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Welcome New Member #30!!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Cole Shartzter to the Central family. Cole transferred his membership at the 10:30 service this past Sunday (11/10). Cole and Andrea (who is already a member) were married in June of 2017. They recently moved back to the area from Carbondale where Cole was receiving a degree in Physical Therapy. Cole works at the DMH sports clinic, and Andrea is a nurse at DMH. They currently reside in Forsyth. What's more, Cole is the 30th new member added to the Central family in 2019! Welcome Cole!



Fall Clean-up November 23



Save the date of Saturday, Nov. 23rd for an outdoor church and neighborhood clean up project. We'll gather at 9 a.m. We'll have bags (yard and garbage) and rakes. Feel free to bring whatever equipment you prefer using and stay as long as you can. We should be done in a few hours.

Thanksgiving Offering 2019 will be received November 17 and November 24

This offering will benefit the higher education and leadership ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The funds will help to support colleges and universities, seminaries and divinity houses.

SUNDAY, November 17, 2019

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Good and Bad Fruit

Text: Deuteronomy 26:1-11,

Matthew 13:24-30

Michael E. Karunas

Preschool News

This week, the preschool classes began making preparations for their Thanksgiving Feast. They began learning songs for their program, making table decorations, and making costume pieces. They will share this day with a special guest in a couple of weeks.

Thank you to everyone who made purchases, and especially to those who purchased books for BabyTalk during our Scholastic Book Fair. Through your generosity, we exceeded the number of books we requested for BabyTalk and were able to get books for one of our students who recently lost her books in a house fire. We were also able to provide some books to another local organization. We are truly humbled by your generous support for the preschool and other community organizations!

Jennifer Van Dyke, Director

Counting On You

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Worship Attendance 294

Sunday School & Small Groups.....67

Chalice Class



Title: Habitat for Humanity

Focus: Jimmy and Rosalynn

Carter have long been ardent supporters of Habitat for Humanity. What does Habitat do, and what is the history of the organization? What are the Christian principles that have led churches to be involved with Habitat?

Next Week: The Costs of Work

Looking ahead:

Children's Craft Workshop

Sat., December 7, 2019, 9-11 am

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

Youth Hat & Glove Drive

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.

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Notice Before Events

During the holidays and other important seasons in the church's life, it gets a little busy behind our doors. We could use some help. If you are planning an event at the church, we would request that you give our staff three days' notice regarding the setup of your event. There is a setup form available in the office that tells our caretakers how you would like your event set up. (e.g. how many tables and chairs you need, the arrangement, etc.) Remember, we have some new caretakers, so setup forms need to be descriptive (not just "like last year"). Giving us advance notice allows us to help serve you better and makes things go more smoothly. We would appreciate it, and we thank you in advance for helping us help you!

"Spiritual Harvest Assignment"

This past Sunday our sermon focus was Luke 5, in which the disciple Simon Peter "harvests" a haul of fish. Each week of this new three-week sermon series (entitled *Celebrating the Harvest*) we are exploring different passages that have something to do with "harvest" and applying what we learn there to our individual spiritual growth. In our story from Luke 5, we learned that the first step of harvesting anything is bringing it *all* in. Gathering *all* that we find and presenting it to the Lord. That is, there is no sorting out of anything until after it is gathered. In other words, when harvesting for the Lord, the gathering comes first. The sorting comes later.

When it comes to our spiritual lives, the harvest is when we take time to look back on the field of our lives, over all that we have experienced. It is about gathering it *all* in; bringing it *all* before the Lord. We bring in *everything* that has grown. There may be weeds mixed in with the flowers we find, but we bring it all in. There may be what appears to be bad fruit among the good fruit... but we bring it all in. The temptation is to sort while we gather— to pick and choose the things we want to keep and separate them from the things we want to ignore and disregard, but Psalm 24:1 says that the whole earth is the Lord's and everything that is within it belongs to God, and that means anything can be something that helps us grow in the long run. That's why we gather it all in first and sort later.

I invite you to undertake a Spiritual Harvest Assessment for 2019. Below is a list of the past 12 months, with several blank lines underneath each month. Take some time this week to walk your mind through your year, and on the lines for each month, write down everything you can remember experiencing – don't worry about sorting it out into "good" and "bad," "joyful" or "sorrowful." Just gather it in to your consciousness and bring it before God. Bring this list to worship with you this week (11/17), and we'll look at the second step of our spiritual harvest.

December	January	February
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March	April	May
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Serving Schedule—Sunday, November 17, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman & Penny Rutherford
 9:00 - Kevin Miller

Outreach Communion:

Connie Bordner, Brett Swallow, Kevin Miller, David Wagner, Judy Ford, Mark Beal

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall
 9:00 - Marci Baumann
 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 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn
 10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver, Bill Modlin

Greeters:

8:00 - Donna Dash
 9:00 - Baumann family
 10:30 - Ron & Mary Jane Oliver

Acolytes:

10:30 - Julina & Jordan Lindsey

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar
 10:30 - Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

David & Cheryl Zollinger, Yvonne Purcell

Ride Share Drivers:

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

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Gregg Foltz
 9:00 - Cheryl Zollinger

Hospitality:

9:00 - Baumann family

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:

November 18 8:30-12:00 - Carole McClarey
 November 19 8:30-12:00 - Carol Bischoff
 November 20 8:30-12:00 - Karen Keller
 November 21 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver
 November 22 8:30-12:00 - Yvonne Purcell

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