

The Central Visitor

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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Introducing your Roster of Storytellers!!!

On Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Center, we will gather for an evening of storytelling. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Our roster of storytellers from our congregation telling "5 minute stories" from their lives on the theme: ***"I stepped out of my comfort zone when..."*** Come out and join us on February 10. Here's a sneak-peak at the list of folks ready to bring you a transforming story from their life:

Andy Fulk
Gail Prince
Kevin Miller
Sandy Garver
Steve Funk

Randy Trei
Linda Virgil
Vicky Woolridge
Laura Chapman

Jodie Walwer
Don Martin
Pearl Jones
Jessa Wilcoxon



Welcome New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Charles and Sandra Hunter to the Central family. The Hunters have long been associated with Central, as their daughter and son-in-law (Steve and Carrie Funk) are long time members. In recent years they have been regulars at worship and made their association one of membership during the 10:30 service this past Sunday. Welcome Charles and Sandra!



SUNDAY, February 9, 2020

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Text: Matthew 4:1-10

Michael E. Karunas

Chalice Class

Title: Alcohol

Focus: A recent report indicates that alcohol usage is at the same level as it was before Prohibition and that alcohol-related deaths have more than doubled in the past twenty years. What is our culture's relationship with alcohol? As people of faith, how do we navigate the complexities that arise from the use and abuse of alcohol?

Next week: Royalty



Preschool News

This week, the preschool started gearing up for Valentine's Day. They made decorations for their bulletin boards and talked about being kind to one another. The 4 year old classrooms also had a tool week. They learned about the names of different tools and what they are used for. They even used real tools and did some building of their own with adult supervision. The Pre-K Class made fruit pizzas and had a pancake and pajama day just for fun.

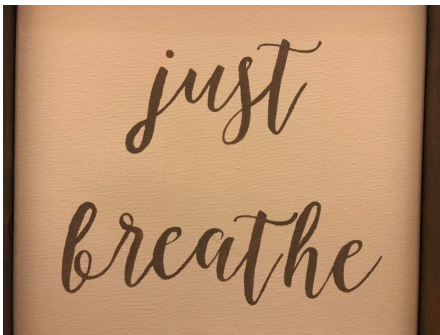
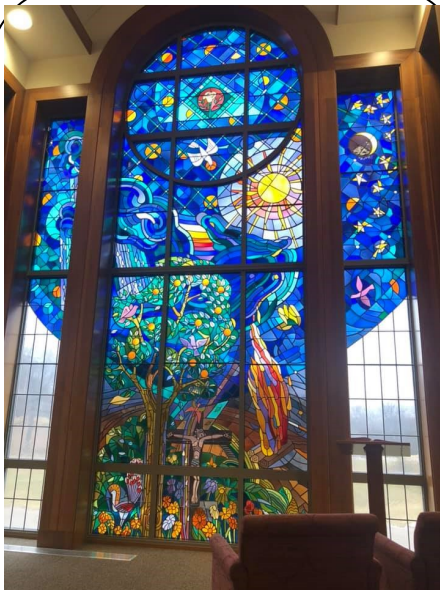
*-Jennifer Van Dyke
Director*

Counting On You

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Worship Attendance = 269

Sunday School & Small Groups = 69



THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting the 2020 women's retreat, Reclaim Your Glow. Fifty-six women from twenty area churches joined together and learned how each one is uniquely created with a core-essence that is specific to her call. Issues, challenges, and daily routines can corrupt perceptions and dim her glow. We took time to allow God's transforming, healing power to move our perceptions and renew our core essences. Christ in us! It was a meaningful yet relaxing time.

The Mountains are Calling

In scripture, big things happen on mountains. Really big things. On Mount Ararat, God gave Noah the rainbow sign that promised the earth would never again be flooded. On Mount Moriah, Abraham proved worthy in his faithfulness to God's Word. On Mount Horeb, Moses met God in the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai, God gave him the Ten Commandments. On Mount Carmel, God proved victorious over idols and false gods through the prophet Elijah. In the New Testament, Jesus overcame Satan's temptations on a mountain. He gave his first sermon on a mountain, was crucified on a mountain, and ascended into heaven from a mountain.



On mountains, God's nature and character are most vividly revealed. We see and hear God's Word and intentions most clearly on mountains, and we learn more about ourselves. We learn about our place in God's world and what our calling is in that world. We come face to face with our greatest hopes and challenges and struggles on mountaintops.

It is no surprise that mountains hold a fascination over us today. We go to mountains to get away from the pressures and stresses of day-to-day living. On mountaintops, we feel closer to God. We see the world with a perspective and clarity that is not possible to us from the flatland, and the climb up the mountain reveals how much more there is within us than we initially believe. Climbing a mountain is about overcoming fear, fatigue, and the tempting pull to go back down. It is about discovering a resiliency and persevering, enduring capability inside us we didn't before recognize. Yes, mountains are not just places where big things happen in scripture; they are places of "big things happening" in our own lives.

In that spirit, our sermon series for the rest of February is called "The Mountains are Calling." We will spend three weeks examining scriptures where Jesus experienced things that powerfully impact us spiritually. We hope you will join us as we learn more about God's true intentions for us and seek to rise to the challenge of being Christ's followers more fully and faithfully!

February 9	The Mountain of Temptation <i>Aligning our choices with Jesus' own</i>	Matthew 4:1-11
February 16	The Mountain of Apostleship <i>Jesus makes the choice to choose us</i>	Mark 3:13-19
February 23	The Mountain of Transfiguration <i>Will we choose to follow Christ to the cross?</i>	Matthew 17:1-9
-Blessings... Michael		

Just Flicks - February 9th, 6:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church

Summer in the Forest will be shown on Sunday, February 9. This documentary tells the story of the L'Arche communities, which are described in their website as "people with and without intellectual disabilities living, working, praying, and playing together in community." A summary on IMDb says: "Like countless others, Philippe, Michel, Andre, and Patrick were labeled 'idiots', locked away and forgotten in violent asylums, until the 1960s, when the young philosopher Jean Vanier took a stand and secured their release - the first time in history that anyone had beaten the system. Together they created L'Arche, a commune at the edge of a beautiful forest near Paris." Don Martin will lead the discussion.

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.



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**.

Youth Group Ice Skating Outing

When: Sunday, February 9th from 1:00-3:00

Who: All youth K-12th grade. Parents and families are welcome!

Where: Decatur Civic Center. You can meet us there or ride the bus from church. We will leave the parking lot at 12:45.

Cost: \$2.00 for skate rental

*Snacks will be provided

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!

6th Annual Good Samaritan Culinary Cookoff

If you are interested in helping to sponsor this Cook-off (Friday, March 13, 2020, at GT Church), we have info in the church office. 217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org.



Sunday (9)

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

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
1:00-Youth Group
6:00-Just Flicks, "Summer in the Forest",
First Presbyterian Church

Monday (10)

9:00-Good Sam pickup
12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
4:00-Dorcas planning meeting, Conf. Rm.
6:00-Girl Scouts Troop #3262, Disc. Rm.
6:30-An Evening of Storytelling, F.C.

Tuesday (11)

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

Wednesday (12)

Preschool Screenings, Gallery

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friend. Center
10:30-Ministers' Meeting
11:30-3D Ministry Lunch
5:00-Elders, Disciples Room

Thursday (13)

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

Friday (14)

Happy Valentine's Day!

Saturday (15)

Sunday (16)

Week of Compassion offering received

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.
1:00-Private event, Great Hall
4:00-Youth Group

Serving Schedule—Sunday, February 9, 2020

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Connie Bordner & Gerri Munos

9:00 - Gerri Munos

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 - Matt Walwer

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 1 - Donna Dash, Capt., Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

8:00 - Jim & Pamela Bednar

9:00 - Laura Chapman

10:30 - Dennis & Ronda Spencer

Acolytes:

10:30 - Julina & Jordan Lindsey

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Larry & Michelle Bafford, Kim Miller, Suzie Miller*

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 - Gregg Foltz

9:00 - Laura Chapman

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:

February 10 8:30-12:00 - Carolyn McCall

February 11 8:30-12:00 - Janet Gray

February 12 8:30-12:00 - Debbie Hoffert

February 13 8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor

February 14 8:30-12:00 - Cindy Soebbing

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Cordelia "Dee Dee" GainOrganist
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 WilliamsNursery Attendant
Kattina WilliamsNursery 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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