

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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Two Spiritual Growth Opportunities During "On the Road" Sermon Series

Accompanying the new "On the Road" sermon series will be two (2) opportunities with you to further your own spiritual growth and connect more deeply with the theme.

- Every **Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.**, Scott and Vicky Woolridge will be hosting a virtual (Zoom) small group called **"Sharing the Journey"** (see more info elsewhere in *The Visitor*).
- Every **Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m.**, our pastors will present a **10-minute** bible lesson on the scripture passage from the previous Sunday. This will be a **Facebook Live** presentation.

Hope you can participate in as much of these opportunities as you are able.

A few key points about the scripture will be highlighted and then 1-2 "questions for reflection" will be offered to encourage further meditation on the theme.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

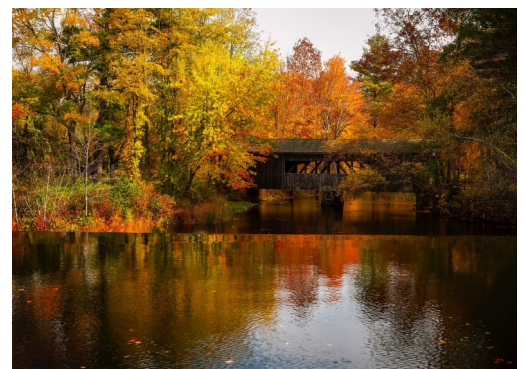
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE
STREAMED ON

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.

All Journeys Begin at Home

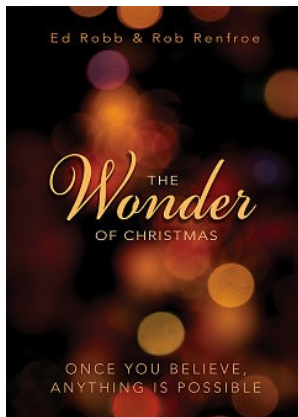
Text: Matthew 22:34-40
Michael E. Karunas



All Women are invited to join an
in-person Advent Discussion.

We will discuss the book, *The Wonder of Christmas* by Ed Robb and Rob Renfroe. I have a few copies of the book or you can order your own. See dates and times below. I hope to see you there.

~ Tina Miller



The Wonder of Christmas is an Advent experience that explores the wonder of Christmas through the lens of four elements from the Christmas story: a *star*, a *name*, a *manger*, and a *promise*. Each chapter contains the reading, reflection questions, Scriptures for meditation, and a prayer.

Disciples Room, 5:00—6:30 PM

10.20.20, 11.3.20, 11.17.20,

12.1.20, & 12.15.20

On the Road

During the late Fall at Central, we will be taking a journey. That journey will start at home, as all journeys do. Home is the place where God intends us to feel loved, safe, and secure, and yet, it is our destiny that we leave home. God's people in scripture are always on the move. Leaving home is about growing up and into the people God created us to be. When our journeys take us far from home, we often feel home-sick, which is simply a sign of the love we felt when we were at home. On our journey away from home, we also find ourselves standing at crossroads. Which way will we turn? is the choice given to us to make, but regardless of what choices we make, there is always a way back home. God forever provides a way for us to return, and even when the journey is the ultimate one of crossing over from this world to the next, God provides the way to our rightful home in the kingdom. We hope you can join us (in-person or online) as we hit the road. Jesus' words from the Gospel of Matthew will be our guide.



October 25

"All Journeys begin at Home"

Introduction

Matthew 22:34-40

November 1

"Across the Great Divide"

All Saints Day

John 14:1-3

November 8

"Missing Home"

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15

"At the Crossroads"

Matthew 25:24-30

November 22

"All Roads Lead Home"

Thanksgiving Sunday

Matthew 25:31-40

-Blessings... Michael

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know... that in 2019, Central contributed \$78,941 to the Disciples Mission Fund (DMF is the "operating budget" of our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ))?

Virtual Small Group (*Sharing the Journey*) to begin October 25

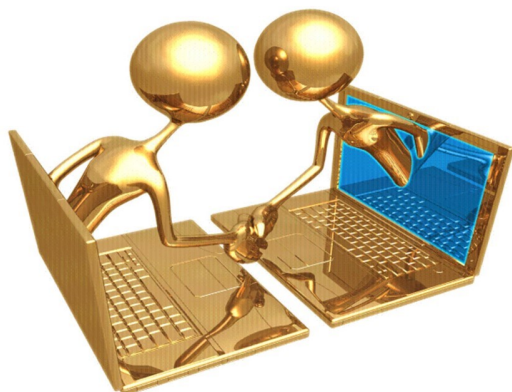
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20

We are called by Jesus to gather in his name. As we live in these days of being separated for the sake of physical safety, we are challenged to find creative ways to gather. Here's an invitation. On Sunday, Oct. 25, we will offer our first gathering of *Sharing the Journey*, a small group focused on spiritual growth. This ministry is about creating community and offering opportunities for people to offer care and concern for one another. It's about living a fuller life of faith. This small group will meet virtually, on the Zoom platform, on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30, starting on Oct. 25, and going through Nov. 22. It will be led by Scott and Vicky Woolridge. Each session will follow this format:

- Open with prayer.
- Read the scripture from the morning's worship service
- Reflect and discuss the scripture and sermon
- Share prayer concerns and joys, and close with prayer.

The focus and the goal is for spiritual growth, spiritual deepening, learning how to live in community, one with another, to be more vulnerable in our faith, more intimate with what we share and what we hear from one another, and ultimately to say, "To what degree does this look like the realm of God?" To join the small group discussion for any of the Sundays, simply contact the church office for the Zoom link the week prior.



Sunday (25)

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

Monday (26)

Tuesday (27)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, Disciples Room

10:30-Youth Staff Meeting, C. Café

Wednesday (28)

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café

Thursday (29)

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room

Friday (30)

Saturday (31)

Sunday (November 1) - All Saints Day!

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 In-Person



Counting On You

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Total worshipping online = 240

Total worshipping in-person = 134



October 25th Volunteer schedule

7:45 – 9:30

Front table – Hannah Brimner, Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince

Ushers – Pamela Bednar, David Martin

9:00 - 10:00 Usher

Cheryl Zollinger

9:30 – 11:30

Front table – Paul Gorden, Brett Swallow

Ushers – Gretchen Kirby, David Martin

Elder - Paul Gorden

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



Happy Birthday!!

Birthdays this coming week (10/25-10/31)!

Carol Bischoff, Hannah Fitch, Colin Gannett, Luc Longcor,
Jerry Marques, Doris Matey, Jacob Monroe, Kaidyn Morgan,
Claudine Nichols, Ashley Swallow, Nancy Turner

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Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Hannah Brimner.....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

Temporary Church Office Hours as of

July 20th, 2020:

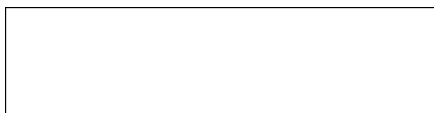
Monday through Friday

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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