

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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3D ministry is the new name for what was Elderberries. People were telling us that they didn't want to come to an event with the word "elder" in the name, so we changed the name and hope to expand what happens with this ministry. We will still offer DINING. Our first event for this year will be on February 13. We will DASH

to various places like the Little Theater on the Square and other destinations of interest. We will also DISCOVER with special guests offering programs covering different topics and styles of presentation.

This ministry is offered to everyone who wishes to join together with other folks in times of fun and fellowship. You are welcome NO MATTER HOW YOUNG you are!! Join us and enhance your vision at 3D Ministry.

The menu for February 13th will be
Lasagna, Olive Garden style salad, Garlic bread,
Red Velvet Cake and ice Cream.
All of this for just \$5!

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.

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
What's in a Name?
Text: Acts 16:11-15
Michael E. Karunas

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

This will be the last semester for Guy Forbes at Millikin.

Souper Bowl Sunday Special!

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

In order to help us know how much soup to make, please complete the Soup Sale insert in the Sunday Bulletin. More info coming!

Stop by the Café on February 3rd for our yummy Soup Sale and help Dorcas Disciples continue its ministry of serving others.

Counting On You
Sunday, January 13, 2019
Worship Attendance 134
Sunday School & Small Groups.....25

The Color Purple

What is your favorite color? And why? How did it become your favorite? Chances are we are intentional about the colors with which we surround ourselves. In our homes, we don't haphazardly paint our walls with any ol' color we can find. When it comes to furniture, we may "take what we can get" in some circumstances. But if we have the choice, the color of our couches and chairs and curtains may be selected thoughtfully in order to help influence our mood or reflect it. When it comes to clothing, we may wear certain colors because they complement our complexion or bring out the color of our eyes. We may like to dress in the colors of our favorite team. Or perhaps our favorite color may be chosen for its symbolism. Certainly when it comes to faith, we are aware of the basic symbolism of colors: red for the blood of Jesus sacrificed on the cross; white for the purity of his sacrifice and forgiveness; yellow for hope; green for the steadfast love of God.

Personally, blue has been my favorite color – in all of its shades and hues. I'm not sure I can explain why. I remember liking it since a child. Maybe because it's a fairly neutral color and I tend to be pretty "safe" and un-daring when it comes to my clothing choices. Ironically, however, another favorite color of mine (and this will put a smile on the faces of Illini fans) has long been orange. But what about you? What is your favorite color? And why?

Anyone choose purple? The color purple has an interesting and particular history as it relates to the Christian faith. It is mentioned in the New Testament in conjunction with the cities of Tyre and Sidon. Today these lie in the country of Lebanon, but in antiquity, they were part of Phoenicia. In fact the word Phoenicia is a word the Greeks used to refer to the color purple. This was because purple dye was produced in Phoenician coastal cities. Purple dye was made from the secretions of a certain breed of carnivorous snail that lived along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea there. According to ancient sources, it was probably more of a reddish-purple than violet. But it was very costly to harvest and produce, and thus it became a commodity of the more well-to-do. In Luke 16, for instance, it is a "Rich Man" who is dressed in purple.

Purple became a color of royalty and divinity for the Romans. Roman emperors wore togas made *entirely* of purple and statues of gods wore draped in purple. For a point of reference, senators were white togas *trimmed* in purple and soldiers wore red togas. The higher your station on the societal ladder, the more purple you wore. When Christianity was made the official religion of the Roman empire, new Roman converts wanted to legitimize they now supported. One way was using purple in the clothing of bishops and priests. From there, purple became one of the liturgical colors that we still use today. In our contemporary church year, purple is associated with two seasons: Lent and Advent. It still represents royalty (now, the royalty of Christ and not of earthly monarchs) but also penance. That is, our understanding that we need Christ.

This is something we will examine in greater detail this Sunday in worship as we study the story of Lydia. She was a strong and competent businesswoman, who lived in Philippi. She was a buyer and seller of purple cloth.

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
6:15-8:00 pm on the following dates:**

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

**All Youth & Family
Ice Skate Outing**

Sunday, January 20
12-3:15 pm

12-12:45 pm
Lunch at Central

12:45 pm
Leave Church

1-3 pm
Ice Skate at the Civic Center

3:15 pm
Return to Church

We'll provide lunch.
Bring \$2.00 for skates!





She came to believe in the teaching of Paul and ultimately converted, bringing her whole household to be baptized in the faith with her. At the end of the story, she exhibits a recognition that even though she has many earthly things, it is Christ in her life that she needs most. And so she expresses the confessional nature of the color purple. Colors are important for many reasons and we are grateful to Lydia for her witness and testimony for why purple should be an important one for us when it comes to thinking about our faith and our need for God and Christ in our lives.

Blessings—*Michael*

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.

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.
- Tuesday, 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).

Chalice Class

Title: *Climate Change and Love of Neighbor*

Focus: A recent report released by an international panel of scientists addresses the consequences of climate change in the next two decades. What consequences does the report highlight, and how will they affect people throughout the world? How does Jesus' call to love our neighbor guide the ways we respond to climate change?

Preschool News

There were some authentic snow activities in the preschool classrooms this week! The three year old students continued learning about hibernation. Our 4 year old class started a unit on bears this week and our Pre-K class learned about the letter Pp. They will finish off the week with a field trip to Crawford's Pizza and Del's Popcorn Express. Check back next week for a list of more exciting events happening in the preschool wing!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, January 20, 2019

- 8:00-Traditional Worship Service
- Music:
- Offertory—Larry Wade, piano
- Anthem—*What a friend we have in Jesus*
- 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
- 1:00-Youth Group Skating Outing
- 4:00-FaithQuest, 240
- 5:30-Meal for Choir, Great Hall
- 7:30-Collegoate Chorale Finale Concert

Monday (21)

CHURCH, OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Tuesday (22)

- 7:00-Journeyman, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:00-Welcome 101, Friendship Center
- 6:30-H&S, Choir Room & Connection Café

Wednesday (23)

- 10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
- 6:15-Women's Bible Study

Thursday (24)

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 11:45-SMH Widow Support, Diamonds Family Restaurant
- 4:00-Journeyman 2, Connection Café
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (25)

Saturday (26)

- 12:00-Mid-Winter Youth Retreat, McComb

Sunday (27)

- 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-Mid-Winter Youth Retreat Ends, McComb
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall
- 4:00-FaithQuest, 240
- 6:00-Just Flicks, Great Hall

In the Hospital...

DMH:
Patricia Beals

St. Mary's:
Madelyn Van Pragg



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, January 20, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Connie Bordner, Vicki Woolridge

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
 10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale Ford, Jeannie Rade, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Cindy Grabowski, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas, Linda Helton

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller
 10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

8:00 - Jim & Pamela Bednar
 10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

Acolytes:

10:30 - Mackenzi Sargeant, Alyssa Bottom

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar
 10:30 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

John & Becky Flanders, David Flanders, Matthew Swarthout

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - Doug Soebbing 875-1836

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

January 21 8:30-12:00— Carole McClarey
 January 22 8:30-12:00— Cindy Soebbing
 January 23 8:30-12:00— Judy Ford
 January 24 8:30-12:00— Carolyn McCall
 January 25 8:30-12:00— Yvonne Purcell

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 David Martin.....Youth Director
 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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