

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 31st**. 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.

3D Ministry

April 10th

Program at 11:30 and dine at 12:00



This ministry is offered to everyone who wishes to join together with other folks in times of fun and fellowship. You are welcome **NO MATTER HOW YOUNG** you are! Join us and enhance your vision at 3D Ministry.

The menu will be glazed ham, loaded mashed potatoes, fiesta corn, taffy apple salad, rolls and coconut cake for dessert. Steve Funk will provide the program beginning at 11:30 a.m. Steve will share his latest hobby which he calls 3D Art. He has chosen four classical paintings from the life of Christ, mounted them on an easel inside a box and used a variety of lighting to add accent to the paintings. Steve will talk about the inspiration, the process and about the paintings. All of this for just \$5! Sign up on the pew pad or call the office at 217-428-4336 to RSVP by Monday April 8.

Keep In Touch With The Millers!

David and Katie Miller
2456 Sandy Stream Lane
Elgin, IL 60124-4358

SUNDAY, March 31, 2019

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Text: 1 Matthew 25:1-13

Michael E. Karunas

Food Collection

The food collection for April 7 is BEANS---canned or bagged dry beans. Also, cereal is always thankfully received. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Donations will be delivered to the Northeast Community Fund.

Women's Book Club

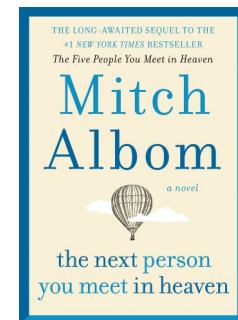
April 8 at 12:30pm

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April 9 at 5:30pm

at Panera

This Month's Book: *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* by **Mitch Albom**



Counting On You

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Worship Attendance 249

Sunday School & Small Groups.....67

Mark Your Calendar!

April 7 Youth Fund Raiser	April 20 Easter Egg Hunt
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French Fry Run

We tasted and judged fries from Wingstop, McDonald's, and Texas Roadhouse. Our home-fries made by Ms. Christine and Ms. Janet won again!!!!

Thanks ladies for keeping our youth group kids fed throughout the year.



PICK UP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH WELCOME CENTER

Higher education is important and valuable in today's society. A college education opens possibilities and helps students discover and foster unique gifts and talents. It also demonstrates a person's willingness to make an investment in his/her own future!

Central Christian Church supports those pursuing higher education and we understand the challenges of meeting its cost. Scholarships are open to all high school graduates as well as anyone who is currently attending a college, university, technical and vocational, or planning to attend one during the 2019-2020 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES:

Available: March 29, 2019
Deadline: May 1, 2019 @ 3 pm

Minister's Article

A God of Abundance

It has been a busy time of year this past month at Central and the coming weeks will present just as much activity. With each event that stands out on the calendar, we are taken through a myriad of positive and heart-wrenching emotions.



This past **Sunday (3/24)** we enjoyed the baptism of David King! David and his wife Nancy have been attending the 8:00 a.m. service regularly since Christmas and attended Welcome 101 in January. David is the son of Bess and (the late) Harold King. Though we don't normally have baptisms outside of worship, this baptism was more conducive to David's personal and family plans. Ten family members and five elders from Central were there to witness the baptism.

About 3 hours before that baptism took place, **Jamie Lesko Reed joined the church** at the 9:00 a.m. service. Jamie's son Emmitt graduated from our preschool a year ago and her mother, Cindy Grabowski, has been a stalwart volunteer ever since she joined in October, 2017. Jamie cites the family atmosphere as a big reason why she is moved to call Central home. Moreover, Jamie is the 9th new member in the last 8 weeks!



Even as the baptism of David King was finishing upon in the sanctuary, a luncheon in the Great Hall for **David and Katie Miller** was concluding. David and Katie have been members of Central for nearly 30 years. David has sung in the choir for 25 of those 30 and Katie for the last 10. In order to be closer to grandchildren, they are moving north. In recent years alone, Katie has been a vital part of our elder team, organizing our outreach communion, as well as heading up our shepherding department. Both David and Katie will be greatly missed.

In two weeks from today, our sanctuary will be filled with church members, students, faculty and alumna/e from Millikin University to eulogize Ed Acheson on the occasion of his passing. Ed was a beloved member of our Central family and the Decatur community who passed away on March 14. And on Sunday, between services, we learned that our beloved former custodian Dave Flanders passed away. Ed's and Dave's deaths reminds us that from our human vantage point, it's not fair that someone like these two would pass away just a few years after they retired, with a lifetime of unfulfilled plans ahead of him, and long before anyone thought he should have.

Through all of these events, taking place in just a few week period remind us of how the journey of life – for individuals and communities – is full of many twists and turns; highs and lows.

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But in stepping back from them all, we see that God is abundant – in providing for us comfort and support in our sorrow; in providing us growth that exceeds our hopes and expectations; and in providing for us moments which inspire our confidence and hope in all that can be life-giving and transformational. Thanks be to God.

Blessings—*Michael*

Changes to On-Line Giving Format

If you have checked out the on-line giving feature on our website (the “GIVE” tab), you may notice that the format of that feature has changed. It is still self-explanatory and every bit as easy to use, but the host of our site simply updated that feature. Don’t hesitate to contact the office if you have specific issues using the new format.

In Sympathy We Mourn

As we announced yesterday, our beloved Dave Flanders passed away yesterday.

The family is preparing for the following arrangements:

Visitation at Brintlinger and Earl	Thursday, April 4 from 5 – 7 p.m.
Memorial service at Central	Friday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon to follow	Friday, April 5 (around noon)

Thank you for your continued love, care and support of the Flanders family.

Chalice Class

Title: *Places of Peace*

Focus: Former areas of great unrest and turmoil, such as South Africa, Northern Ireland, and Rwanda, have found a measure of peace in recent decades. What challenges did they face and do they continue to face in making peace? How can people of faith learn from these stories to work for peace in their own lives?



Preschool News

This week in conjunction with Decatur Public Schools and Maroa-Forsyth Schools, our preschool students and teachers are on spring break. I am looking forward to seeing them all again on Monday.

Thank you to everyone who was able to purchase books from our Scholastic Book Fair or who made a monetary donation towards a book for the students at Ben Franklin Elementary School. Every child in the school received a new book! The librarian was thrilled to receive such a gift on behalf of the students. She is going through the books one by one to select books that will match each child’s reading level and interest. Great job making such a positive connection with the community Central Christian Church and thank you for helping the preschool meet our fundraising goal!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00-Traditional Worship Service

Music:

Offertory— xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Anthem— xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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-Artwork Dedication, Friendship Center & C. Café

4:00-Faithquest, 240

Monday (1)

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

5:30-Women’s Lent Group, Great Hall

Tuesday (2)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

9:30-Card Ministry, 240

10:30-Staff meeting, Conference Room

5:30-Lent Small Group, Disciples Room

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

Wednesday (3)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minister’s Meeting

2:30-Prayer Shawl Meeting, Disciples’ Room

Thursday (4)

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples’ Room

6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (5)

11:00-David Flanders Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Saturday (6)

Sunday (7)

8:00-Worship Service

8:00-Easter Lily Sales, Friendship Center

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-Artwork Dedication, Friendship Center & C. Café

12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

2:00-Ed Acheson Memorial Service

3:30-Bereavment Meal, Great Hall

4:00-Faithquest, 240

6:00-Youth Fundraiser, Sanctuary & Friendship Center

In the Hospital...

DMH:
No One

St. Mary’s:
No One



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, March 31, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Charlotte Ballance, Vicky Woolridge

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 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos,
Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin

10:30 - John & Linda Hill

Acolytes:

10:30 - Peyton Swarthout, Amila Bradfield

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Keith Backes

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 - Kevin Wilmot 875-7767

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

April 1 8:30-12:00—Mary Jane Oliver

April 2 8:30-12:00—Janet Gray

April 3 8:30-12:00—Suzie Miller

April 4 8:30-12:00—Karen Penn

April 5 8:30-12:00—Roberta Gorden

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Tina Miller.....Associate Minister of CE & Family Life
David Martin.....Youth Director
Cordelia "Dee Dee" GainOrganist
Ashely Sparks.....Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Monica Hernandez.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Chloe JancosekNursery Attendant
Hannah BrimmerNursery 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 WrightLead 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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