

The Central Visitor



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Congregational Meeting Called

Brett Swallow, congregational president, is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 5 at 12:00 p.m. in the Disciples Room. There are two (2) items of business on the agenda: 1) approve the report of the Nominating Committee; and 2) approve the proposed operating budget for 2022. Copies of both are available in the Welcome Center.

Report from the Nominating Committee

According to our congregation's by-laws, we are to publish the Nominating Committee's report in *The Visitor* two weeks prior to the annual congregational meeting (scheduled for 12/5). What follows is the proposed list of trustees, elders and deacons with terms of service beginning January 2022. All members will be asked to approve this list of church leaders at the congregational meeting.

Trustee Steve Baumann

Elders Randy Trei
Charlotte Ballance

Deacons Nancy Hanover
Gail Prince
Dale Ford
Gene Garver
Ellen Damery
Kevin Wilmot
Carolyn Sunderlik
Cole Shartzler
Luke Kirby

Dick Cain
Kevin Wilmot
Sandy Schultz
Larry Bafford
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Sandy Garver
David Zollinger
Charlotte Ballance
David Zollinger
Andrea Shartzler

Karen Wade
Jack Dixon
Carolyn McCall
Cheryl Zollinger
Linda Foltz
Ryan Damery
David Wagner
Yvonne Purcell
Shelby Baum
Barb Leihser

Elder Emeritus

Deacon Emeritus

Elder Emeritus (posthumously)

Larry Pepper
Jon French
Bruce Williams

Welcome New Members

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Hugh and Linda Rowden to the Central family. Longtime residents of Decatur, Hugh and Linda joined the church at the 10:30 service on November 21. The Rowdens have been attending regularly since before Easter last year. In the spirit of this Thanksgiving week, we are thankful to welcome the Rowdens to our faith community.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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

Hanging of the Greens

Special 8:00 a.m. Service this Sunday

Our tradition at Central has been to have one (1) traditional service on the first Sunday of Advent in order to decorate the sanctuary by "hanging the greens" as part of the worship itself. This year will be no different. We will have a special Advent decorating service at both 9:15 (contemporary) and 10:30 (traditional). But new this year will be a shortened service at 8:00 as well. It will consist of preaching, prayer and communion. There won't be any singing or music, but Pastor Michael will offer a meditation, lead a time of prayer and provide communion for anyone who is only able to worship at 8:00 a.m. (the service will probably last about 30 minutes).

Hope for What is to Come
Advent 2021

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| November 28 | Hanging of the Greens Prayer, Preaching and Communion service <i>Collection for <u>Christmas Care & Share</u> begins</i> | 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. |
| November 30 | Women's Craft Event | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 8 | <i>Collection for <u>Christmas Care & Share</u> ends</i> | |
| December 12 | Come Home for Christmas <i>Chamber Orchestra featured at 10:30 a.m. service</i> Brunch served at 9:00, Dinner at 12:00 <i>Family pictures at Friendship Center Christmas Tree throughout morning</i> | |
| December 18 | Children's Craft Workshop <i>Children ages birth - 5th grade</i> <i>Visit from Santa</i> <i>Crafts to take home</i> | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. |
| December 19 | Bring a Bell to Church Sunday (all services) | |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve <i>Contemporary Candlelight and Communion Service</i> <i>Harp Concert in Sanctuary</i> <i>Traditional Candlelight and Communion Service</i> (7:00 p.m. service will be live-streamed) | 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| December 31 | Organ Concert (featuring silent movie) <i>Andrew Peters, Organist</i> | 7:30 p.m. |

Worship during Advent and Christmas

Throughout the month of December, we will have three (3) worship services weekly – traditional at 8:00 and 10:30; contemporary at 9:15. The above calendar indicates only when things are especially featured at those services.

Youth Christmas Card Gallery

Any time you're at Central during Advent, stop by the Children's Lobby to see the holiday art work from our youth group. Throughout the month of December, there will be a silent auction held for each of the paintings with all proceeds dedicated to supporting the 2022 mission project. Deadline to make a silent auction will be December 19 (winners announced this day).

Digital Advent Calendar

New this year for everyone to experience is a Digital Advent Calendar. You will be able to use this link every day from December 1-24 to open a "virtual" door which will reveal a special surprise. More info to come!

Reaching Out during Advent

Join us in collecting **hats, mittens, gloves** and **scarves** for DOVE/Northeast Community Fund/Salvation Army this month. You may also bring **books, board games** and/or **toiletries**. Bring all donations to the Connection Café. The last day for donations is December 8.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Pick up a copy of our **Advent Devotional Book**, created by many of our elders, to help guide your personal prayer time as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Books will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, November 21. If you would like one mailed to you, call the office and let us know.

You are invited to display an **advent wreath** in your home this advent season. We will be making available the advent wreath liturgies used during Sunday worship. If you are accessing worship online, or for whatever reason have to miss Sunday worship, feel free to follow the liturgies and light the candles on your wreath at home. [Click here](#) for a sample advent wreath.

Come Home For Christmas

On December 12 we will be serving brunch at 9:00 (to coincide with the end of 8:00 worship and the beginning of 9:15 worship) and dinner at 12:00 noon. Please reserve your place at either of those meals by contacting the church office by December 8th.

Children's Activities during Advent

On Saturday, December 18 children (and parents) from birth through grade 5 are invited to our **Christmas Craft Workshop** (10 - 11:30). There will be crafts and cookies to take home. RSVPs are requested. You can register online [HERE](#).

For those children coming to the traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:00, there will be a **Children's Activity Time** beginning at 6:30. While parents are enjoying the harp concert in the sanctuary, children are invited to 1R (preschool wing) for some crafts and activities. They will be process in with baby Jesus as the service begins and then return to their families.



Serving Schedule — Sunday, November 28, 2021

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Gerri Munos & Krista Rohrscheib
9:15 - Krista Rohrscheib

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt.,
Jim & Pamela Bednar
10:30 - Team 8 - Need help

Greeters:

8:00 - Jim & Pamela Bednar
10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Pat Penhallegon
10:30 - Mike Kirby



Happy Birthday!! (11/21 - 11/27)!

Jean Voice, Christina Campbell, Rhiannon Williams,
Megan Swim, Shane Garver, Nedra Brintlinger,
Michael Karunas, Piper Rutherford, Unique Hess,
David York, Alex Sparks

Bells In Motion concert

Saturday, December 4th, 2021, 7:00 PM
First United Methodist Church
201 W. North St., Decatur, IL

Counting On You

Sunday, November 21, 2021
Total worshipping online = 89
Total worshipping in-person = 222

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Andrew Evans Caretaker
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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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