

The Central Visitor

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Congratulations Scott!

Scott Woolridge, Central member as well as Associate Minister of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin, was invited to be the guest speaker at the Founders Day convocation at Eureka College on February 6th. Scott is an alumnus of Eureka, having graduated in 1977. Eureka College is among 17 colleges and universities affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Sign up for "The Walk" Small Groups

As we move from Ash Wednesday (2/26) to Easter (4/12), we are offering Seven (7) different small groups all focusing on Adam Hamilton's book "The Walk." From March 1 – April 5, Michael will preach a sermon series on the general themes of this book, which encourage us to embrace spiritual practices as we seek to walk more closely with Christ during the season of Lent. All small groups will cover the same material over a six-week period, just with a different leader. We want you to sign up for the group that best fits your schedule. Participants in the groups are asked to buy a copy of the book "The Walk" (\$14.49 through Amazon). The church has scholarship funds for those who desire it. You can sign up for the group of your choice over the next three weeks in the welcome center (or by contacting the office: central@cccdisciples.org; 428-4336). Here is a list of the dates, times, locations and leaders of the groups:

Sundays, beg. March 1—9:15 – 10:15 a.m. , RM 207, Julie Martin

Sundays, beg. March 1—9:15 – 10:15 a.m. , RM 240, George & Linda Virgil

Sundays, beg. March 1—6:00 – 7:15 p.m. , Café, Scott & Vicky Woolridge

Tuesdays, beg. March 3—7:00 – 8:00 a.m., Café, Paul Gorden

Tuesdays, beg. March 3—1:00 – 2:00 p.m., RM 240, Don Martin

Tuesdays, beg. March 3—5:30 – 6:30 p.m., RM 240, Tina Miller

Thursdays, beg. March 5—4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Café, Paul Gorden

SUNDAY, February 16, 2020

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Worthy To Be Sent

Text: Mark 3:13-19

Michael E. Karunas

Chalice Class

Title: Royalty

Focus: Americans have an enduring fascination with the British royal family, from Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to the Netflix show *The Crown*. Why are we so fascinated by royalty? How does this relate to the way we understand and interact with our civil and religious leaders?

Next Week: Elder Care



Preschool News

This week all of our preschool classes showed kindness and love for one another through the exchange of Valentine's Day cards. We all had parties and played games. There were hearts everywhere we looked this week. We also recognized Congenital Heart Disease on Monday in honor of one of our preschool students by having everyone wear red. We had cookies with hearts on them and everyone got heart stickers. The kindergarten screener for Decatur Public Schools came on Wednesday and screened children who will be attending one of the schools in the district. It was a very busy and fun week!

-Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

**Ice Skating Outing
RESCHEDULED**

When: Sunday, February 23th 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



**Elite Energy Fundraiser
Held at Central**

On Thursday, February 20th, we will host the 3rd annual "Elite Energy Spaghetti Dinner and Concert."

From 6:00 – 7:30 pm, an \$8.00 spaghetti dinner will be served in the Great Hall, during which time Elite Energy singers will offer solos as dinner music. At 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, the entire show choir will sing several songs. One of their show songs is a beautiful rendition of "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." If you wish to attend the Spaghetti Dinner, you can get on the list by contacting the church office (central@cccdisciples.org, 217-428-4336). If you simply wish to attend the concert, you can come at 7:30. The 7:30 concert is free.

Climb Every Mountain

To help commemorate our new sermon series, "The Mountains are Calling," we would like to put together a slide show to be played on a rotating loop on the monitors in the Friendship Center and Connection Café, as well before the 9:00 a.m. worship service, over the next two weeks. We would like you to send us your favorite **mountain picture**. An electronic file would be easiest (email to central@cccdisciples.org), but if you have a physical copy, you can bring it by the office, and we'll scan it for you. We would also like to know the following information for the slide:

Where were you? (where was the mountain?)

When was it? (what was the date?)

Here are two examples of something you can send. These are from my life. The picture on the left was taken by me in July of 1992. It is a village in the Alps in southern France. I was there leading a group of youth from East Germany on a white water rafting and hiking trip. The picture on the right was also taken by me. Steve Baumann (a member of our church) is looking out on the mountains in north Georgia. This was taken in 2014 during a weekend when 6 of us from Central hiked part of the Appalachian Trail.



Building Security Changes to Begin March 1

Given the attacks on houses of worship in recent years and following the advice of different law enforcement personnel in Decatur, we will be implementing a change to our Sunday morning routine beginning March 1. Currently, all the doors to the building are unlocked on Sundays throughout all worship services. However, the easiest step we can take in making our building more secure is to keep all but the bare minimum of entrances open in this way. Beginning Sunday March 1 here is what you will find:

- The West Entrance doors will remain open and unlocked throughout the morning. We believe that a church should have doors that are "open" to the world.
- The Tower Entrance doors will also be open (this is the original entrance facing south on William Street).
- The rest of the doors (North, Playground, and Ramp Entrances) will be locked. If you have a security card, your security card will open that door and allow you to access the building.
- If you are a member who does not yet have a security access card, but wishes one, simply contact the office.
- During the 9:00 service, there will be a greeter at the Ramp Entrance to

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welcome worshippers into the building who do not have a security access card.

We believe these changes, though subtle in nature, can bring significant improvement to our security. We want to balance an openness to the community with smart practices when it comes to security and are grateful for your cooperation and flexibility. If you ever wish to speak about these matters more, do not hesitate to let me know.

Blessings... Michael

3D Ministry Trip— American Passion Play: UPDATE

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.

UPDATE: Please register your interest with the church office (428-4336) by this FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AT

NOON so we can secure our tickets and make plans for transportation. If you have questions, contact **Don Martin at 428-4336 or dmartin@ccdisciples.org**.



In Sympathy We Mourn

We received word this weekend that Les Peart, our former organist, passed away on Friday evening with his daughter Leslie by his side. Les had been in declining health for the past month. Les lived in Corpus Christi, Texas, and played organ at First Christian Church. He was organist here until 2009, when he retired to return to Texas and a climate with no snow. While he was here, he was instrumental in the redesign and rebuilding of the organ at Central. He worked with Bob Dial to create an instrument which out-performs most organs in Central Illinois. When the organ was completed, Les invited organists from Great Britain and around the United States to come and perform at Central. They all love to play the instrument. Les instituted the concert series which is still relevant today. For these achievements and contributions to our worship life, we are most grateful. Condolences can be sent to his daughter: Leslie Peart, 4600 Ocean Dr. Apartment #202, Corpus Christi, Texas. 78412.

Week of Compassion Offering, February 16th

In your church today, you have the opportunity to build something miraculous, to plant seeds of new life. Where God's people have suffered loss, you are invited to invest in the future. When you give to Week of Compassion, your gift travels to places where disaster or poverty has caused great suffering. Through your generosity, we empower communities to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; we support youth education and vocational training; we rebuild homes and churches

and help provide needed supplies after disasters; and we empower women with skills to support their family and their neighbors. In these and so many other places, ***we are co-workers in the kingdom of God***. Building, planting, watering... and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith. *—(Excerpted from insert from Week of Compassion)*



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

Monday (17)

NO PRESCHOOL

- 10:00-Operations Committee, Conf. Rm.
- 6:00-Girl Scouts Troop #3262, Disc. Rm.

Tuesday (18)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Stitchers, Disciples Room/207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 5:15-Contemporary Worship Committee
- 6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room & Connection Café

Wednesday (19)

- 10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friend. Center
- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 4:15-Peace & Justice Committee, 240
- 5:30-Church Council Committee Meeting

Thursday (20)

- 10:00-Alanon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 6:00-Elite Energy Fundraiser, G.H./Sanct.
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (21)

Saturday (22)

- 1:00-Private event

Sunday (23)

- 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.
Heart & Soul singing
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal
- NO Youth Group



Counting On You

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Worship Attendance = 254

Sunday School & Small Groups = 67

Serving Schedule—Sunday, February 16, 2020

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Brett Swallow & Paul Gorden
 9:00 - Paul Gorden

Outreach Communion:

Charlotte Ballance, Connie Bordner, Judy Ford, Andy Fulk, Kim Maple, Gerri Munos, Tom Spry

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 - Ellen Damery
 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 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Bruce Campbell, Liz Campbell
 10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Jon & Jane French

Greeters:

8:00 - Jim & Debbie Hoffert
 9:00 - Laura Chapman
 10:30 - Keith & Jeannie Backes

Acolytes:

10:30 - Emmy & Jane Osman

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
 10:30 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Larry & Michelle Bafford, Kim Miller, Suzie Miller*

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 - Theresa Fulk
 9:00 - Sandy Schultz

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 17 8:30-12:00 - Carole McClarey
 February 18 8:30-12:00 - Carol Bischoff
 February 19 8:30-12:00 - Karen Keller
 February 20 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver
 February 21 8:30-12:00 - Gail Prince

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 Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
 Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator
 Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant
 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
 Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
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 Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
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