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Troy Castle to Perform this Sunday, April 3

We will be blessed in abundance this Sunday, April 3, by the musical gifts of Dr. Troy Castle. Associate Professor at Millikin and the coordinator of vocal students, Dr. Castle will be singing during worship at both our 8:00 and 10:30 services. Then, at 2:00 p.m., he will be offering a vocal concert accompanied by Dr. Pei-I Wang, Coordinator of Keyboard Studies. Dr. Castle is an accomplished performer both in opera and musical theater and is sought after for both his research and adjudicating abilities. This is a day you will not want to miss!



Spring Events for Children, Youth and Families

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday
10:30 a.m. - We're bringing back the Palm Parade! Children and youth of all ages are invited (parents too)! We'll gather in the Gallery at 10:15 and then process into the sanctuary on the opening hymn!

Saturday, April 16 Easter Saturday
10:00 a.m. – Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt! (Games and crafts as well)

Sunday, May 15
12:00 p.m. – All-church picnic with outdoor games and activities

Sunday, May 22
8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 services – Graduation Sunday. We will celebrate the end of the school year for all students of all ages!

Outdoor Clean Up

Help us get our campus and neighborhood cleaned up for Easter! There will be an all-church outdoor clean-up on **Saturday, April 9**. We'll begin at **9:00 a.m.** and continue until we are done (usually by around 11 a.m. or so).

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 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: The Lord's Prayer
Text: Matthew 6:5-13
Michael E. Karunas





**Food Collection for Northeast
Community Fund for April**

For April 3rd, we are collecting donations of cereal. Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Connection Café. Thank you for your generosity!

**Back The Beard Fundraiser:
April 16th, 4:30 PM**

A fundraiser is being held for Matt Andrews, former principal of Dennis School and former attendee of Central, as he battles brain cancer. It will be 4/16, 4:30 PM, Circle South, in Clinton, IL. Check out this article for more info: [CLICK HERE](#)

DCFS Hiring

Are you, or do you know someone who may be interested in a job with the Illinois Dept. of Child and Family Services? IDCFS is hiring. Check out <https://tinyurl.com/DCFSOES> to see a complete list of positions that are currently open. You may also email DCFS.employment@illinois.gov with specific questions relating to employment with DCFS. You may also view current job postings at: www.illinois.jobs2web.com.



Holy Week Schedule

With Holy Week fast approaching, we wanted to make you aware of the meaningful things happening at Central during, and around, this special time of the year. Holy Week is, arguably, the most important in the church year. It begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, continues with his Last Supper, betrayal, arrest, crucifixion, and death, and culminates and concludes with his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Here is a preview of some of the ways we will be highlighting Holy Week this year. (Note: not all will be livestreamed, but we will indicate when the livestream option is available.)



Holy Week Schedule

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| <u>Sunday, April 10</u> | | Palm Sunday |
| 8:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship | |
| 9:15 a.m. | Contemporary Worship - Mason Miller will make his confession of faith | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship - Jaxon Flower & Jane Osman will make their confessions of faith | |
| <i>9:15 and 10:30 worship will be livestreamed</i> | | |
| 11:45 a.m. | All-church fellowship meal
Menu: Glazed ham, hash brown casserole, southern style green beans, rolls and dessert. RSVP by April 7th. Call Central's office (217-428-4336), email us (central@cccdisciples.org), or click HERE . | |
| <u>Thursday, April 14</u> | | Maundy Thursday |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dramatic re-telling of the Passion Story of Jesus Christ with Music
<i>A team of 9 church members will recite (ensemble-style) the last events of Jesus' earthly life. Interspersed throughout will be music offered to dramatically enhance the story.</i> | |
| <u>Saturday, April 16</u> | | Easter Saturday |
| 10:00 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt and Easter activities (ages birth through 5 th grade) | |
| <u>Sunday, April 17</u> | | Easter Sunday |
| 8:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship | |
| 9:15 a.m. | Contemporary worship | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Lauren & Joslin McLemore making their confessions of faith
Jaxon Flower, Lauren McLemore, Joslin McLemore, Mason Miller, and Jane Osman will all be baptized
<i>9:15 and 10:30 worship will be livestreamed</i> | |

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Though not part of our traditional Holy Week services, this event is likewise important to keep on your calendar.



Friday, April 15

11:00 a.m. Beloved former member Central, Claudine Nichols, will be memorialized in a special service on Good Friday. Claudine passed away in November, 2021. A visitation will precede the service, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Small Groups this Week

Through April 17th, 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)

Thursdays 5:00 p.m. Room 412
Discussing Tony Evans book “Kingdom Disciples” (focus on leading a Christ-centered life and sharing faith with others).

Elderberries Meal on April 13th!

There will be an Elderberries program on April 13th, with the theme, “April Showers Bring May Flowers”. Entertainment will begin at 11:30 AM, and the lunch will be start at noon. Menu: Grilled foot-long hot dogs, Cowboy beans, oriental cole slaw, ice cream bars, cookie. \$6.00 donation. RSVP by calling the church office, emailing central@cccdisciples.org, or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Easter Lilies



Central will be selling Easter lilies on Sunday, April 3rd & Sunday, April 10th. Each lily is \$20.00. You may email the church office central@cccdisciples.org or call (217-428-4336) to reserve your lily and mail or bring in a check or cash. Lilies may be picked up after the 10:30 AM Easter worship service. If you are unable to make the pickup time, they may be picked up from the church on Tuesday, April 19th or Wednesday, April 20th, in the Connection Café (the church is closed on Monday April 18th).

Sunday (3)

- 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
- 2:00-Castle & Wang vocal & piano concert, Sanctuary
- 4:00-Youth Group

Monday (4)

- 5:30-Maundy Thursday practice, Sanct.

Tuesday (5)

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

Wednesday (6)

- 10:00-Ministers’ Meeting

Thursday (7)

- 10:00-Alanon, 340
- 10:00-Miller Small Group, Great Hall
- 3:00-Decatur Needle Arts, Disc. Room
- 4:00-Gorden/Dixon Small Group, Connection Café
- 5:00-Koinonia, 412
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 6:00-Wilcoxon Small Group, C. Café
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (8)

Saturday (9)

- 9:00-Faith Quest

Sunday (10)

Imboden Creek Worship

- 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
- 11:45-Fellowship Meal
- 4:00-Youth Group
- 5:30-Maundy Thursday Practice, Sanct.

Counting On You
Sunday, March 27, 2022
 Total worshipping online = 137
 Total worshipping in-person = 204



Serving Schedule — Sunday, April 3, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Jan Dobbs & Karen Wade
9:15 - Jan Dobbs

Imboden Worship Elders:

Randy Trei & David York

April Prep Deacons: Donna Dash and Gregg & Linda Foltz

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin
10:30 - Shelby Baum & Luke Kirby

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Donna Dash, Capt., Carolyn Sunderlik,
Dianne Devore
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid

Greeters:

8:00 - Dianne Devore & Carolyn Sunderlik
10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - TBD
10:30 - Mike Kirby



Birthdays 4/3 to 4/9

Gregg Foltz, Terri Pepper,
Jane Davis, Samuel Rutherford,
Josie Morelli, Adalyn McCoy

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David Williams Organist
Kathleen Dudley Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd Administrative Assistant
Kattina Williams Nursery Attendant
Andrew Evans Caretaker
Cheri Russell Caretaker

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To "follow" click on the ellipse icon (...).
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. "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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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