

The Central Visitor

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you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Let's Have Lunch!

You are invited to a picnic lunch to celebrate the success of our fall stewardship campaign. We'll gather in the church parking lot on October 18th, immediately after the 10:30 worship service, to enjoy a fried chicken boxed lunch and musical entertainment. Please bring your lawn chairs. Please call the church office to make reservations (217-428-4336) or email central@cccdisciples.org. This includes anyone who is assisting with food or serving. Making an RSVP helps us to plan accurately how much food to prepare. Thanks!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE
STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND IN-PERSON - SANCTUARY
AT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ON
FACEBOOK LIVE
AND IN-PERSON - GREAT HALL
AT 9:15 a.m.

Un-Changed: One Mission

Text: Matthew 3:1-3
Michael E. Karunas

Operation Enduring Support

Operation Enduring Support is making plans to send Christmas boxes to our military. We are currently collecting names of our servicemen and service-women serving overseas. If you have a relative, friend, or neighbor that would like a nice Christmas box to remind them that we appreciate all they do, please let us know their name(s) and APO address(es).

Thank you,
Nancy Hanover
& Carol Bischoff



All Church Picnic 10.18.20

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Pick up your harvest bags
filled with goodies!

**West Parking Lot
after 10:30 service!**



From our youth...

Please help Central's youth group reach our goal of collecting 200 pounds of plastic caps and lids to be recycled into a bench. To help with your collections at home, here is a list of acceptable and nonacceptable caps/lids. You can bring in your lids any day of the week during office hours, or bring them with you Sunday if you are joining us for in person worship. If there are any questions, you can email David Martin at:

demartin@cccdisciples.org.

Acceptable caps/lids:

Medicine bottle, milk jug, creamer, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, applesauce pouch, drink bottles, flip-tops, spout caps, spray paint, ointment, baby food, shampoo, conditioner, cottage cheese, yogurt, mayo, peanut butter, ice cream (smaller than 8"), whipped topping, Pringles, coffee, butter, cream cheese, spice

Not acceptable:

Metal, trash, prescription bottles, Ziplock type bags, trigger sprayers, fast food drink lids, paper, human or animal medical supplies, food containers, cardboard liners, soap pumps, lotion pumps, grocery bags, K-cups, straws, plastic that is NOT a cap or lid, plastic pieces or parts, caps or lids with (1), (3), (6), or (7).

You can also find the list at this link:

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Staying Connected – part 2

Last week in this column space, I shared a way for anyone to connect with the wider congregation through volunteering at in-person worship on Sunday mornings. This week I'd like to share two (2) more ways to feel connected to the ministry of Central during this ongoing time of pandemic.

Every Fall, the Nominating Committee meets to present a roster of officers and church leaders to the congregation for its approval. As you know, the congregation holds ultimate authority and responsibility regarding our life together. This is seen most clearly every December, when the congregation votes to approve church leaders (along with the budget) for the coming year. The Nominating Committee is that body within our congregation tasked with the assignment of proposing those leaders for your approval. To that end, the committee seeks your help.

In a pre-Pandemic world, we invited you to write down the names of those you would like the committee to consider as a church leader to propose. In a Pandemic world, we are doing that virtually. This is where you come in. The committee is looking to fill the positions of:

Congregational President
Congregational Secretary
Elder (multiple)
Deacon (multiple)
Deacon Emeritus

Congregational Vice-President
Congregational Treasurer
Trustee (3 total)
Elder Emeritus

If you would like to nominate one or more people for any of the above positions, email your suggestions (central@cccdisciples.org) or send them via U.S. mail (c/o of Michael Karunas).

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Another way to connect is through the sermon on Sunday. As many of you know, for the past 6-7 years, I have provided a Sermon Outline in the worship bulletin every week. However, I have heard from more than a few people during the Pandemic that – after participating in worship virtually – they are more likely to want to talk about the sermon with those in their household. To that end, beginning this Sunday, I'm going to try something different for the next few weeks. Instead of a sermon outline in the "traditional way," I am going to offer 3-4 "Questions for Reflection." That is how they will be titled. These will be designed for the purpose of generating discussion and encouraging deeper study. As an example, when I last preached on 9/27, the theme of the sermon was: we are united and connected through the one faith we share. Here is an example of three (3) Questions for Reflection I would have used:

Who was a someone that helped you grow on your faith journey? Who was a "spiritual guide" that helped you become the person of faith you are today?

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Of all the Christian practices (worship, prayer, baptism, communion, giving offerings, acts of service...) which is the one that comes easiest to you? Which is more difficult?

When have you experienced the "Unity in Christ" that Paul describes in Gal. 3:27-28?

Each week you can access the Questions for Reflection by going to our bulletin online. Hover over the "Worship" tab, and then click "Sermons" on the list that appears. The most recent sermon will appear on the next page, and you can click the "Bulletin" button beside that to access the bulletin and the Questions for Reflection.

Blessings... Michael



In Sympathy We Mourn

In sympathy we mourn with the family of Norma C. Brown, who passed away on October 2nd, 2020. Please join with us in prayer for her family during this time.

Virtual Regional Assembly

This month, our region (Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin) will hold its biennial regional assembly. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will be virtual. It will be held from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 17. Our congregation is allowed to "send" five (5) delegates to the voting session from 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. Currently there are four (4) delegate spots available, and if you would like to be one of our delegates, let us know (central@cccdisciples.org). The order of events will be:

10:00 – business session

10:20 – honoring of Scott Woolridge's ministry

10:30 – worship (Rev. Dr. William Crowder, Park Manor Christian Church, Chicago)

Anyone can view the event at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVga223-808>

Did you know... that In the last five years, Central's financial statements reflect an average operating income of \$719,000 per year. During the same time period, expenses averaged \$716,000.

STEWARDSHIP
CORNER



Sunday (11)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall

4:00-Youth Group

Monday (12)

5:30-Nominating Comm., Zoom

5:30-Women's Book Club, Disciples Room

Tuesday (13)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, Disciples Room

5:00-Christian Education Comm., C. Café

Wednesday (14)

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

5:30-Elders, Disciples Room

Thursday (15)

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room

5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

Friday (16)

Saturday (17)

5:00-Private event

Sunday (18)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream

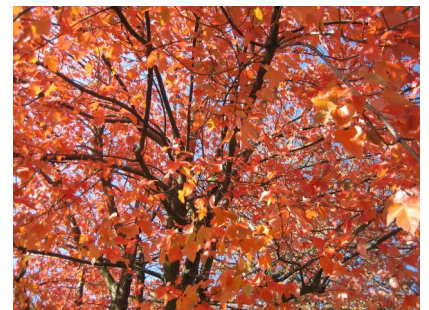
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11:30-Church Picnic

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Counting On You

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Total worshipping online = 250

Total worshipping in-person = 115



October 11th Volunteer schedule

7:45 – 9:30

Front table – Donna Dash, Carolyn Sunderlik
Ushers – Karma Lynn Carpenter, David Martin

9:00 - 10:00 Usher

David Martin

9:30 – 11:30

Front table – Jane Hickman, Janet Lyman,
Christine Lyman-Harm
Ushers – David Martin, Ron Oliver
Elder - Judy Ford



Happy Birthday!!

Birthdays this coming week (10/11-10/17)!

Ryan Campbell, Michelle Econie, Jon French, Haley Hanson,
Bob Keller, Linda Kuhns, Jane Latshaw, Don Martin,
Joy Potter, Maggie Schrimpf, Mike Sperry

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Michael E. Karunas.....Senior Minister
Don Martin.....Minister of Music
Tina Miller..... Associate Minister of CE & Family Life
David Martin.....Youth Director
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
Paula Partain.....Preschool Staff
Lora WrightLead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker
Toby Jones.....Caretaker

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July 20th, 2020:

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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