

# 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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## **VBS BEGINS MONDAY!**

Join the Facebook group (below) for updates.

[Who is My Neighbor? VBS 2019](#)

Registration forms available online and in the church office.



## **Vacation Bible School**

3 years through 5th grade

**June 17-21**

**Online registration coming soon!**

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## **Koinonia Sunday School Class Opportunity**

The Koinonia Sunday School Class would like to invite all who might be interested to join us in the study of the New Testament books of 1st & 2nd Peter and Jude. Our study will begin on Sunday, June 30th, 2019, and will be approximately 12 weeks in length. The cost of the study guides is \$7.50, if you should want to purchase one. Our class meets in the 2nd floor wing, room 212. Contact Liz Campbell at (217) 521-5995 for additional information on how to order a study guide.

## **SUNDAY, June 16, 2019**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

### **The "Good" Father**

Text: Genesis 9:8-17

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.



## **Chalice Class**

Title: *Species Diversity*

Focus: A recent UN report states that more than one million species are in danger of extinction. What are the reasons for this threat? What is the value of species diversity?

As Christians, what is our responsibility to preserve diversity in creation?

Next Week: Assisted Suicide

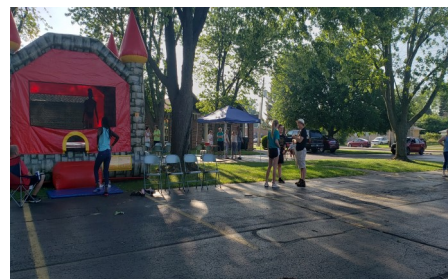
## **Counting On You**

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

Worship Attendance ..... 193

Sunday School & Small Groups.....67

### "VBS All-Church Picnic!"



### **Capital Campaign 2019-2022: "What They're Saying..."**

Every time we are invited to donate our finances, it is entirely appropriate to ask to what extent it is "worth it" to do so. Does the reason for the requested donations make sense? As we begin our new three-year capital campaign, *Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future*, we fully expect this to be a question you will be raising. As you know, 65% of this campaign's goal is dedicated to the reduction of the debt incurred for the magnificent renovations undertaken in 2015-2016; 25% toward redecorating portions of our lower level; and 10% to outreach. To help reflect on the worthiness of supporting these projects and this campaign, here's what some of our members and building staff are saying about the value of the 2016 renovations we undertook and the importance of capital campaigns to the overall life and health of the congregation.

Lora Wright – Lead Custodian since 2014

*"The new design of the church has been a great conversation starter. Visitors especially love the open floor plan and being able to see the sanctuary from the front entrance."*

Paul Gorden – member since 2016 *"I joined Central as the remodeling of the West Entrance was being completed. The Connection Café has been an ideal gathering place for our two men's weekly Bible study groups. The foresight and courage to create such a space inspires me and makes it easy to support new plans to create more places of connection."*

Jennifer Van Dyke – Preschool Director since 2015 (teacher since 2007) *"Preschool parents appreciate the additional security added during the 2016 renovations. Classes have enjoyed having parties and lessons in the Connection Café, and the open space in the Friendship Center has been wonderful for Easter egg hunts."*

Krista Rohrscheib – member since 1987 *"Updating our church building enhances a sense of excitement about what is being done within it. The newly renovated spaces attract new people and continue to welcome long-time members."*

Laura Chapman – member since 1965 *"I love the new contemporary service and am grateful it is offered in the same church that remains true to its traditional heritage. I believe God will continue to bless our church through the capital campaign."*

Sid Rohrscheib – member since 1976 *"I always favor giving to the capital campaign. I want the assurance that my contributions reach and support organizations in our local communities and that we are mindful of and continually care for the properties entrusted to us."*

Mike and Gretchen Kirby – members since 2016 *"The capital campaign gives us the opportunity to prepare and maintain our building so that it can be here for generations to come. Every day many, many people and organizations use our building. It is important that this building is here to provide that safe space for community groups as well as all of us each Sunday. Plus, it may even provide a welcoming church to some family that really needs it. This we know from personal experience."*

Blessings... Michael



### Welcome New Member

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Kim Spicer to the Central family. Kim's first Sunday with us was way back in 2013. She always felt welcome and at home here, but she thought she would be leaving the area. As she said in her words to the congregation when she came forward at the 9:00 service on June 9, since she is staying in Decatur for the foreseeable future, she wanted to make it "official", and we are delighted that she did! Kim does incredible work in the community, working for Growing Strong, counseling victims of sexual assault, and visiting every school in the DPS system, and speaking with the students about healthy boundaries and self-esteem. Welcome Kim!!!



### Summer at Central: Back in Time

*During the summer months, we will be going "Back in Time" to the Old Testament!! We will explore the earliest roots of our faith and examine how the basic building blocks of the story of salvation are still ones on which to build a spiritually strong life today. During June, our focus will be The Five Promises of God.*



June 16	Promise #1: "God chooses Life over Death"	Michael E. Karunas
June 23	Promise #2: "God Guides and Provides"	Michael E. Karunas
June 30	Promise #3: "God gives Confidence and Hope"	Michael E. Karunas
July 7	Promise #4: "God values Closeness and Relationship"	Tina Miller
July 14	Promise #5: "God Inspires"	Tina Miller

### 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 (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
- Anthem: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
- Offertory: Men's Trio
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

#### Monday (17)

##### Vacation Bible School, 9-11

- 10:00-Operations Committee, Conf. Room

#### Tuesday (18)

##### Vacation Bible School, 9-11

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 2:30-Prep for Art Celebration, Kitchen
- 5:00-Art Celebration

#### Wednesday (19)

##### Vacation Bible School, 9-11

- 10:30-Ministers Meeting
- 5:30-Evangelism Committee, Great Hall
- 5:30-Council Committee Meeting

#### Thursday (20)

##### Vacation Bible School, 9-11

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

#### Friday (21)

##### Vacation Bible School, 9-11

#### Saturday (22)

#### Sunday (23)

- 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:  
No one

St. Mary's:  
No one

## Serving Schedule—Sunday, June 16, 2019

### Outreach Communion:

Tom Spry, Laura Chapman, Kim Maple, Penny Rutherford, Janet Lyman

### Elders:

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

### 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 - Al & Chris Fagin

10:30 - Keith & Jeannie Backes

### Acolytes:

10:30 - Mackenzi & Zach Sargeant

### P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30—Jim Hinze

### Preparation of Communion:

Ed & Joy Adams, Betty Chapman, Claudia Curry

### Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081

Sunday School and 10:30 service - Doug Soebbing 875-1836

## Main Entrance Door Hosts:

June 17 N/A

June 18 8:30-12:00—Carol Bischoff

June 19 8:30-12:00—Robertta Gorden

June 20 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver

June 21 N/A

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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  
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

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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