

# The Central Visitor

*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church  
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,  
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

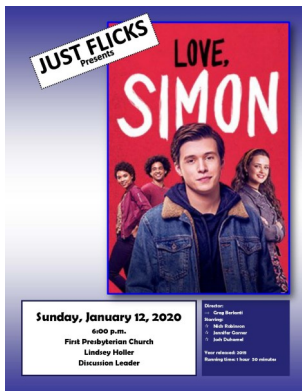
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## Just Flicks Movie

**January 12, 2020, 6:00 PM, First Presbyterian**

Just Flicks starts the new year with "Love, Simon" on Sunday, January 12, at First Presbyterian Church. This 2018 release was groundbreaking. As the film's website says, "Everyone deserves a great love story. But for seventeen-year old Simon Spier it's a little more complicated: he's yet to tell his family or friends he's gay and he doesn't actually know the identity of the anonymous classmate he's fallen for online. Resolving both issues proves hilarious, terrifying and life-changing ... Love, Simon is a funny and heartfelt coming-of-age story about the thrilling ride of finding yourself and falling in love." Lindsey Holler will serve as our discussion leader. As always, tasty refreshments will be served before the film. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. in the church dining room. We will see you there! Next up – "Smoke Signals" on January 26, also at First Pres.

**SUNDAY, January 12, 2020**

WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

**Faith and Acceptance**

Text: Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17

Michael E. Karunas

## Chalice Class

Topic: Jesus' most consistent social action was eating in new ways and with new people, encountering those who were oppressed or excluded from the system. In Luke 14:7-24, Jesus gives examples of how, when we're rubbing elbows in Christian fellowship with people who are different from us, we can learn from each other and grow more like Christ.



## Preschool News

After a long and relaxing break, the preschool is back in session this week. We spent some time talking to the students about things they did over Christmas vacation, reviewed previously learned skills, and kicked off some winter themed activities. It was great to return to Central and be back with friends, big and little!

*-Jennifer Van Dyke  
Director*

## 2020 Women's Conference

### Reclaim Your Glow

Reclaim who you are in Christ Restore your script to the Truth Receive the grace of God

**January 31—February 1 5pm—2pm**

**Chiara Center 4875 Laverna Rd. Springfield, IL**



Keynote Speaker: Belva Gadlage, MA, LCPC, LLC

*With over 30 years of professional seminar and private practice experience, Ms. Gadlage understands the journey of life can be difficult at times. Our minds and hearts may be like a computer that has a lifetime of unhealthy information stored on it. She encourages others to have the courage to reach out to God and to those who can guide us in a healthy, productive direction. God has given us this day to use as we choose, to painfully waste or joyfully use.*

Register by 1.20.2020 @ [www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org)

Double Occupancy Only: \$95.00 per person

Registration without Overnight Stay: \$50.00 per person

Registration fee includes: One-night lodging, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch, and all retreat materials.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Central Christian Church, DoC

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

## Counting On You

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

Worship Attendance = 255

Sunday School & Small Groups = 67

**From Tina:**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PROGRAMS AND MINISTRY HERE AT CENTRAL!

WOW! What an exciting 2019 we had here at Central Christian Church! Churches grow through connections and relationships. I'm happy our church lives relationships! This is evident in our joint-efforts in program development and execution, and more personally in your support throughout my ordination process. Thank you for encouraging, cards, gifts, and camaraderie in ministry.

We are a good team!

Here are a few highlights:

**2019 Women's Retreat**

68 in attendance

**Easter Egg Hunt Saturday**

The lawn was filled with eggs and children

**May Women's Celebration**

Full house

**VBS**

81 children attended

**Central Celebration and Picnic**

Over 200 attended

**Children's Craft Workshop**

23 children attended

**Monthly Women's Group**

Average attendance is 9

We hired **2 new nursery staffers**

We have **75 active children and youth**

I attended **2 off-site continuing education courses**

Ordination last November

**Youth Group**

**January 12**

**4-6 pm**

- > Kids-N-Fitness
- > 1020 W. South Side Dr.
- > (enter through the back door)
- > Children and Youth Outing
- > Parent's Welcome
- > Free event
- > We'll meet there.
- > Let Mr. David know if you need a ride.

**Stepping Out of the Comfort Zone**

Welcome to 2020! With the arrival of a new year come new challenges and new opportunities. That much is true... and beyond our control. They will come whether we are ready for them or not. What *is* within our control is how we will meet them, perceive them, embrace them. Faith calls us to be ready to do so in a spirit worthy of the Christ whom we follow. As a new year unfolds at Central, we kick off the year with a sermon series called "Learning to Step Out of the Comfort Zone." The faith we profess means that we are accepted by Christ just as we are. This fact is intended to bring great comfort, but the Christ who accepts us also expects us to be willing to step outside our zone of comfort for the purpose of bringing his hope, salvation, and comfort to others. Join us over the next month as we explore this in greater detail.



January 12      Matthew 3:13-17      The Baptism of Jesus Christ  
*Through our profession of faith in Christ, symbolized by baptism, we are accepted by him. This acceptance is meant to convey divine comfort... God's intent to give us hope.*

January 19      John 1:29-42      Jesus is the "Lamb of God"  
*Jesus accepts us just as we are – with all our scars and woundedness. We do not need to hide our brokenness when we come before Christ. Rather it is in our broken state that we are accepted*

January 26      Matthew 4:18-23      Calling of the First Disciples  
*Christ accepts us as we are, but never intends for us to stay "just as we are." He calls us to step out of our comfort zone. To follow him fully is to be willing to do this very thing.*

January 26      Matthew 5:1-12      Jesus' Sermon on the Mount  
*All people are on a quest for hope. We believe Jesus Christ is the truest expression of hope that can be found. Christ calls us out of our comfort zones to bring the comfort he can provide to others.*

Blessings... Michael

**Minutes of Congregational Meeting Available**

Stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a copy of the minutes from the congregational meeting on December 1, 2019. They are now available.

### Thank You!

Thank you all for the calls, cards, messages, and the wonderful meals during this hard time for our family. Words cannot fully describe how grateful we have been these last few weeks. I am doing much better now, but I still have a long recovery ahead of me. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers.

-Ashely Sparks and Family



### Journeyman Men's Bible Study to Kick-off, Week of January 14

The Journeyman men's Bible study groups will be following the Sunday sermon series as they kick off a new year. This is a great time to consider attending one of the groups,

which meet on Tuesday mornings (7 – 8 a.m.) and Thursday afternoons (4 – 5 p.m.). Both groups meet in the Connection Café. Solid bible study, sincere prayer, and genuine fellowship is all but guaranteed. Here's a reminder of what the groups will be covering and when.

January 14 and 16	Matthew 3:13-17	The Baptism of Jesus Christ
January 21 and 23	John 1:29-42	Jesus is the "Lamb of God"
January 28 and 30	Matthew 4:18-23	Calling of the First Disciples
February 4 and 6	Matthew 5:1-12	Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

### Real Talk on Race Presents: *The Road To Brown* Saturday, January 11, 2:00 p.m. Madden Auditorium

RTOR returns to the idea of gathering together to experience and discuss a film centered on the topic and history of race in our country. The hope being that through joint experience and review, we can open the doors to communication, understanding, and healing. Doors will open at 2:00 with light refreshments available. After the film, participants can join smaller groups for more intimate conversations, then everyone will reconvene in the Madden to share highlights from those discussions.

### In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve the passing of several members of our church family, and we grieve with members of our church family the losses of their own. Norma Mason passed away on December 21, with Don Martin presiding at a service for Norma on December 23. We learned of the passing of Lynette Lemaire, a former member of Central, in mid-December. Though Lynette had not attended in many years, she was a faithful, and grateful, recipient of our weekly *Visitor*. Joy Adams' sister, Donna Jordan, passed away shortly before Christmas and we were notified on Tuesday of this week that long-time member Flo Cahan also passed away. Flo relocated to Little Rock, AR several years ago to be closer to her children, and she has grieved the passing of her beloved Eddie since the day that took place. Recently she was admitted to hospice care, and we were told she passed away with her daughters at her side. No word yet on arrangements for Flo. Thank you all for keeping these members of our faith family in your prayers.



### **Sunday (12)**

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall  
9:00-Fellowship Coffee  
9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes  
9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes  
10:30-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal  
4:00-Youth Group @ Kids 'n' Fitness South Shores  
6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian Church, "Love, Simon"

### **Monday (13)**

9:00-Good Sam pickup  
12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera  
5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes  
6:00-Girl Scout Troop #3262, Disciples Room

### **Tuesday (14)**

7:00-Journeyman, Connection Café  
9:00-Stitchers, 207  
2:00-CACS Visioning meeting  
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera  
6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room & Connection Café  
7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

### **Wednesday (15)**

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center  
10:30-Ministers' Meeting  
4:15-Peace & Justice Committee, 240  
5:30-Church Council (Business), Disciples Rm.

### **Thursday (16)**

10:00-Alanon, 240  
4:00-Journeyman 2, Connection Café  
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room  
7:00-Chancel Choir

### **Friday (17)**

### **Saturday (18)**

### **Sunday (19)**

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall  
9:00-Fellowship Coffee  
9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes  
9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes  
10:30-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, Great Hall  
12:00-Youth Mission Trip Parent meeting, DR  
7:30-Millikin Univ. Chorale Tour Finale Concert

### Greater Decatur Chorale

Don't miss the Greater Decatur Chorale this weekend, performing at Richland Community College's Shilling Auditorium. Several members of Central Christian sing in the Chorale. They would love your support!

Friday, Jan. 10, 7:30 PM  
Saturday, Jan. 11, 7:30 PM  
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2:00 PM



## Serving Schedule—Sunday, January 12, 2020

### Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Bruce Campbell & Krista Rohrscheib

9:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

### Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Jane Davis, Becky Johnston, David & Nancy King, Carolyn McCall, Bobby Munos, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Sid & Krista Rohrscheib\*

9:00 - David York

10:30 - Team 4 - Keith & Jeannie Backes\*, Shelby Baum, Mark Beal, Jon French, Mike & Gretchen Kirby, David Martin, Seth Martin, Ron & Gwen Miller, Brittney Moran, Doug Soebbing, Matthew Swarthout

### Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Bruce Campbell, Liz Campbell

10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Jon & Jane French

### Greeters:

8:00 - Donna Dash, Charlotte Ballance

9:00 - Maxine Koenig/Barb Leihser

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

### Acolytes:

10:30 - Julina & Jordan Lindsey

### P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Larry Pepper

### Preparation of Communion:

Gregg & Linda Foltz, Josh & Megan Irby, Matthew Swarthout

### Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838

Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

### Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Mike Kirby

9:00 - Paul Gorden

### Hospitality:

9:00 - Deb Trei

### Tech:

9:00 - Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

## Main Entrance Door Hosts:

January 13 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver

January 14 8:30-12:00 - Janet Gray

January 15 8:30-12:00 - Karen Keller

January 16 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver

January 17 8:30-12:00 - Gail Prince

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David Williams.....Organist  
Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant  
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant  
Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator  
Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant  
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant  
Cheryl Williams .....Nursery Attendant  
Kattina Williams .....Nursery Attendant  
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Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant  
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher  
Amber Marshall.....Preschool Teacher  
Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher  
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