

The Central Visitor

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Central Concert Series to host Peter Steiner and Constanze Hochwartner

Trombonist Peter Steiner and his accompanist Constanze Hochwartner performed a truly memorable concert last November, and they are returning for another such event this Sunday, **November 10**. They will perform at the **10:30 service** and then offer a free concert for the Decatur community at **4 p.m.** Additionally, there will be a Trombone choir comprised of Millikin students playing alongside Peter at the 10:30 service. Peter's concert was truly a highlight of Central's busy 2018 calendar and you will be amazed by both of these musicians' incredible ability. Moreover, they are delightful people who

are a pleasure to be around. Hope you can make it this Sunday, and share the word with your friends.

Just Flicks presents...

"13TH", First Pres. Church, 11/10/19, 6:00 PM

On **Sunday, November 10**, we will show the film "**13TH**", with Fred Spannaus as discussion leader. Taking its title from the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution 13TH looks at the prison system through the perspective of our nation's heritage of slavery and historic racial injustices.

- *Powerful, infuriating and at times overwhelming, Ava DuVernay's documentary "13TH" will get your blood boiling and tear ducts leaking. It shakes you up, but it also challenges your ideas about the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States, subject matter that could not sound less cinematic.* Manohla Dargis, New York Times.
- *DuVernay creates a cogent, compelling argument in "13TH," which balances attractively filmed talking-head interviews with alternately heartbreaking and infuriating archival footage.* Ann Hornaday, Washington Post.
- *"13TH" is probably the most important film you'll ever see. DuVernay's film is downright incredible.* Clayton Davis, Awards Circuit.



SUNDAY, November 10, 2019
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
Bringing It All In!
Text: Luke 5:1-11
Michael E. Karunas

Preschool News

Where is the best place in town to find lots of books about Thanksgiving? The Decatur Public Library! That's where the 4's classes and Pre-K class headed this week. They also decorated cards for the Judy Mason Thanksgiving Basket Project. Our students are well on their way to learning about being thankful for what they have and sharing with those who have less than what they need. This is the last week of the book fair. In order to reach our goal of providing a book for each child in the BabyTalk program, we need help purchasing 16 more books. Each book costs \$8.73 including tax. Thank you so much for all the books that have already been purchased!

Jennifer Van Dyke, Director

Chalice Class

Title: Protests in Hong Kong
Focus: Ongoing protests in the Chinese region of Hong Kong have drawn international attention to the state of civil liberties there. What has sparked these protests? Why have they continued? How is the United States responding to the protests? How does our faith inform our response to these events?

Next Week: Habitat for Humanity



Counting On You
Sunday, November 3, 2019
Worship Attendance 298
Sunday School & Small Groups.....74

Looking ahead:

Saturday, December 7, 2019!

9-11 am

Children's Craft Workshop will be here soon! Please look for volunteer sign-up sheets in upcoming bulletins and at the Welcome Center.

From Pastor Tina:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness you have shown to me during the candidacy process and ordination to the Christian ministry. Your cards, notes, letters, and gifts have been so kind and generous, yet let me assure you that it is your prayers, support, and community that are most highly valued and needed. Paul shared with Timothy in 1 Timothy 1:12, "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." I am thankful to the Lord who has called me to be a part of what He is doing here at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in our community, region (CCIW), and alongside the corporate Church Body. You have made this ministry more effective because of your love and sacrifice, and I look forward to even greater things in the future as God enables us together to impact our community and world for the sake of the Gospel!

Peace,

Tina Miller



The youth group will be collecting donations of hats and gloves on 11/24 and 12/1. All donations will be given to the Christmas Basket Program that is being put on by Dove and Northeast Community Fund. Please contact David Martin with any questions.

(demartin@cccdisciples.org)

Looking Forward...

As we move into the Thanksgiving season, our focus in worship will be ***"Celebrating the Harvest."*** Over these three weeks, we'll focus on scriptures that focus on harvesting and compare this to our spiritual lives. How we harvest things physically is how we grow spiritually.



11/10 Bringing it all In!!!

Luke 5:1-11

When considering the harvest of our lives, everything is a gift from God. Every step of the journey matters. We are called to give thanks for it. It is a sign of God's provision.

11/17 The First and the Last

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Matthew 13:24-30

When looking through the harvest of our lives, our first efforts and the best parts of what we find there are to be given to God. But so too are the "last fruits." What initially seems worthless, even uncomfortable or painful, can still serve us spiritually in the long run.

11/24 Pay it Forward

Luke 13:6-9

After the harvest is complete, our work is not done. As we look forward to our future as God's people, we prepare ourselves to receive the next bounty.

Looking Backward...

Enjoy these pictures highlighting just some of the amazing moments from this past Sunday and the ordination of Tina Miller.



A music opportunity awaits us on **Saturday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m.** That evening, in Kaeuper Hall on Millikin's campus, Christian Jackson and Andy DeLeon will be giving their senior voice recital in joint fashion. Christian has been a choir intern with us since 2018, while Andy joined him as an intern this year. Both have a deep and abiding respect for Central and our members, and bring great effort and joy to their service here. The recital is free, and I know they would both be greatly honored for anyone able to make it.

Blessings... Michael

New Journeymen Bible Study Series!

All men of the church are invited to join The Journeymen of Central Christian for a new bible study series in the month of November. Pastor Michael will be leading discussions on *"The Harvest."* You are welcome to come to either the Tuesday morning class (7-8 a.m.) or Thursday afternoon (4-5 p.m)

Week two (11/12 or 11/14)

Deut. 26:1-11, Matthew 13:24-30

Both the "first fruits" (the best parts) of our lives and the "last fruits" (the worst) can serve to help us grow spiritually

Week three (11/19 or 11/21)

Luke 13:6-9

Even as we are harvesting God's blessings, we prepare ourselves to receive future ones

Preschool Book Fair and Support for Baby Talk

It is time for our annual fall book fair which serves as a fundraiser for our preschool. For every book we purchase, a portion of the proceeds is dedicated to our preschool scholarship fund. Additionally, there are 90 babies, toddlers, and children who are part of families benefitted by the literacy programs supported by our long-time partner in ministry, Baby Talk. As you visit the preschool book fair this final week, considering things you might purchase as Christmas gifts for the children and grandchildren in your lives, we are asking you to help us with another project. We want to donate 90 copies of either "Hatch" or "Itsy Bitsy Spider". Each costs \$8.00, and we are asking church members to consider purchasing one or more copies. After worship on 10/27, we had already sold 61 copies, so we are a good way to our goal. The book fair will be set up in the hallway outside the preschool through this Friday 11/8.



3D Program, Wednesday, November 13th, 11:30 AM

The Wednesday, November 13, at 12:00 pm, meal will be a combined Thanksgiving-Christmas meal. The menu is: glazed ham, loaded mashed potatoes, sweet 'n' sour green beans, cranberry-pecan salad, rolls, pumpkin pie with topping.

Reservations are due no later than Nov 6!!!! Our speaker will be Orv Graham, who will kick off our program at 11:30 AM.

It's Dorcas Soup Time Again!

All Central women are invited to Dorcas Disciples' dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Officer George Kestner of the Decatur Police Department will present an important program on "Situational Safety for Women," and then we'll enjoy a delicious soup, sandwich, and cookie dinner (\$5.00). Gail and her committee will update us on the preparations for our annual "Soup Sharing" mission to serve meals to church members on Saturday, November 23rd. Please contact Nancy Ellen Taylor at 872-9174 or xstr@sbcbglobal.net by Friday, November 15th to make your reservation for the dinner and meeting.

Thanksgiving Luncheon!

We would like to invite everyone to our annual *Thanksgiving Luncheon*, which will be held in the Great Hall on November 24th, immediately following the 10:30 service. The Fellowship Department will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and dressing. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please call the church office by November 18th with the number you will have attending.



Sunday (10)

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
4:00-Youth Group
4:00-Steiner-Hochwartner Duo, trombone & organ concert
6:00-Just Flicks, "13th", First Pres. Church

Monday (11)

9:00-Good Samaritan
12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240
5:30-Pastoral Support Committee, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday (12)

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

Wednesday (13)

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

Thursday (14)

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

Friday (15)

Saturday (16)

Sunday (17)

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
NO Praise Team Rehearsal
12:00-Thanksgiving Luncheon, Great Hall
3:00-Youth Group Thanksgiving Party

Serving Schedule—Sunday, November 10, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Gerri Munos & Shirley Swarthout
9:00 - Shirley Swarthout

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert,
Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
9:00 - Randy Trei
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

Ushers:

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Gregg & Linda Foltz
9:00 - Fulk family
10:30 - Larry & Michele Bafford

Acolytes:

10:30 - Zedekiah Auten & Peyton Swarthout

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Pat Penhallegon
10:30 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

David & Cheryl Zollinger, Yvonne Purcell

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838
Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Theresa Fulk
9:00 - Deb Trei

Hospitality:

9:00 - Kathy Matherly

Tech:

9:00 - Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

November 11 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver
November 12 8:30-12:00 - Janet Gray
November 13 8:30-12:00 - Debbie Hoffert
November 14 8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor
November 15 8:30-12:00 - Pearl Jones

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David Martin.....Youth Director
Cordelia "Dee Dee" GainOrganist
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
Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
Lora WrightLead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker
Toby Jones.....Caretaker
Donté Morgan.....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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