

# The Central Visitor



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## All Saints Day November 7

On Sunday, November 7, we will be commemorating All Saints Day in worship. At the 8:00 and 10:30 services, we will be reading the names of, and lighting a candle for, our church members who have passed away since last November. Additionally, we will *all* be given an opportunity to light a candle for any of our loved ones whose passing we grieve. This year's service will have a slightly different tone and order than in previous years. We will light candles for the saints of the church at the beginning of worship. The music and message of the service will then build to a celebratory crescendo as we consider the joyful reunion with Christ, who welcomes those saints into the kingdom. As we close with communion, we will all be invited to light candles for our loved ones whom we look forward to be reunited with around the communion table. At the 9:15 service, we will follow this same format. However, instead of lighting candles for our deceased church members, we will present a video of their name and picture.

Specifically this year, we will be remembering:

Ray Batman

Judy Beaman

Joan Bird

Louise Boline

Howard Cravens

Helen Crew

Loren Glasscock

Billie Harmon

Max Johnson

Shirlee Johnson

Joyce Leach

Darla Lienemann

Anne Raddatz

Dottie Scholes

Roe Skidmore Sr.

Irwin Soliday

Laura Jane Sperry

Eleanor Spracklen

Jim Taylor

Lawrence Turner

Madlyn Van Praag

## 3D Meals Return on November 10th

Reservations must be in by Thursday Nov 4!

Entertainment or a game will be at 11:30, lunch at 12:00.

Gail and her crew look forward to gathering together.

We promise good food and fellowship.

### Menu:

Ham Loaf

Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Pretzel Salad

Pumpkin Bars

Rolls



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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

*All Saints Day*

## **All Saints Celebration during Contemporary Service**

**During the Contemporary Service on All Saints Sunday, we would like the members of the service, if they wish, to bring pictures of their loved ones they would like to honor. We will have a table at the front of the worship space for them to be displayed.**

**Central Concert Series!**

**Save the dates!**

All concerts will be held  
in the Sanctuary.

**Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, 7 p.m.**

Decatur Youth Symphony  
Orchestra concert

**Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

Harp concert  
Julia Jamieson, harpist  
Followed by 7 p.m.  
Christmas Eve worship

**Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, 7 p.m.**

New Years' Eve organ concert  
with silent movie  
Andrew Peters, organist

**Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

Millikin University Collegiate  
Chorale tour finale concert

**Friday, March 25, 2022, 7 p.m.**

Piano and organ concert  
Herb Buffington, organist, and  
Randy Frieling, pianist

**Sunday, April 3, 2022, 2 p.m.**

Vocal concert  
Troy Castle, baritone, with  
Pei-I Wang, pianist

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Millikin University Spring Concerts

**2 p.m.** – Mothers and Mentors  
concert, Millikin Women

**6 p.m.** – Spring Sing, University  
Choir, Collegiate Chorale,  
Millikin Men

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

Opus 24 Spring choral concert



**One Coin, Two Sides**

Jesus did many things in his three-year ministry on earth. In fact, he did many wonderful things, but history has named two (2) of them as truly “great.” There are... the *Great* Commission and the *Great* Commandment. Jesus never used that particular adjective – great - himself. We have decided to use it for him, and there is no reason to think we are not justified in doing so.

The Great Commission is found in Matthew 28:16-20. This is where Jesus famously instructed his followers to “make disciples of all nations.” An echoed version of it is also found in Acts 1:6-8, where Jesus asked of them to “be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” The Great Commandment can be found in Mark 12:28-34 (as well as Matthew 22:34-40 and Luke 10:25-28). This is where Jesus answered the question “Which is the greatest commandment” by saying, “Love God” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

The Great Commission is about conversion; bringing people *to* Christ and *into* the kingdom. The Great Commandment is about community; building *up* a sense of togetherness. The Great Commission is about sharing truth. The Great Commandment is about sharing togetherness. If the Great Commission were a committee in the church, it would be evangelism. If the Great Commandment were a committee, it would be fellowship. The Great Commission helps us take the first step on our faith journey. The Great Commandment helps us take all the rest of the steps that follow.

It may be true that some individuals naturally do one more than the other; easier than the other; better than the other. Some individuals and congregations seem to witness and evangelize effortlessly, while for other individuals and congregations, that is more of a challenge. Similarly, some people and communities thrive in building a sense of closeness among its members, while others labor at it. But the reality is that we need both. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment are two sides of one coin. Certainly, any community of faith seeking to do its share of growing the kingdom needs to bring people into the church as well as strengthen the sense of fellowship among them once they come in. And on a more existential level, just because doing one may be easier or more natural than another doesn't mean that learning the other isn't possible.

Something I have learned about the human body – through my years of distance running and recent practice of yoga – is the idea of complementarity. A distance runner who *only* runs long distances will “over”-use certain muscles in the body while simultaneously “under”-using others. Over time, all that “under”-using will take it's toll on the muscles needed to run distances. In other words, neglecting that which does not come naturally will invariably prevent us from doing that which does. The antidote? Bring more attention to that which does not come naturally. When my body began to break down after years of distance running, it was only through yoga that I began to stretch muscles I had long neglected (which definitely did not come naturally). Only through this was I able to get back to doing the very thing I enjoyed doing most in the first place. That which I did not naturally enjoy doing turned out to be the very thing that was complementarily necessary to do the very thing I did.

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It is in our best interest, then, as individuals and churches to take both Jesus' "greats" seriously. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Blessings, Michael



### Council Approves Strategic Plan

At last week's Council meeting, the Strategic Plan that has been discussed this fall (and on which the All Hands on Deck sermon series was based) was approved. So what is next? The plan has nine (9) goals. We would begin by putting teams people together around each of those goals. These would likely be a combination of existing committees and anyone from the congregation interested in the conversations each goal area would be having. So be on the lookout, either in late November or early January, for opportunities to engage in the new work that we'll be starting in the new year.

### Get Ready for Dorcas Disciples' Fall Meeting!

It's time for all interested Central women to meet on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall. We'll enjoy a yummy soup dinner (\$5), followed by a program about the international student services at Millikin and how we, as disciples, can support those students while they're away from home. We'll have an opportunity to volunteer our help with the annual Soup-to-Shut Ins mission on November 20<sup>th</sup>, answer the call for information about the history of women at Central, and donate to Dorcas Disciples' local Christmas charity, God's Shelter of Love. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 11th to Nancy Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174 or [xstr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xstr@sbcglobal.net) to make sure we have enough delicious soup! Contact Sandy Garver at 217-877-0800 or [revrag@comcast.net](mailto:revrag@comcast.net) for more information about Dorcas Disciples. Hope to see you November 16th!

### Food Collection for November



Let's fill the shopping cart for Northeast Community Fund 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!

**Wed., Nov 10, 2021**  
**4:30pm -7pm**  
**Good Samaritan Inn**

- \$5 dinner
- Family-Friendly
- Live Music
- Artisan Bowls
- Good Sam Gear
- Dine-In or Carry-Out
- Pre-Order or Pay In-Person
- Guided Tours
- 50/50 Raffle & Games

### **CONTACT**

[director@goodsaminn.org](mailto:director@goodsaminn.org)

**217-429-1455**

 [GoodSamaritanInn.org/emptybowl](http://GoodSamaritanInn.org/emptybowl)

### **Sunday (7) - All Saints Sunday**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream  
9:15-Ecclesia Sunday School, 412  
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream  
4:00-Youth Group

### **Monday (8)**

12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera Bread  
1:00-Golden K, Connection Café  
5:00-Elder planning  
6:00-Financial Peace University, 412

### **Tuesday (9)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 407  
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera Bread  
7:00-Millikin Heights

### **Wednesday (10)**

10:00-Ministers' Meeting  
11:30-3D Ministry Meal, Great Hall  
1:30-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Disc. Room  
5:00-Elders

### **Thursday (11) - Veterans Day**

10:00-Alanon, 340  
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café  
5:00-Koinonia, 412  
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room  
7:00-Choir, Choir Room

### **Friday (12)**

### **Saturday (13)**

### **Sunday (14)**

### **Imboden Creek Worship**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream  
9:15-Ecclesia Sunday School, 412  
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream  
4:00-Youth Group

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers. For more information, contact the church office.

### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

Total worshipping online = 108  
Total worshipping in-person = 234



**Serving Schedule — Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Jeannie Backes & Vicky Woolridge

9:15 - Vicky Woolridge

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Gretchen Kirby

**Greeters:**

8:00 - George & Pearl Jones

10:30 - Paul Gorden & Suzie Miller

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Pat Penhallegon

10:30 - Mike Kirby



**Happy Birthday!! (11/7 - 11/13)!**

Connie Bordner, Arik Brooks, Corey McAfee, Larry Pepper, Lindsey Thomas, Carol Withrow, Mike Holbrook, Sheila Hall, John Baumann, Carolyn McCall, Diana Ritter, Evelyn Sanders, Elijah Ross

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**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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