

The Central Visitor



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Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Faith Quest to Begin January 29th

With the start of a new year, a new Faith Quest class is set to begin. Faith Quest is:

- A class for youth, 6th grade or older
- A chance to talk seriously about faith in God; Jesus Christ; the meaning of baptism...
- About learning to write a faith statement and confess faith in the presence of the church
- About making the decision to be baptized

The Faith Quest class is scheduled to meet every other Saturday (from January 29 – April 9) from 9-11:30 a.m. For those youth who are ready, baptisms are planned for Easter Sunday, April 17. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to be part of Faith Quest 2022, we would love to hear from you. Please email Pastor Michael (mkarunas@cccdisciples.org). Above is a picture from the Faith Quest 2021 class.



Girl Scout Cookie Sales!

It's Girl Scout Cookie time again! On February 6th, some of our Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout cookies in the Friendship Center between services. Make sure to stop by and encourage them (and maybe get a box while you're there).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

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

First Things First: The First Sermon (Part 2)

Text: Luke 4:16-21
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (1/30 - 2/5)!

Sally Thicksten, Judy Wagner,
Hannah Swim, Hannah Kilday,
David Econie, Tony Reider,
Emmy Williams, Doug Luthy,
Olivia Patricio, Ellen Damery,
John Downs, Jessa Wilcoxon,
Cohen Moma

Recognition and Blessing of New Church Leaders

In Mark 2:1-12, a paralyzed man is given the gift of healing by Jesus and is able to walk again. This is clearly a miraculous event. But just as important – if not quite as miraculous – is the fact that the man was carried to Jesus on a stretcher by four friends who each took hold of a corner of the mat on which he lay. Were it not for those who “carried the mat,” the miracle never would have been experienced. In many ways the church is like the man on the mat. Not because it is necessarily in a weakened state or in need of a miracle. Rather, because *if* miracles are to be done through it, it is because of the many hands of faithful and committed volunteers who help make those miracles possible.

As a new year gets underway, we also begin a new serving year in the congregation. It is the service provided by our many faithful volunteers that makes the ministries of Central what they are. In some cases, church leadership positions are changing, with new people stepping into new roles. While in other instances, church leaders are continuing in the positions they held in 2021. These leadership positions include our congregational officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer), trustees, elders, deacons, ushers, greeters and more.



It is important to recognize the leadership provided by all these volunteers within the context of worship. On **Sunday February 6**, we will be doing just that. We are asking all *outgoing* church leaders (those stepping *down* from their positions of leadership) as well as those who are *beginning* or *continuing* their position to attend the service of of their choice. During the prayer time at

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Food Collection for NECF

The food collection for Northeast Community Fund for February will be cereal. Please put the donations in the grocery cart in the Connection Cafe by Feb. 6. As always, thank you for your generosity.



**Serving Schedule —
Sunday, January 30, 2022**

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Bruce Campbell &
Kevin Wilmot
9:15 - Kevin Wilmot

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Becky Johnston,
Capt., Bruce & Liz Campbell
10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt.,
Linda Virgil, Hugh & Linda
Rowden

Greeters:

8:00 - George & Pearl Jones
10:30 - Karen Baird & Brett Swallow

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - David Martin
10:30 - Mike Kirby



all three services, we will recognize and thank those outgoing leaders and offer prayers for all the new and continuing leaders.

Additionally, at our 10:30 a.m. service we will also be presenting the Deacon Emeritus award to John French. Larry Pepper, who was named our Elder Emeritus this past year, will be presented his award in a private ceremony in his home sometime in February (look for pictures of that ceremony in an upcoming *Visitor*).

Make sure to be in worship on February 6 to support all of our leaders at Central.

Blessings – Michael

Small Groups this Week

Let us know what your small group's focus is this week, and we'll let others know about it! If you would like to attend any of these groups, simply show up! If you would like more info before attending, let us know (central@cccdisciples.org).

Tuesday Journeymen (men's bible study) Connection Café at 7:00 a.m.
Conversation led by Pastor Michael on Luke 4:14-15

Thursday Journeymen (men's bible study) Connection Café at 4:00 p.m.
Conversation led by Paul Gorden

Koinonia (mixed small group) Room 312 at 5:30 p.m.
Discussing Tony Evans book "Kingdom Disciples" (focus on leading a Christ-centered life and sharing faith with others).

Thank you, Central!



Thank you doesn't seem like enough for all the phone calls, cards, visits and delicious food that was shared with me during my recent surgery. Your prayers and God's love have not gone unnoticed. See you soon.

-Blessings of Love, Gail Prince



Sunday (30)

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 (31)

5:15-Nominating Committee, D.R.

Tuesday (February 1)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 407
9:30-Card Ministry, 340
10:00-Support Staff Meeting

Wednesday (2)

10:00-Ministers' Meeting
5:15-Worship/Deacon Meeting, D.R.

Thursday (3)

10:00-Alanon, 340
3:00-Decatur Needle Arts, D.R.
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:15-Stewardship Committee, C. Café
5:30-Koinonia, 312
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (4)

Saturday (5)

Sunday (6)

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

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



Counting On You

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Total worshipping online = 152

Total worshipping in-person = 162

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You will see a list of options pop up.

Find the option marked "follow" and click on that.



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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