

# The Central Visitor

*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church  
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,  
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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## Dedication of Friendship Center Artwork

Our new Friendship Center artwork, "Acceptance", will be dedicated in a brief program at **noon** on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. We will have a short program, including the singing of "This is My Father's World," a prayer of dedication, and a brief overview of how this process moved from concept to reality. Our hope is that all will come and hear what the artist has said about it and how this piece was conceived by the committee. We will have some seating available for those who prefer sitting over standing, though the entire service of dedication should not last very long. Refreshments will be served following the dedication.

## Concert Announcement

JOHN SHERER — *Organ Concert*  
Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

**John Sherer** has been hailed as "a terrific musician and pronounced virtuoso who plays with assurance, authority and superb energy." Reviewers have praised him for his "great creativity and élan." Since 1996, Dr. Sherer has been the Organist and Director of Music for The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, selected by USA Today as one of the top ten places in America to be "enthralled by heavenly music." This dynamic church has fifteen choirs and instrumental groups including The Morning Choir. Dr. Sherer manages an active concert series at the church with over 100 events each year and oversees the partnership with the Music Institute of Chicago bringing private musical instruction, music therapy and other music classes to the church for adults and children.



## WELCOME SPRING WITH DORCAS!

ALL Central women are invited to the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Dorcas Disciples. We will meet in the Disciples Room at 6:30 p.m. for a friendly and informative evening. We are happy to have Terry Grant present our program on the valuable services of *Court Appointed Special Advocates of Macon County (CASA)* and how we can help. Yummy refreshments and a business meeting will follow. Please contact Nancy Ellen Taylor at 872-9175 or [xstr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xstr@sbcglobal.net) to let us know that you'll join us for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SUNDAY, March 17, 2019**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

**Wisdom: Staying Close**

Text: *Luke 2:41-52*

Michael E. Karunas

## Central to Host Franklin Central Choirs

On **Sunday, March 17**, Central Christian will have the pleasure of hosting two award winning choirs from Franklin Central (IN) High School. They will be accompanying their showchoir which is competing that weekend at the Premier Choice Invitational at Millikin University. The Chamber Choir (SATB) and the Accents Women's Chorus will both be performing at the **10:30 a.m. service**. The choirs will be accompanied by our own Dee Dee Gain and will provide all of the worship music for the day. For more info please refer to: <https://www.fcchoirs.org/>.



**Counting On You**

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

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**Create a Lenten Prayer Space  
with Your Children**



Create a user-friendly prayer space to help your children understand and experience Lent. Here is a sample list of items to get you started:

**Candle:** Always a symbol of God's presence with us. You might light the candle and say, "We light the candle to remind us that God is with us in this place, at this time."

**Purple cloth:** The purple of lent will be familiar as a color for a time of waiting. Explain to your children that we are in Lent, waiting for the great feast of Easter.

**Empty bowl:** Explain that we fast so that we have more time or energy to remember to talk to God during Lent. We are getting ready for the great mystery of Easter. Older children can be encouraged to write down something they want to fast from and place the paper in the bowl.

**Scripture or prayer:** This can be from our Lent Booklet, or a passage from the Bible. The Good Shepherd of Psalm 23 is a wonderful image to meditate on with young children. The important thing is to model Scripture reading and prayer to your children. Spend time talking about it.

**Cross:** Take time to look at the cross together and talk about the crucifixion and the resurrection.

**Live Streaming**



Central Christian has a wonderful service that we have provided for nearly a year now. Live streaming! The 10:30 service is broadcast live on the internet (embedded in our web page) and routinely attracts between 20-30 viewers every week. This opportunity is entirely due to the efforts of Wayne Rutherford and Rutherford Video. Wayne is such a blessing to Central and we are most grateful for this service he helps us provide. If you are ever away from Decatur but don't want to miss worship, here is a way you can stay connected:

1. Log on to [www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org) (our church website)
2. Click on the "worship" tab at the top of the page (the main menu bar)
3. Click on "Sermons live stream"
4. When you do this you will see a box that says "Sorry, this media is offline." This message will show for all but the hour of 10:30 – 11:30 on Sunday morning.
5. But on Sundays (around 10:27 or 10:28 a.m.) this box will then show the service beginning with the prelude and the opening announcements.

But that's not all. If you would like to see a past worship service because you cannot watch directly at 10:30 a.m. (or if you wish to re-watch services), you can check out our "archive section." After you follow steps 1 – 4 above:

1. You will see a message at the bottom of the page that says: "Sermon live stream archive." Click on that .
2. You will then be directed to a page where all of our past services will be displayed.
3. Simply click on the service of you choice and watch it again!

Here is what some are saying about the 10:30 worship live-streaming:

*"I was so pleased to find that Central was offering live Sunday services, since I am often unable to attend church. I find it very easy to access and by having a copy of the bulletin also available on the website. I can be an active participant in the litany. I still favor being present at our vibrant service, but this option gives me a connection to my church family." - Jean Maggioncalda*

*"I have always read the sermon that is emailed to me when I cannot attend Sunday services. I have also watched the video of the sermon. But recently I had the pleasure of seeing the live stream service....what a joy that was! I really felt that I was a part of the church family while watching it. I think the church is doing a wonderful job through technology and social media of keeping church members informed and involved." - Linda Hill*

Blessings—**Michael**

## Facebook Page



We would like to invite all Facebook users in the congregation to follow and "Like" our new facebook pages at Central. In addition to the main church page ([click here](#) for the link), we also have a page that represents the 9am contemporary service. [Click here](#) for the link to that contemporary worship page. We have been blessed with a growing service and it is our desire to spread the word about a somewhat different way to experience Central Christian Church. The page is dedicated to producing "food for thought" every day which will help to focus your mind on thoughts of God and will even be used to make some announcements. Very basically the more followers we have to our page, the more people who will become connected to Central Christian Church and more opportunities for us to spread the Good News of Christ.

## Congratulations Melissa Scircle



Our own Melissa Scircle has been awarded a full tenure professorship at Millikin University!!! Dr. Melissa McManus Scircle has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University Bloomington and a master's and doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Broadly, her research interests are in stereotyping and prejudice, and particularly in ways that we can decrease them in our society. Dr. Scircle serves on the University Institutional Review board and the President's Commission for Inclusive Excellence, among others, and advises several student organizations. We know her best as the mother of Milo and the wife of Adam! Many, many congratulations Melissa!!!

## Small Group on "Wisdom" to meet during Lent!

As we journey through Lent, we invite you to join us in a small group that will spend time reflecting on God's wisdom for us. We will explore the sermon (from the previous Sunday), scripture readings from Proverbs as well as stories from our own lives about wisdom. Join us each **Tuesday at 5:30 pm** (location to be determined) **starting March 12**. Come to any or all sessions. Each session stands alone. We're excited to share this journey with you! Scott and Vicky Woolridge

## Chalice Class

Title: *Sharing Faith*

Focus: A recent report by the Barna Group revealed that almost half of all Christian millennials believe it's wrong to share their faith, even though they believe a relationship with Christ is important. What are the reasons for their conflicted feelings about evangelism? How can Christians adopt relevant ways of sharing the good news to a changing culture?

## Preschool News

This week the students have been busy preparing for their Parent's Day Celebration that will take place on March 20th. They are learning songs, making table decorations and gifts.

The students also celebrated St. Patrick's Day and enjoyed getting to play outside this week!

Jennifer Van Dyke  
Director



## Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00-Traditional Worship Service

Music:

Offertory— 8:00 Dee Dee Gain

Offertory & Anthem— 10:30 Franklin Central High School  
Chamber Choir & Accents

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes

9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes

10:30-Worship Service

12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

4:00-Youth Group

4:00-Faithquest, 240

## Monday (18)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

5:30-Women's Ministry, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

## Tuesday (19)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

8:00-ChristCare Stitches Retreat, 207 & Disciples' Room

9:30-Card Ministry, 240

10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room

5:30-Dorcas, Disciples' Room

5:30-Lent Small Group, 207

6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & Connection Café

## Wednesday (20)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

8:15-PS: Parent's Day, Great Hall

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minister's Meeting

11:00-Baby Talk Family Fun Day, Disciples' Room

5:30-Council Committee Meeting, Great Hall

## Thursday (21)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room

7:00-Chancel Choir

## Friday (22)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

## Saturday (23)

9:00-Wedding Workshop, Connection Café

9:00-Shirley Swarthout Reservation, Kitchen

## Sunday (24)

8:00-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-Worship Service

12:00-Choir Luncheon, Great Hall & Kitchen

1:00-Baptism, Sanctuary

4:00-Youth Group Outing

4:00-Faithquest, 240

## In the Hospital...

DMH:  
No One

St. Mary's:  
Dave Flanders



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**Serving Schedule—Sunday, March 17, 2019**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Kevin Miller, David Wagner

**Deacons:**

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

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, Linda Helton

**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 - Larry & Darla Otis

10:30 -

**Acolytes:**

10:30 - Mackenzi Sargeant, Alyssa Bottom

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:30 - Mike Kirby

**Preparation of Communion:**

Christine Lyman-Harm, Larry & Michele Bafford, Janelle Beedle

**Ride Share Drivers:**

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081

Sunday School and 10:30 service - Doug Soebbing 875-1836

**Main Entrance Door Hosts:**

March 18 8:30-12:00—Carole McClarey

March 19 8:30-12:00—Janet Gray

March 20 8:30-12:00—Karen Keller

March 21 8:30-12:00—Betty Chapam

March 22 8:30-12:00—Yvonne Purcell

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Michael E. Karunas.....Senior Minister  
Don Martin.....Minister of Music  
Tina Miller.....Associate Minister of CE & Family Life  
David Martin.....Youth Director  
Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain .....Organist  
Ashely Sparks.....Administrative Assistant  
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant  
Monica Hernandez.....Nursery Attendant  
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant  
Chloe Jancosek .....Nursery Attendant  
Hannah Brimmer .....Nursery Attendant  
Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director  
Angela Moore.....Teacher Assistant  
Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant  
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher  
Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher  
Sharon Renfro.....Preschool Teacher  
Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher  
Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher  
Lora Wright .....Lead Caretaker  
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker  
Vernon Wimberly.....Caretaker  
Andrew Evans.....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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