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Special Service Times for June 27th, 2021

Please note that we will not be having an 8:00 a.m. worship service this Sunday, June 27. With this being Don Martin's last Sunday, we are having one (1) traditional service. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. It will be livestreamed and viewable both on the website and on the church Facebook page. The 9:15 a.m.

contemporary service will be held as normal and livestreamed on the church Facebook page.

Elevator Access for This Saturday & Sunday

If you are planning on attending Don's retirement celebration festivities this weekend and you are needing elevator access, please be aware that Central is still undergoing elevator repairs. If you need access to an elevator to get to the Sanctuary, you will need to enter via the "ramp door" on the north eastern corner of the building.

Welcome New Member

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Betty Thorp to the Central family (pictured to the right). Betty has been active in the Koinonia small group and participated in our Maundy Thursday service this year based on the Passion Story from Mark's Gospel. She came forward to join Central at the 8:00 a.m. service this past Sunday. Welcome Betty!

Narcan Training Available at Central

On July 13th, Mike Burkhams from the Macon County Health Department will be coming to Central Christian to present a free training on how to administer Narcan and will present an opportunity to get Narcan into the hands of those who may need it (or who would like to have it on hand to help others). Narcan is a life-saving medicine that reverses opioid overdoses. If you would like to participate in this training, please RSVP to 217-428-4336 or email central@cccdisciples.org. This training is also open to those outside Central, so spread the word! The Macon County Health Department has a grant to offer this training to our community and would love to get Narcan into the hands of those near to at-risk homes and populations.



SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 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.

Hope Going Forward

Text: Isaiah 11:1-9
Don Martin





Sunday, June 27, 2021
NO 8:00 SERVICE!

9:30-11:30 teams

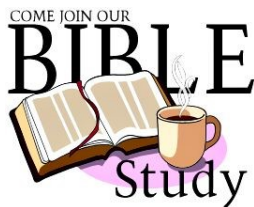
Front table: Janet Lyman,
Christine Lyman-Harm
Ushers: Gretchen Kirby,
David Martin

Elders: Tom Spry,
Matthew Swarthout

PA: 8:00 - N/A
10:30 - Keith Backes

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 central@cccdisciples.org or 217-428-4336 or if you can help us with this.



New Koinonia Bible Study Series

The Koinonia group began a six-week study of Romans and is inviting all members and friends of Central to join us. We meet Thursday evenings at 5:30 in Room 212. We are using Max Lucado's "40 Days Through the Book: Romans." We are using the accompanying DVD each week as well as using participant study guides, which can be purchased online. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Campbell or Angie Horvath.

Celebrating the "Gift of the Day"

Every Sunday, in the Lord's Prayer, we ask that God give us our "daily bread." Daily bread is what we need for that day to continue moving forward in faith and to remain strong in our connection to God. It may be literal food, but quite often it is something else – something we witness or a conversation we have or a person we encounter or an situation we experience. But each and every day, God will give us something that we need that particular day that will sustain our faith and keep us on the path of salvation.



These are words taken from the sermon on June 6. Even as I was putting them on paper in the week prior to that Sunday, they reminded me of a book I read many years ago. It was first-person account from a woman who had spent years living with some of the Aboriginal peoples in Australia. These particular Aboriginals are nomadic – that is, continually on the move and rarely settling in one place for too long. One of the things she recorded was a practice among the community called "The Gift of the Day." Every evening, the community would come together and recall the day that had just transpired.



Together, they identified what they considered to be the Gift of the Day. This was something the community encountered that day which helped them survive the day and/or which made their community stronger. One day it might be coming across an animal which "sacrificed" itself so the community could all be nourished. Other days it might be finding a new water source; or a cool breeze that brought comfort from the sun's radiant heat; or the way two disputing members of the community became reconciled; or witnessing something beautiful in creation.

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So it is with our God who provides for us our daily bread. And a beneficial spiritual practice for each of us is to practice The Gift of the Day. Take time every day to reflect on the last 24 hours. If this is in the morning, think about the day that preceded. If it is in the evening, consider the hours that passed since you awoke. In that time period, what happened? What did you encounter? What did you experience? In review of all that, what was it that most beneficial to you in allowing you to continue to be the faithful person you are now? This is your Gift of the Day. Celebrate it. Give thanks for it. And be on the lookout for the Gift of the Day tomorrow.

- Blessings, Michael

Commit this Number to Memory

217-212-2173. This is our “church texting number.” To this number you can text the word “GIVE” (all caps) and you will be able to give online (doing this will direct you to the our online giving site). To this number you can also text the word “PRAY” (all caps) and you will able to share a prayer request which will be added to our prayer list. If you choose, we will follow up with you as well. Finally, a visitor to Central can text the word “VISITOR” to this number and will be able to sign in and let us know if they would like a follow-up thank you from one of ministers or church members. We anticipate this number – and the texting features that accompany it – to play a bigger role in our congregational life in the future. So... go ahead and commit it to memory now.

24/7 Prayer Event for Decatur



Do you feel a call to pray for our city? 24-7prayer.com (via the Decatur House of Prayer) is sponsoring a week-long prayer event for Decatur from July 12-19. You can sign up for times to pray [HERE](#), or use the QR code to the left. For more information, you can contact Cindy Grgurich (cindygrgurich@mailfence.com) or Jeanine Snearly (snearlyjeanine@gmail.com).

New Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text “PRAY” (all caps) to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the right. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.



In Sympathy We Mourn

In sympathy, we mourn with Tom & Robyn Spry and their family on the death of his brother, Jerry Spry. Thank you for joining us in prayer for the Spry family during this time.



Sunday (27) - Don’s Celebration

NO 8:00 SERVICE

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

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday (28)

Tuesday (29)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207

Wednesday (30)

10:30-Ministers’ Meeting

5:30-PR meeting

5:30-Concert Series comm., Great Hall

Thursday (July 1)

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room

5:30-Koinonia, 212

Friday (2)

Saturday (3)

Sunday (4) - Independence Day

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

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

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream



Happy Birthday!! (6/27—7/3)!

Sue Amyx, Bob Bischoff,
Ron Dobbs, Janet Lyman,
David Martin, Mason Miller,
Samuel Moore, Davie Poland,
Marilyn Riley, Kory Wilmot



**Remember to bring
your bottle caps!**

Counting On You

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Total worshipping online = 131

Total worshipping in-person = 181

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