

# The Central Visitor

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### 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](http://www.americanpassionplay.org). If you have questions, contact **Don Martin** at 428-4336 or [dmartin@cccdisciples.org](mailto:dmartin@cccdisciples.org).

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

**Smoke Signals** will be shown this Sunday, January 26th. 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 26, 2020**  
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.  
**Prepare to be Uncomfortable**  
Text: Matthew 4:18-23  
Tina Miller

### Chalice Class

**Title:** The Global Water Crisis  
**Focus:** According to the World Health Organization, by 2025 around half of the world's population will live in "water-stressed" areas. What is causing such extreme water scarcity? What makes access to clean, fresh water so difficult? How do we as Christians respond to this growing crisis?

**Next Week:** Australian Bushfires

### Preschool News

After taking Monday off in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the preschool students returned to school Tuesday to continue their winter studies. The 4's classes have been learning all about hibernation. They took a walk through the church on Thursday to see if we had any bears hibernating with us for the winter. As luck would have it, they found some and invited them to a picnic. The Pre-K Class made ice cream in a bag this week, while the 3's class was busy making snowflakes and animals we see in cold climates.

-Jennifer Van Dyke  
Director



**Counting On You**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

Worship Attendance = 226  
Sunday School & Small Groups = 72

**Youth Corner**

Many thanks to the O'Connell's for hosting our youth at Kids-N-Fitness! We had a great time swimming and playing basketball games. The youth and adults enjoyed an inspired game of Knock-Out! Thanks to the adults who attended too. Ms. Christine and Ms. Janet provided yummy snacks, which were very well appreciated.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP NEWS**  
**June 29 through July 3, 2020**

We're going to Memphis with the Disciples Summer Mission. Contact David Martin for more details. Everyone is welcome to attend!



**Food Collection**

The food collection for February 2nd will be canned soup and cereal. The shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.

**Ushers Needed**

Are you interested in becoming an usher? Please contact the church office, 217-428-4336, or [central@cccdisciples.org](mailto: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.

**The Power of Story**

On Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. we will have "An Evening of Storytelling" at Central. Of course, there are many ways to think of "story" and "storytelling," but used in this way, what is meant are the sharing of 5-10 minute first-person, event-based narratives. Think about when you and your friends sit around telling stories. What is shared are conversations, events, and occurrences you experienced which you want to tell others about, because they were interesting, funny, poignant, memorable, etc. It is the same in "An Evening of Storytelling." We will be telling about (and listening to) some events from our lives that impacted us in a particular way. The best stories are the ones that we remember, and they are memorable precisely because they connect with our emotions. They inspire us to think or act differently. They make us *feel* something. We are affected by them in a significant way.



A story that memorably holds our attention and captivates our imagination is one in which we can find ourselves. We can identify with the story because it connects with who we are or who we want to become. To that end, the best stories follow a basic pattern or arc: Old Me... Event... New Me. The story begins with the storyteller one way. Something happens that the storyteller witnesses or experiences (conversation, relationship, occurrence), and what emerges from this is a "new" storyteller. The storyteller was changed in some way that motivates them to share that story with us. They want us to feel and experience what they did. They desire us, the audience, to be changed as we were.

I believe this was why Jesus told so many stories. One might argue his parables were his preferred method of teaching. He understood better than anyone how stories tap into our emotions and make us feel something; and that when we feel something, we are moved to action. Even today, 2,000 years later, when we read the story of the prodigal son, we don't debate the size of the father's estate or the nature of the pigpen in which the younger son landed, as much as we *feel* the grief and loss of the father, watching the younger son wander off; the shame of that younger son when he hits rock bottom; and the anger and resentment of the older brother, who believed himself to be slighted for years.

It is in that spirit that we will be telling and hearing stories on February 10 in the Connection Café. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have a podium and microphone set up in the southwest corner. We'll rearrange the existing tables

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and chairs for more seating and will have some drinks and snacks for refreshment, and we will have a roster of our own church member storytellers. They will be telling stories on the theme: ***What I learned about myself when I took a risk and stepped outside my comfort zone.*** I will emcee the event and will also add my own story – how little my 6 years of German prepared me to actually speak German when I moved to Germany! I hope you will be able to join us. We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. and wrap things up probably at 8:00 p.m. or a little later. This event is meant to coincide with our current sermon series – “Learning to Step Out of the Comfort Zone” – and helps us fulfill one of our core values: Connect with One Another. I dare say it will be impossible not to be connected to the storytellers and the other audience members there that evening, through the stories that are shared. Hope so much that you can join us.

Blessings... Michael

### **In Sympathy We Mourn**

We grieve with Claudine Nichols and Claudia Quigg and their families the passing of David Nichols this past week in Tulsa, Oklahoma. David is the brother of Claudia and the son of Claudine and the late Rev. Dr. Bill Nichols, former pastor of Central. Both Claudia and Claudine are currently in Oklahoma and have indicated that memorial services for David would not be until February. Thank you for keeping the Nichols and Quigg families in your thoughts and prayers.

### **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!

### **Thank You**

It is with sincere gratitude that my family and I would like to thank my Central Christian Church family for their prayers, cards, acts of kindness, the beautiful service for Walt, and the wonderful lunch.

-Kathy A. Kauzlarich and family

### **3D February Meal**

The 3D program and meal on February 12th will have a Valentine theme. Menu: Lasagna, pear-apple salad, bread sticks, and red velvet cupcakes, made with L-O-V-E. Our program and entertainment will begin at 11:30 AM; lunch will follow at noon. Please call or email the church office (217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org) or write on the pew pads to RSVP for this delightful meal and program.

### **6th Annual Good Samaritan Culinary Cookoff**

If you are interested in helping to sponsor the Good Samaritan’s 6th Annual Culinary Cook-off (Friday, March 13, 2020, at GT Church), we have information in the church office. 217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org.



### **Sunday (26)**

#### **Youth Midwinter Conference**

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  
6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian,  
“Smoke Signals”

### **Monday (27)**

5:00-Veterans, Disciples Room  
5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes  
6:00-Girl Scouts Troop #3262, Disc. Rm.  
6:00-PSC, Conference Room

### **Tuesday (28)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
9:00-Stitchers, Disciples Room/207  
5:15-Contemporary Worship Comm., GH  
5:30-Preschool Board Meeting, Conf. Rm.  
6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room &  
Connection Café

### **Wednesday (29)**

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

### **Thursday (30)**

10:00-Alanon, 240  
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café  
5:00-Lenten Small Group Leadership  
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room  
7:00-Chancel Choir

### **Friday (31)**

#### **Women’s Retreat**

### **Saturday (Feb 1)**

#### **Women’s Retreat**

### **Sunday (2)**

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 Group

**Serving Schedule—Sunday, January 26, 2020**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Claudia Quigg & Tom Spry  
 9:00 - Tom Spry

**Deacons:**

8:00 - Team 3 - Jane Davis, David & Nancy King, Carolyn McCall, Bobby Munos, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Sid & Krista Rohrscheib\*  
 9:00 - David/Kim 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 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn  
 10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver, Bill Modlin

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Dean & Janet Gray  
 9:00 - Maxine Koenig/Barb Leihser  
 10:30 - Steve & Carrie Funk

**Acolytes:**

10:30 - Peyton Swarthout & Zedekiah Auten

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Greg Carter  
 10:30 - Jim Hinze

**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 - Brett Swallow 433-7488

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Keith Backes  
 9:00 - Paul Gorden

**Hospitality:**

9:00 - The Fulk family

**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 27 8:30-12:00 - Karen Baird  
 January 28 8:30-12:00 - Betty Chapman  
 January 29 8:30-12:00 - Jane Davis  
 January 30 8:30-12:00 - Suzie Miller  
 January 31 8:30-12:00 - Karen Keller

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 Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator  
 Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant  
 Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant  
 Cheryl Williams .....Nursery Attendant  
 Kattina Williams .....Nursery 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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