

The Central Visitor



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Welcome New Members

What a tremendous day this past Sunday was! First, at the 9:15 service, we welcomed new members Rod and Laurie Damery! They have been attending regularly for the past several months and are pleased to worship with their son (Ryan) and his family. Rod and Laurie spend 4 months of the year in Hawaii and have a vibrant church home there. We are pleased to be their church home for the 2/3 of the year they are in central Illinois. Then, at the 10:30 service, we welcomed Paul and Diane Weldy, who transferred their membership to Central. The Weldys have faithfully attended Central for 10 months and have a great love for the music program of our traditional services. Welcome Damerys and Weldys!



Youth Fundraising Event—May 15th

Join us on May 15th after the 10:30 service for an all church picnic and fundraiser for the youth mission trip to Memphis this summer! Weather permitting, we will be outside the west entrance for lunch, yard games, and the major entertainment for the day, the Battle of the Lip Synch Air Bands. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move the event indoors.

There is no cost for the event, but donations are welcome. If you are planning to come, please RSVP either online ([CLICK HERE](#)) or by calling the church office so that we know how much food to prepare. If you have any questions, please contact David Martin. Thank you, and I hope you are able to join us for this fun event!

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 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

Getting Unstuck from Confusion

Text: John 10:22-30
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (5/8 - 5/14)!

Greg Carter, Jim Denzer,
Alex Harm, Tessa McCoy,
Patti Swinford, Bob Wade,
John Hill, Karma Lynn Carpenter,
Eli Monroe, Crosby McLeod,
Amelia Jennings

Women's Celebration!

Friday, May 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
 We will be celebrating women and quilts in the Great Hall that evening. Tickets are still available; \$6.00 for adult meals; \$4.00 for children's meals. Hope to see you there!

WE CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH STAFF!

Dorcas Disciples (all mission-focused Central women) will host a Staff Appreciation Luncheon at 12 noon on May 17th in the Great Hall. Disciples will gather at 11:15 a.m. for a brief business meeting and then celebrate the dedicated service of our church staff with a yummy lunch at noon. Ellen Damery, Preschool Director, will give us a quick report on the fall restart of our terrific preschool! Please RSVP by Monday, May 9th to Nancy Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174 or xstr@sbcglobal.net to make sure we have enough delicious food. Hope to see you May 17th!

Kiwanis Chicken Dinner

The early-bird and noon Kiwanis clubs will be holding a Nelson's Chicken Dinner fundraiser on Wednesday, May 18 with Central being the pick-up location. Each meal order is \$12.00 and meals can be picked up between 3:30 – 8:00 p.m. Orders can be made online by using the link below and must be made by May 11 at noon. [Fundraiser Food | Nelson's Catering | Springfield IL \(nelsonscatering.com\)](#)

Upcoming Concerts at Central

Sunday, May 15, 2022,
 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Opus 24 Spring Choral Concerts

Spring Events for Children, Youth, and Families

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!

Setting the Table

Every three years, in addition to the annual fall Stewardship Campaign which collects estimates of giving and prepares an operating budget for the coming year, Central has undertaken rolling three-year capital campaigns as well. These began during the ministry of my predecessor, Charles Watkins, and have been a tremendous blessing to our congregation's ministry. The capital campaigns begin on July 1 and end June 30 three years later. They are "rolling" because one three-year campaign "rolls" into the next. For the last several decades, Central has been able to embrace both a robust annual operating budget *and* keep the building and grounds in tremendous shape because of these capital campaigns.

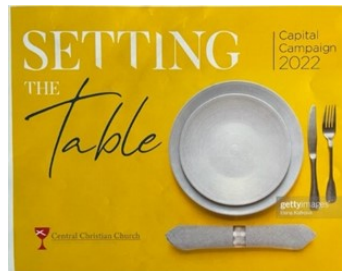
Since 2015, when we undertook the remodel of our Friendship Center, West Entrance, and Administrative wing, part of all campaigns have had (and will have) elimination of that debt as part of their focus. However, we have also been able to provide upgrades to our building along the way. And perhaps most impressively is the fact that 10% of *all* campaign receipts is dedicated to outreach. Here is what the last two (2) campaigns have looked like:

2016-2019 *Pathways to Possibilities* Goal: \$550,000
 Additional projects: Security system (doors, cards and cameras); Friendship Center / Café – audio and visual
 Outreach recipients: Baby Talk, Good Samaritan Inn, Webster Cantrell Hall, Dove, Oasis

2019-2022 *Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future* Goal: \$550,000
 Additional projects: West Entrance Elevator (replace); Great Hall (repaint); Ramp Entrance (upgrades)
 Outreach recipients: Baby Talk, Good Samaritan Inn, Webster Cantrell Hall, Dove, Oasis

Note: for the outreach portion of this campaign, we invited the above-listed groups to make presentations of need and then distributed funds accordingly.

I wanted to take the opportunity here to introduce the theme and goal of our newest, and upcoming, campaign, along with a few notes about it.



2022-2025 *Setting the Table* Goal: \$475,000
 - Dates: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2-2025
 - The **theme** represents both looking forward and anticipating a future that is to come, as well as the work needed to prepare for such a future.

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- The **overall goal** is lower than in past years, which the Trustees hope conveys an understanding of the toll the global pandemic has taken on all of us.
- The break-down of the campaign's goal will be as follows:
 - \$230,000 toward debt reduction (at the end of this campaign, we anticipate having 81% of the debt paid)
 - \$197,500 toward new projects (***we will post the proposed new projects in next week's Visitor***)
 - \$47,500 toward outreach



Our campaign committee would like to invite everyone to one of three (3) roundtable presentations where more specifics about the campaign will be shared. Everyone is invited to attend and an RSVP is not required. Simply show up and some of our committee members will provide you with information and answer any and all questions.

Sunday May 15	9:15 a.m.	Connection Café
Sunday May 15	10:30 a.m.	Connection Café
Tuesday May 17	6:00 p.m.	Connection Café

- Blessings – Michael

Capital Campaign Roundtable Presentations

Make sure to come to one of the Roundtable Presentations for our new capital campaign – *Setting the Table, 2022-2025*. All will be held in the Connection Café. The fact that the Sunday presentations are in the morning is meant to accommodate worshippers at our different services. If you cannot make one of the dates we have listed, please contact the office and we will do what we can to accommodate you.

Sunday	May 15	9:15 a.m.
Sunday	May 15	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	May 17	6:00 p.m.

INVITATION TO ATTEND ECCLESIA/FELLOWSHIP

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

During the pandemic, the Ecclesia/Fellowship Adult Sunday School Class suspended meeting as a class. We are reorganizing and would like for you to join us. We enjoy fellowship and Bible study using the "Seasons of the Spirit" Revised Common Lectionary materials. We would love to have you join us. Just show up and you will be warmly welcomed! Hope we see you there!

When: May 15, 2022

Where: Room 340

Time: 9:15-10:15a.m.

Volunteers Needed May 14 at Good Samaritan Inn

Volunteers from Central Christian will prepare and serve lunch at the Good Samaritan Inn on Saturday, May 14th. 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 Welcome Center.

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.

Sunday (8)

Imboden Worship

Baby Dedication

- 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 (9)

- 12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
- 1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room
- 5:00-Elder Planning

Tuesday (10)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
- 5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
- 6:00-Capital Campaign Committee, C.C.
- 6:30-Opus 24 rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

Wednesday (11)

- 10:00-Ministers' Meeting
- 1:30-Prayer Shawl Ministry, C. Café
- 5:00-Elders, Great Hall

Thursday (12)

- 10:00-Alanon, 340
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:00-Koinonia, 412
- 5:00-Scholarship Committee, 401
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (13)

Saturday (14)

- 8:00-Good Samaritan volunteering

Sunday (15)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 9:15-Capital Campaign Roundtable, C.C.
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 10:30-Capital Campaign Roundtable, C.C.
- 12:00-All-Church Youth Missions Fundraiser Picnic
- 3:00-Opus 24 30th anniversary concert, Sanctuary
- 7:00-Opus 24 30th anniversary concert Sanctuary

Counting On You **Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Total worshipping online = 139
Total worshipping in-person = 246



Serving Schedule — Sunday, May 8, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Jeannie Backes & Charlotte Ballance
9:15 - Charlotte Ballance

Imboden Worship Elders:

Jack Dixon & Paul Gorden

May Prep Deacons: Carrie & Steve Funk, Linda Zinn

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - David & Nancy King
10:30 - Dale Ford & Christine Lyman-Harm

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos,
Brad Munos, Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert
10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30 - Mike Kirby

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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. "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

Now available online (cccdisciples.org or snap QR code to right) and at the Welcome Center.



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