

# 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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## **Fall Clean-up November 23**

This Saturday, Nov. 23rd, we are doing an outdoor church and neighborhood clean up project. We'll gather at 9 AM. 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.

## **Student Recital**

A music opportunity awaits us on **Saturday November 23 at 7:30 p.m.** That evening, in Kaueper 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.



**Children's Craft Workshop**  
**Saturday, December 7 9-11 am**

Central Christian Church Families & Friends  
Preschool and Baby Talk  
4 years through 5th grade  
Nursery available for 3 year-old children

Register Online or at the Welcome Center  
Registration Deadline 12.02.2019

**Crafts Snacks Christmas Photo**

## **SUNDAY, November 24, 2019**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Text: Luke 13:6-9

Michael E. Karunas

## **Preschool News**

This week, all the classes finished up their decorations and costumes for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Each student has invited a guest to come share a meal with them next Tuesday. They will also sing some seasonal songs for their guests. We are looking forward to a fantastic feast and time for fellowship with our preschool families!

*Jennifer Van Dyke, Director*

## **Chalice Class**

**Title:** The Costs of Work

**Focus:** A recent *Atlantic* article looks at the toll of "unpredictable and

overburdened schedules" in American culture. What is driving this trend? What are the social, emotional, and spiritual costs of our packed schedules? What resources does the church offer to counter this trend?

**Next Week:** Violence and Peace



## **Counting On You**

**Sunday, November 17, 2019**

Worship Attendance ..... 294

Sunday School & Small Groups.....74

## FOOD AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Thanksgiving Feast at Benjamin Franklin School 11.26.19

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School will host a Thanksgiving Feast as part of a new school attendance incentive program. Students who meet required attendance are treated to a Thanksgiving Feast. They plan to serve 200-225 people. Courtney Traeger, the Parent Liaison at Franklin Elementary asked for the following:

Boxed Potatoes

Canned Corn

Adults to help at the feast

Please drop off your donations at the church by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have a black collection trunk set up in front of the church office. Thank you!

Peace,  
Tina Miller  
Associate Minister  
CE & Family Life  
Central Christian Church  
Decatur, IL



### Coffee Carafes Available

Central Christian Church has 8 carafes for a Bunn Coffee Maker. They are free to a good home. Call the church office if you are interested.

### Food Collection

We will be collecting the following items for Northeast Community Fund on December 1: canned tomato products, canned soup, pork 'n' beans, and cereal.



## Nominating Committee Report, 2020-2022

On Sunday December 1 we will have our annual congregational meeting. This will take place at noon (12:00 p.m.) in the Disciples Room. Every year in early December we vote as a congregation to approve both the Nominating Committee's report as well as the proposed operating budget for the coming year. These will be our agenda items at the 12/1 meeting. Copies of the proposed budget can be found in the Welcome Center. According to our congregation's by-laws, we are to publish the Nominating Committee's report in *The Visitor* two weeks prior to the meeting. What follows is that report – the proposed list of trustees, elders and deacons with terms of service beginning on 2020.

### Trustees

Leo Quigg

Charlotte Ballance

### Elders

Paul Gorden

Krista Rohrscheib

Linda Virgil

Bruce Campbell

Claudia Quigg

### Deacons

Pamela Bednar

Jane Davis

Al Fagin

Chris Fagin

George Jones

Pearl Jones

David King

Nancy King

Sid Rohrscheib

Krista Rohrscheib

Steve Baumann

Roberta Gorden

Marci Baumann

Jeannie Backes

Amy Lester

Matt Moma

Laura Moma

Josiah Agar

Donna Dash

Christine Lyman-Harm

Larry Bafford

Michele Bafford

Becky Johnston

Karen Penn

Julie Martin

Jud Pease

Jean Pease

Josh Irby

Megan Irby

Mark McAfee

Nancy McAfee

Keith Backes

Ron Miller

Gwen Miller

### Elder Emeritus

Larry Otis

### Deacons Emeritus

Bob Bischoff

Maxine Koenig

Blessings... Michael

## Welcome New Member!!!

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Doris Matey to the Central family. Doris is the sister of Joan Bird and has been attending Central since moving in with Joan several months ago. Doris transferred her membership to Central at the 10:30 service on November 17. We are so thankful to have Doris in our community of faith and welcome her with open arms.





### Facebook Update

We have recently amended our Facebook presence. Previously, we had both a “general” church page and a “contemporary worship” page. We have since combined them. The contemporary worship no longer exists, as we have rolled that page into our general page. For any groups in the church that would like to establish a more direct means of communication

among its members on Facebook, we can establish “groups” within our general Central Christian page. We trust this very slight change will not only streamline things but also have an overall more positive impact for our faith community.

### Thanksgiving Offering 2019 will be received 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.

### Congregational Meeting Called

Gregg Foltz, congregational president, is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 1st, at 12:00 p.m., in the Disciples Room. There are two (2) items of business on the agenda: 1) approve the report of the Nominating Committee; and 2) approve the proposed operating budget for 2020. Copies of the Nominating Committee’s report are in the Welcome Center (as well as posted in the Minister’s Article in this copy of *The Visitor*). Copies of the proposed budget are located in the Welcome Center as well.

### Preparations for Hanging of the Greens

We hope that you can come and help with the preparation of the Christmas greens on November 26<sup>th</sup> and/or November 30<sup>th</sup>. The time will be 9:00 AM to noon?? (whenever we are finished). Bring friends of family members. It’s fun! Donuts and coffee will be provided. The Hanging of the Greens service will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 AM (one traditional service only that morning, and one contemporary service).

### COUNT UP TO CHRISTMAS DURING ADVENT SEASON!

**Be sure to attend church 12.1.19 and receive your Children’s Advent Package!**

This year, Central Christian Church’s children & youth will Count up to Christmas with an activity card & “Christ the Savior is Born” book.

EACH WEEK DURING ADVENT SEASON, we will celebrate one of the following: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Your child will receive and take home a conversation card for Advent Family Devotion Time.

### Youth Hat & Glove Drive

On Sunday, 11/24 and 12/1, the youth will be in the Connection Cafe to collect hats and gloves to donate to Dove and Northeast Community Fund. This will be the first round of donations to be packaged and sent out by Dove and NECF. The mitten tree will be available starting 12/1 and will be up until closer to Christmas as normal. All items given to our youth or the mitten tree will be donated to Dove and NECF who have partnered for this event. If you have any questions, please email David Martin ([demartin@cccdisciples.org](mailto:demartin@cccdisciples.org)).



### **Sunday (24)**

#### **Youth Summit/Mitten Drive**

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  
11:30-Thanksgiving Luncheon  
NO Praise Team Rehearsal  
NO Youth Group  
6:00-DYSO Practice

### **Monday (25)**

5:00-Veterans, Great Hall  
5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes  
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240  
7:00-DYSO Concert

### **Tuesday (26)**

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

### **Wednesday (27)**

**NO PRESCHOOL**

### **Thursday (28)**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**  
**CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**  
**NO PRESCHOOL**

### **Friday (29)**

**CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**  
**NO PRESCHOOL**

### **Saturday (30)**

9:00-Hanging of the Greens prep

### **Sunday (December 1)**

**Mitten Drive**

**NO 8:00 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 “Hanging of the Greens”  
Worship Service  
12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal  
4:00-Youth Group





## Serving Schedule—Sunday, November 24, 2019

### Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Tom Spry & Kevin Wilmot  
9:00 - TBA

### Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert,  
Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner  
9:00 - Josiah Agar  
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 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 - Jim & Pamela Bednar  
9:00 - Maxine Koenig/Barb Leihser/Cheryl Zollinger  
10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

### Acolytes:

10:30 - Clara & Nora Damery

### P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash  
10:30 - Larry Pepper

### 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 - Brett Swallow 433-7488

### Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Jan Dobbs  
9:00 - Paul Gorden

### Hospitality:

9:00 - Deb Trei

### 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 25 8:30-12:00 - Karen Baird  
November 26 8:30-12:00 - Betty Chapman  
November 27 8:30-12:00 - No Host  
November 28 CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED  
November 29 CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

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Tina Miller..... Associate Minister of CE & Family Life  
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Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain .....Organist  
David Williams.....Organist  
Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant  
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant  
Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator  
Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant  
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant  
Cheryl Williams .....Nursery Attendant  
Kattina Williams .....Nursery 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  
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