

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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Special Worship November 14

We have two (2) special things planned for worship this Sunday. First, Zach Martin – member of Central, Masters of Divinity graduate, and future ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – will be preaching at all three services. Additionally, this Sunday will be the last “official” Sunday of the ministerial internship for Vicky Woolridge. You will likely continue to see her involved in leadership capacities going forward (she is, after all, an active member of Central and ingrained in different things we are doing), but the formal internship that was required for her School for Ministry (S4M) and which began on August 22, will come to an end November 14. Pastor Michael will be present to honor the internship at the close of worship at all three services.

Make Room for Dorcas Disciples!

Don't forget to RSVP for our Dorcas Disciples meeting on Tuesday, November 16th at 6 p.m. We'll gather in the Great Hall to enjoy a yummy soup dinner (I hear Carolyn and Gail are serving cheese and tortellini soups!) with crusty bread, ham salad spread, and dessert for only \$5. Following dinner, Briana Quintenz, Director of International Student Services at Millikin, will tell us about the program and share how we can support international students while they're away from home. We'll have an opportunity to plan for the annual November 20th Soup-to-Shut Ins, help answer the call for historical information about women at Central, and donate to our Christmas charity, God's Shelter of Love. Checks for that donation may be made out to God's Shelter of Love and placed in the Dorcas mailbox in the church office or brought to the November 16th meeting. RSVP to Nancy Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174 or xstr@sbcglobal.net by Thursday, November 11th.



Women's Craft Night

Mark your calendars. 'Make one, take one' craft night for 'Come home for Christmas' meal. November 30, at 6:00pm with cookies and cocoa. All are welcomed to create.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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

Thank You Notes

Text: I Thessalonians 1:1-6
Zach Martin



Christmas Decorating at Central Christian Church!

On Monday, November 22nd at 9:30 AM, anyone and everyone who enjoys decorating for Christmas is invited to come to Central and meet in the Disciples Room. We will start getting all of our greenery, bows, and poinsettias out to prepare for our Hanging of the Greens Service on November 28th.

On Saturday November 27th, we need volunteers to put our Christmas Trees, wreaths (inside & out), and nativity scenes in their proper places.

It's two great days of fun & fellowship with your friends & family at Central. "Many hands make light work." Blessings to all.

-Donna Dash, Worship Committee

Salvation Army News

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers. For more information, email Kyle Karsten at kyle.karsten@usc.salvationarmy.org or call 217-428-4672.

"Helping Hands at Home", a free piano concert to support the services of the Salvation Army, will be this Sunday, Nov. 14th, 2:00 PM, at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 650 N. Wyckles Road, in Decatur. It features Julie McClarey-Smith and friends. You can also donate online at www.SADecatur.org.

The Red Kettle Dinner Gala will be on Thursday, December 9th, at 6:00 PM, at the Decatur Club.

The Salvation Army is also looking for sponsors for events. Contact them for more information.

Did you know that the Salvation Army sells "Red Kettle Blend" coffee? \$10.00/1 pound bag. Central Christian members have already been enjoying this blend! You can too. Contact Kyle to purchase.

Want to host an Angel Tree? They can help you host one, too.

Minister's Article

For All the Saints

During worship Sunday, I neglected to thank Donna Dash, Christine Lyman- Harm, Angie Horvath, and the worship leaders at both our traditional and contemporary services for a truly wonderful All Saints Day celebration. Thank you for indulging me to do that here. Enjoy these pictures from the day as well as the prayer I offered during worship for all our saints.



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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

Monday (15)

- 6:00-Financial Peace University, 412

Tuesday (16)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 407
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 340
- 6:00-Dorcas Meeting, Great Hall

Wednesday (17)

- 9:30-Decorating for Thanksgiving
- 10:00-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:00-Church Council - Business

Thursday (18)

- 10:00-Alanon, 340
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:00-Christian Ed. Committee, 340
- 5:30-Koinonia, 412
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Choir, Choir Room

Friday (19)

Saturday (20)

- 10:00-Dorcas Soup Delivery Preparation**

Sunday (21)

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A prayer for the saints (from All Saints Day, 2021):

Eternal God, may this be a day to remember the unseen cloud of witnesses which surrounds us – those in every age and generation who witnessed to their faith in life and death; who, by their courage, served the needs of others in word and deed; those for whom the trumpet has sounded; those whom we have loved... whose names are written on our hearts.

We especially remember those from our church family who have gone on to be eternally with you during this past year. Along with them, we remember all our loved ones, who – whether long ago or very recently – have been united with you in your heavenly kingdom. Help us to have their courage in danger; their steadfastness in trial; their perseverance in difficulty; their loyalty when loyalty was costly; and their joy, which nothing can take away. And grant that we, in your good time, might share with them the blessedness of your eternal presence; that we may also come to that life where all questions are answered; all tears are wiped away; where we shall meet again, nevermore to be separated.

May the same spirit that welcomes them into your heavenly home abide with us – through all the eventides that fall. May it abide with us though the darkness of grief may deepen around us; and may it abide with us when all other helpers fail. Be the help to our helplessness we pray, O God, and abide with us. We pray in your holy and blessed name. Amen.

- Blessings, Michael

From the Stewardship Committee

Have you returned your estimate of giving card? If so - thank you for your generosity! If not, it's not too late. You can contact the church office if you need an estimate of giving card, or you can access the online pledge option through November 15th. Central Christian Church appreciates all the good gifts we receive from you!

Counting On You

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Total worshipping online = 117

Total worshipping in-person = 225



Serving Schedule — Sunday, November 14, 2021

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Bruce Campbell & David Wagner

9:15 - Bruce Campbell

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Donna Dash, Capt., Carolyn Sunderlik,
Dianne Devore

10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Keith Backes



Happy Birthday!! (11/14 - 11/20)!

Cathy Ash, Jill Heick, Hazel Perry, Cindy Soebbing,
Mackenzie Larrick, Karen Driver, Nick McLemore,
Sha'Ron Browning, Nora Damery

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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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