

The Central Visitor



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Fellowship Picnic Reminders!
August 22nd, after 2nd service
EVERYONE is invited!
Please RSVP to the church office.
Please bring your own lawn chairs.

School Supply Drive

Dear Church,

This year Christian Ed will be collecting school supplies for Franklin Grove school. For the next three Sundays there will be the black trunks in the Friendship Center for you to put your supplies in. There is also a list of school supplies that are needed. Help the Christian Ed dept make this a success for the kids.

Thank you for your help.

Blessings,

Janet Lyman, CE Chairperson

Supplies Needed:

24 pack of crayons

Colored pencils

Washable Markers

Dry Erase markers

Glue sticks

Pencil boxes and pouches

2 pocket folders (paper and plastic)

1 inch 3 ring binder

Clorox Wipes

Gallon zip lock bags

Sandwich zip lock bags

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 9:15 AM

Summer Favorites #6 - Family Ties

Text: Luke 15:8-10
Michael E. Karunas

Back to School Sunday

Save the Date

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM

Classrooms for:

K - 5th Grade

6th - 12th Grade

Bible Presentations to 3rd graders.

All services.



Welcome 101

Have you been attending Central Christian for a while and are interested in learning more about us? Would you like to hear about ways you can plug in and connect to what's happening here? Would you like a tour of our building and a chance to learn the wonderful ministries housed here?

If so, then we'd love to have you join us at "WELCOME 101." This is a 90-minute info-gathering hosted by our ministerial staff here at Central. We will meet in the Connection Café for an hour and then go on a walking tour of the building.

Monday, August 23

from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Please reserve your place at this event by contacting the office

(217-428-4336 or

central@cccsdisciples.org).

"S4M – a Ministerial Opportunity"

This Fall, we have an exciting opportunity at Central to assist and support someone on their ministerial vocational journey. Our own Vicky Woolridge will begin a three-month internship at Central this month as part of the School for Ministry (S4M) of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin. Initiated in 2019, the S4M is a new venture between the Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ. In these days of rapid change, the S4M is equipping laity in congregations who are discerning potential calls to ministry. Vicky Woolridge, who was baptized at Central as a child and who returned as a member upon moving back to Decatur in 2012, is one such person and... part of the original cohort of the S4M!

Vicky has nearly completed three (3) years of coursework in ministry and theological education. One of the last remaining requirements is to complete an internship in a strong, stable, nurturing and encouraging congregation (Central just happens to be the obvious choice!). What will Vicky do upon completion of this internship and education? Who knows? That is something she is in the process of discerning. But I can't think of a better place to undertake an internship than Central! The purpose of an internship is to learn and practice those things that weigh most on the heart and mind of the intern. The congregation provides the "laboratory" space in which the student has a chance to work out the questions or issues with which they are grappling.

Vicky's internship will focus on three (3) main areas (including regular one-on-one conversations with me, her site supervisor). These are all areas she has named as ones into which she would like to dig more deeply.

- 1) **Worship leadership** – you will see Vicky leading parts of worship nearly (if not) every week. Much as pastor Tina and I do, Vicky will be in the rotation of serving at the communion table, offering the pastoral prayer, giving children's messages, etc...
- 2) **Preaching** – Vicky will preach on one Sunday this Fall.
- 3) **Spiritual growth of children and their families** – Vicky will be offering a small group experience for families with children and will be sending invitations to those potential participants directly. *(continued on page 3...)*

On Sunday August 22, we will officially “introduce” Vicky to the congregation as an S4M Ministry Intern and will formally commission the internship during worship.



I myself was fortunate to have a loving, nurturing congregation in Downers Grove, IL, that helped me learn to love congregational ministry in 1996-97, when I was a student pastor there (in fact, there are still handful of people who remember me and continue to encourage me in my ministry today). Wherever Vicky’s ministerial path takes her in the future, I hope that you will do everything you can to encourage her in these next few months. It can make all the difference in the world!

Blessings – Michael

Northeast Community Fund Seeking Volunteers

The NECF is currently looking for volunteers to work in either the clothing room or along the food line. It operates between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The greatest need is on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Anytime within those hours on those days would be fine. Responsibilities include:

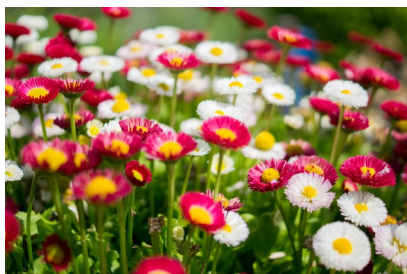


- Unload trucks and/or stock the food pantry warehouses
- Sort donations
- Keep common areas clean
- Help clients choose from a variety of options

If interested, contact Josh Perkins at 217-350-3458.

In Sympathy

In sympathy, we mourn with Tom & Robyn Spry on the loss of Tom’s brother David Spry, who passed away on Saturday. Please join with us in prayer for the Spry family.



Sunday (15)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
12:00-Bottle cap sorting

Monday (16)

Tuesday (17)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
9:30-Card Ministry, 240
10:00-Support Staff Meeting

Wednesday (18)

10:30-Ministers’ Meeting
5:30-Church Council Committee mtg.

Thursday (19)

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

Friday (20)

Saturday (21)

Sunday (22) - Back to School Sunday

Autumn Sunday School begins

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
11:30-Luncheon



Happy Birthday!! (8/15—8/21)!

LeEtta Bass, Susan Bryant, Sue Long,
Ron Oliver, Kevin Otis, Jud Pease,
Dorothy Rueff, Mickie Wilmot,
Shane Hall, Bella Karunas,
Sandra Ware, Paul Gorden,
Ben Tucker, Kaycee Neumann,
Jordan Lindsey

Counting On You

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Total worshipping online = 141
Total worshipping in-person = 194

**Serving Schedule—Sunday,
August 15, 2021**

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman &
Diana Ritter

9:00 - Diana Ritter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt.,
Jim & Pamela Bednar

10:30 - Team 8 - Mike Munos, Capt.

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - David Martin

10:30 - Jim Hinze



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Carlee Phillips Nursery Attendant
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Jim Denzer Caretaker
Andrew Evans Caretaker
Toby Jones Caretaker

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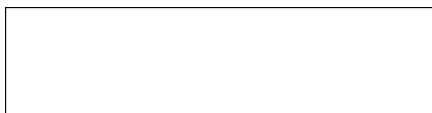
Prayer Request Text-In!

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

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