

The Central Visitor



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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Estimate of Giving Cards Collected this Sunday

At each of our services this Sunday (October 20), we will be collecting our Estimate of Giving cards. These cards represent our estimate of what each of us thinks we can offer to support the church's ministries financially in the coming year (2020). If you are not yet ready to turn your card in, you are welcome to do so whenever you are comfortable doing so. Your having a card to turn in is not a requirement for attending worship. This is the day, however, that we call Consecration Day, as we seek God's consecration of the symbols of

generosity we offer. To help celebrate the generosity of our congregation we will hear three more wonderful testimonies in worship – more of the "Stories of Generosity" that make us who we are. Additionally, we will be offering a reception with light refreshments after each service. Thank you for *your* generosity to the ministries of Central and we hope to see you this weekend!

Happy Birthday, Claudine!

On Sunday, October 27th, Claudine Nichols will be observing her 90th birthday with a reception at Central from 9-10:30 and following the 10:30 service. Please stop by the Friendship Area for a piece of birthday cake and a chance to wish Claudine a happy birthday. No gifts please, but cards would be welcomed.

Journeyman Update

Are you a DIY'er... a do-it-yourself person? There's so much to appreciate about the satisfaction of a completed project, but do you ever wish you had an extra pair of hands? Or, worse, did you ever get an outcome you didn't want and didn't know how to fix it? This is the place in which the Lost/Prodigal Son found himself. We'll be studying his dilemma AND his solution in this week's discussion of **Awakening to Help...** the third section of our book **Finding Your Way Back to God**. Join us on Tuesday at 7:00am or Thursday at 4:00pm!

SUNDAY, October 20, 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: Matthew 10:1-14

Michael E. Karunas

Preschool News

This week the fire truck came to visit our 3 year old class. The pre-k class took a trip on Friday to the fire station to see Sparky the firehouse mascot and to learn about fire safety. Both our 4's classes studied pumpkins this week. They learned about how they grow and how they smell, feel, and taste. They also did pumpkin art, pumpkin songs, pumpkin science, and pumpkin cooking. They will be ready to go to the pumpkin patch next week!

Jennifer Van Dyke

Director

Chalice Class

Title: Preppers and Faith

Focus: FEMA recommends that

households have ten days of

supplies on hand in the event of an

emergency, but many "preppers" prepare for much longer. What are the benefits of

preparing in advance for an emergency? What

are the downsides? What role does Christian

faith play in emergency preparedness?

Next Week: Podcasts



Counting On You

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Worship Attendance 274

Sunday School & Small Groups.....72

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
ALL YOUTH AND FAMILY
HOT-DOG ROAST AND HAYRIDE
at the RITTER'S HOUSE
Sunday, October 20
5-7:30pm
512 S. Lewis Street
Blue Mound, IL

Bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. Meet us there or ride the bus. Church bus leaves Central at 4:30 pm and will return at 8 pm. Call the church office and let us know if you plan to ride the bus! 217.428.4336

October 26, 2019
Central Celebration & Picnic
All Indoors!

Activities	10 am -12 noon
Lunch	12 noon -1pm

Inflatables
Cotton Candy
Mobile Zoo
Glitter Tattoos
Chipmunk Show
Vendors

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 are going to be sending them regular notes, cards, etc. ... and 2x a year, a care package. 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, 217-433-8099. Also, please let us know if you know of a college student who would be blessed by receiving one of these care packages.

"November 3"

In the Christian Church, ordination reflects the three-fold covenant we value as a denomination. In particular, the General church (think: international church) determines the requirements for ordination. The Regional church (our region is Illinois and Wisconsin) interprets and implements those criteria for individuals seeking ordination. The local church (e.g. Central Christian Church) sponsors candidates for ordination. Thus, a candidate requires a congregation which sponsors him/her and must meet the expectations of the region, which has already determined for itself how it is interpreting the over-arching expectations of the general church. As an example, the general church has decided that "*An informed faith in Jesus Christ*" is a requirement for ordination. It is up to individual regions to decide how they want to measure that, and it is up to a congregation, understanding the expectations of its particular region, to recognize this informed faith and call to ministry in individuals whom it sponsors for ordination. Ordination is an example of the way authority and responsibility are shared more *laterally* than hierarchically in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

In the Illinois and Wisconsin region, an individual seeking ordination comes "under care" of the ministry committee and meets with it regularly for a period of 2-3 years. There are papers to write, interviews to undertake, and educational requirements to meet. This reflects an understanding that pastoral authority comes from three locations – first from God (naturally), but also from the church body that provide credentials, as well as the congregation that recognizes an individual's gifts of ministry.

November 3 will mark the ordination of Tina Miller, our associate minister here at Central, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share with people what this ordination service will look like. It will take place in the afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. This is to allow guests we would like to invite (including other clergy who will be at their own houses of worship that morning) to attend. The service will be a blended one – as we seek to reflect our unity as a congregation, though we do not have a uniformity of worship styles. To that end, the service will be in the sanctuary. We will utilize both the contemporary praise band, as well as the chancel choir, organ, and traditional hymns. We will have bulletins which outline the service order, but we will also be installing a projection screen to display images and words relevant to the service.

The service will follow a customary worship order, and whether you prefer our contemporary or traditional service, you should be able to feel at home as the service unfolds. Tina has asked me to preach her ordination sermon, and I am honored to do so. Following the sermon – and truly the high point of the service – will commence the Rites of Ordination. Our regional minister will be present to ask Tina to make solemn vows to uphold the integrity of the ministerial office. She will likewise ask the congregation to make our own promises of support and commitment. Following this, there will be gifts given to Tina. There are four (4) specific gifts that are standard for any ordinand: 1) a robe; 2) a stole (to be worn over the robe); 3) a Bible (or other religious book or representation of the Word of God); and 4) a communion set. Following a service of communion by intinction (the style implemented at every contemporary service and at traditional Christmas eve service), the service will

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conclude and we will transition to a reception in the Friendship Center.

A committee comprised of church members from each of our three services has been working on the arrangements and particulars of this service. This further represents our collective attempt (and desire) that this ordination service is an occasion to bring us together – three services and two worshiping styles, but one congregation, unified in a common love for Christ, Central Christian Church, and one another. I hope to see you there!

Blessings... Michael



The Fosters Move to Florida

Larry and Debbie Foster are moving. While still maintaining a Decatur address of: 548 B Park Place Drive, Forsyth, IL. 62535, they will be relocating to Florida. Their new address in Florida will be: 16321 Fairway Woods Drive, #701, Ft. Myers, FL. 33908. They hope to spend some of the summer months up in Decatur but most of the cool and colder ones down south.

We will look forward to every visit north from them that we are fortunate enough to receive, and we send our prayers for safe and healthy transitions as they journey southward.

Prayer and Memorial Service for Jeff Hunter

Jeff Hunter passed away several weeks ago, and while the family requested a very private ceremony to mark that event, we know those who loved and cared for him here at Central did not have a chance to mark his passing. To that end, Pastors Don and Michael will lead an informal, but very reverent, prayer and memorial service for Jeff on **Wednesday, November 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Flewelling Chapel**. All are welcome.

Susan Smith Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Susan Smith will be held in the chapel at Central Christian Church on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. Susan passed away a year ago, and she is buried in Salem Cemetery, next to her mother Dorothy. Her cousins would like to gather now to remember and honor Susan with a service.



Sunday (20)

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
5:00-Youth Group Hayride

Monday (21)

10:00-Operations Committee, Conference Rm.
5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240
6:00-Financial Peace University, Great Hall/Disciples Room

Tuesday (22)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
1:00-MU Class, 240
6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room/Connection Café

Wednesday (23)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
12:00-Clergy Cluster Meeting, Disciples Room
2:00-Contemp. Worship Leadership Mtg., G.H.
6:30-Book Study, 240

Thursday (24)

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

Friday (25)

Saturday (26)

10:00-Central Celebration
12:00-Picnic
6:00-Praise and Worship Service

Sunday (27)

Pre-K Book Fair

Contemporary Worship Celebration

8:00-Traditional Worship Service
9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
9:00 & 11:30- Reception for Claudine Nichols (after each service, Conn. Café)
9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30-Traditional Worship Service
12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall
NO Youth Group
4:00-Millikin Fall Concert
6:00-Millikin Fall Concert

Serving Schedule—Sunday, October 20, 2019

Elders:

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

9:00— Charlotte Ballance

Outreach Communion:

Janet Lyman, Shirley Swarthout, Kim Maple, Liz Campbell, Dick Cain, Charlotte Ballance, Vicky Woolridge

Deacons:

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

9:00— Matt Walwer

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 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 - Ron & Jan Dobbs

9:00— Laura Chapman

10:30 - Keith & Jeannie Backes

Acolytes:

10:30 - Clara & Nora Damery

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30—Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Julie 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 - Doug Soebbing 875-1836

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30—Mike Munos

9:00—Laura Chapman

Hospitality:

9:00—Cindy

Grabowski

Tech:

9:00—Jodie Walwer &

Mike Tanzyus

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

October 21 8:30-12:00—Carole McClarey

October 22 8:30-12:00—Betty Chapman

October 23 8:30-12:00—Judy Ford

October 24 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver

October 25 8:30-12:00—Yvonne Purcell

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David Williams.....Organist
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Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
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Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
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Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
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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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