

The Central Visitor

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you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

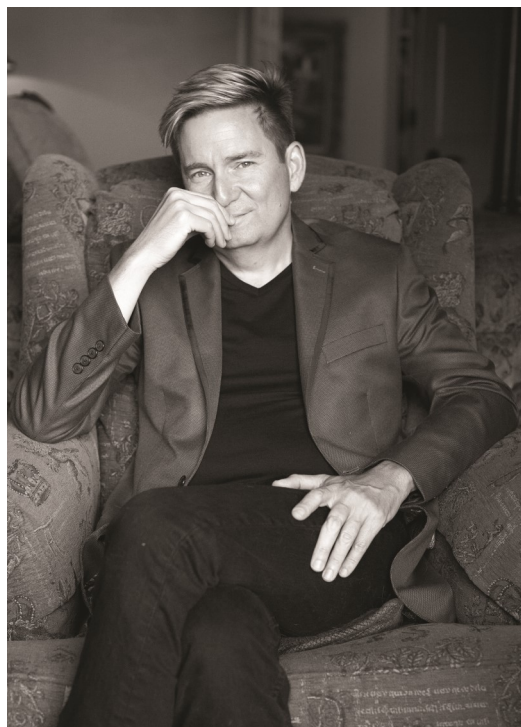
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New Year's Eve Concert
Tuesday, December 31st
7:30 PM

Randy Elkins, organ

Randy Elkins is Director of Music at Virginia-Highland Church, a staff organist at both the Plaza and Strand Theatres and House Organist at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, all in Atlanta, GA. He often performs pre-show organ pops concerts for movies and accompanies silent movies. His silent movie repertoire includes several Charlie Chaplin comedies as well as the famous horror

films *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Nosferatu*.

Randy is responsible for the relocation of several major, historic pipe organs, most notable to date—the monumental Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ relocated from New York City's Trinity Wall Street (Episcopal) to Johns Creek United Methodist Church in Johns Creek, GA.

Elkins teaches music as a tool for good health - helping cope with arthritis and warding off dementia for the elderly - by exercising the brain and the fingers. He is also actively coaching and mentoring a coterie of young professional singers, actors, and church musicians in Atlanta.

SUNDAY, December 29, 2019

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Tell Me That Story Again

Text: Matthew 2: 13-15

Scott Woolridge

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fresh New Year

Another fresh New Year is here...

Another year to live!

To banish worry, doubt, and fear,

To love, and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me

To live each day with zest...

To daily grow and try to be

My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity

Once more to right some wrongs,

To pray for peace, to plant a tree,

And sing more joyful songs!

~ William Arthur Ward

Counting On You

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Worship Attendance = 317

Sunday School & Small Groups = 60



LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday (5)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service,
Sanctuary
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,
Sanctuary
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal
NO Youth Group

Monday (6)

NO PRESCHOOL

9:00-Taking Down of the Greens
5:30-Bowling, Sparetime Lanes
6:00-Girl Scout Troop #3262, Disc. Room

Tuesday (7)

FIRST DAY BACK TO PRESCHOOL

9:00-Christcare Stitches, 207
9:30-Card Ministry, 240
10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
4:00-Marketing/Evangelism Comm., C.R.
6:00-Women's Group, Great Hall
6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room/Conn.
Cafe

Wednesday (8)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
10:30-Ministers Meeting
5:00-Elders Meeting, Disciples Room

Thursday (9)

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

Friday (10)

Saturday (11)

Sunday (12)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service,
Sanctuary
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,
Sanctuary
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal
4:00-Youth Group
6:00-Just Flicks, "Love, Simon", First Pres.



Minister's Article

A Christmas Prayer

Almighty God, giver of all good things,

We ascribe to you all glory and strength and bring to you our offerings of praise.

We worship you in holy splendor and confess that you are, indeed, our sovereign.

In the peace of this season, our spirits our joyful:

With the beasts and angels; the shepherds and the stars,

With Mary and Joseph, we sing your praise.

For this Christmas day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light.

May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds.

May the hope, peace, joy and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem

Fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do.

May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ,

even as he humbled himself to share our humanity.

May we follow his example and humble ourselves before our neighbors,
created with us in your very image.

May the hungry of the world be filled with good things

May weakened knees be firm enough to stand

And spirits of despair flee in the face of confidence and hope.

May we remember that it is of no use to you that Christ was born 2,000 years ago, if he is not born anew in our hearts in these blessed days of faith, hope and love.

So it is that we pray...

Lord, be born in our hearts.

Come alive – in *me* – this Christmas! Amen.

Blessings... Michael

Scripture and Sermon (1/29)

Rev. Scott Woolridge guest preaching

Scripture - Matthew 2: 13-15

Sermon title - ***Tell Me That Story Again***

Scripture and Sermon (1/5)

Rev. Tina Miller guest preaching

Scripture - Hebrews 1:1-4

Sermon title - ***Who Is Your Jesus?***

Congratulations

Gene and Sandy!

On Friday, December 20, Gene and Sandy Garver celebrated 50 years of marriage! Their wedding took place right here at Central. Then and now, here are the Garvers!



LOOKING AHEAD:

Serving Schedule—Sunday, January 5, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Gail Prince & Janet Lyman
9:00 -

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
9:00 - Ben Tucker
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 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

8:00 - Gregg & Linda Foltz
9:00 - Laura Chapman
10:30 - Mark Kincaid

Acolytes:

10:30 -

P.A. Operator:

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

Preparation of Communion:

Gregg & Linda Foltz, Josh & Megan Irby, Matthew Swarthout

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:

8:00 & 10:30 -
9:00 -

Hospitality:

9:00 - Baumann family

Tech:

9:00 - Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

LOOKING AHEAD: Main Entrance Door Hosts:

January 6 8:30-12:00 - Mary Jane Oliver
January 7 8:30-12:00 - Gretchen Kirby
January 8 8:30-12:00 - Debbie Hoffert
January 9 8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor
January 10 8:30-12:00 - Cindy Soebbing



Sunday (29)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
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, Sanctuary
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal
NO Youth Group

Monday (30)

NO PRESCHOOL

5:00-Veterans, Great Hall

Tuesday (31)

NO PRESCHOOL

7:30-Randy Elkins, Organ Concert, Sanctuary

Wednesday (January 1)

NO PRESCHOOL

CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thursday (2)

NO PRESCHOOL

10:00-Alanon, 240
6:00-Women's Retreat Planning, 240
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (3)

Saturday (4)

Sunday (5)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
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, Sanctuary
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal
NO Youth Group

There will be
NO Visitor
mailing next
week, due to
the holidays.

There will be no K-12 Sunday School
Class this Sunday, 12/29/19.

Women's Retreat Coming Soon!
January 31-February 1!

2020 Women's Conference
Reclaim Your Glow
Reclaim who you are in Christ Restore your script to the Truth Receive the grace of God
January 31—February 1 5pm—2pm
Chiara Center 4875 Laverna Rd. Springfield, IL


Keynote Speaker: Belva Gadlage, MA, LCPC, LLC
With over 30 years of professional seminar and private practice experience, Ms. Gadlage understands the journey of life can be difficult at times. Our minds and hearts may be like a computer that has a lifetime of unhealthy information stored on it. She encourages others to have the courage to reach out to God and to those who can guide us in a healthy, productive direction. God has given us this day to use as we choose, to painfully waste or joyfully use.

Register by 1.20.2020 @ www.cccdisciples.org
Double Occupancy Only: \$95.00 per person
Registration without Overnight Stay: \$50.00 per person
Registration fee includes: One-night lodging, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch, and all retreat materials.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church Central Christian Church, DoC Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Serving Schedule—Sunday, December 29, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Connie Bordner & Gail Prince
9:00 -

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 - Gene & Sandy Garver
9:00 - Fulk family
10:30 - Steve & Carrie Funk

Acolytes:

10:30 - Luke Karunas & Peyton Swarthout

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter
10:30 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838
Sunday School and 10:30 service - Brett Swallow 433-7488

Liturgist:

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

Hospitality:

9:00 - Fulk 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:

December 30 8:30-12:00 - None
December 31 8:30-12:00 - None
January 1 8:30-12:00 - None
January 2 8:30-12:00 - Karen Penn
January 3 8:30-12:00 - Roberta Gorden

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