

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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Congratulations Vicky Woolridge!!!

You will remember that our own Vicky Woolridge served as a ministry intern at Central last fall as part of the educational and vocational training she was receiving through the School for Ministry sponsored by our region. You might also recall that the internship with us came toward the *end* of that three year program. On Saturday, June 25, Vicky will formally graduate in a ceremony held at 3 p.m. at Centennial Christian Church in Bloomington. She will be one of eight graduates in the inaugural School for Ministry graduating class. Congratulations Vicky!!!

Central presents PEACEMAKER AWARDS at Decatur Schools



(Peacemakers Award winners Bernard Shaw and Mailee Lujan at SDMS and Keebo Oglesby from Dennis at the RCC awards ceremony.)

"There is no way to peace; peace IS the way!" To remind our youth that their Decatur community places a high value on peacemaking, the Peace & Justice Committee here at Central, along with two other churches, makes presentations of the Peacemaker Award to carefully selected students. The staff at each school enjoys recognizing their students who speak out and act in ways to resolve conflict and who promote peace and harmony among their peers. Thank you, Central, for supporting the Peacemaker Award program. Here are the nine 2022 Peacemaker Award Winners: **Keebo Oglesby** at Dennis, **Ciyandrea Riley-Davis** and **Jonathan Smith** at Hope Academy, **Kamryn Johnson** at Johns Hill, **Alexandra Lane-Thomas** at Montessori Academy for Peace, **Mailee Lujan** and **Bernard Shaw** at SDMS, **Alexandria Hickman** at Eisenhower, and **Daniel Flores** at MacArthur.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 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...
The Cost Wasn't Counted***

Text: Luke 19: 1-10
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (6/19 - 6/25)!

Paul Potter II, Gail Prince,
Carol Stoddard, Mitch Swim,
Norm Lienemann, Sean Beal,
Emmy Osman, Glen Dalluge,
Ron Ware, Anna Miller

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.

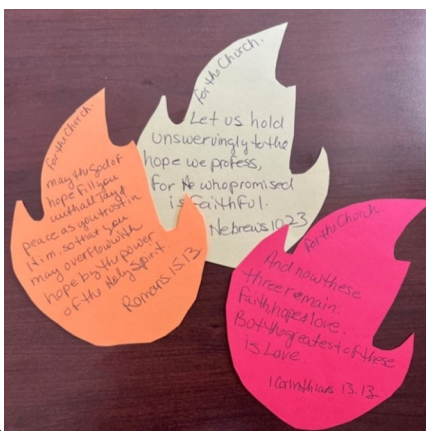
Conversation led by Jack Dixon or Paul Gorden

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).



Minister's Article

This Sunday...

Being the third Sunday of June, this Sunday is Fathers Day, and we hope that all our dads will include worship with their families at Central as part of their celebrations that day. And children (of all ages), consider bringing your fathers to worship with you as well (if he's not already planning on attending). We will have a Fathers Day gift to hand out on behalf of the Journeymen men's bible study groups at all services. All fathers, in every age and generation, can take their guidance from Joseph the father of Jesus, who knew what it meant to provide safety and protection for those in his care; who provided the stability necessary to raise his son into the man he was intended to be; and who ultimately understood the reality of letting that son go off into the world and into the care of God's own hands.

As was announced last week, this Sunday (June 19) will be Pastor Tina's last Sunday with us before she moves on to new ventures on her vocational and life journey. Make sure you are able to come to worship and share your well-wishes with Tina if you haven't already done so. We will have a **basket for cards and love gifts** for those that wish to leave her one. Please make the gifts out to Tina directly. If you can't make it Sunday, but would like to send her a gift, you can mail it to the church, addressed to her, and we will make sure she gets it.

Last week at our elders meeting, we closed our time together by participating in a special prayer exercise. Since Pastor Tina said in her remarks last week that Pentecost was her favorite day of the year, we passed out yellow, red and orange cut-out flames to everyone. All the elders were invited to write on the flames, a) words of thanksgiving for what Pastor Tina has meant to us over these last seven years; b) words of hope for the church as it moves forward without her; and/or c) a blessing for Pastor Tina as she begins the next phase in her ministerial journey. Pastor Tina likewise participated, choosing to leave three verses from scripture with us as her prayers and wishes for Central as we move forward on our journey. I wanted to share them with you here.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit – Romans 15:13

Let us hold unswerving to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful – Hebrews 10:23

And now these three remain – faith, hope and love – and the greatest of these is love – 1 Corinthians 13:13

Blessings – Michael

Drivers Wanted

With the onset of the Covid pandemic, we naturally suspended our program of offering rides to Sunday worship. But two years later, we have people who would like to come to worship but are unable to do so due to age, health, and/or some combination of the two. If you are willing to be a volunteer who brings someone to and from worship (on either a regular or periodic basis), we would love to know who you are. Please contact the church *(continued on page 3...)*

office and let us know. You would need only to:

- Tell us which service you prefer to attend, and we would match you up with someone who would like to attend that service.
- Provide us a copy of your driver's license and proof of personal auto insurance.

Many thanks for considering. The people who want to come to worship but are unable to, *really* want to come, and this will no doubt be a blessing to them.

Dorcas All-Church Quilt Event, July 12th

Central Christian Church of Decatur will present "In the Beginning", a special evening featuring Carol Garver's Art Quilts that illustrate the creation story as told in the first chapter of Genesis. Carol, a retired teacher, began a second career as an artist in 2006. She felt called to do a series based on the creation story using a medium new to her and began creating her art quilt wall hangings. During the pandemic Carol had time to complete the 21 quilts and now enjoys displaying them and sharing the story of her creative and learning process. Join in this all-family journey on July 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 650 W. William St., Decatur, IL. Following the presentation light refreshments will be served and all donations will benefit Central Christian's Preschool, which re-opens the fall of 2022. Call 217-428-4336 or email kdudley@cccdisciples.org to reserve a seat at this memorable event.

Table of Giving

To help you decide how much to give

Our *Setting the Table* 2022-2025 capital campaign goal is \$475,000. To reach our goal we need gifts like these:

(Examples of 3-Year Gifts)

1 family giving one time	\$58,375
2 families giving one time	\$47,500
3 families giving one time	\$23,750
4 families giving \$75 per week equal	\$11,700 each
8 families giving \$30 per week equal	\$4,680 each
14 families giving \$25 per week equal	\$3,900 each
20 families giving \$18 per week equal	\$2,808 each
32 families giving \$10 per week equal	\$1,560 each
64 families giving \$5 per week equal	\$780 each

Study the table carefully. Consider how you can support this capital campaign over the next three years. Families may want to pledge as a unit. Other times, individual commitments are made. It is important that every member of our church give what they can. Every gift is needed! Gifts like the amounts indicated above will ensure we meet our goal.

Book Club with Hannah Fitch

Rev. Hannah Fitch, with Great Lakes Green Chalice, is hosting a 6-week book club this summer. We will read *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe. This book club will help us talk about Creation Care spiritually without ignoring science. It offers strategies for engaging others in serious conversation about the climate crisis as well as insight to human behavior. Participants will be invited to be "conversation starters" who, along with Hannah, will pull quotes from our reading selections and help steer our dialogue. If you are interested in joining the Saving Us Book Club, see [this link](#) to register and to learn more.



Sunday (19)

Pastor Tina's last Sunday at Central Baby Dedications

- 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 (20)

- 9:00-VBS
- 2:30-Piano Club, Sanctuary

Tuesday (21)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-VBS
- 9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 340

Wednesday (22)

- 9:00-VBS
- 10:00-Ministers' Meeting

Thursday (23)

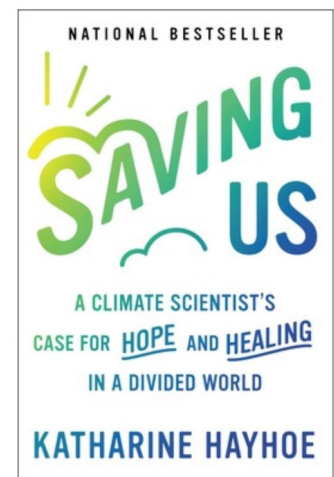
- 9:00-VBS
- 10:00-Alanon, 340
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:00-Koinonia, 412
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (24)

Saturday (25)

Sunday (26)

- 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, June 12, 2022

Total worshipping online = 104
Total worshipping in-person = 217



Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 19, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Paul Gorden & Linda Virgil
9:15 - Paul Gorden

June Prep Deacons: Ed & Joy Adams

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Gail Prince & Gary Horvath
10:30 - Audrey Miller & Andrea Shartzter

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 - Donna Dash & Karen Penn
10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes

P.A. Operator:

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

Community Volunteer Opportunity

The WAND Fan drive will be taking place on Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 7am to 1pm. It will be held in front of Walmart North by the south door of the building. The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help man the tent. You can call Leslie to schedule a time to help at 217-429-1239.

Relay For Life—Macon County

Mark your calendars for Relay for Life 2022— “A Cure Under Construction”. July 15th, 2022. The Survivor Lap starts at 6:00 PM, followed by an ice cream social.



Let's rebuild Relay in Macon County!

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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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