

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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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.

EASTER EGG HUNT

3 years through 5th grade

**Saturday, April 20
10 am**

Central Christian Church
650 W. William Street
www.cccdisciples.org

SUNDAY, April 3, 2019

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Wisdom: a Matter of Action

Text: *Matthew 7:24-27*

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

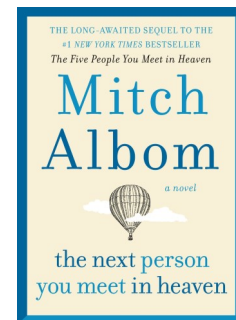
April 8 at 12:30pm

&

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 31, 2019

Worship Attendance 273

Sunday School & Small Groups.....74

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



**JOIN US
Holy Week!**

April 14-21

Central Christian Church
Corner of Monroe and W. William
www.cccdisciples.org

PALM SUNDAY
Contemporary 9 am
Traditional 8 & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Traditional 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Contemporary 6 pm

SATURDAY
Easter Egg Hunt 10 am

EASTER SUNDAY
Contemporary 9 am
Traditional 8 & 10:30 am

Prayer of Dedication

This past Sunday, we dedicated the new artwork in the Friendship Center, titled "Acceptance." We had a wonderful service in the Friendship Center underneath the artwork itself. I was charged with drafting the actual prayer of dedication at the end of the service. I wanted to share it with you here. Don chose "This is My Father's World" as a theme hymn for the day and I wanted the prayer to reflect the essence of the hymn.

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the wonders wrought. (verse 1)



Let us pray...

O God, your gifts abound all around us; evident in a creation that is forever revealing its signs of life. The clouds that float in the sky above us; the water that swirls around us; the fruit of the vine that hovers over us; grains of the field that expand out before us; the sun that rises on day and sets on evening to the sides of us. This is Our Father's world and we are blessed to be part of it.

O God, your gifts of salvation abound all around us; evident in the richest symbols of our faith, revealing signs of eternal life. The body of Christ, gathered from grains collected and kneaded into loaves broken in a meal of remembrance. The blood of Christ, crushed from grapes harvested from vineyards revealing their contents contained in a chalice lifted for all from behind a table made of simple wood and fashioned together by the touch of a carpenter's hand. The waters of immersion welcoming us into a community of the saved, sealed by the promises carried by a dove descending from heaven and marking us as holy. This is Our Father's spiritual world and we are blessed to be part of it.

O God, you are a god of Acceptance. You truly welcome us all, no barriers preventing our advent to you. You come to all, no obstacles inhibiting your advent to us. This is your building – a servant minister in its own right. We are simply those who are called to open the door of acceptance to all who come seeking your gifts of life.

We now dedicate and commend this Friendship Center artwork, entitled "Acceptance," to be a sign and symbol of your endless hospitality and your boundless generosity. May all whose eyes gaze upon it find, in these symbols, glimpses of you, reflections of our very selves, and the grace and faith which forever connect us. And should our eyesight waver, and we become unable to distinguish the details of this artwork one from another, may our eyes of faith perceive what our bodily eye cannot. The deep and abiding truth you convey, which we pray is experienced by all who enter this church. Acceptance: all are welcome here. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Blessings—*Michael*

Senior Luncheon

A luncheon is planned for the senior members of CCC by the deacons. The lunch is April 13, 2019, Saturday. A reception will begin at 11:30 in the Disciple room and lunch at 12:00 in the Great Hall. Please call the church for reservations by April 10.

Easter Lilies on Sale

The Worship Department is selling lilies again this year for Easter decorating in the sanctuary. You may purchase a lily for **\$15.00** in memory of a loved one who has died or to honor the life of one who is still living. Lilies are on sale in the Friendship Center on Sunday, **April 7th** or in the office through Tuesday, **April 16th**. Just be sure to let us know the name of the person you are honoring. You will then be welcome to take the lily after the 10:30 Easter Sunday services or you can pick them up through Wednesday, April 24th. Please note that the church and office will be closed on Monday, April 22nd.

Two Memorial Services Planned for this Week

Two long-time and beloved church members will be memorialized this week in our sanctuary. On Friday, April 5, a memorial service for Dave Flanders will take place. Visitation will be at Brintlinger and Earl from 5-7 p.m. the evening before (Thursday April 4). A luncheon for everyone attending the service will be held in the Great Hall immediately following. On Sunday afternoon, April 7, a memorial service for Ed Acheson will commence. Again, a luncheon will follow in the Great Hall for those attending the service. Dave and Ed were beloved members of our faith community while on earth, and will continue to remain so though in spirit.

Chalice Class

Title: *Alex Trebek and Jeopardy!*

Focus: Alex Trebek and the game show Jeopardy! have been a staple in American culture for almost 35 years. What are the reasons behind their endurance and mass appeal? What parallels can we draw between Alex Trebek's show and the Christian journey?

Preschool News

The students and teachers came back from spring break and were ready for some fresh air and outside playtime! The classes worked on spring and Easter activities and reviewed their self-help and academic skills. In addition, the 4's class had a meal and manners lesson in the Connection Café. The 3's classes talked about spring weather, and the Pre-K Class made a special treat called Owl Toast.

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00-Easter Lily Sales, Friendship Center
8:00-Traditional Worship Service

Music:

Offertory— Thomas Karunas

Anthem— *Wonderous Love*

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

2:00-Memorial Service for Ed Acheson, Sanctuary

3:00-Bereavement Meal, Great hall

4:00-Faithquest, 240

6:00-Youth Fundraiser, Sanctuary & Friendship Center

Monday (8)

9:00-Good Sam

12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

5:30-Women's Play Practice, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

6:00-PSC, Conference Room

Tuesday (9)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

5:30-Lent Small Group, Disciples Room

6:00-Intentional Worship, Great Hall

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

7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples' Room

Wednesday (10)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minister's Meeting

11:30-3D Ministry Program, Great Hall

12:00-3D Ministry Meal, Great Hall

5:00-Elder's Meeting

6:00-Women's Bible Study, Great Hall

Thursday (11)

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (12)

Saturday (13)

9:00-Neighborhood Cleanup, Chapel & Outside

11:30-Senior Luncheon Reception, Disciples Room

12:00-Senior Luncheon, Great Hall

Sunday (14)

8:00-Easter Lily Sales, Friendship Center

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-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

4:00-Youth Group

6:00-Just Flicks, Great Hall

In the Hospital...

DMH:
Gretchen Barron

St. Mary's:
No One

Serving Schedule—Sunday, April 7, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Liz Campbell, Judy Ford

Imboden Creek:

Charlotte Ballance, Vicky Woolridge

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall
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 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Bruce Campbell, Liz Campbell
10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Jon & Jane French

Greeters:

8:00 - Ron & Jan Dobbs
10:30 - Ron & Mary Jane Oliver

Acolytes:

10:30 - Luke Karunas, Clara & Nora Damery

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter
10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Donna Dash, Gregg & Linda Foltz

Ride Share Drivers:

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

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:

April 8 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver
April 9 8:30-12:00—Gretchen Kirby
April 10 8:30-12:00—Debbie Hoffert
April 11 8:30-12:00—Nancy Taylor
April 12 8:30-12:00—Cindy Soebbing

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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
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