

The Central Visitor



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Spring Events for Children, Youth and Families

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!

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.

Thursday 10:00 a.m.

Disciples Room Pastor Tina

Thursday 4:00 p.m.

Café

Jack Dixon and Paul Gorden

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).

Save the Date! Women’s Celebration!

Mark your calendars for May 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. We will be celebrating women and quilts in the Great Hall that evening. Ticket sales will begin in several weeks between services; six dollars for adult meals, four dollars for children’s meals. Watch The Visitor in the upcoming weeks for more information. Hope to see you there!



SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 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

A Story for All of Us

Text: Luke 24:1-12
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (4/17 - 4/23)!

Liz Campbell, John Graham,
Alex Otis, Maxine Koenig,
Betty Scott, Don Swallow,
Ed Adams, Bruce Stoddard,
Madison Larrick, Amy Zietlow



GoFundMe Opportunity to Support Choral Interns

Two of our Millikin choral interns – Spencer Domer and Sam Moore – have been invited to sing with Faith Community Lutheran Church of Las Vegas for an 8-day choral residency in the St. Alban's Cathedral (England) this summer. The experience will consist of daily evensong and anthems under the direction of Dr. Joe Svendsen. They are looking to raise funds to offset their expenses. If you would like to offer your support, you may donate to their GoFundMe campaign. [CLICK HERE](#) to see their GoFundMe page.

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](#)



Musical Events at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 24, 4 p.m. an Organ Recital by Dale T. Rogers, organist and musical director at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield. Music will include Bach, Jerome Kern, Boyce, and the celebrated Widor Toccata. Park on street or in lot on north side of North Street. Enter at four glass doors under the canopy.

Minister's Article

Faith Quest A.C.T.S. Prayer

This past Sunday, three of our youth confessed their faith in worship. This Sunday, two more will do the same and all five will then be baptized. The five have been taking part in a class we call Faith Quest to help prepare them for their confessions of faith and baptisms. One of the faith exercises the leaders (Christine Lyman-Harm and David Martin) and I do with the youth is teach them what is known as the A.C.T.S. prayer. Each of the youth craft statements about God and faith corresponding to the different letters – A, C, T and S. We then design a prayer using their own words. Some years the Faith Quest students speak their prayer together as our pastoral prayer in worship. This year, we decided to present the prayer here, as well as in a bulletin insert this coming Sunday. Since our theme during this Lenten season has been Prayer, we thought it appropriate to present the students' A.C.T.S. prayer this way, so you could all have a chance to see their words in writing. This year's Faith Quest students are Jaxon Flower, Joslin McLemore, Lauren McLemore, Jane Osman and Mason Miller.

In faith quest this year we learned the A.C.T.S. prayer. It is a way of organizing our thoughts when we pray to God. 'A' stands for "Adoration". We begin our prayer with words that praise God for who God is. And what God does. 'C' stands for "Confession". We confess our mistakes to God and ask for God's forgiveness. 'T' stands for "Thanksgiving". We thank God for the things that God has given us. 'S' stands for "Supplication". We ask God to supply our needs and give us what will most help us. Here is our ACTS prayer that we designed as a Faith Quest class.

Let us pray.... All knowing God, you are always with us and we are amazed by how inspiring you can be. We love that you are always with us and know when to place the right people in our lives when we need them. We are amazed by your creation and the beauty of it. You nurture us with your amazing power. You are a forgiving god who uplifts us and helps us in any situation. We confess that we are sorry for not always listening, for being impatient and being maybe not kind.

We sometimes try to be right rather than kind and doubting you God. Please forgive us for hating people sometimes and losing our temper. We are thankful for our church, parents, life, family, phone, and faith.

Thank you for the path you have put before us and your guiding hand. You surround us with good people and thank you for our support system.

God, please help us to say the words that will help those that are struggling. We pray you continue to give us patience, confidence in ourselves and not worry so much. Help us to live in peace with one another. Help us to get through these times and give us strength for what lies ahead, like our math test or our pets. Help us to love others all the time. In your name we offer this prayer. Amen.

Blessings – Michael

Create: a three part women's event!

April 25, 6-7:30 pm
Meeting One: Think about spiritual creativity.

May 2, 6-7:30 pm
Meeting Two: Create something

May 6, 6 pm
Women's Celebration Meal



Spiritual Creativity can be scary and doable – even for those who consider themselves lacking artistic ability. Humanity is made in the image of God, the Ultimate Creator! Humans are made to reflect our Creator's character and commissioned to carry out his purposes in the world. So, God is The Creator, and we as His creation have the ability to create. We have the responsibility to live creatively and to live out our commission in creative ways!

That could take the form of art, painting, sculpting, sewing, dance, poetry, literature, presentation, architecture, music, or theatre. It could also take the form of daily living: the art of navigating life! All of us have created art. Some art is blatant, other art is subtle. Nevertheless, it IS ALL art. And when we submit our art to God for the building of His Kingdom, it is Spiritual Creativity.

Our first two meetings will be a time for spiritual creativity. No registration required for Create meetings.

The Women's Celebration meal is our annual Women's meal held every May and requires registration (coming soon). All women are invited to attend one or all parts of the event.

April 25 6-7:30 pm

Meeting One: Attendees will have opportunity to think about spiritual creativity.

- A time when you created something tangible that perpetuated the Christian Mission.
- A time when you lived out the Christian Mission creatively.

May 2, 6-7:30 pm

Meeting Two: Create something that represents results from Meeting One.

- Creative writing
- Multi-media creation

Create meeting events are free.

Women's Celebration meal registration coming soon.



Sunday (17) - Easter!

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
No Youth Group

Monday (18) - Church & Office Closed

Tuesday (19)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
9:30-Card Ministry, 340
11:00-Décor Committee, Connection Café
5:00-Trustees, Conference Room
5:00-Dorcas planning meeting, C. Café
6:00-Capital Campaign comm., C. Café

Wednesday (20)

10:00-Ministers' Meeting
5:30-Church Council (business), G.Hall

Thursday (21)

10:00-Alanon, 340
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:00-Koinonia, 412
5:00-Christian Ed. committee, 450
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (22)

Saturday (23)

Sunday (24)

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



Counting On You

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Total worshipping online = 121
Total worshipping in-person = 255



Serving Schedule — Sunday, April 17, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Randy Trei & David York
9:15 - David York

April Prep Deacons: Donna Dash and Gregg & Linda Foltz

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Pamela Bednar & Gary Horvath
10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar
10:30 - Team 8 - Need help

Greeters:

8:00 - Jim & Pamela Bednar
10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar
10:30 - Keith Backes



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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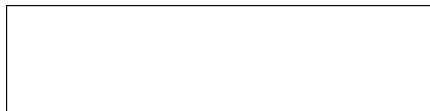
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Prayer Request Text-In!

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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