

The Central Visitor



*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Stewardship Kick Off!

Good morning! I'm representing the Stewardship team to announce the kick off of our fall campaign to fund the 2022 operations budget. This is not to be confused with the capital campaign, which occurs every three years. What we pledge now for 2022 will support the day to day operations of the church. Contributions fund ministries such as Christian Education, youth programs, our choir, and local not for profit organizations such as DOVE, the Oasis Day Center, and the Good Samaritan Inn. We also pay the salaries of our ministers and staff along with recurring bills such as insurance and utilities.

The theme of our campaign is ALL GOOD GIFTS. God blesses all of us, and everything we have is a gift from God. Many of you are faithful givers. What motivates you to share what you have with the church? Maybe it's our talented ministers and directors who each week offer thought provoking sermons, imaginative children's moments, or beautiful music. Or the opportunity to gather and worship in this wonderful, well maintained building with enough space to host any event. Or knowing your gifts are shared with various organizations who help provide the least of us with food and shelter.

My husband Brian and I give because we believe this church truly lives out God's message to love each other. We know our donations fund many things - local organizations, the start up of new Disciple churches, bereavement meals - the list goes on and on. Each gift we give blesses someone else in some way. What better way is there to live out our faith?

Here's what to expect during the campaign - this week you'll receive a letter and an estimate of giving card in the mail. If you don't receive a letter and want a paper card, please contact the church office, and we will get one to you. We ask you prayerfully consider your gift, complete the card, and return it in the envelope provided. You can also submit your pledge online by going to www.cccdisciples.org and clicking on Stewardship Pledge 2022.

Over the next two Sundays, we'll hear from special speakers who will share their giving stories. Our campaign will conclude on October 24th with refreshments after each service.

One of my favorite bible verses is Matthew 6:21 - *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* As you reflect on where your treasure is, I invite you to place this week's offering in the brass bowl outside the sanctuary or give online via the church's website or by texting GIVE to 217-212-2173.

On behalf of the Stewardship team, thank you all for your generous support of this church we love. -Kim Maple

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 9:15 AM

Why the Church

Text: Matthew 6:25-34
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (10/17 - 10/23)!

Shirley Brooks, Linda Kuhns,
Max Sperry, John McClarey,
Dennis Spencer, Haley Hanson,
Derald Hartley, Kinley Neumann



Food Collection for Both Oct. & Nov. First Sundays

Let's fill the shopping cart for Northeast Community Fund for both Oct. & Nov. collections with the following: cereal, canned meats, food & snacks with pull-ring lids. A particular need is food in easy open containers & no heat or stove needed. Thanks!



4H Bake Sale

"We Learn By Doing"

Clara and Nora Damery are having a bake sale to support their projects, Sunday, October 17.

*I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking,
my **heart** to greater loyalty,
my **hands** to larger service,
and my **health** to better living
for my club, my community, my country, and my world.*

From Pastor Tina's Desk

It is THAT time of year again! It is time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation all around us as Summer transitions into Autumn, and then Autumn transitions into Winter.

We live in such a beautiful part of the country as the Autumn leaves fill the trees with brilliant colors making the parks look like gigantic multi-colored flowers! Then, as the weather gets even cooler and the winds pick up, those same beautiful leaves fall, and the quietness of Winter fills the atmosphere.

I do not know about you, but this truly is one of my favorite times of the year as the temperatures are more pleasant and invigorating. Yet, we know what is around the corner. Winter is coming.

I notice squirrels scurrying as they frantically search for nuts that have fallen to the ground. It is amazing to me that God has built such a sense of preparation into the animals that even *they* recognize the value of being ready for upcoming needs.

God knows our needs and provides. Yet it is still important for us to do our part in making sure we are obedient and prepare for the future and in all that preparation God has made it clear that we are to put Him first in all we do, especially in our giving. As we do that, He has promised that He would take care of our needs. Matthew 6:33 shares this truth so powerfully; "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

As we move closer to the cool, quiet winter, remember that Jesus Christ will supply for our needs, and yes, there are times we are blessed in greater ways than just for the things we "need." Yet, we are blessed to *be* a blessing! Here at Central Christian Church, we are preparing to do just that as we hold our stewardship campaign to provide for ministries for the upcoming year.

We continue to thank God for our church, who simply gives because it is the right thing to do and reflects the beautiful nature of God who gave His son Jesus Christ, and Jesus who gave His life for us!



May the Peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ Be with You!

Tina Miller

In Sympathy We Mourn



We grieve together with Linda Shambaugh and her family the passing of Linda's husband Philip. Philip passed away this past weekend. A visitation will be held at Brintlinger and Earl this Thursday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Private family graveside services will be held on Friday morning. Thank you for keeping the Shambaugh family in your prayers.

Narcan Training #2

We will host another Narcan training on Tuesday, October 19th, at 7:00 PM. Narcan is a life-saving medication that can be administered to a person experiencing an opioid overdose. Mike Burkham of Decatur Ambulance and the Macon County Health Department will be here to answer your questions about the opioid epidemic in Decatur and the nation and to train participants on how to administer Narcan. Narcan can be dispensed as an inhalant, and each person who attends the class will be given emergency doses of Narcan to keep with them in case they encounter someone having an overdose. This is yet another way we can "serve our neighbors". We hope you will take advantage of this class. Please RSVP to the church office by emailing central@cccdisciples.org or calling 217-428-4336 so that our trainer can plan.

Room Number Changes after Elevator Renovation

During elevator renovation, the floors and corresponding buttons within the elevator were changed. In order to reduce confusion between the elevator labeling and the rooms, we have relabeled our rooms to match the elevator floors. Sanctuary level is now the 2nd floor. Rooms formerly labeled 220-290 need to press 3R to be accessed, so they are now Rooms 320-390. Rooms labeled 207-218 need to press 4 to be accessed, so they are now Rooms 407-418. 1R & Ground remain the same. Thank you for your patience with this maintenance.



Sunday (17)

4H Bake Sale

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 4:00-Youth Group

Monday (18)

- 6:00-Financial Peace University, 212
- 6:30-Real Life Real Families, Friendship C.

Tuesday (19)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 7:00-Narcan training, Connection Café

Wednesday (20)

- 10:00-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:00-Church Council Business Meeting

Thursday (21)

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

Friday (22)

Saturday (23)

Sunday (24)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 4:00-Youth Group
- 4:00-Millikin Fall Concert
- 6:00-Millikin Fall Concert



Counting On You

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Total worshipping online = 104
Total worshipping in-person = 212



Serving Schedule — Sunday, October 17, 2021

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman & Diana Ritter

9:15 - Janet Lyman

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Bruce & Liz Campbell

10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil

Greeters:

8:00 - George & Pearl Jones

10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Pat Penhallegon

10:30 - Mike Kirby

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Michael E. Karunas Senior Minister
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David Martin Youth Director
Ben Hawkinson Interim Director of Music
Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain Organist
David Williams Organist
Kathleen Dudley Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd Administrative Assistant
Hannah Brimmer Social Media Coordinator
Bri Lockwood Nursery Attendant
Carlee Phillips Nursery Attendant
Kattina Williams Nursery Attendant
Lora Wright Lead Caretaker
Jim Denzer Caretaker
Andrew Evans Caretaker
Toby Jones Caretaker



Nursery Attendant

Part time, 15-20 hours per month

Care needed during Sunday morning services, 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Nursery ages Newborn - 5 years old

Send resume and cover letter to central@cccdisciples.org or mail to
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You will see a list of options pop up.

Find the option marked "follow" and click on that.



Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text "PRAY" (all caps) to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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