

# The Central Visitor



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## **Important Change to Sunday Worship On-line Schedule**

Beginning Sunday July 11, there will be an important change to our in-person and on-line worship programming.

- 1) The chancel choir will sing at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, but not at 8:00 a.m. We will, however, return to the practice of having special music at 8:00 a.m. Our new choir director, Ben Hawkinson, will provide the special music on July 11, Thomas Karunas will follow on July 18, and Christian Jackson and Alicia Rosier will offer a duet on July 25. Lots of great things to look forward to.
- 2) We will no longer be live-streaming the 8:00 a.m. service. We will continue to live-stream both 9:15 contemporary and 10:30 traditional. Our Sunday program will look like this:

8:00 a.m.—Traditional, in-person only

9:15 a.m.—Contemporary, in-person

Live-stream: [www.facebook.com/CCCDECATUR](http://www.facebook.com/CCCDECATUR)

10:30 a.m. Traditional, in-person

Live-stream: [cccdisciples.org/worship/live-stream](http://cccdisciples.org/worship/live-stream), AND  
[www.facebook.com/CCCDECATUR](http://www.facebook.com/CCCDECATUR)

## **Congratulations Don!**

The following are words of greeting from Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker who was unable to attend the celebration of Don Martin's ministry on Saturday afternoon due to the very inclement weather we experienced. Here are the greetings she would have shared in person had she been able to make it:

*Congratulations Don Martin on your retirement! It must be a good feeling to complete a work, to pass it along to capable leadership, and to look forward to the new ventures that await you. God knows you are not finished. May the blessing of time with your family be filled with meaning. Peace to you, Julia, Seth, and the rest of your beloved family. My prayer for all of you, church, is that you will stay focused on God's call. May you be open to the Vision of a new day lived in beloved community.*

## **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 July 11, cereal, dried or canned beans, & tomato products are needed. Thank you.



## **SUNDAY, JULY 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.

## **Threshold Moments**

Text: Psalm 121:8

Tina Miller

## **WE APPRECIATE OUR STAFF!**

Dorcas Disciples will host a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, July 20th at 12:00 noon in the Great Hall. We will recognize our staff, who have worked through an especially challenging year. Individual invitations are sent to church staff.

Dorcas ladies will meet in the Great Hall for a brief meeting at 11:00 a.m. prior to the luncheon. Please make your luncheon reservation by Thursday, July 15th by contacting Nancy Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174 or [xstr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xstr@sbcglobal.net). REMEMBER! All Central women are invited to be Dorcas Disciples. If you have questions about our mission, please contact Sandy Garver at 217-877-0800 or [revrag@comcast.net](mailto:revrag@comcast.net).



**Sunday, July 4, 2021**

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

Front table: Sandy Garver,  
George & Pearl Jones

Ushers: David Martin, Mike Munos

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

Front table: Keith & Jeannie Backes  
Ushers: David Martin, Ron Oliver

Elders: Jeannie Backes,  
Vicky Woolridge

PA: 8:00 - Donna Dash  
10:30 - Mike Kirby

**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](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org) or 217-428-4336 or if you can help us with this.

**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:

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**"Summer Favorites"**

*What are your favorite things to do in the summer?*

*Where are your favorite places to go in the summer?*

These are two questions we posed to you, the congregation, back in late Spring, and we have built a mid-summer sermon series based on how you responded. We have taken your answers and plan on exploring them through the lens of scripture passages that reference the same things. Each week, from July 11 through August 15, we will focus on one of the responses and the scripture passage that correlates to it. We hope the series is one that acquaints us to parts of the bible that may not be as familiar to us. And though the sermons may start out on a light-hearted note, we hope they are nonetheless thoughtful, insightful, and challenging for all of us. Here is an overview of what to expect.



**July 11 – Backyard Barbecue** - *Favorite summer activity #1 – backyard cookouts*

Scripture: I Kings 18:20-39 (selections)

Preacher: Rev. Michael

Theme: A contest worthy of Food Network regarding what grilling technique leads to the best way to cook?

**July 18 – Back to Nature and Off the Grid** – *Favorite summer activity #2 - camping*

Scripture: Numbers 9:15-23

Preacher: Rev. Michael

Theme: God's people faithfully followed the Lord by camping in the wilderness

**July 25 – Up North** – *Favorite places to visit in the summer are places up north*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 2:1-7

Preacher: Rev. Michael

Theme: Going North represents courageously facing your fears

**August 1 – Southern Hospitality** - *Favorite places to visit in the summer are places down south*

Scripture: Matthew 12:42 and I Kings 10:1-10

Preacher: Rev. Tina

Theme: All the glories of the South came to worship Yahweh. "The South" represents commitment and devotion.

**August 8 – Everything's Better on the Water** – *Favorite summer activity #3 - boating*

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Preacher: Rev. Michael

Theme: Boats are places of salvation in the midst of the storms of life

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**August 15 – Family Ties** – Favorite summer activity #4 – *Spending time with family*

Scripture: Luke 15:8-10

Preacher: Rev. Michael

Theme: Every activity in summer is better with family (and friends)



**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 our online giving site). To this number you can also text the word “PRAY” (all caps) and you will be 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 the 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.

- Blessings, Michael

**Narcan Training Available at Central**

On July 13th, Mike Burkham 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](mailto: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.

**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.



**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

**Monday (5)**

**Church & Office closed**

**Tuesday (6)**

9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207

9:30-Card Ministry, 240

**Wednesday (7)**

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

**Thursday (8)**

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Koinonia, 212

6:00-Choir, Choir Room

**Friday (9)**

**Saturday (10)**

**Sunday (11)**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

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

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream



**Happy Birthday!! (7/4–7/10)!**

Jean Booher, Tami Longcor,

Becky Van Meter, Mike Kirby,

William Bordner, Rowan Adams



**Counting On You**

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

Total worshipping online = 133

Total worshipping in-person = 229



## Good Samaritan Inn Cookoff!



Join us for a night of food, music,  
& *friendly competition*  
**8.10.21**

Social 5:30 • Dinner 6pm  
Hickory Point Golf  
Course Pavilion



**Competitive Tasting - Local Chefs**  
**You Vote - Winning dishes served at Empty Bowl**  
**Dessert Table • Wildflower Bakery**



**Silent Auction • Featuring Local Art & Experiences**  
**Open Bar • Soda, Beer, Wine, Cocktails**  
**Dessert Dash • Prizes**




**Emma Taylor Trio • Classic Jazz**  
**90's Daughter (Duo) • Acoustic Set**



**21+ • Age Limit**  
**\$75 • Individual**  
**\$580 • Table of 8**  
**Sponsorships • Available**



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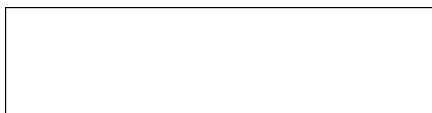
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