

The Central Visitor



*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Millikin Faculty Performance—March 14th

Current and former Millikin faculty will perform a Schubertiade recital commemorating the 225th anniversary of Franz Schubert's birth on March 14th at 7:00 PM. The concert is free and open to the public and will include:

- String Trio in B flat Major, D. 471
- Fantasia in F minor, D. 940, for piano four-hands
- “Die Forelle” - The Trout Lied, D. 550
- Piano Quintet in A Major, D. 667, Op. 114



Volunteers Needed March 19 at Good Samaritan Inn

Volunteers from Central Christian will prepare and serve lunch at the Good Samaritan Inn on Saturday March 19. The crew needs 5-6 workers 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for food preparation, and 12-14 people for serving lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. And all workers are invited to stay and enjoy lunch after the serving line closes! If you can help, please sign up at www.cccdisciples.org/resources/events/ or click [HERE](#) or call the church office. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the church on Sundays March 6 and March 13.

Dave Wagner, (217) 433-2367, and Shirley Swarthout, (217) 620-3246, head up Central's volunteer team. Please contact one of them if you have questions.

Leave Winter Behind and Move Forward with Dorcas Disciples!

All Central women are invited to gather for warm fellowship, yummy refreshments and an opportunity to learn how we can make a positive impact on our environment. We will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at 6 p.m. in the Disciples Room.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 11th to Nancy Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174 or xstr@sbcglobal.net to make sure we have enough delicious dessert! Contact Sandy Garver at 217-877-0800 or revrag@comcast.net for more information about mission-inspired Dorcas Disciples. Hope to see you March 15th!

Thanks from Paul Gorden

Many thanks to my church family for the spiritual support while I was hospitalized and during my recovery at home. The multitude of prayers, the cards, texts, and emails are all greatly valued and appreciated. The unexpected gift of the prayer shawl touched my heart and will be cherished for many years. Thank you! - Paul Gorden

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 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

***Teach Us to Pray:
Bringing Dead Things to Life***
Text: John 11:38-44
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (3/13 - 3/19)!

Dick Cain, Megan Carter,
Sarah Jennings, Cheryl Zollinger,
Katie Miller, Allyson Thicksten,
Keith Backes, Kevin Miller,
Joslin McLemore, Luke Karunas,
Robin Ferrebee, Greg Luckett,
Trent Moran, Arya Clark

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
will be Available Online and at the
Welcome Center

Higher education is important and valuable. It opens possibilities and helps students discover and foster unique gifts and talents and demonstrates a person's willingness to make an investment his/her own future! Central Christian Church supports those pursuing higher education and we understand the challenges of meeting its cost. Scholarships are open to all high school graduates as well as anyone who is currently attending a college, university, technical school, vocational school, or is planning to attend one during the 2022-2023 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES:

Available: March 20, 2022

Return Deadline:

May 6, 2022 @ 3 pm

www.cccdisciples.org



Serving Schedule —

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Charlotte Ballance & Randy Trei

9:15 - Randy Trei

Imboden Creek Elders:

Gretchen Kirby & Krista Rohrscheib

March Prep Deacons: Donna Dash & Christine Lyman-Harm

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Krista & Sid Rohrscheib

10:30 - Tom Ritter & David Martin

Ushers:

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

10:30 - Team 8 - Need help

Greeters:

8:00 - Carolyn McCall & Gail Prince

10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - David Martin

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Capital Campaign: 2022-2025

Just taking a brief walk around our building and grounds at Central, it doesn't take long to notice that our property is in good shape. For a building constructed nearly 70 years ago, the "bones" of our home are solid. Though there are always small repairs and maintenance upgrades taking place, our walls, roof, windows, elevators, and heating and cooling mechanisms are in good shape. This is due, in large part, to the foresight our members had nearly 40 years ago, when we began a practice that has continued uninterrupted since the 1980s and... which is unparalleled among Disciples of Christ churches around the country: **Consecutive 3-Year Capital Campaigns!** These campaigns don't simply improve the physical aspects of our congregational life; they help make doing ministry easier in an ever-changing world.



Every three years, in addition to our annual operating pledges and offerings, we have voluntarily undertaken an additional campaign. The pledges and offerings to this campaign improve the building and grounds of Central. Each campaign's goal has varied but has generally been within a window of \$400,000 - \$700,000. Those funds are dedicated to completing a handful of projects (5-6) which, with few exceptions, are completed within that three-year period.

While the annual operating campaign is conducted in the Fall of every year, and while the operating budget (supported by operating funds) runs concurrently with the calendar year, the capital campaign is held in the late Spring every three years. The donations paid to the capital campaign begin on July 1 and conclude June 30 three years later. Each campaign seeks to strike a balance between infrastructure (roof repair, stained glass window treatment, elevator upgrades, tuckpointing...) and aesthetic (chancel area renovation in 2002, Friendship Center and West Entrance renovation in 2015...). And... perhaps the best part – and what makes us unique – is that 10% of every single capital campaign is dedicated toward local outreach to our Decatur community!!!

I share this today, because we are coming up on the end of our most current campaign this June 30. It's theme is "Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future." This means we are planning the **next three year campaign – 2022-2025**. You will hear much more about the campaign in the coming weeks and months. But for now I wanted to give you two (2) opportunities to be involved now:

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- 1) If you would like to be on the **Planning Team** that works with the Trustees to help the congregation decide the size and scope of the campaign, please let me know. We'd be glad to have you join us. Simply email me at mkarunas@cccdisciples.org.
- 2) In order to decide which projects will be our focus over the next 3 years, we want *your* input. **What capital projects would you like to see Central address** over the next three years? There are no "bad ideas" at this point, and we want you to be encouraged to dream big. They can be inside-related, outside-related, or technology-related. Obviously, we won't be able to do everything that is suggested, but at this point in the process, we want to solicit as many ideas as possible. Simply click [HERE](#) to fill in an online "**Project Suggestion**" form.

Blessings – Michael

Small Groups this Week

For the next six (6) weeks – starting March 8 and going through April 17 – the following small groups will be meeting at the following times. All small groups will be discussing the same curriculum – "Teach us to Pray: 40 Days of Prayer." Feel free to join any of the groups (even if you haven't signed up yet). You may still sign up at the Welcome Center, or you can email central@cccdisciples.org, or you may click [HERE](#) to sign up online.

Sundays	9:15 a.m.	Room 340	Charlotte Ballance and Brian & Kim Maple
Tuesdays	7:00 a.m.	Café	Jim Fitzpatrick and Pastor Michael
Tuesdays	6:00 p.m.	Room 412	Gretchen & Mike Kirby
Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.	Zoom only	David York <i>(call office for the zoom link)</i>
Thursdays	10:00 a.m.	Great Hall	Pastor Tina
Thursdays	4:00 p.m.	Café	Jack Dixon and Paul Gorden
Thursdays	6:00 p.m.	Café	Travis Wilcoxon

Additionally, the following group will also be meeting:

Koinonia (mixed small group) Room 412 at 5:30 p.m.
Discussing Tony Evans book "Kingdom Disciples" (focus on leading a Christ-centered life and sharing faith with others).

In Sympathy We Mourn

- ◆ We grieve together with Jane French and the entire French family the passing of Jon French on Monday, March 7. His passing was sudden and much sooner than any of us was prepared to expect. Yet, we give thanks for his faith and his long-time commitment to the work and ministry of Central. Arrangements for Jon are pending but will likely include a service on Monday morning, March 14. Thank you for keeping the French family in your prayers.
- ◆ We also grieve with Steve Kirtley and the Kirtley family the passing of Diane Kirtley. We recently learned that Diane passed away in November of 2021. She had been living in California. Diane was baptized into membership at Central in 1957. Thank you for keeping the Kirtley family in your prayers.



Sunday (13)

Imboden Creek Worship

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 9:15-Maple/Ballance Small Group, 340
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream

Monday (14)

- 12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
- 1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room
- 5:00-Maundy Thursday practice, Sanct.
- 7:00-Millikin faculty performance, Sanct.

Tuesday (15)

- 7:00-Fitzpatrick/Karunas Small Group, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 407
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 340
- 6:00-Dorcas Meeting, Disciples Room
- 6:00-Kirby Small Group, 412
- 7:00-York Small Group, Zoom

Wednesday (16)

- 10:00-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:30-Church Council Committee Meeting, Great Hall

Thursday (17)

- 10:00-Alanon, 340
- 10:00-Miller Small Group, Great Hall
- 4:00-Gorden/Dixon Small Group, Connection Café
- 5:00-Christian Ed Committee, 340
- 5:30-Koinonia, 412
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 6:00-Wilcoxon Small Group, C. Café
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (18)

Saturday (19)

- 8:00-Good Samaritan Inn volunteering

Sunday (20)

Scholarships available

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 9:15-Maple/Ballance Small Group
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream

Counting On You

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Total worshipping online = 127
Total worshipping in-person = 189

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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. "PRAY" is the only word you should type. Your phone then sends you a link to the prayer request form to fill out. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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