

# The Central Visitor



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## Preschool Workdays

We are currently getting our preschool wing ready for the first day of school and have designated two volunteer opportunities for anyone who wants to come help! Under the leadership of our new Preschool Director, Melissa Miller, we will be working together to organize materials and prepare our classrooms for the first day of school. Feel free to show up anytime during the hours listed below. No need to RSVP.

**Wednesday, July 6, 9 am—12 pm**

**Thursday, July 7, 9 am—12 pm**

## July Sermon Series – True Community

For the first three weeks of July, our sermons will focus on the word “United.” The word is in the very name of our nation – the United States of America. And the month of July always begins with the year’s biggest celebration of our shared nationhood. Yet, in recent years – let alone recent weeks - it can seem that we are more the *Divided* States of America, than the united ones. This is why we will turn to Galatians for insight into how we might recover this ever-elusive quality of Unity in our world today. Why Galatians? It was written at a time when the church was in formation. The leaders were seeking to bring together people who weren’t used to associating with each other – who were used to remaining in their own silos of “sameness.” Galatians acknowledges that there were disagreements and differences of opinion. But also that there was compromise, and a working together for a good greater than themselves. So we will spend the next 3 weeks seeking to learn from Galatians what it means to have True Community.

July 3                      Galatians 3:23-29  
Theme: *What does Freedom in Christ mean?*

July 10                     Galatians 5:13-25  
Theme: *Responsibility: the flip side of the freedom coin*

July 17                    Galatians 6:1-9  
Theme: *Endurance (Never cease striving for what is good)*

## SUNDAY, JULY 3, 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

## Freedom in Christ

Text: Galatians 3:23-29  
Michael E. Karunas



## Happy Birthday!! (7/3 - 7/9)!

Jean Booher, Tami Longcor,  
Mike Kirby, Marilyn Riley,  
Rod Damery

## 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).

### Upcoming July

#### Decatur Muni Band Dates

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

## Minister's Article

### Food Challenge #3

For as long as I can remember, my mother has baked sourdough bread. When I was growing up, it was a near-weekly occurrence. Sourdough bread involves using a "starter" or culture of fermented yeast that is mixed in with the rest of the ingredients. The portion of the starter that is used for a "batch" of bread is then replaced and kept in the refrigerator until the next time bread is baked. For the entirety of my upbringing, the back right corner of the top shelf of the refrigerator was occupied by mom's sourdough starter. As long as the portion of the sourdough starter is replaced when it is used for baking, the culture is quite literally *living*. My mom began making sourdough bread because someone gave her some of their starter and that sourdough starter had its origins with a woman from Kansas who had begun it at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. For years my mom would gift other people portions of her sourdough starter so they could make sourdough bread of their own. And every time she did, she included some written notes about the woman from Kansas who started it all decades earlier.



When new families moved into our neighborhood (and there were a lot of families that lived on our block), mom would deliver a loaf of her bread as a welcoming gift. If she knew there was a boy – in my age range – or a girl in one of my sisters' age ranges – she would take us with her and introduce us to that child. And when it was mom's turn to provide the communion bread for Sunday worship (we grew up in a small-ish church where families signed up to provide bread for communion on a rotating basis), it was one of her sourdough loaves she brought – baked in a special round pan reserved for the communion bread.

All this serves as the context for our third food challenge this month. For every week of our three-week sermons series this month on "The Meals Jesus Ate," I offered a food-related challenge at the end of each sermon.

Week 1 sermon theme – The meals Jesus ate connected people to each other, and to God.

Week 1 food challenge – **Share Food**. *Sometime this month, share a meal (snack, coffee, etc...,) with someone with whom you don't normally eat.*

Week 2 sermon theme – The meals Jesus ate were extravagant because God's grace is extravagant.

Week 2 food challenge – **Save Food**. *Refrain from going to the grocery store for 1 week. Instead, eat the food already in your house (continued on page 3...)*

and avoid contributing to the food-wasting in our country. Whatever you would have spent at the grocery store that week, consider giving as a donation to a food-serving organization like the Good Samaritan Inn.



Week 3 sermon theme – The meals Jesus ate confirmed the promises of God  
Week 3 food challenge – **Give Food.** Provide food (gift card, loaf of bread, etc...) to someone going through a hard time. With your gift, consider including these words (or ones like them):

*“May this food confirm the promise that you are not alone and that the Lord is with you through whatever you struggle or challenge may be.”*

Blessings – Michael

### Drivers Wanted

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.



### **IN THE BEGINNING** **Art Quilts by Carol Garver**

Her quilts illustrate the creation story as told in the first chapter of Genesis.

JOIN US FOR THIS ALL-FAMILY JOURNEY

TUESDAY - JULY 12, 2022  
6:30 PM  
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
650 W. WILLIAM ST.  
DECATUR, IL

PHONE RESERVATIONS TO 217/428-4336  
OR EMAIL [kdudley@cccdisciples.org](mailto:kdudley@cccdisciples.org)

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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL

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### **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**

### **Tuesday (5)**

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

### **Wednesday (6)**

### **Thursday (7)**

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

### **Friday (8)**

### **Saturday (9)**

### **Sunday (10)**

### **Imboden Creek 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

### **VBS Offering = \$192.58**

Thank you for your generosity!!

### **Capital Campaign Thanks**

Thanks to everyone who has submitted a pledge to the 2022-2025 Capital Campaign, *Setting the Table*. Have you turned in your pledge card? If not, it's not too late! If you need a replacement, you can contact the church office and we will be happy to mail a pledge card to you. You can also pledge online using [THIS LINK](#). If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

Total worshipping online = 109  
Total worshipping in-person = 227



**Serving Schedule —  
Sunday, July 3, 2022**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Jeannie Backes &  
Karen Wade

9:15 - Jeannie Backes

**July Prep Deacons:** Sid & Krista Rohrscheib

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance & Carolyn McCall

10:30 - Cole Shartzter & Kevin Wilmot

**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 - Donna Dash & Gail Prince

10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Mike Kirby



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**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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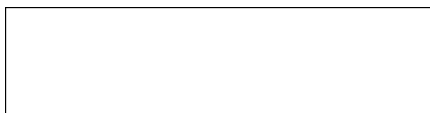
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## Survivor Celebration

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

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



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