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you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Highlights from "Back to School Sunday"

(including formalizing the beginning of the ministry internship for
Vicky Woolridge, continued on page 3...)



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 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

Progressive Ministry

Text: Philippians 1:6, 9
Tina Miller

School 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

SAVE the DATE for DORCAS DISCIPLES MEETING!

All Central women are invited to start the Dorcas program year on Tuesday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments and learn about our Christmas donation ministry. Dan Watkins, Executive Director of God's Shelter of Love, will share how "Careage House Cares" for our community's homeless women and children. Come together to explore our mission to Share Christ, Change Lives, and Deliver Hope. RSVP by Thursday, May 13th to Nancy Ellen Taylor at xstr@sbcbglobal.net or 217-872-9174. Contact Sandy Garver at revrag@comcast.net or 217-877-0800 for more information about Dorcas Disciples. Hope to see you Sept. 21st!



Food Collection for NECF

Food collection for the shopping cart for September 5 will be cereal, canned tomatoes, & canned or bagged beans. Thanks.

Thanks from the Soebblings

Thanks to everyone for the warm wishes expressed to us at the conclusion of 2nd service on August 15. We truly will miss everyone. We have been so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Our new contact information is: 4322 N. Orion Lane, Appleton, WI 54913. We kept our cell numbers. They are 217-358-3903 and 217-521-2882.

Blessings to all,
Doug & Cindy Soebbing

Small Group Invitation

Over the course of 2021, our church leadership has been working on a strategic plan to help guide our ministerial efforts over the next 3-5 years. This work began with a vision team that met in the winter and spring. The vision team has since handed it over to the church council for refinement. It is our hope that once the council approves it, we will all find a meaningful way to connect to, and be involved with, the implementation of that plan. In other words, for any plan to be effective it takes "All Hands on Deck!"

This just happens to be the title of a sermon series we will begin on Sept. 5. The sermons during worship are intended to discuss each of four (4) aspects of the plan and offer an example of what it might look like if we were all implementing it together (if we embraced an "all hands on deck" approach). We not only want everyone to be involved, we will *need* everyone involved, and these sermons are meant to paint a picture of how that could be possible.

Sept 5	Mark 2:1-5	Introduction
Sept 12	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	Like a Good Neighbor
Sept 19	Mark 5:21-24; 35-43	It Takes a Village
Sept 26	Acts 1:15-26	Striving for Excellence
Oct 3	Acts 2:41-47	Making a Splash

But that's not all we'll be doing over the next month and a half. We are also inviting everyone to be part of a small group experience for 5 weeks. Next week, we will publicize small group team leaders and the times when their small groups will be meeting. We hope you will sign up for the group that fits in with your schedule best.

The groups will meet for one (1) hour each week and follow a uniform "curriculum" that will be based on the themes of the sermons. The intention of these small groups is to have everyone join us in: a) thinking about the strategic plan in concrete ways; and b) sharing any ideas you have that we could work into the strategic plan before we formally embrace it.

I also wanted you to see a sample of the what the small group curriculum looks like. Here is what the small groups would be discussing after the sermon on "being a good neighbor" (week 2).

Week 2 – Like a Good Neighbor (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

Introduction

- Where did you grow up and what was your immediate neighborhood like?
- When you think of the neighborhood of your childhood (or any neighborhood in which you've lived), who stands out in your mind as an example of a "good neighbor?" What did they do to stand out in your mind in this way?

Word - Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11

- What are the characteristics of a "good neighbor" shown in Deuteronomy 15:7-11? (make a list as a small group)
- What are the ways our church could exemplify those in our immediate neighborhood today? With Millikin students?

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Prayer - Close with a prayer that thanks God for the good neighbors you've known and which asks for the grace to be "good neighbors" as your small group has discussed.

As you can see, the format is pretty simple, but these small groups offer an opportunity not only to engage with the strategic plan, it is a chance to spend a little more time in God's Word and... an opportunity to get to know one another a bit better as well! Be on the lookout next week for more specifics – dates, times, and small group leaders. But for now, we wanted to get this small group invitation on your radar.

Blessings – Michael

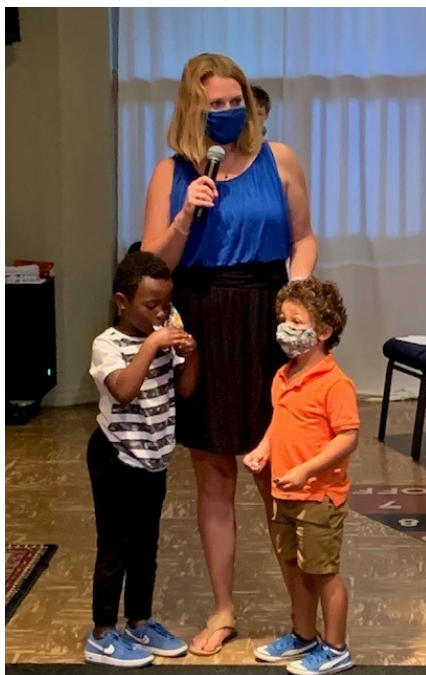


In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve with Steve, Marci, Jenny, and John Baumann and their family the passing of Steve's father, Gil Baumann this past weekend. Gil and Carole were frequent visitors with us in worship over the years, especially on Christmas and Easter and always appreciated being among the good people of Central. Thank you for keeping the Baumann family in your prayers this week.

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Sunday (29)

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

Monday (30)

6:00-Pastoral Support Committee, 201

Tuesday (31)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
5:30-Concert Series Committee, Disc. Rm.

Wednesday (September 1)

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

Thursday (2)

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
6:00-Choir, Choir Room

Friday (3)

Saturday (4)

Sunday (5)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
4:00-Youth Group



Happy Birthday!! (8/29—9/4)!

Jim Ash, Jo Carter, Andrew Otis,
Terrie Potter, Donna Rutherford,
Madeline Bishop, Joy Adams,
Steven Funk, Christi Branham,
Lea West, Lauren McLemore,
Eleanor Pritts, Deb Trei,
Anderson Fultz

Counting On You

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Total worshipping online = 147

Total worshipping in-person = 233

**Serving Schedule—Sunday,
August 29, 2021**

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Tom Spry &
Matthew Swarthout

9:00 - Matthew Swarthout

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad
Munos, Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Gretchen Kirby

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Jim Hinze



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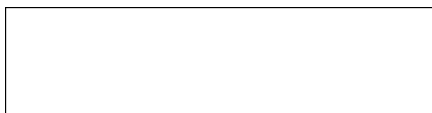
Prayer Request Text-In!

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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