

The Central Visitor



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Welcome to our Staff!



Vicky Woolridge will be joining our staff this week! Having served an internship with us last Fall, and graduating from the region's first School For Ministry in June, Vicky will be serving as a part-time Pastor for Families. She will focus especially on young children and their families. So if you have an toddler or an elementary-age child at home, Vicky will looking forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks and months. She will also be providing some leadership to our nursery programming as well as leading some aspect of worship regularly. We are thrilled and delighted to have Vicky join us! She is pictured here with her husband Scott and oldest grandchild Harrison.

School Supply Donations

Christian Ed Dept will be collecting school supplies for Franklin/Grove school. The supplies that are needed are: Crayola crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, bottles of white glue, and ear buds. The black trunks will be placed in the Friendship Center for you to place your supplies. We will be collecting supplies during August and deliver to the school in early September. Thank you.



Thank You from Mickie Wilmot



Dear Central friends,
After a long summer of hospital stays, I would like to thank you for all the beautiful cards, prayers, and special visits. Also a very special thank you to the prayer shawl ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl - it gave me so much comfort. I hope to be back in church soon.
God bless you all,
Mickie Wilmot

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 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

***Walk By Faith: Courage,
Patience, and Relationship***

Text: Hebrews 11:8-12
Michael E. Karunas

Happy Birthday!! (8/7-8/20)

John Baird, Sue Burkham, Al Fagin,
Mark McAfee, Duane Potter Sr.,
Mary Lou Stanley, Laura Chapman,
Jane Osman, Arlone Dalluge,
Mat Cox, Carmen Dunn, Larry Wade,
Josiah Agar, Baron Wilcoxon, Susan
Bryant, Ron Oliver, Kevin Otis,
Jud Pease, Dorothy Rueff, Mickie
Wilmot, Maria Jacobs, Bella Karunas,
Sandra Ware, Paul Gorden, Ben Tucker,
Kaycee Neumann, Jordan Lindsey

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).



Card Shower for Barb Leihser

Let's shower Barbara Leihser with cards for her 90th birthday on August 28. It will mean so much to her to know how many people are thinking of her on her special day! Thank you. (Kim Parr, her daughter)

To participate please send

your greeting to:

Barbara Leihser
1340 Alpine Court
Decatur, IL 62521

Minister's Article

Roe Skidmore Bible Project

As you know, from reading elsewhere in this week's *Visitor*, we are commemorating our annual "Back to School Sunday" at all our services on August 21. As we have usually done, we will invite students of all ages going back to school this month to come forward and will "bless their backpacks." This year, we will also invite their families to join them up front for prayers of blessing. For when a student goes back to school, the whole family is impacted as well.

Additionally, we will be presenting bibles to all our third-graders on that day. This is a long-standing tradition at Central and one that we are proud to continue this year. With a twist... that involves a saint from our recent past.

When Roe Skidmore passed away in the fall of 2020, he was our oldest member at 104 years. A long-time fixture at the 10:30 service, Roe attended worship faithfully until just weeks before his 100th birthday. Due to an injury he suffered that month, he never made it back to worship but continued impacting lives from his place of residence for the next four years. After he was laid to rest outside Ramsey, IL, his daughter and son began speaking with me about how best to honor Roe (and his wife who preceded him death years earlier) with the memorial funds donated in his name. We talked about Roe's love of evangelism and how important it was to share with others what his Christian faith meant to him. We talked about how he had read the bible – cover to cover and word for word – over 60 times! After discussing many different ideas, we came up with what we are calling the Roe Skidmore bible Project.

Beginning this month – with the third-grade bible presentation on August 21 – every third-grader will receive their bible from the Roe Skidmore memorial fund. On the inside cover will be this picture of Roe and the following words:



You are receiving this Bible in memory of Roe C. Skidmore. At the time of his passing, Roe was the oldest living member of Central at 104 years of age. Roe and his wife Mary valued daily Bible reading, having read through the Bible cover-to-cover more than 60 times. Additionally, Roe's passion and spiritual gift was evangelism and through his efforts, God led many people to faith and to the church. As you receive this bible as a gift from the church, and as you move toward baptism, may you know that Roe is in your cloud of witnesses, encouraging you on your faith journey.

Not only that, but every baby that is dedicated will receive their "Baby's First Bible" from the memorial fund; every couple that gets married in Central's sanctuary will receive – as part of the ceremony – a bible in memory of Roe; and every new member will receive a bible from Central in Roe's memory. Each of these latter three bibles – for our babies, married couples, and new members – will come with a picture of Roe and words about him (similar to those above).

I hope you can join us for worship on August 21. We will also be inviting all those who have joined the church in 2022 to come forward that day as well and receive their New Member Bible from the Roe Skidmore Bible Project.

- Blessings – Michael

Liturgist Orientation on August 23

For anyone who would like to serve as a Liturgist at any of our services, please note that there will be an orientation meeting on Tuesday August 23 at 6:00 p.m. We'll meet in the sanctuary, and the meeting should last between 30-45 minutes. We will present some guidelines on how to construct and deliver a Prayer of Invocation and then split up into two groups (traditional and contemporary) and go through the logistics of serving at each service. Note: if you would like to serve as a liturgist at traditional worship, we ask that you be prepared to serve at both 8:00 and 10:30 – or you may choose to serve at 9:15. You need not RSVP for this orientation meeting, but if you would like to serve and cannot make it, please let us know.

Volunteers Needed August 13 at Good Samaritan Inn

Volunteers from Central Christian will prepare and serve lunch at the Good Samaritan Inn on Saturday, August 13th. The crew needs 5-6 workers from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for food preparation and 12-14 people for serving lunch from 11 a.m.— 1 p.m. And all workers are invited to stay and enjoy lunch after the serving line closes! If you can help, please sign up at www.cccdisciples.org/resources/events/ or click [HERE](#) or call the church office. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Welcome Center. Dave Wagner, (217) 433-2367, and Shirley Swarthout, (217) 620-3246, head up Central's volunteer team. Please contact one of them if you have questions.

Let's Celebrate with Backpacks and Bibles

It's time for a new school year, and we want to offer a blessing to everyone who is going to school.

During all three worship services on Sunday, August 21, we will recognize all ages of students and teachers and staff. You are invited to bring your backpack. We will offer a prayer of safety and joyful learning for the coming year. We will have a small gift for you to attach to your backpack, as well as a prayer card, as a reminder that you are loved by your church family.

We also wanted to give a special gift to all children who will be entering third grade. The church has a Bible for you, which is provided by the generous memorial gifts from Mr. Roe Skidmore. Please contact the church office and let us know if you are a third grader OR if you have never received a Bible as a 3rd-grader from the church, we want to give you one also.

Come and celebrate with us, in person, if you are able, or online (and we'll make sure to get the gift and prayer card to you).



Sunday (14)

Imboden Creek Worship

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

Monday (15)

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

Tuesday (16)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:15-Prayer Group, Connection Café
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
9:30-Card Ministry, 340
12:00-Personnel

Wednesday (17)

5:30-Church Council, Committees

Thursday (18)

10:00-Alanon, 340
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:00-Koinonia, 412
5:00-Praise Band practice, Great Hall
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (19)

Saturday (20)

Sunday (21)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Sunday School
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
4:00-Youth Group

Muni Band dates

August 14 Fairview Park 6pm
August 15 Central Park 7pm
August 17 DEVON 6:30-8

October 11 Tabernacle Baptist
Church, 7pm

Counting On You

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Total worshipping online = 196
Total worshipping in-person = 223



Serving Schedule — Sunday, August 14, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Diana Ritter & Linda Virgil

9:15 - Linda Virgil

Imboden Worship Elders: Karen Wade & Kevin Wilmot

August Prep Deacons: Nancy Hanover, Jean & Jud Pease

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin

10:30 - Shelby Baum & Luke Kirby

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 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Mike Kirby

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Kathleen Dudley Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd Administrative Assistant
Kattina Williams Nursery Attendant
Abigail Smith 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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