

The Central Visitor



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you news from Central Christian Church
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A Message from Pastor Tina

Dear Church,

I read the following letter to the congregation at all three services last Sunday, June 5th, 2022. It was Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is my favorite Christian celebration. I am thankful for the opportunity to celebrate Pentecost Sunday with you, and I invite you to continue to celebrate Pentecost every day of the year, especially over the next two weeks.

Please join me in recognizing the Spirit of Pentecost during my last two weeks of ministry here at Central Christian Church. I intend to celebrate our completed ministry service and I intend to celebrate the new thing God is stirring in each of us.

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my resignation from Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). My last day of service at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be Sunday, June 19, 2022.

Thank you for the support and the opportunities you have provided me during the last six years and ten months. I have genuinely enjoyed my tenure with Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and I am more than grateful for the encouragement you have given me in pursuing my professional objectives. I will carry your encouragement with me always, ensuring that my service at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will always be a reminder to continue "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearance of the great God and our savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)

If I can assist during this transition to facilitate congregational care and a seamless passing of my responsibilities to my successor, please let me know and I will be glad to help however I can. I will be at the church during the next couple of weeks helping with the transition and I am available for tea and talking, or coffee and conversation. Feel free to stop in.

I wish Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) success and blessings.

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Sincerely,

Tina Parnell Miller

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 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

**When Jesus Ate...
People Came Together**

Text: Mark 2:13-17
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (6/12 - 6/18)!

Randy Brooks, Betty Chapman,
Rosie Doore, Byron Perry,
Suzie Miller, Kathy Pepper,
Jordan Backes, Chris Hartwig,
Marshall Luthy, Sandy Schultz,
George Jones, Cindy Grabowski

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, Jim Fitzpatrick, or Pastor Michael

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).



June Muni Band Dates

June 12 Fairview Park 6pm

June 13 Central Park 7pm

June 20 Central Park 7pm

June 22 DEVON 7pm

June 26 Fairview Park 6pm

June 27 Central Park 7pm

Minister's Article

The Meals Jesus Ate



With Memorial Day and the celebration of Pentecost in the rear-view mirror, we begin the summer season with a sermon series to accompany our month-long focus on the capital campaign. As you know, the theme of the campaign is "Setting the Table." The idea of setting the table naturally causes us to think of looking forward. We set the table precisely to get ready for something. Additionally, setting the table requires some basic work and effort to make sure the table is ready for the meal that is to come.

We like the theme "Setting the Table" for our capital campaign because it encourages us to look forward to, and anticipate, the wonderful things God has in store for our faith community. And it reminds us that there is preparatory work on our part to get ready for the good things that are to come.

It also seemed only fitting that we spend these next few weeks in worship thinking about tables and meals in the ministry of Jesus. Jesus spent a lot of time sitting at one table or another. The meals Jesus ate were about much more than the food consumed. They were opportunities he took to teach us the meaning of the Gospel and how we can embody it in our lives today. Here is what we can look forward to over the next three weekends.

June 12

When Jesus Ate... People Came Together

Mark 2:13-17

At Jesus' table, there is always room for one more

June 19

When Jesus Ate... The Cost Wasn't Counted

Luke 19:1-10

The grace of Jesus is both amazing and abundant

June 26

When Jesus Ate... God Was Revealed

Luke 24:36-42

Meals confirm miracles

Blessings – Michael

Upcoming Events

On Friday, June 10, at the Scovill Activity Center, the Park District will host a "Supper with a Side of Soul." Griffins BBQ will provide the food. [Heart and Soul](#) will provide the music. Dinner-and-a-Show starts at 6:00 p.m. for the cost of \$20.00. To reserve your dinner, visit Decatur-parks.org or call 217-421-6648.

On Saturday, June 11, DOVE's 788 E. Clay building will be renamed the "Ray Batman Center for Social Justice." Ray was a long-time member of Central and was DOVE's first employee. The Naming Event will take place at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday at the E. Clay building.

From Preschool...

We are delighted to announce the hiring of Melissa Miller as our new preschool director! Melissa will serve as one of our teachers as well. Melissa was on staff at our preschool from 2011-2016 and we hated to see her leave when she did.

Suffice it to say we are thrilled to welcome her back in an expanded role. In the coming weeks, we will share more information about Melissa and our preschool staff. But in the meantime, enjoy this nice article in the Herald and Review about the re-opening of our preschool: [Watch now: Central Christian Preschool to reopen in September | Education | herald-review.com](#)



Congratulations Larry Pepper!

Last December, the congregation voted to bestow the Elder Emeritus award to Larry Pepper. This past Thursday, we were able to formally bestow it upon him on a visit to his home. Congratulations Larry on this well-deserved designation!



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

Monday (13)

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

Tuesday (14)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
- 7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

Wednesday (15)

- 10:00-Ministers' Meeting
- 11:30-Elderberries Program & Luncheon, Great Hall
- 5:00-Church Council Committees

Thursday (16)

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

Friday (17)

Saturday (18)

Sunday (19)

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

Elderberries Luncheon



Wednesday, June 15

11:30 am JC Fultz will present about the weather

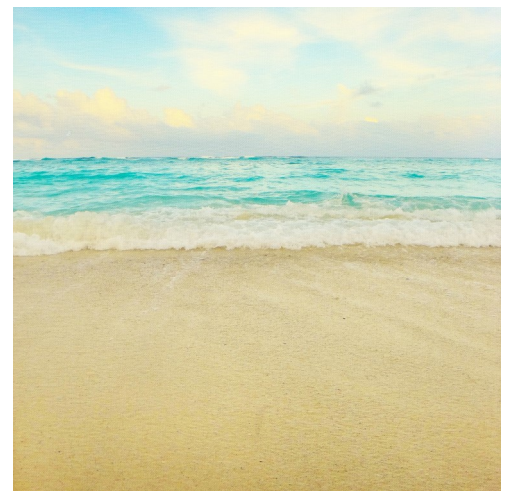
12:00 noon Lunch served

\$6.00 donation

Hot ham & cheese on pretzel bun, veggies and dip, pasta salad, munchies, poundcake with strawberries/blueberries.

Elderberries is a group of people ages 55 or older who gather for fun, fellowship, and lunch.

RSVP
by calling the church office,
emailing
central@cccdisciples.org, or
sign up at the Welcome Center!



Counting On You

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Total worshipping online = 134
Total worshipping in-person = 207



Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 12, 2022

Elders:

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

9:15 - Randy Trei

Imboden Creek Worship Elders:

Bruce Campbell & Jan Dobbs

June Prep Deacons: Ed & Joy Adams

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 - Carrie & Steve Funk

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Keith Backes

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Jenny Goodman Caretaker
Sam Hawkinson Caretaker
Cheri Russell Caretaker

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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.

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