

# 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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## 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!



## Fish Tank Come Back!

Have you stopped by the Children's Lobby lately? Or noticed that our fish tank is back? Or, at least, coming back. David Wagner has undertaken a very meticulous process of making sure our fish tank, which had been out of commission, is back up and running. While not fully there, David has made great progress, much to the delight of all our young children! Thanks for your great work, David!

## Dove, Inc. Recognition of Central Christian Church

Janet Lyman received this plaque (pictured above) on behalf of Central Christian Church from Dove, Inc. The plaque is given in appreciation for our continued support and participation in their mission.

## SUNDAY, MAY 15, 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 Neutral***

Text: Acts 1:6-11  
Michael E. Karunas



## **Happy Birthday!! (5/15 - 5/21)!**

Claudia Curry, John Flanders,  
Janet Gray, Phyllis Morris,  
Bradley Munos, Claudia Quigg,  
Robert Reed, Zach Martin,  
Danielle Patricio, Marci Baumann,  
Duff Knudsen, Samuel Andrews,  
Michele Bafford, Jaxon Flower,  
Kim York, Matt Moma, Julina Lindsey

**Concerts at Central**

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

**Opus 24 Spring Choral Concerts**

Don't miss this special 30th anniversary celebration of Opus 24! This will be Milt Scott's last concert as the Director of Opus 24, as he is retiring. Come celebrate this fantastic vocal group. Refreshments to follow the concerts.

**WE CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH STAFF!**

Dorcas Disciples (all mission-focused Central women) will host a Staff Appreciation Luncheon at 12 noon on May 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5:00 – 7:00 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 \(nelsonscatering.com\)](#)

**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 – New Projects**

As I shared in this space last week, we are preparing for a new capital campaign at Central. Gifts, pledges and donations to this campaign are kept separate from those to our annual operating fund. A re-cap of the overall goal and theme:



2022-2025      *Setting the Table*      Goal: \$475,000  
 Dates: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2-2025  
\$230,000 toward debt reduction (at the end of this campaign, we anticipate having 81% of the debt paid)  
\$197,500 toward new projects  
\$47,500 toward outreach

In the area of "New Projects," here is a list of what the campaign proposes to address. These are based on suggestions from the congregation. Suggestions not included within the campaign are being addressed in other ways. Please come to the roundtable presentations and hear more about these projects. Estimated costs are included.

**Sanctuary**

- Larger and elevated A/V booth.      \$18,000
- Improve the livestream equipment (mounted cameras to replace current and obstructing camera and tripod); Space for formal video booth in the same area. Better choir microphones. Installation of video monitors.      \$36,000
- Painting in sanctuary      \$26,000

**Downstairs**

- Renovation of the Heritage Center.      \$80,000  
 (Address lights, ceiling, flooring, wall patch/repair, counter and/or wet bar and/or dry bar, lift, fireplace. Plan: use \$5,000 from current campaign for sketch of what all could be done. Then determine what we want to have done for the \$80,000.
- Re-sealing Stained Glass Windows in Great Hall (Protective shield in front of glass)      \$11,000

**Outside**

- Roof repairs      \$7,000  
 (for all flat roofs not including admin. wing)
- Raise or replace walkway      \$10,000 (Max)  
 (from the North parking area to the West Entrance)
- Repair / Restore Carillon      \$15,000

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

**May 15th, Room 340, 9:15—10:15 a.m.**

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!

### 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/](http://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.

### Small Groups this Week

*If you're in a small group, let us know what your small group's focus is for the 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 information before attending, let us know ([central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org)).*

#### Tuesday Journeymen (men's bible study)

Connection Café at 7:00 a.m.

Conversation led by Brian Maple, Jim Fitzpatrick or Pastor Michael

#### Thursday Journeymen (men's bible study)

Connection Café at 4:00 p.m.

The Thursday Journeymen will be discussing faith responses to Roe vs. Wade and all of the events surrounding the recently leaked Supreme Court draft of a pending decision. What does Scripture have to say to us? How do we respond to voices on both sides of this volatile issue? Do men have a place at the table when discussing this topic?

#### 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).



### **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

### **Monday (16)**

#### **Tuesday (17)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 340
- 11:00-Support Staff Meeting
- 11:15-Dorcas Meeting, Disciples Room
- 12:00-Dorcas Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Great Hall
- 6:00-Concert Series Committee, Disc. Rm.
- 6:00-Capital Campaign Roundtable, C.C.

#### **Wednesday (18)**

- 10:00-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:00-Kiwanis fundraiser pick up
- 5:30-Church Council Committee Mtg.

#### **Thursday (19)**

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

#### **Friday (20)**

#### **Saturday (21)**

#### **Sunday (22) - Graduation Sunday!**

- 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, May 8, 2022**

Total worshipping online = 78  
Total worshipping in-person = 301





**Serving Schedule — Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Dick Cain & Matthew Swarthout  
9:15 - Matthew Swarthout

**Outreach Communion Elders:**

Dick Cain, Jack Dixon, Jan Dobbs, Paul Gorden, Matthew Swarthout, Karen Wade

**May Prep Deacons:** Carrie & Steve Funk, Linda Zinn

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver  
10:30 - David Martin & Tom Ritter

**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 - Charlotte Ballance & Gail Prince  
10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

**P.A. Operator:**

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

**Another Volunteer Opportunity**

The University of Illinois Extension office is looking for groups to assist with gardening and other outdoor work at Crossings Healthcare every 2nd Saturday during the growing season for things like planting, mulching, winterizing, cleanup, etc.

For more information, email Allison at [ARaiha@crossinghealthcare.org](mailto:ARaiha@crossinghealthcare.org).

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Ben Hawkinson ..... Interim Director of Music  
Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain ..... Organist  
David Williams ..... Organist  
Kathleen Dudley ..... Administrative Assistant  
Yvonne Boyd ..... Administrative Assistant  
Kattina Williams ..... Nursery Attendant  
Abigail Smith ..... Nursery Attendant  
Bri Lockwood ..... Nursery Attendant  
Andrew Evans ..... Caretaker  
Jenny Goodman ..... Caretaker  
Sam Hawkinson ..... 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.

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