

The Central Visitor

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you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

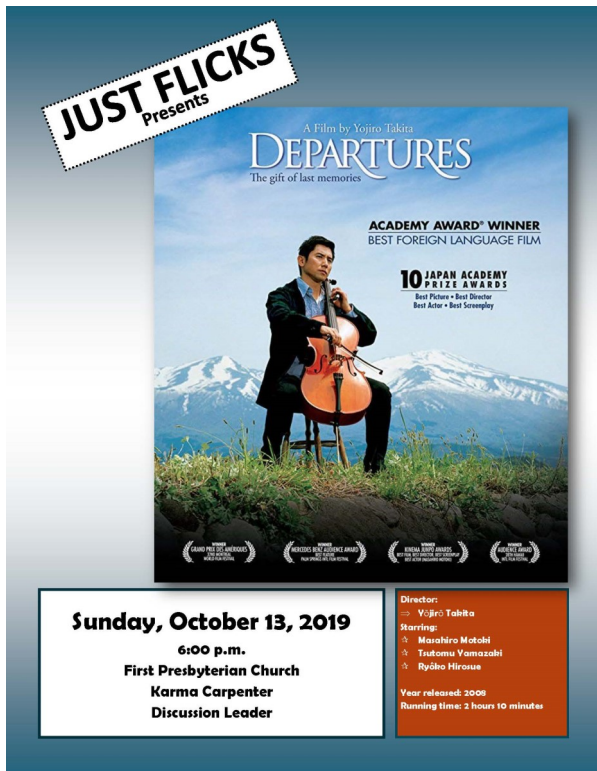
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Just Flicks, Sunday, October 13th- "Departures"

Departures tells the story of an unemployed cellist who returns to his hometown and finds work as a traditional ritual mortician. This job exposes him to cultural taboos against people who work in the mortuary field.

- *In Departures, life and death are two expressive movements of one musical piece. Neither is taken as a polar opposite of the other; they dance rhythmically, like the ebb and flow of the ocean tide.* Antonio Sison, National Catholic Reporter.
- *Departure's cynicism, ironically, is what makes the optimism of its last act so moving.* Charlotte O'Sullivan, London Evening Standard.
- *All three actors are skilled in communicating difficult emotions just with their faces and in bringing to life the gentle humor that leavens this very affecting movie about death and letting go.* Kelly Jane Torrance, Washington Times.

SUNDAY, October 6, 2019

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Stories of Generosity:

God's Work, Our Hands

Text: John 4 (excerpts)

Michael E. Karunas

Preschool News

This week, all the classes continued their studies about fall... specifically leaves!! As I moved from room to room, I saw leaves on science tables and leaf art projects and heard songs and stories about leaves. We also played outside and took note of the big change in temperature that helped us understand the difference between summer weather to fall weather. Next week, we will begin to talk about fire safety.

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

Chalice Class

Title: World Communion Sunday

Focus: Today is World

Communion Sunday, a day when churches around the world focus

on the sacrament of Communion and its meaning for us as Christians. How can World Communion Sunday help us strive for the hope of unity even in times of division?

Next week: Divorce



Counting On You

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Worship Attendance 231

Sunday School & Small Groups..... 70

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 20, 2019

Youth and Family Hayride

Blue Mound, IL

October 26, 2019

Central Celebration & Picnic

Activities 10 am -12 noon

Lunch 12 noon -1pm

Inflatables

Cotton Candy

Mobile Zoo

Glitter Tattoos

Chipmunk Show

Vendors



Menu for 3D Meal on October 9th

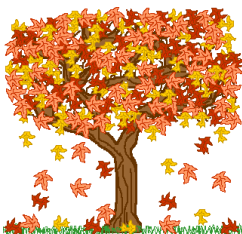
Pasta with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread.

Dessert is Cinnamon Coffee Cake.

Entertainment will be at 11:30, by our own Don Martin and Mike Waltenberger. Lunch will be served at 12:00. Reservations are due by Friday Oct 4th.

Caregiver Helpful Info

The Macon County Health Department sends out a Caregiver Advisory Newsletter which contains news and information for those who are caregivers. It has a list of support groups and meeting times. This newsletter is available on the circular desk in the Welcome Center.



Minister's Article

"Prayer for Freedom and Reconciliation"

Here is a copy of the prayer I offered in observance of Freedom Sunday and our annual Reconciliation offering:

We are observing Freedom Sunday during our prayer time today – which brings to our attention the reality that human trafficking and forms of slavery still exist all over our world. Sometimes it is obvious, where people are forcibly held against their will with a constant threat of violence. Other ways are far more subtle, with the chains of bondage barely visible at all. But too many men, women, and children are held in economically and physically abusive relationships – existing as captives in the hands of captors who take advantage of them for their own benefit. Today, we also collect our Reconciliation Offering, which is designed to support those programs within our church that seek to overcome the ways that things like racism still act as a dehumanizing force in our world. So it is that we come to God in prayer, beginning with words from Psalm 13.

"O Lord, how long will we feel forgotten in our struggles? How long will you hide your face from us? How long must I bear the pain in my soul and the sorrow in my heart?" These are the words that reside in the thoughts and minds of so many today. We think we have evolved as a society to the point where sins of our past have been overcome, and while we have advanced and improved in many ways, there are still individuals held in bondage by others; still bigotry, fear, discrimination, and hatred that encourages unjust behavior.

So we pray today – on this Freedom and Reconciliation Sunday - for the victims of violence, discrimination, and human trafficking – wherever they may reside and whatever age they may be. Bring them liberation and give them hope until you do.

We pray for those perpetrators of such behavior – that you would intervene in their lives and radically transform their hearts into ones that are empathetic and generous and not malicious and selfish.

We pray that legal systems everywhere would dispense true justice in all cases brought before them. May those responsible for injustice truly be held accountable, such that human trafficking and crimes of hate and prejudice one day disappear.

We also pray for ourselves. We ask for forgiveness for the ways we have failed to recognize the injustices occurring around us and for the ways we've failed to speak out and act out against them. We pray for the ability to see and notice in ways we haven't before – to see and notice oppression and bondage for what it is and to see and notice what we can do – as agents of your justice and mercy – about it.

We pray for every person who feels trapped in whatever bondage imprisons them, that they would trust in your steadfast love and see that you deal bountifully with your people. We pray this same prayer for ourselves, and we lift this prayer – along with all those on our prayer list and those things we carry in the silence of our hearts – to you through Christ Jesus, our one, true source of liberation and freedom. Amen.

Blessings... Michael

Ordination Gifts for Tina Miller

An exciting event will occur at Central Christian Church on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 2019. Our own Tina Miller is being ordained as a Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and her service of ordination is being held here. One of the traditions of the ordination service is that the sponsoring congregation (Central Christian Church) presents the candidate with gifts that represent the signs of the office of minister. These will include a robe, stole, Bible or meaningful book, and communion symbols (chalice and bread plate). We want to give everyone the chance to contribute to these gifts, for we know that many in the church have been blessed personally by Tina's ministry here. If you would like to make a donation to help with the purchase of these gifts, simply mark on your check (or envelope) "Tina's Ordination Gifts." If you have questions or would like to speak with Michael more about this, you may contact him at (mkarunas@cccdisciples.org).

College Care Ministry

Several of our young adults might be "out of sight" on a regular basis around the church while they are in college, but we don't want them to think they are "out of our minds". We want to let them know we have them in our hearts as well as our prayers while they are gone, so we are going to be sending them regular notes, cards, etc. ... and 2x a year, a care package. That is where we need help from you the congregation. We will have a donation box by the front desk in early October for things you feel might give a college kid a smile. Ideas might be candy, pens, Post-it notes, gift cards, fun things from the dollar store, devotional book, anything really that doesn't have to do with studying! The 1st care packages will be sent out by the end of October. Any questions- please contact Gretchen Kirby. Also, please let us know if you know of a college student who would be blessed by receiving one of these care packages.

The Good Samaritan Volunteer Opportunity

The Good Sam needs volunteers for Saturday, the 19th. We need 6 to 8 for prep (8:00am), and 12 to 14 for serving (11:00am to 1:00pm). The sign-up sheet will be available on the Welcome Center desk.

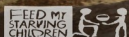


Food Collection

We are collecting cereal on Sunday, October 6th, to be donated to Northeast Community Fund's food pantry. Cereal boxes may be placed in the shopping cart located in the Connection Café.

"Wherever there
is a human being,
there is an
opportunity
for kindness."

- Seneca -



Sunday (6)

8:00-Traditional 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-Traditional Worship Service
12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall
12:00-Contemporary Worship Mtg/Lunch
4:00-Youth Group

Monday (7)

5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240
6:00-Financial Peace University, Great Hall/Disciples Room

Tuesday (8)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
1:00-MU Class, 240
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room/Connection Café
7:00-Millikin Heights

Wednesday (9)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
10:30-Ministers' Meeting
11:30-3D Program & Lunch
5:00-Elders' Meeting
6:30-Book Study, 240

Thursday (10)

10:00-Al-Anon, 240
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (11)

Saturday (12)

1:00-Contemporary Worship Practice

Sunday (13)

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6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian Church, "Departures"



Serving Schedule—Sunday, October 6, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Brett Swallow & Dick Cain
9:00— TBA

Imboden Creek:

Mark Beal & Andy Fulk

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall
9:00— Ben Tucker
10:30 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Matthew Swarthout, Jon French, David Martin, Mike & Gretchen Kirby, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller, Seth Martin, Pam Ferguson, Brittney Moran, Pam Larrick, Shelby Baum

Ushers:

8:00 -Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar
10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Capt., Doug Soebbing

Greeters:

8:00 - Larry & Darla Otis
9:00— Laura Chapman
10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

Acolytes:

10:30 - Luke Karunas & Zedekiah Auten

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter
10:30—Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Julia Martin, Hazel Perry, Linda Shambaugh

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838
Sunday School and 10:30 service - Kevin Wilmot 875-7767

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30—Gretchen Kirby
9:00—Cheryl Zollinger

Hospitality:

9:00—Cindy Grabowski

Tech:

9:00—Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

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

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

October 7 8:30-12:00—Mary Jane Oliver
October 8 8:30-12:00—Janet Gray
October 9 8:30-12:00—Debbie Hoffert
October 10 8:30-12:00—Nancy Taylor
October 11 8:30-12:00—Roberta Gorden

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David Williams.....Organist
Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
Amber Marshall.....Preschool Teacher
Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
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