Beals, Merle Chapman, Cindy Funk, Julie Jacoby, Kirsten Kilday, Stephenie Leaf, Kathy Matherly, Kristi Niles, Jean Pease, Ben Quigg, Emily Sheffer, Kelly Swallow, Christine Swim, Linda Zinn

Counting On You

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Total worshipping online = 108
Total worshipping in-person = 217



Sunday, May 23rd, 2021

7:45-9:30 teams

Front table: Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince

Ushers: Dianne Devore, David Martin

9:30-11:30 teams

Front table: Gregg & Linda Foltz

Ushers: David Martin, Ron Oliver

Elders: Gerri Munos, Krista Rohrscheib

PA: 8:00 David Martin

10:30 Keith Backes

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Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
Lora WrightLead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker
Toby Jones.....Caretaker

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