

# 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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## **ALL CHURCH PICNIC at HOLY CROSS!**

Bring the kids and a side dish or dessert. 2 large inflatables, games.  
FOOD: grilled hot dogs & chips, ice Cream. Connections!

## **SUNDAY, June 9, 2019**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

## **Out of the Comfort Zone**

Text: Acts 2:1-12

Michael E. Karunas

## **Let's Celebrate Central's Art Treasures!**

Central will host a Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come connect with community members as you browse the iconic art in our sanctuary and main level renovated areas. Enjoy refreshments as you learn more from Central hosts about the displayed artwork and celebrate our connections with community.

## **Volunteers Needed for Macon County Fair**

Jason White, regular attender of Central, is organizing volunteers for the Macon County Fair. He still needs volunteers of all kinds. If you are available and would like to donate your time, you can call him directly at 433-0802. The volunteers would be needed Friday (5-10 p.m.), Saturday (1-5 p.m., 5-10 p.m.) and Sunday (1-5 p.m., 5-10 p.m.).

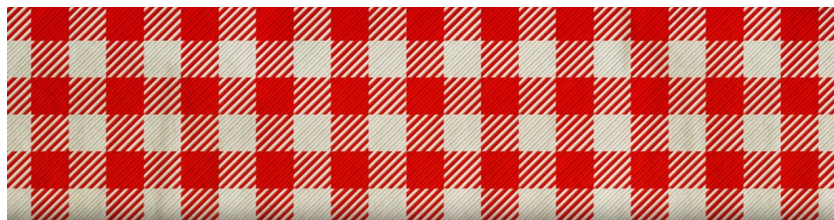


## **Counting On You**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

Worship Attendance ..... 272

Sunday School & Small Groups.....65



## 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



### Chalice Class

Title: *Fantasy and Faith*

Focus: From the silver screen to streaming services, fantasy stories dominate popular culture. Why do audiences find fantasy so appealing? What value does it provide beyond entertainment? How can fantasy help us grow in our faith?

Next Week: *Species Diversity*



**Vacation Bible School**

3 years through 5th grade

**June 17-21**

Online registration coming soon!

Central Christian Church

First Lutheran Church

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

650 W. William Street

[www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org)

### Vacation Bible School June 17-21

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

### Going to the Hospital?

If you are entering a local hospital, please notify the church office so that the minister or elder who is visiting each day may stop by to visit and pray with you. Frequently, a caller from the church may pass your room, because we don't know you are there. Procedures to protect your privacy make it hard for the church to find you if you don't let us know.



### **Capital Campaign 2019-2022**

As you know, Central is beginning another three-year capital campaign this month. The theme is *Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future*. We believe Central is unique among Disciples churches across the country in two ways: 1) We have voluntarily embraced triennial (3-year) capital campaigns for several decades, which has allowed us to improve our building and property gradually over time; subsequently, our building and grounds are in great shape and have been able to evolve to meet the needs of changing generations (the major 2016 renovations are the latest example of such evolution), and 2) we voluntarily dedicate 10% of our goals to outreach in the Decatur area. This means that every three years, we routinely make gifts of fifty thousand dollars (more or less)!

Our 2019-2022 campaign, with the theme *Preserving the Past, Preparing the Future*, has a goal of \$550,000. This is the same goal as the 2016-2019 campaign, which means that if we all continue to give at our previously committed rate, we should easily meet the goal. The funds raised will be spent in three (3) ways: First (1), because the congregation voted to borrow funds to renovate the West Entrance and Friendship Center three years ago, more than half the receipts are dedicated to reducing that obligation. Second (2), 25% of the funds will be used to improve the West Entrance elevator, Great Hall, Heritage Center, and Ramp Entrance areas. Finally (3), 10% of all monies are designated for Decatur area outreach. Here are the dates of some events during the month of June to help celebrate our campaign:

**June 9: Member testimony in worship: Mike & Gretchen Kirby**

**June 9 *Walk Down Memory Lane***

In the spirit of "preserving our past," enjoy pictures from the construction of our current church building from 1954-1955 and the burning of the mortgage less than 10 years later – 12-1 p.m. in the Connection Café

**June 10 Estimates of Giving cards mailed out**

During this week, you will receive a letter from our congregation president and chair of the Trustees, along with an information pamphlet about the campaign in greater detail. Included in that mailing will also be an Estimate of Giving that can be turned in anytime between June 10 and June 23.

**June 16 Member Testimony in worship: Randy & Shirley Brooks**

**June 18 Open House for the Decatur Community**

We are hosting a Chamber of Commerce Community Open House from 5 – 7 p.m. Greater Decatur is invited to come and tour our building, with special attention paid to some of our iconic artwork, which (from our Ryman and O'Dell paintings to the nursery mural and the newly dedicated "Acceptance,") both "preserves the past" and "prepares our future."

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**June 19**      **Member Testimony in *The Visitor*, Mat Cox and Kristi Niles-Cox**

**June 23**      **Celebration of our 2019-2022 Campaign**  
Estimate of Giving cards will be collected this day (if not turned in before-hand) and we will be dedicating them during worship. Then, following each service, in the spirit of celebration, we will be having ***Sundaes on Sunday!*** That's right... an ice cream bar as a special treat for everyone!

Our capital campaign committee, consisting of Sandy Garver, Roberta Gorden, Theresa Fulk, Jeannie Backes, Dale Ford, Paul Gorden, Gregg Foltz, and myself, look forward to this month and hope you will join us in *Preserving our Past* and *Preparing our Future*.

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.

### **Stay Connected this Summer!**

With the coming of summer vacation, we understand that many will be traveling at different times over the next several months. Wherever your travels may take you, we pray for your safekeeping. We also hope you will remember to stay connected with us, both when you are in Decatur or "on the road." You can do that by:

- Coming to worship when you are in town. We'd love to see you and hear about your adventures
- Watching our traditional service via the "Live Streaming" feature on our website. [Click here.](#)
- Following our Facebook pages daily!
- On our church's main page ([click here](#)), we will provide regular updates of what's happening at Central.
- On our contemporary page ([click here](#)), we will also be posting video highlights of each week's service.

Wherever your travels take you, we want you to feel a connected to your church family at Central!



### **Sunday (9)**

#### **Pentecost Offering Received**

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  
Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus  
Offertory: Dee Dee Gain, organ  
12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall  
12:00-"A Walk Down Memory Lane"

### **Monday (10)**

10:00-Good Samaritan  
12:30-Women's Book Club 2, Panera

### **Tuesday (11)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207  
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera  
7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

### **Wednesday (12)**

10:30-Ministers Meeting  
10:30-Bus leaves for 3D trip to Sullivan  
12:00-3D Ministry Trip-Sullivan  
2:00-CACS, Conference Room  
5:00-Elders' Meeting, Disciples Room

### **Thursday (13)**

10:00-Al-Anon, 240  
3:00-Capital Campaign Committee, Conf. Rm.  
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café  
7:00-Chancel Choir

### **Friday (14)**

### **Saturday (15)**

9:00-Setup for VBS

### **Sunday (16)**

#### **Happy Fathers' Day!**

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



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

**DMH:**  
Ron Taylor

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

## Serving Schedule—Sunday, June 9, 2019

### Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - David Wagner & Charlotte Ballance

### 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 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller  
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

### Greeters:

8:00 - Gail Prince, Carolyn McCall  
10:30 - Dennis & Ronda Spencer

### Acolytes:

10:30 - Emmy & Jane Osman

### P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter  
10:30—Mike Kirby

### Preparation of Communion:

Ed & Joy Adams, Betty Chapman, Claudia Curry

### Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 972-3361  
Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

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:

June 10 N/A  
June 11 8:30-12:00—Janet Gray  
June 12 8:30-12:00—Debbie Hoffert  
June 13 8:30-12:00—Nancy Taylor  
June 14 N/A

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Tina Miller.....Associate Minister of CE & Family Life  
David Martin.....Youth Director  
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  
Lora Wright .....Lead Caretaker  
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker  
Vernon Wimberly.....Caretaker  
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker  
Kamaria Collins.....Caretaker

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