

The Central Visitor

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you news from Central Christian Church
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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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The Hanging of the Greens SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

WORSHIP AT 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

The Power of Dreams

Text: Isaiah 2:1-5

Michael E. Karunas

Preschool News

Although we only had 2 days of school this week, we sure filled our time with fun and fellowship. On Tuesday, we invited friends and family to share a Thanksgiving meal with us. We sang songs for them and even dressed up!

Our preschool children like to be helpful this time of year, so they have provided their best advice on how you can go about cooking your Thanksgiving turkey!

– Put ham in it of course! Put tomatoes in it and blueberries on the top. Put it in the oven at 5 degrees hot. Cook it for 6 minutes. Done!

– Put a Thanksgiving card inside the turkey. Put it in the oven at hotter than the sun. Cook it 5 minutes. Nothing else.

– Put pepperoni, cheese and hamburgers on the turkey. Put it in the oven at 2037 degrees hot. Cook it 45 minutes. Ready to eat!

– Put a pan of fire in the oven on the turkey. Put on fruit toppings, hamburgers and a hot dog. Put cookies that look like houses and gingerbread on the turkey. Cook for 20 minutes. It's done!

– Put syrup and blueberries on the turkey. Pickles are good. Put lettuce and lemon juice on it. Put it in the oven at 2 degrees. Cook it for 2 minutes. Eat it!

– Get a big turkey. Throw it in the oven at 5 degrees. Cook it for 2 minutes. Put hot sauce on it and cheese on it. Eat it!

– Put a banana inside the turkey. Put it in the microwave for 10 minutes. Put deer meat on it. It's done!

– Get the turkey. I'd grab him! Cook him in the pan. It should be more hotter. 1-2-3-4-5 It's done!

– I would smash it and then eat it! That's it!

Happy Thanksgiving!

-Jennifer Van Dyke, Director

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

**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, 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).

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.



Minister's Article

The Dreams of Isaiah



Of all the prophets in the Hebrew Bible, Isaiah is the one who points to the coming of Jesus Christ most. His were the visions, rich with vivid imagery, that inspired hope in the coming of a Messiah. He was the one who spoke of seeing a light in the midst of darkness. He was the one to envision branches of life growing from dead stumps and waters and rivers flowing in barren deserts and wildernesses. His were the visions that gave rise to our cherished songs like "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." He was the one to prophesy a virgin being with child and that child being named Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace. This Advent we seek our own hope and inspiration from his ancient words and dreams. We stand on the cusp of a month filled with truly enlightening, uplifting, and inspiring experiences, and we hope you will be able to participate in as many of them as possible. In such instances as prevent that from happening, please remember that our 10:30 service is live-streamed weekly <https://www.cccdisciples.org/worship/sermon-live-stream/>).

Sunday December 1	The Power of Dreams <i>Decorating our Worship Space with Evergreens</i> <i>Hanging of the Greens Service (one traditional service only)</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5 9:00 10:30
Sunday, December 8	Dreams of Light amid Darkness <i>Baby Dedication Sunday</i>	Isaiah 9:2-7 All services
Sunday, December 15	Dreams Inspire Homage and Worship <i>Contemporary Worship</i> <i>Millikin Chamber Orchestra</i> <i>Brunch served after 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. worship; luncheon served after 10:30 worship</i>	Isaiah 35:1-10 9:00 8:00 and 10:30
Sunday, December 22	Dreams Reveal Perpetual Possibility <i>Contemporary Worship</i> <i>Bring-a-bell-to-Worship</i>	Isaiah 11:1-10 9:00 8:00 and 10:30
Tuesday, December 24	Dreams Fulfilled <i>Contemporary Worship with Candle-lighting</i> <i>Sanctuary Harp Concert</i> <i>Children's Crafting</i> <i>Traditional Worship with Communion and Candle-lighting</i>	Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Blessings... Michael

Welcome New Members!!!

Given that this past Sunday was Thanksgiving Sunday at Central, it was very appropriate to give great thanksgiving for the addition of two new members to our Central family. At our 8:00 service, Gary Horvath came forward to transfer his membership. Gary and his family have attended Central for the past 9 years and decided to connect through official membership on November 24. At the 10:30 service, Ryan Campbell came forward to join the Central family as well. Ryan has been attending for over a year and was married to Betsy Osman at Central this past July. He is pictured here with his boys, Trajan and Parker.



Greeters Still Needed!

Greeters are needed before the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Greeters arrive 15 minutes before the service and stand at the bottom of the steps by the main entrance. Your job is to welcome members and guests. If you are currently serving as greeter and want to change your schedule, please call the church office. If you would like to become a greeter, please let the office know.

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 and the proposed budget are in the Welcome Center.

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.



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

Monday (2)

5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes

Tuesday (3)

9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
9:30-Card Ministry, 240
10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
1:00-MU Class, 240
6:00-Women's Group, 240
6:30-Heart & Soul Choir at
Moweaqua Nursing Home

Wednesday (4)

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center
10:30-Ministers' Meeting

Thursday (5)

10:00-Alanon, 240
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (6)

Saturday (7)

9:00-Children's Craft Workshop

Sunday (8)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
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NO JustFlicks

Chalice Class

No Chalice Class this week!

Journeyman

No more meetings until Jan. 2020

Spanish Class

Nov. 25th was last class of semester.

Counting On You

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Worship Attendance = 299
Sunday School & Small Groups = 76

Serving Schedule—Sunday, December 1, 2019

Elders:

9:00 - Laura Chapman
10:30 - Kim Maple & Laura Chapman

Imboden Worship:

Penny Rutherford & Janet Lyman

Deacons:

9:00 - Ryan Damery
10:30 - Teams 1 & 3 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert,
Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner, Sid & Krista
Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat
Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall

Ushers:

10:30 - Teams 1 & 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller, Mark
Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

9:00 - Cheryl Zollinger
10:30 - Karen Baird, Pamela Ferguson

Acolytes:

10:30 - Luke Karunas & Julina Lindsey

P.A. Operator:

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
Sunday School and 10:30 service - Kevin Wilmot 875-7767

Liturgist:

9:00 - Tina Miller
10:30 - Sue Ann Cain

Hospitality:

9:00 - Kathy Matherly

Tech:

9:00 - Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

December 2 8:30-12:00 - Mary Jane Oliver
December 3 8:30-12:00 - Gretchen Kirby
December 4 8:30-12:00 - Suzie Miller
December 5 8:30-12:00 - Karen Penn
December 6 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
Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl WilliamsNursery 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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