

The Central Visitor

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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope

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Enhance Your Vision



3D Ministry Trip— American Passion Play

3D Ministry is making plans to go see the **American Passion Play** in Bloomington, IL on **Saturday March 21**. The play begins at 1:00 p.m. and goes to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per seat. We will also stop for dinner before we leave Bloomington. We plan to drive the church bus. This is

year 97 for this Passion Play, the longest running Passion play in the United States. It dramatizes the whole life of Jesus and brings to life his teachings. This production uses elaborate sets and a large cast that includes animals. **Please register your interest with the church office (428-4336) soon** so we can secure our tickets and make plans for transportation. This is a good opportunity to **invite a friend** to experience this event with you. You can find more information at:

www.americanpassionplay.org. If you have questions, contact **Don Martin** at 428-4336 or dmartin@cccdisciples.org.

Just Flicks—January 26th, 6:00 PM, First Pres.

Smoke Signals will be shown on Sunday, January 26. Smoke Signals is a coming-of-age drama that the Rotten Tomatoes website calls a "well-acted, well-directed, and largehearted movie." The film is remarkable because it was the first full-length movie written, directed, co-produced and performed by Native Americans. It won the 1998 Sundance Festival film of the Year award. As stated in the Washington Post, "the film boasts a non-stereotypical portrayal of life on Idaho's Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation." And Old School Reviews described it as "best film ever made that captures the real character and spirit of modern Native American." Bob Wollenberg will lead our discussion.

SUNDAY, January 19, 2020
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Thankful for Scars

Text: John 1:29-42
Michael E. Karunas

Chalice Class

Title: Responding to Suicide
Focus: The shocking increase in the suicide rate among young adults is directly impacting a growing number of congregations. How do pastors and people of faith respond when this happens in their community? How can they support those who are left behind?



Next Week: The Global Water Crisis

Preschool News

Our preschool students kicked off the week with Coach Sef from MidState Soccer Club. They enjoyed playing games involving colors and animals while practicing their soccer skills. The students continued to learn about animals in winter, and our 4 year old classes took a field trip to Rock Springs to talk to the professionals about the lifestyles of various animals during the winter time. The Pre-K Class took a field trip on Friday to visit Crawford's Pizza and Del's Express to finish off a fun week of learning about the letter Pp.

-Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

Counting On You

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Worship Attendance = 219
Sunday School & Small Groups = 65

Parents:

How much time do you spend with God? In the new year, let me encourage you to model daily quiet time with God for your children. Here are some benefits of quiet time with God:

1. Peace: You receive peace by refocusing your attention on God, rather than your problems. (Philippians 4:7)
2. Joy: You receive joy because the source of your strength becomes Christ rather than your circumstances. (Psalm 16:11)
3. Fulfillment: Spending time alone with Him fulfills the heart like nothing else can. (Matthew 6:33)
4. Direction: Spending time with God enables Him to give you direction when you need it. You are giving God a chance to direct your paths. (Psalm 25:4)
5. Power/Strength: God will give you the strength you need to do the things you need to do. (Isaiah 40:29-31)
6. Stability: Wisdom to be consistent in your actions and attitudes comes from God. (Psalm 16:8-9)
7. Success: We increase our chances for success when we follow Biblical principles. (Joshua 1:8)
8. Answered prayer: God answers prayer! (John 15:5,7)

Spend time with God in the Word and in prayer. Give it a try and see how intentional daily connection with God will bring strength, joy, and encouragement.

Excerpt from:

<http://gregburdine.com/8-benefits-daily-quiet-time/>



Are you Willing and Available?

This month during worship, we are focusing on the theme “stepping out of our comfort zone.” The faith we have in Jesus Christ calls us *out* of our areas of comfort in order to bring the comfort of Christ to others. Consider that none of Simon, Andrew, James, and John had any experience being disciples when Jesus first met them. They knew how to “fish for fish,” but Jesus called them to follow him and “fish for people.” Not only had they not “fished for people” prior to this, in order to do this they had to leave their homes, jobs, families, friends, and access to income and all the security these things bring. To follow Jesus in faith required them stepping out of their comfort zone and into the unknown.

As it so happens, just a month ago we began addressing this same theme already. Our stated emphasis, as we prepared for the birth of Christ to his mother Mary, was the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. In Isaiah’s dreams and visions, we saw prophecies of the coming Christ. Both Isaiah and Mary embody “stepping out of the comfort zone” in their own way.



When God appeared to Isaiah, the latter had no experience being a prophet. But then God came to him in a vision (IS 6:1-8). An angelic being purified Isaiah’s lips and mouth as if to indicate that God was preparing to use him in some divine speaking capacity. God asked (loud enough for Isaiah to hear), “Whom shall I send?” The question conveyed God’s desire to send a prophet to speak God’s Word to the people, and Isaiah answered, “Here I am, Lord, send me.” Not only did Isaiah not have any experience doing what he was volunteering to do, he was about to follow into an uncertain future. Talk about stepping out of a comfort zone!



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Later, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and informed her she would give birth to the Messiah. Again, Mary had no experience being a mother, let alone the mother of such an important figure. Yet she was also able to state, "Here I am, a servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your Word." There is something inherent to faith and following, that leads us beyond the zone of our comfortable predictability and into areas of life and the world that are challenging.

Years ago, I passed a church sign in the town where I was living at the time. It rings as true today as it did back then. "God doesn't ask about our ability or inability. God asks about our availability." It was the willingness and availability of Isaiah, Mary, and the Disciples to be used in the service of faith that led to the salvation of God being made manifest in the world. And so it continues with us, and our willingness and availability to step outside our own comfort zones today, so that this Good News is shared with others.

Blessings... Michael



Join us for an evening of storytelling

On Monday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Connection Café, we will gather for an evening of storytelling. A podium and microphone will be set up in one corner and extra chairs brought in. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. We will have a roster of storytellers from our

congregation telling "5 minute stories" from their lives on the theme: **"I stepped out of my comfort zone when..."** The stories will speak to how we are changed by taking a risk and doing something out of the ordinary. One of our core values at Central is to "Connect with One Another." Come out and join us on February 10, and you're sure to learn more about others – and likely yourself – through a great evening of storytelling!

In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve with Kathy Kauzlarich and her family the passing of her husband and Central member Walt. Walt passed away on Saturday morning, January 11. A funeral service for Walt will be held at Central on Thursday, January 16 at 11 a.m., with a visitation preceding at 9 a.m. Thank you for keeping the Kauzlarich family in your thoughts and prayers.

Services for Flo Cahan

Former and long-time Central member Flo Cahan passed away this week at her home in Little Rock, AR. Services for Flo will be held in Little Rock, AR, this Thursday, January 16th, 2020, at 4:00 PM. There will be a service in the chapel of the Rubel Funeral Home with a reception / visitation to follow at 5:00 PM. If you would like to send sympathy cards, we suggest: Cathy Alexander, 3612 Foxcroft, Little Rock, AR, 72227, or Carol Pickett, 6800 del Norte In, #106, Dallas, TX 75225.

Ushers Needed

Are you interested in becoming an usher? Please contact the church office, 217-428-4336, or central@cccdisciples.org. If you are a current usher who either needs to change your schedule or are no longer interested in ushering, please also contact the office, and talk to Kathleen.



Sunday (19)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanct.
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, Sanct.
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, Great Hall
12:00-Youth Mission Trip Parent meeting, DR
7:30-Millikin Univ. Chorale Tour Finale Concert

Monday (20)

Church & Office Closed

No Preschool

5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes

Tuesday (21)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Stitchers, Disciples Room/207
9:30-Card Ministry, 240
10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room & Connection Café

Wednesday (22)

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friend. Center
10:30-Ministers' Meeting

Thursday (23)

10:00-Alanon, 240
11:45-CICN, Disciples Room
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (24)

Saturday (25)

Youth Midwinter Conference

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12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, Great Hall
6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian, "Smoke Signals"

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Serving Schedule—Sunday, January 19, 2020

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - David Wagner & Kevin Miller
 9:00 - Kevin Miller

Outreach Communion:

Janet Lyman, Gail Prince, Krista Rohrscheib, Paul Gorden, David Wagner, Brett Swallow

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Pamela Bednar, Al & Chris Fagin, Gene & Sandy Garver*, Debbie Hoffert, Gary Horvath, George & Pearl Jones, Gail Prince, David Wagner
 9:00 - Matt Moma
 10:30 - Team 2 - Pam Ferguson, Dale Ford, Roberta Gorden, Erik Harm, Thomas Karunas, Kathy Kauzlarich, Christine Lyman-Harm*, Janet Lyman, Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver, Jeannie Rade, Steve Swarthout

Ushers:

8:00 -Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar
 10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Capt., Doug Soebbing

Greeters:

8:00 - Norm & Darla Lienemann
 9:00 - Laura Chapman
 10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

Acolytes:

10:30 - Emmy & Jane Osman

P.A. Operator:

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

Preparation of Communion:

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

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - Doug Soebbing 875-1836

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Sue Ann Cain
 9:00 - Kathy Matherly

Hospitality:

9:00 - Amy Crabtree

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 20 8:30-12:00 - Carole McClarey
 January 21 8:30-12:00 - Carol Bischoff
 January 22 8:30-12:00 - Judy Ford
 January 23 8:30-12:00 - Carolyn McCall
 January 24 8:30-12:00 - Yvonne Purcell

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 Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
 Cheryl WilliamsNursery Attendant
 Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
 Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
 Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
 Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
 Amber Marshall.....Preschool Teacher
 Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
 Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
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