

# 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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## Congratulations!

This past Sunday at our 10:30 service **William Charles McCoy (Liam)**, born July 17, 2018 was blessed and dedicated. Big siblings Resse, Kaedon, and Adalyn all stood up with Adam and Tessa to support Liam on his special day. The McCoy's recently relocated to the Indianapolis area but still make it back to Decatur and Central Christian on a regular basis.



## Easter Offering 2019: "Abide in Me"

*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.* – John 15:5  
Just as our spirits bear fruit through the vine of Jesus Christ, our churches are enriched by our shared mission with our General Ministries. Support for the General Church is provided each year through a special offering we give on Palm Sunday and Easter. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work. Please share your own "fruit" with a special gift on April 14 or 21.

## 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 14th** 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.

## 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 Disciples' Room and lunch at 12:00 in the Great Hall. Mike Waltenberger will provide piano music. Please call the church for reservations by today.

## **SUNDAY, April 14, 2019**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

**Wisdom: A Matter of Harmony**

Text: *James 3:13-18*

Michael E. Karunas

**LET'S CLEAN UP  
TOGETHER**

## **Church and Neighborhood Clean Up this Saturday!**

Join us at Central this Saturday, April 13,  
for a church and neighborhood clean up.  
9 – 11 a.m.

We'll be sprucing up our block for the Easter season. Yard bags and trash bags will be supplied. Rakes as well. Feel free to bring your own gloves and whatever other yard tools you may have.

We will walk the block and pick up litter and debris from the surrounding streets as well.  
Coffee and doughnuts provided!!

## **Counting On You**

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

Worship Attendance ..... 303

Sunday School & Small Groups..... 74

Thank you to all who supported our Youth Mission Trip at the Trivia Night Event! Christine Lyman-Harm brought yummy snacks and Gretchen Kirby asked questions that required all of us to dig deeply into our memory banks and remember trivia from categories like: Science, Pop-Culture, Religion, and Sports. The YOUTH TABLE WON! It was a fun evening for all.



University and Higher Learning  
Scholarship applications  
available at the Welcome Center



### ***Faith Quest Confessions***

This Sunday, April 14, will be a special day for all of us in the life of the congregation. Six youth will be coming forward during the 10:30 service to make their first confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Since January, they have been meeting with Christine Lyman-Harm and myself in a class called Faith Quest. Christine and I have co-taught this class for the last seven years and this year's group of students is as impressive as any that have gone before. They include: Charlie Hartwig (grandson of Becky Johnston and 8<sup>th</sup>-grader at Johns Hill), Zach Sargeant (son of Stephani Sargent and Brian Bottom, and 8<sup>th</sup>-grader at Argenta-Oreana), Unique Hess (7<sup>th</sup>-grader at Stephen Decatur), Audrey Miller (6<sup>th</sup>-grader at Johns Hill), Amila Bradfield (6<sup>th</sup>-grader at Stephen Decatur) and Mackenzi Sargeant (daughter of Stephani and Brian, sister of Zach, and 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Argenta-Oreana).

In addition to making their first official confessions of faith, they will, as a group, lead the Pastoral Prayer and officiate at the communion table. Palm Sunday has been an opportune time when we celebrate the confessions of faith of the young people growing up in our Central congregation. In addition to making their confessions of faith on Sunday, these six youth will be baptized at the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, 4/21. In the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), baptism by immersion follows a confession of faith.



The Faith Quest students are pictured here with their Faith Companions: Vicky Woolridge (Mackenzi Sargeant); Gerri Munos (Amila Bradfield); Judy Ford (Unique Hess); Mary Jane Oliver (Audrey Miller); Mike Kirby (Charlie Hartwig); Doug Soebbing (Zach Sargeant).



Blessings—**Michael**



### Central Recognized for its Generosity

The regional minister for the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin, Teresa Dulyea-Parker, was with us in worship at 10:30 on April 7. While here, she presented Central with an award as one of the top 100 givers to our denomination. Well done Central! Thank you for your tremendously generous spirit.



### Sunday, April 14, 2019

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

### Music:

Offertory— Chancel choir, Children's choir, Bells, Brass and Percussion

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

### Monday (15)

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

7:00-Lenten Dress Rehearsal

### Tuesday (16)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

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

9:30-Card Ministry, 240

10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room

5:00-Elders Committee Meeting, Conference Room

5:30-Lent Small Group, Disciples Room

7:30-Lenten Concert

### Wednesday (17)

9:00-Preschool Easter Parties, Classroom

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minister's Meeting

5:30-Council Business Meeting, Disciples' Room

### Thursday (18)

9:00-Preschool Easter Parties, Classrooms

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

7:00-Maundry Thursday Service, Sanctuary

### Friday (19)

7:00-Good Friday Service, Great Hall

### Saturday (20)

10:00-Easter Egg Hunt, Church Lawn

### Sunday (21)

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

### Chalice Class

Title: *The Persistence of Print*

Focus: According to recent articles, sales of printed books have risen while e-book sales have stalled. Why are we still so attached to books as physical objects? What does this trend mean for Christians, who are sometimes called People of the Book?

2018-2019  
SEASON

JUST  
FLICKS

From the director of  
BRUCE ALMIGHTY, THE NUTTY PROFESSOR  
and ACE VENTURA: PET DETECTIVE

What if the solution to the world's problems  
was right in front of us all along?

**I AM**

the shift is about to hit the fan

Starring: DESMOND TUTU • HOWARD GARD • IVAN DRUMSKY • LYRINE MCANAGART • COLEMAN BARKS • THOM HARTMAN

FEYING EYE PRODUCTIONS in association with KONTAGAR CANVAS PRODUCTIONS presents a SHIRAZ AGNES FILM Associate Producer NICOLE PRITCHETT  
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**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

6:00 p.m.

Central Christian Church

Corey Anderson  
Discussion Leader

Director:  
→ Tom Shadyac

Starring:  
☆ Tom Shadyac  
☆ Desmond Tutu  
☆ Noam Chomsky

Year released: 2010  
Running time: 1 hour 19 minutes

Refreshments Served

### In the Hospital...

DMH:  
No One

St. Mary's:  
No One

## Serving Schedule—Sunday, April 14, 2019

### Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Shirley Swarthout, Gerri Munos

### 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 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar

10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Capt., Doug Soebbing

### Greeters:

8:00 - Ed & Joy Adams

10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

### Acolytes:

10:30 - Julina & Jordan Lindsey

### P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Mike Kirby

### Preparation of Communion:

Donna Dash, Gregg & Linda Foltz

### Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 972-3361

Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

## Main Entrance Door Hosts:

April 15 8:30-12:00—Carole McClarey

April 16 8:30-12:00—Janet Gray

April 17 8:30-12:00—Karen Keller

April 18 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver

April 19 8:30-12:00—Gail Prince

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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

<b>Sunday School Classes</b>	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Room</b>
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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