

# 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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## Welcome Kapplers

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Louis and Laura Kappler, and their children Miles and Penny, to the Central family! Louis is the lead singer of our 9:15 praise band, and Miles and Penny love Sunday school! What a blessing this entire family is to us and we hope that if you haven't had the chance to get to know them, you will soon.

## Welcome Archer and Ethan!

We are blessed by the additions of Archer Swarthout and Ethan Clark to the Central family. Both these boys were dedicated at the 10:30 service on Father's Day. We celebrate with their parents - Matt & Debra Clark and Matthew & Denise Swarthout - and their grandparents - Andy & Theresa Fulk and Steve & Shirley Swarthout.



## Thank You from Tina Miller

Dear Church,  
THANK YOU! For the outpouring of love, prayers, kind words, and gifts extended to me during my tenure at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and upon my resignation.  
I have watched our church transform and grow into who we are today. It pleases my heart to know that God is doing a new thing at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and I look forward to hearing great things about who you become in the years ahead.  
I cannot properly express my gratitude for having been invited to share life with you. You have been a blessing to me and my family, and I pray I have contributed as much to your growth as you have to mine.  
Peace,  
Tina Miller

## SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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...  
God Was Revealed***

Text: Luke 24:36-42  
Michael E. Karunas



## Happy Birthday!! (6/26 - 7/2)!

Bob Bischoff, Ron Dobbs,  
Janet Lyman, Davie Poland,  
David Martin, Kory Wilmot,  
Clare Rutherford, Mason Miller

## Reminder

***The church and office will be  
closed on July 4th in observance  
of Independence Day.***

### 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)).*

#### 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.

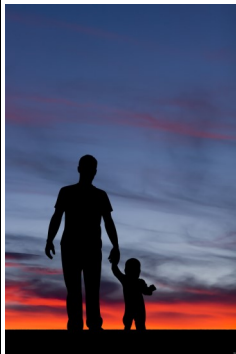
Discussing Tony Evans book "Kingdom Disciples" (focus on leading a Christ-centered life and sharing faith with others).

To all at Central,  
Thank you all for your prayers as John underwent surgery for colon cancer June 8, he is recovering remarkably well! A special thank you to Pastor Michael, Pastor Tina, the elders, the 9:15 service and our band mates for praying with us, visits and texts and calls. Also thank you to the ladies from the Shepherding Committee for the prayer shawl, it is beautiful and much appreciated. We are happy to report that the surgeon was able to remove every last morsel of cancer and John is cancer free!! And most of all thank you to our Lord and savior who makes all of this possible.  
Sincerely  
John and Janet Downs

## Minister's Article

### Fathers Day Hopes

I would like to wish all our fathers at Central a Happy Fathers Day (and hope all our fathers had a nice Fathers Day with their families). I hope you fathers remember that no matter how old your children are, they need strong, loving, and present fathers. And I wish you for you that it is well with you and your children these days. But if by some chance it is not well, I sincerely pray this improves in the days and weeks to come. And I also hope and pray that you feel loved. We men don't always talk about our feeling that well – or even give ourselves enough time to think about them well enough. But we need to feel loved nonetheless. We are loved by a loving God. And I hope, in your own way, you feel that.



For children of all ages, I hope that you were able to tell your father "Thank you" and "I love you" this weekend. But if there is something that has come between you that has prevented you from being able to say those words, I sincerely hope that one day you might – for your sake as much as for his. And if your father has already passed on and is physically no longer with you, then allow me to say that I am sorry for your loss. But also consider writing him a letter expressing your love and gratitude to him. Even if it's a letter you can never send. The late and great basketball coach John Wooden outlived his beloved wife by 23 years.

As he neared his death he passed on a chest full of envelopes, bound together in bunches with rubber bands. They represented 23 years of letters he had written to her after she passed. About these letters, he said to a friend, "I have nowhere to send them, but seemed to me important to write them."

And finally, I hope we all find inspiration in these words spoken years ago at a funeral over which I presided for a father who was eulogized by his son. During the service his son spoke these words about his father - *"My father was not a great man. He was never famous or rich; never directed a multi-national bank or corporation; never led troops into battle; never elected to powerful political office; founded no great charities. He was, however, something infinitely more important. He was a good man. He wasn't famous, but everyone who knew him in our small town respected him and spoke well of him. He wasn't a military hero, but he did serve his country with courage and honor during World War II. He never held powerful political offices, but he did serve on many boards in our community. He founded no great charities, but he volunteered often and gave generously. A great man may change the world and if he does, it will be from a distance. But a good man walks among us. We see him every day and it isn't until he leaves us that we realize all he has given."*

Blessings – Michael

### Thank You From Millikin University

Dear Central,  
Thanks for all your help in preparing for the Holmes tribute on the weekend of May 28th. It was a great event, and your flexibility in allowing us to take over your church to do what was needed was welcomed.  
Gratefully, Jan Devore



### 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 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](mailto:kdudley@cccdisciples.org) to reserve a seat at this memorable event.



**Let's rebuild Relay in Macon County!**

support those currently fighting. Registered survivors will be treated to an ice cream social after the opening lap. [www.relayforlife.org/maconil](http://www.relayforlife.org/maconil) There's no cost to register. Luminaria will be available for a \$10.00 donation to honor loved ones. My team, Knights of Relay, are actually helping with luminaria this year. Come on out and look for our tent. If you cannot attend the event but would like to make a donation or have any questions, feel free to contact me at Central Christian Church. Email [yboyd@cccdisciples.org](mailto:yboyd@cccdisciples.org). (And, we are still collecting empty aluminum cans at CCC. There's a barrel in Heritage Center all year round. Just drop them off when you're at Central.) Thank you for your support and I hope to see you on July 15<sup>th</sup>!

- Yvonne Boyd, administrative assistant - survivor - team captain

### Relay For Life—Macon County

Have you or a loved one been touched by cancer? Unfortunately, most can answer yes to this question. Let's get together and show our support to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life as they work towards a world with more birthdays and a time when we all can answer this question with a resounding NO! This year's theme is "A Cure Under Construction". Join me and other survivors on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Richland Community College to celebrate life, honor loved ones lost, and



### **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

### **Monday (27)**

#### **Youth Mission Trip Week**

3:00-Pastoral Support Comm., 401  
5:15-Preschool Board

### **Tuesday (28)**

#### **General Primary Election**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R  
11:00-Support Staff Meeting  
6:00-Concert Series Committee  
6:00-Capital Campaign Committee

### **Wednesday (29)**

#### **Thursday (30)**

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 (July 1)**

#### **Saturday (2)**

#### **Sunday (3)**

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 (4) - Church & Office Closed**

## **Survivor Celebration**



**July 15th  
RCC  
Ice cream social  
following  
Survivor Lap  
6pm**



Register at  
[relayforlife.org/  
maconil](http://relayforlife.org/maconil)



### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

Total worshipping online = 116  
Total worshipping in-person = 239



## Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 26, 2022

### Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Gretchen Kirby & Krista Rohrscheib  
9:15 - Gretchen Kirby

**June Prep Deacons:** Ed & Joy Adams

### Offering Deacons:

8:00 - George & Pearl Jones  
10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes

### Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt.,  
Jim & Pamela Bednar  
10:30 - Team 8 - Need help

### Greeters:

8:00 - Jim & Pamela Bednar  
10:30 - Jean & Jud Pease

### P.A. Operator:

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

### Upcoming June & July Decatur Muni Band Dates

June 22 DEVON 7pm  
June 26 Fairview Park 6pm  
June 27 Central Park 7pm  
July 3 Fairview Park 6pm  
July 4 Central Park 7pm  
July 10 Fairview Park 6pm  
July 11 Central Park 7pm  
July 17 Fairview Park 6pm  
July 18 Central Park 7pm  
July 24 Fairview Park 6pm  
July 25 Central Park 7pm  
July 27 DEVON 7pm  
July 31 Fairview Park 6pm

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Michael E. Karunas ..... Senior Minister  
David Martin ..... Youth Director  
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 "like" hit the thumbs-up icon.

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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