

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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Scholarship Winners!

Six students were honored with scholarships made possible by past and present members of Central at Graduation Sunday, May 22nd, during the 10:30 a.m. service.

- John Baumann was awarded the Dr. Barbara Tyler Scholarship. John is the son of Steve and Marci Baumann and graduated from Mt. Zion High School last Sunday. John plans to attend the University of Illinois and study Health Sciences. Although he is not completely sure what aspect of health he would like to pursue, he is one hundred percent sure that he wants to work with and meet new people while simultaneously assisting them with health issues they are having.
- Erik Harm was awarded the Roy O. and Rachel R. Schilling Scholarship. Erik is the son of Christine Lyman-Harm. Erik graduated from MacArthur High School in 2011 and Eureka College in 2015. He is currently a high school history teacher and wants to obtain a Master of Arts in history from the University of Missouri-Kansas City so he can teach dual credit courses and teach at a university in the future.
- Thomas Karunas was awarded the Coke and Lilabelle Traylor Scholarship. Thomas is the son of Michael Karunas and Amy Zietlow. Thomas graduated from MacArthur High school in 2020 and is now attending Eastern Illinois University. Thomas is majoring in Vocal Performance and plans to work in commercial music and performance when he graduates. His dream has always been to create and perform music for all to hear and interpret in the way they please.
- Brooke Swinford was awarded the Walter and Inabell Kirby Scholarship. Brooke is the daughter of Troy and Patti Swinford. Brooke graduated from MacArthur High School last Sunday and plans to attend Loyola University Chicago and study International Business. She hopes to become a Human Resources Manager and have a career in the fashion industry traveling the world and experiencing many different cultures.
- Spencer Domer was awarded the Don and Bonnie Sauer Peace and Justice Scholarship. Spencer is from Alton, Illinois and attends Millikin University where he will be a senior next year. Spencer was one of Central's choral interns this year. He hopes to be a professional chorister/orchestral soloist alongside being a collegiate voice teacher. (*... more on page 2!*)

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 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

I Am Coming Soon

Text: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 21
Tina Miller



Happy Birthday!! (5/29 - 6/11)!

Bill Bass, Merle Chapman, Mary Jane Oliver, Allison Stoddard, Leighia Cleary, Herb Knudsen, Jim Hoffert, Joe Morelli, Milo Scircle, Harrison Hyde, Jackson Baum, MacKenzi Sargeant, Nancy French, Bob Hoaglin, Emily Rohrscheib, Barbara Brooks, Aaron Osman, Charlie Hartwig, Christy Forsyth, Emmett Reed, Shelby Matherly, Hayden Irby



Volunteer Opportunities

The **Good Samaritan Inn** is seeking volunteers on specific dates in May and June. Shifts are 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. You can volunteer for one or both shifts. If you can help on any of the dates below, please contact Good Samaritan directly, (217) 429-1455 or Outreach@GoodSamInn.org

Friday, May 27
Sunday May 29
Tuesday, May 31

Saturday, June 4
Sunday, June 5
Saturday, June 11
Wednesday, June 15
Saturday, June 18
Sunday, June 19
Wednesday, June 22
Friday, June 24
Monday, June 27
Tuesday, June 28

Also, **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.

And... As always, cereal is still needed at **Northeast Community Fund**. Also in the summer time, we try to collect foods that kids can prepare for themselves. Please help fill the grocery cart in the Connection Café. The next collection will be June 5. Thanks for your generosity.

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- Nurlan Howard was also awarded the Coke and Lilabelle Traylor Scholarship. Nurlan is the grandson of John and Carole McClarey and lives in Newark, Ohio. He graduated from Granville High School and plans to attend Bowling Green State University in the fall and major in Art Education and teach at the K-6 grade level.

Congratulations to these outstanding students! They are all amazing and extremely talented in their chosen fields. Best wishes for much happiness and success in the future.

Minister's Article

Summer Distractions

Summer distractions. We all have them. Events such as concerts, golf tournaments, fairs, and festivals fill our calendars. Activities like yardwork, sports, gardening, and boating keep us busy. You know what your distraction of choice is. You will get no judgement from me. I get it. We all have distractions competing for our time and energy.

As we begin the Summer months, once again, we find there are so many things to do that would take our attention away from the Lord and away from our spiritual health. I want to encourage you to do all you can to continue to keep God first and foremost in your life. Guess what? We can help with that! All you have to do is come to church and receive the Message God prepared for you.

Scripture relates the following in Hebrews 10:23-25:

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

The writer of Hebrews gave clear directions to Christians of the early church to continue to meet together, especially as they saw "the Day" approaching.

Christians of today's church wait for "the Day" of Christ's return. The world seems to grow more chaotic as we wait. It is easy to get distracted away from God and away from attending church. Your spiritual health, vigor, and renewal are so important. Coming to church will help nurture all three. Here are a few ways we can help with that!

- 1) Supportive love Christians share with one another is a powerful factor in achieving balanced spiritual health. Spiritual balance and support are nurtured at church.
- 2) Encouraging words and good examples can help awaken and maintain spiritual vigor. Spiritual vigor is nurtured at church.
- 3) Sturdy reaffirmations of the eternal Truths of God's Word are essential for spiritual renewal. Spiritual affirmations are nurtured at church.

Be encouraged to spend time in church. Let the love of fellow Christians, encouraging words, good examples, and reaffirmations of eternal Truths nurture your spirit, soul, and body. Then, go out and enjoy the Summer!

May the Peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.
Tina Miller

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

VBS will take place June 20-23 this year. We have already secured Team Leaders for each of our key areas. Beside their names (below) you will see the number of “assistant volunteers” those team leaders would like to have join them. If you would like to join a particular team leader, please contact the church office and let us know. If you are happy filling in wherever you might be needed – or cannot commit to being an assistant for one of the team leaders – feel free to let us know that as well. You may also sign up online by using this link –

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Pre-K children	Ellen Damery	(1-2 volunteers)
Opening worship	Pastor Michael	(2 volunteers)
Games	David Martin	(2 volunteers)
Snacks	Gretchen Kirby	(3 volunteers)
Crafts	Diana Ritter	(3 volunteers)
Bible Story Time	Zach Martin	(1 volunteer)
Crew Leaders	Ashley Swallow	(6 volunteers)

Youth Announcements

- Our stockpile of books for the Little Free Library has run out. We will be collecting children's books and young adult books again this Sunday (5/29).
- Also, the last day that we will be collecting bottle caps is this Sunday, 5/29. After that, we will finish sorting the caps and place our order for the benches.

If you have any questions, please contact David Martin.

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).

Sundays - Ecclesia (mixed Sunday School class)

Room 340 at 9:15 a.m.

Reading through the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum.

Tuesday Journeymen (men's bible study)

Connection Café at 7:00 a.m.

Conversation led by Brian Maple or Jim Fitzpatrick

Thursday Journeymen (men's bible study)

Connection Café at 4:00 p.m.

Conversation led by Jack Dixon or Paul Gorden

Thursdays - 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 (29)

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 (30) - Memorial Day Church & Office Closed

Tuesday (31)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
6:00-Concert Series Committee

Wednesday (June 1)

4:00-D.A.R., Connection Café
5:30-Stewardship Summit, Conn. Café

Thursday (2)

10:00-Alanon, 340
3:00-Decatur Needle Arts, Disc. Room
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:00-Koinonia, 412
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (3)

Saturday (4)

Sunday (5)

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 (6)

5:00-Elder Planning

Tuesday (7)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
9:30-Card Ministry, 340
11:00-Support Staff Meeting

Wednesday (8)

10:00-Ministers' Meeting
5:00-Elders, Great Hall

Thursday (9)

10:00-Alanon, 340
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:00-Koinonia, 412
5:30-Christian Ed, Great Hall
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (10)

Saturday (11)

11:00-Familia Dental Baby Shower

Sunday (12) - Imboden Worship

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream

NOTICE

No Visitor Next Week
*There will be no Visitor
newsletter next week.*

Serving Schedule — Sunday, May 29, 2022



Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Jack Dixon & Jan Dobbs
9:15 - Jack Dixon

May Prep Deacons: Carrie & Steve Funk, Linda Zinn

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Debbie Hoffert & Gail Prince
10:30 - Mike & Gretchen Kirby

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn,
Charlotte Ballance

10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Bill Modlin

Greeters:

8:00 - Julie & Ken Jacoby
10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

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

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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

Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 5, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Paul Gorden & Karen Wade
9:15 - Karen Wade

June Prep Deacons: Ed & Joy Adams

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - TBA
10:30 - TBA

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad
Munos, Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin
10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

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

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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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