

# 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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## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

May 26th, 9:00 AM, Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Children and youth are invited to join Mr. David and Ms. Hannah in the youth activities room on 2R for movies, games, and activities. They might go outdoors for games too! Younger children 5-10 years old will have the option to go with Ms. Hannah to room 230 on 2R for movies, coloring, and activities.

Heart AND Soul

with Chancel Choir of Central Christian Church

PRESENTS  
Season Finale Concert

Peace In My Soul

Saturday, June 1st  
3:00 p.m.

Central Christian Church  
650 W. William St.  
Decatur, IL  
217-428-4336

Heart & Soul is a choir for people with special needs. Their program offers a variety of music all presented with great enthusiasm and heartwarming charm.

**SUNDAY, May 26, 2019**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

**Who Else Needs a Miracle?**

Text: Mark 10:46-52

Scott Woolridge

## Preschool News

This was our last week with our preschool students. To some we said our bittersweet goodbyes and to others we had the joy of saying, "see you next year." We celebrated the year with a big family party complete with singing, food, games, and fun! Have a great summer Central Christian Church! We'll see you in September. Thanks for all your love and support! :)

Jennifer Van Dyke  
Director

**VBS ALL-CHURCH PICNIC**

HOT DOGS  
INFLATABLES

GAMES  
ICE CREAM

Central Christian Church  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
First Lutheran Church

June 9, 2019 | Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
6-7 pm | Bring a side dish or dessert

Icons: picnic basket, hot dog, hamburger, grill, spatula, ice cream bar.

## Vacation Bible School June 17-21

Hard copy registration forms are available at the Welcome Center at Central Christian Church and online.

## Save-the-Date!

Tuesday, June 18th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Central will host a community celebration of its very own iconic art (sponsored by the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce).



## Counting On You

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

Worship Attendance ..... 288

Sunday School & Small Groups.....66

**WOW! What a fabulous Christian Education Sunday** we had here at Central. We celebrated students, teachers, and leaders at all three services. We honored 63 children, youth, and young adults for an excellent year of education! Keep reading, practicing math, technology, engineering, and science skills and honing your musical skills too. Enjoy the summer!

### Special THANK YOU to our Christian Education Committee:

Laura Chapman (co-chair) and Diana Ritter (co-chair), Karen Penn, Suzie Miller, Carole McClarey, Janet Lyman, Cindy Grabowski, Gay Helgemo, & David Martin



### In Sympathy We Mourn

With Gail Prince, we mourn the passing of Gail's son-in-law Paul Yeager. Paul passed away last Wednesday morning in Ballwin, MO. Services for Paul will be held this week. Thank you for keeping Gail and her family in your prayers. Gail sent this note: "My church family has always been there for me during life's challenges. During my recent surgery and the sudden passing of my son-in-law, you made me feel loved. Thank you for the calls, visits and food these last few weeks. Blessings of Love, Gail Prince"



### *The Old and the New*

The theme for our upcoming Capital Campaign will be *Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future*. There will be more publicized about that theme, and the campaign itself, in the next two weeks. Both of those phrases speak to some of our deepest values. First, we love our past. Central is slowly coming up on 200 years as a congregation in Decatur, and we were truly one of the most influential congregations of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We are known for long, dynamic pastorates, and we have a tradition of exceptional financial generosity.

To celebrate some of that history, we'd like you to "save the date" of **June 9**. All morning long we will offer a "**walk down memory lane**." Recently, I received 90 slides from a church member, which have been converted to digital pictures and put into a slide show, which we will show on our Friendship Center and Connection Café monitors. The pictures were taken between 1954, when the construction of our current building began, and the early 1960's, when (by all appearances) there was a ceremonial burning of the mortgage.



Additionally, resident historian Dennis Downey has supplied other material (pictures and documents) from the time our current building came into existence. These will be laid out in the Connection Café, and you will want to stop by to see them. We will dedicate the hour of **12 noon – 1 p.m.** for a closer look at the slideshow and memorabilia. There will be no refreshments or food provided, but you are welcome to stay as long as you like.

We are also committed to preparing for our future. Central has remained the vibrant congregation we are because the leaders and members have been willing to evolve in ways that have met the needs of changing generations. One way you can help us do that is by supporting us on **Facebook**. If you are not on Facebook and would like to be, we can help you do that. Simply call the church office, and we will walk you through the steps. If you are not on Facebook and have no desire to, that's fine, too, but using social media (like Facebook) is a wonderful way we can all evangelize the church and share the good things about Central with others.

Once on Facebook, the best thing you can do to help us is:

**"Like"** our Central Christian Church page and our Central Christian Contemporary Worship page. In fact, we encourage groups within the church to start their own Facebook page and would likewise encourage everyone to "like" those pages.

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"Liking" a page is just step one. If you "like" a Facebook page, it will be registered with Facebook, but you may never see that page in your timeline, so we would also like you to **"Follow"** the two pages listed above. When you "Follow" a page, Facebook will automatically put updates in your timeline so you never miss anything that is posted.



The most important thing about all of this is that the more activity our pages get – "likes" and "follows" – the more Facebook will send alerts to others about our posts. For example, Facebook will send a notice to one of your Facebook friends saying something like, "Hey (name) did you know that this many of your Facebook friends are following Central? Would you like to follow them too?" That is the best way to introduce others who do not yet know Central to some of the great things happening here.

Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future. The ways we do it change from era to era, but the fact that we continue to value both never does.

Blessings... Michael

### Central Celebrates Pentecost!

In our church, we celebrate Pentecost as the birth of Christ's church. We observe Pentecost each year by giving special gifts to support the birth and growth of new congregations. By "planting" new congregations, we help our new church movement continue to "take root!"

Each year, half of this offering stays in our local region to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada to support the recruiting, assessing, training, and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call ... to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples, but they need our nurturing and generous support through the 2019 Pentecost Offering, which we will collect at Central on June 2 and 9.

We can help our new church movement continue to "take root, bear fruit ... and grow more Disciples every day!" Please give generously to this year's Pentecost offering.

### Chalice Class

Title: *Malls in America*

Focus: Malls have been a central part of American culture for the past sixty years. What role has the mall played in our lives, and how is that role changing? What are the parallels between malls and churches? What are the needs they both seek to address?

Next Week: *Rachel Held Evans and Jean Vanier*

### Illiopolis Christian Church's Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, **June 2nd**, 2019, from 11:00 AM—2:00 PM. Adults \$10.00, Kids age 4-10 \$5.00, Ages 3 and under free! Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, slaw, dessert, & drink. Carryout available until 1:30 PM.



### **Sunday (26)**

#### **Summer Sunday School begins**

8:00-Traditional 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

### **Monday (27)**

#### **Church and office closed**

**STEPS: On Break through June 10th**

### **Tuesday (28)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207  
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

### **Wednesday (29)**

### **Thursday (30)**

10:00-Al-Anon, 240  
11:45-CICN, Disciples Room  
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café  
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240  
6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room/Conn. Café  
7:00-Chancel Choir

### **Friday (31)**

### **Saturday (June 1)**

3:00-Heart & Soul Concert, Sanctuary

### **Sunday (2)**

8:00-Traditional 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  
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### Food collection for June 2nd: Cereal



### **In the Hospital...**

**DMH:**  
No one

**St. Mary's:**  
No one



## Serving Schedule—Sunday, May 26, 2019

### Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Vicki Woolridge & Kevin Miller

### 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 - Jim & Debbie Hoffert  
10:30 - Steve & Carrie Funk

### Acolytes:

10:30 - Amila Bradfield & Kellan Niles-Cox

### P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar  
10:30—Mike Kirby

### Preparation of Communion:

Carrie & Steve Funk, Marci & Steve Baumann

### Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 763-6624  
Sunday School and 10:30 service - Brett Swallow 433-7488

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:

May 27 MEMORIAL DAY—CHURCH CLOSED  
May 28 8:30-12:00—Betty Chapman  
May 29 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver  
May 30 8:30-12:00—Karen Baird  
May 31 8:30-12:00—OPEN

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Tina Miller.....Associate Minister of CE & Family Life  
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Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain .....Organist  
Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant  
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant  
Monica Hernandez.....Nursery Attendant  
Cheryl Williams.....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  
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Vernon Wimberly.....Caretaker  
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