

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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Sermon Series | Refresh: Starting New in 2019!

Refresh means:

not starting *over*, as though we ignore 2018 and pretend it didn't exist *building* on where we've been receiving *new life* and *new energy* for our lives going forward taking advantage of the "*second chance*" God gives us to grow

Each week of this sermon series we will look at stories from scripture involving people whose lives were changed by the second chances God gave them. Each of them had a spiritual "aha" moment that radically altered the course of their own life, as well as the lives of those around them. We hope to experience similar changes in our own lives through a closer look at these role models of faith.

1/13	Jonah 1-3	Jonah: a Prophet	<i>God doesn't give up on us</i>
1/20	John 21:15-17	Peter: an Apostle	<i>God forgives and restores</i>
1/27	Mark 2:1-12	A Paralyzed Man	<i>God heals</i>
2/3	Mark 5:1-20	A Demon-possessed Man	<i>God uses us where we are</i>
2/10	Luke 19:1-10	Zacchaeus: a Tax Collector	<i>God desires our actions</i>

Welcome 101

*Have you been attending Central Christian for a while and interested in learning more about us?
Would you like to hear about ways you can plug in and connect to what's happening here?
Would you like a tour of our building and discover the wonderful ministries happening here?*

If so, then we'd love to have you join us at "WELCOME 101." This is a 90 minute info-gathering hosted by our ministerial staff here at Central. We will meet in the Connection Café for an hour and then go on a walking tour of the building. We will offer two (2) options (you need not come to both, but to the one that best fits your schedule).

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 29, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Please reserve your place at this event by contacting the office (428-4336 or central@cccsdisciples.org).

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Jonah: a Prophet

Text: Jonah 3:1-10

Michael E. Karunas

Souper Bowl Sunday Special!

Dorcas ladies will sell three kinds of home-made soup on Sunday, February 3rd in the Connections Café. You'll be able to buy two sizes of tasty tortellini, vegetable beef and cheese soup from 9-12 noon.

Stop by for our yummy Soup Sale and help Dorcas Disciples continue its ministry of serving others.



Lost & Found

The office currently has a collection of lost items. If you have lost something, please check in with the office to see if we found it. All items that are not claimed by February 3rd will be donated.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Counting On You

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Worship Attendance 208

Sunday School & Small Groups.....50

New Artwork in Friendship Center



The ending statement in last week's minister's column read, *humility will draw each of us nearer to Christ*. In that spirit the amazing capstone of our church's 2016 renovation is finally installed in the Friendship Center and ready to

help us do just that - draw nearer to Christ. After nearly two years of collaboration, Artist Teresa Camozzi (<https://www.teresacamozzi.com/>) of the San Francisco area has created a one-of-a-kind work of art specifically for Central. One of Teresa's core beliefs is that *"the beauty of nature lifts us toward a higher state of spirituality"* and, hopefully, that is transmitted to each of us when we look up at our powerful addition.

We hope that the mixed media, multi-dimensional artwork invites everyone to stop, look up and interpret the piece for themselves. The goal of the artwork was to be religious in nature, but not necessarily overtly religious. We wanted the artwork to draw observers in by its use of symbols which, by definition, can be interpreted broadly. That said, when you look at the artwork, you may recognize the foundations of our Disciples' faith in the individual panels as well as the collective layers of the artwork. Take time to "see" the deconstructed communion table - images of wood, wheat and grapevines - conveying one of our core Disciples' beliefs that all are welcome here. You may find that the water image is representative of baptism or cleansing or the essence of all life. You might see the dove as the descending Holy Spirit; the "cellular" motif as the basic building blocks of all life, or possibly as stones in a path that the cross calls us to follow; and the clouds as creation or openness. Whatever your individual interpretation, we hope the artwork helps you to "draw nearer to Christ" again and again.



We look forward to celebrating the artwork with a church-wide dedication in the near future.

On behalf of the Artwork Committee, comprised of Pamela Bednar, Donna Dash, Steve Funk, Suzie Miller, Mary Jane Oliver and ourselves, we thank you all for your support and prayers throughout this faith-filled process.

Blessings,

Michael

Sandy Garver, Friendship Center Artwork Chair

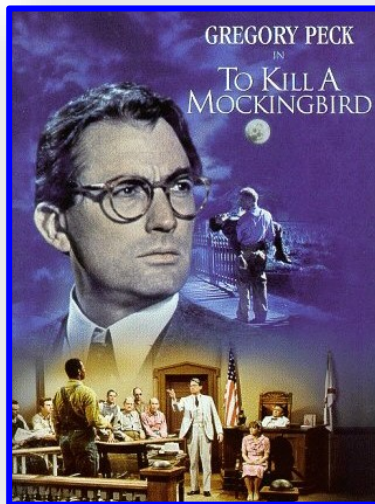
Do you remember the day you learned that Jesus loves you?
Do you remember your baptism?
Do you remember your excitement to learn more about God and how God wants relationship with you?
I pray the same sense of excitement to learn is sparked in each of us as we learn more about Bible basics through the upcoming Women's Bible Study.
I hope you join us for snacks, learning, and conversation.
~ Tina Miller

We'll meet in the Great Hall 6:15-8 pm on the following dates:

- January 9
- January 23
- February 13
- March 13
- March 27
- April 10
- May 8

JUST FLICKS PRESENTS.....

To Kill A Mockingbird



Sunday, January 13, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Central Christian Church

Discussion Leader: Mark Sorensen
Director: Robert Mulligan
Starring: Gregory Peck,
Mary Badham and Robert Duvall
Year released: 1962
Running time: 2 hours, 9 minutes

Women's Book Club

January 14 at 12:30 & January 15 at 5:30 at Panera

This Month's Title: *Radium* Girls by **Kate Moore**

The Curies' newly discovered element of radium makes gleaming headlines across the nation as the fresh face of beauty, and wonder drug of the medical community. From body lotion to tonic water, the popular new element shines bright in the otherwise dark years of the First World War.

COLLEGIATE CHORALE FINALE CONCERT

Millikin University

Sunday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.

The culminating concert following the chorale's week-long tour.

Guy Forbes, conductor

Mission Trip this Summer!!!

We are investigating a summer mission experience for 2019!

Though these trips have historically been focused on "youth," we want to make sure everyone knows this is an Inter-generational Mission Opportunity!

David Martin will be leading the trip, and we very well may be partnering with Holy Cross Lutheran and First Lutheran too.

The basics of the experience are as follows:

- ◆ **Monday 6/24 – Friday 6/28**
- ◆ **Springfield, MO**
- ◆ **Cost - \$275.00** per person (church will subsidize part of that cost)
- ◆ **Work** – a variety of projects from painting to light (supervised) construction

If you are interested, please let us know by calling the office at 217-428-4336 or emailing central@cccdisciples.org. We will be in touch.

Chalice Class

Title: *Living Well in an Outrage Culture*

Focus: Our culture is obsessed with outrage. In a recent situation, congressman-elect Dan Crenshaw showed us a different way to respond in the face of outrage. As people of faith, what can we learn from his unique response?

Preschool News

Preschool is back in session this week! The 3 year old classes are learning about winter and hibernation. They will be making their own bear caves soon!

Our 4 year old and pre-k classes are going to the Crossfit Enhance gym on Thursday for a post holiday workout. It's great to have everyone back in the building!

If anyone would like a set of cards to use as thank you's or thinking about you notes, we have a few left at the information desk in the fellowship center. They are \$5 for 20 cards and show pictures of Central Christian Church pre-renovation during the summer, spring, and fall.

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

In the Hospital...

DMH:
No One

St. Mary's:
Madelyn Van Pragg



Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00-Traditional Worship Service

Music:

Offertory—John Baird, piano

Anthem—*Be Not Afraid*

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes

9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes

10:30-Traditional Worship Service

12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

4:00-Youth Group

5:30-Just Flicks, Great Hall

Monday (14)

12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

1:00-Vow Renewal, Chapel

Tuesday (15)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

8:00-ChristCare Stitchers Retreat, 207 & DR

6:30-H&S, Choir Room & Connection Café

Wednesday (16)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minister's Meeting

5:30-Council Meeting (Business), Disc. Room

6:30-Criminal Justice, 207

Thursday (17)

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (18)

Saturday (19)

Sunday (20)

8:00-Worship Service

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes

9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes

10:30-Worship Service

12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

1:00-Youth Group Skating Outing

4:00-FaithQuest, 240

5:30-Meal for Choir, Great Hall

7:30-Collegiate Chorale Finale Concert



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, January 13, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Connie Bordner, Gail Prince

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Charlotte Ballance, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Brad Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall

10:30 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Matthew Swarthout, Jon French, David Martin, Zach Martin, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller, Seth Martin, Pam Ferguson, Brittney Munos, Pam Larrick, Shelby Baum, Dave Sheffer

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Donna Dash, Charlotte Ballance

10:30 - Jon & Jane French

Acolytes:

10:30 - Peyton Swarthout, Julina Lindsey & Jordan Lindsey

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

John & Becky Flanders, David Flanders, Matthew Swarthout

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 763-6624
Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

January 14 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver

January 15 8:30-12:00—Carol Bischoff

January 16 8:30-12:00—Karen Keller

January 17 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver

January 18 8:30-12:00—Gail Prince

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Cordelia "Dee Dee" GainOrganist
Ashely Sparks.....Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Monica Hernandez.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Chloe JancosekNursery Attendant
Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
Angela Moore.....Teacher Assistant
Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
Sharon Renfro.....Preschool Teacher
Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
Lora WrightLead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
Vernon Wimberly.....Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker

Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

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