

# 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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## Congregational Meeting Called

A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, December 4 at 11:45 p.m. in the Disciples Room. We will: 1) approve the report of the Nominating Committee; and 2) the operating budget for 2023. Copies are available in the office.

President: Kim Maple

Vice Presidents: Gerri Munos & Keith Backes

Secretary: Sandy Garver

Treasurer: Steve Swarhout

Trustees: Kevin Miller & Tom Ritter

Elders: Susan Bryant, Theresa Fulk, Janet Lyman, Suzie Miller, Brett Swallow, Cheryl Zollinger

Deacons: Ed Adams, Joy Adams, Carol Bischoff, Laurie Damery, Rod Damery, Jim Fitzpatrick, Debbie Hoffert, Angie Ingram, Ron Ingram, Laura Kappler, Louis Kappler, Gretchen Kirby, Mike Kirby, David Martin, Suzie Miller, Mike Munos, Ron Oliver, Hugh Rowden, Linda Rowden, Steve Swarhout, Patti Swinford, Troy Swinford, Randy Trei, David York

Deacons Emeritus: Al Fagin & Chris Fagin

Deacon Emeritus (Posthumous): Ed Acheson

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Members of the Nominating Committee:

*Charlotte Ballance, Marci Baumann, Carolyn McCall, Brett Swallow (ex officio), David Wagner, Kevin Wilmot*

## From the Stewardship Committee

THANK YOU to everyone who has submitted an Estimate of Giving card to fund the 2023 Operating budget! To date we have received 113 cards & online entries totaling \$490,691. If you haven't had an opportunity to send yours in, it's not too late. Please contact the church office if you need a paper card, or you can access the [online pledge link HERE](#) through 11/30/22. Every gift we receive is a blessing as we continue to live out our mission.

## DORCAS DISCIPLES ARE IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

ALL Central women are invited on Saturday, 12/10/22 at 11:30 a.m. Gather at The Hall at 520 (KC Hall Restaurant, 520 E. North; parking off North or MLK). We'll order lunch off the menu and then exchange wrapped Christmas ornaments (\$5-\$7). We'll have an opportunity to make monetary donations to this year's Dorcas Christmas recipient, Central's Preschool. Donations may also be placed in the Dorcas mailbox in the church office. RSVP to Nancy Ellen Taylor at 872-9174 or [xstr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xstr@sbcglobal.net) by Saturday 12/5.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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

### ***What Can't Wait***

Text: Psalm 13:1-6

Michael E. Karunas

## Special 8:00 a.m. Service this Sunday

In addition to our annual Hanging of the Greens celebration at 10:30 a.m. worship this Sunday, we will have a special service at 8:00 a.m. 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).

## *What Can't Wait Advent 2022*

November 27	Hanging of the Greens Prayer, Preaching and Communion service <i>Collection for <u>Christmas Care &amp; Share</u> begins</i>	9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.
December 4	Experiencing Advent Through All Five Senses <i>Family event including craft, service project, treats, songs and stories</i>	4:00 p.m.
December 5	Women's Christmas Cookie Exchange	6:00 p.m.
December 7	<i>Collection for <u>Christmas Care &amp; Share</u> ends</i>	
December 11	Come Home for Christmas Brunch served at 9:00, Dinner at 12:00 <i>Take your family picture at Friendship Center Christmas Tree throughout the morning "Bring a Bell" to worship Sunday</i>	
December 18	Musical Meditations on the Journey to Christmas <i>Central's Chancel Choir with Chamber Orchestra</i>	
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	New Year's Eve Concert <i>Harrison and Christine Wade</i>	7:00 p.m.

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### 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.

### Reaching Out during Advent - Christmas Care and Share

Join us in collecting **hats, mittens, gloves and scarves** for DOVE/Northeast Community Fund/Salvation Army this month. You may also bring **toys, books, board games, garbage bags, zip-loc bags, and/or toiletries**. Bring all donations to the Connection Café. The last day for donations is December 7. CACS and the Prayer Shawl ministry thanks you!

### Gifts for the Preschool

Our preschool director and the preschool board would like to gift each child in our preschool with books this Christmas. Samples of the books will be displayed in the Friendship Center on December 4 and December 11. On those days we invite you to purchase one or both of those books for all 22 children on our preschool roster! Our goal is to purchase 22 copies of the first book and 10 copies of the second (which is really a collection of 5). The cost of the first book is \$5.00; the second (the collection of books) is \$25.00. Help support our preschool this month!

### Come Home For Christmas

On December 11 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.

### Spiritual Growth Opportunities

If you signed up for a “What Can’t Wait” Advent Devotional Book, you may pick your copy(ies) up beginning Sunday, November 27. Follow along each day’s reading/activity as we move toward Christmas.

Each Tuesday morning, we will email (and post to the church Facebook page) a weekly reflection on the theme “What Can’t Wait.”

### Children’s Activities during Advent

- **Advent Gift** – Please see Pastor Vicky and pick up your gift from the church following worship on November 27. Every family will receive a book. There is an Advent wreath and candles for those who requested them.
  - Each Sunday evening, families will receive an email with a link to the **Advent Candle Lighting video** recorded by one of Central’s families. Look for it on the church’s Facebook page, too.
  - [Follow this link](#) to see the list of all the Advent and Christmas happenings for Central families.
  - **Remember to sign up** for our family Advent celebration on Sunday, December 4, from 4-6pm, in the Great Hall.
  - Christmas Eve - **Activities bags** will be ready for children at the 5pm and 7pm worship services.
  - There will be **no Sunday School** on December 25 and January 1. Sunday School will resume on January 8.
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**Serving Schedule — Sunday, November 27, 2022**



**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Matthew Swarhout & David York  
9:15 - David York

**November Prep Deacons:** Kim Miller & Yvonne Purcell

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Krista & Sid Rohrscheib  
9:15 - Laura Moma  
10:30 - David Martin & Tom Ritter

**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 - Need help  
9:15 - Jodi Van Uytven  
10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Donna Dash  
10:30 - Keith Backes

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Diana Ritter  
9:15 - Cheryl Zollinger

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Abigail Smith ..... Nursery Attendant  
Kattina Williams ..... Nursery Attendant  
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Jenny Goodman ..... Caretaker  
Sam Hawkinson ..... Caretaker  
Cheri Russell ..... Caretaker

**Serving Schedule — Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Diana Ritter & Linda Virgil  
9:15 - Linda Virgil

**December Prep Deacons:** Becky Johnston & Karen Penn

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Debbie Hoffert & Gail Prince  
9:15 - Ellen & Ryan Damery  
10:30 - Dale Ford & Steve Swarhout

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 1 - Donna Dash, Capt., Carolyn Sunderlik, Dianne Devore  
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert  
9:15 - Angie Horvath  
10:30 - Jan Dobbs & Suzie Miller

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Jim Bednar  
10:30 - Mike Kirby

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Tom Ritter  
9:15 - Isabella Karunas

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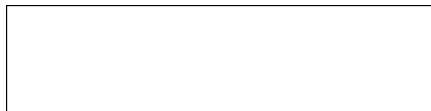
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**Prayer Request Text-In!**

Have a prayer request? Text PRAY to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left. "PRAY" is the only word you should type. Your phone then sends you a link to the prayer request form to fill out. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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