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Elderberries Meal—August 10th

Elderberries will meet again for fellowship and food on Wednesday, August 10th. It's going to be "Larry Wade Day", as he will provide the entertainment that day, it's his birthday, and his favorite meal will be served. Larry will be performing for the group in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m., and then we will move to the Great Hall for lunch. Larry recently placed 3rd in the Senior Division of the World Championship Old-Time Piano

Playing Contest in Oxford, MS. Please RSVP by calling or emailing the church office (217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org) by August 3rd to let us know if you are staying for lunch to make sure we prepare enough food for everyone. The menu will be: fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, roll, birthday cake, & ice cream.



Welcome 101

Have you been attending Central Christian for a while and are interested in learning more about us? Would you like to hear about ways you can plug in and connect to what's happening here? Would you like a tour of our building and learn the wonderful ministries housed here? If so, then we'd love to have you join us at "WELCOME 101." This is a 90 minute info-gathering hosted by our ministerial staff here at Central. We will meet in the Connection Café for an hour and then go on a walking tour of the building.

Tuesday, August 9 from 5:30 – 7:00

Thursday, August 11 from 5:30 – 7:00

Please reserve your place at this event by contacting the office (217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

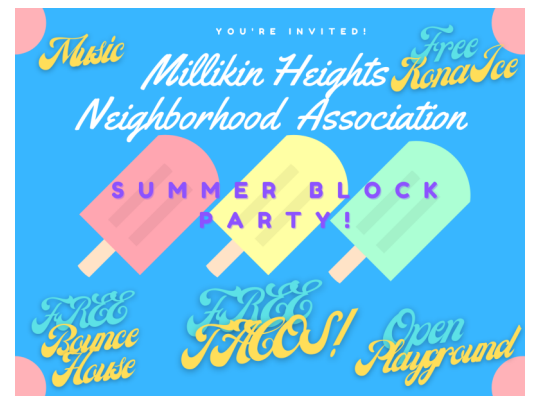
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 9:15 AM

Heroes: To Thine Own Self Be True

Text: Hebrews 11:1-4

Michael E. Karunas



Small Groups this Week

If you're in a small group, let us know what your small group's focus is for the week, and we'll let others know about it! If you would like to attend any of these groups, simply show up! If you would like more information before attending, let us know (central@cccdisciples.org).

Sundays - Ecclesia

(mixed Sunday School class)

Room 340 at 9:15 a.m.

Reading through the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum.

Tuesday Journeymen

(men's bible study)

Connection Café at 7:00 a.m.

Conversation led by Brian Maple, Jim Fitzpatrick, or Pastor Michael

Thursday Journeymen

(men's bible study)

Connection Café at 4:00 p.m.

Conversation led by Jack Dixon or Paul Gorden

Thursdays - Koinonia

(mixed small group)

Room 412 at 5:30 p.m.

Discussing Tony Evans book "Kingdom Disciples" (focus on leading a Christ-centered life and sharing faith with others).



Card Shower for Barb Leihser

Let's shower Barbara Leihser with cards for her 90th birthday on August 28. It will mean so much to her to know how many people are thinking of her on her special day! Thank you. (Kim Parr, her daughter)

To participate please send

your greeting to:

Barbara Leihser

1340 Alpine Court

Decatur, IL 62521

Minister's Article

Walking By Faith

The Book of Hebrews, toward the end of the New Testament, seeks to make connections with the Old Testament and indicate a unified line of faith from the beginning to the end of the scriptures. In Chapter 11, the author lists some of the great ancestors of our spiritual past and describes the faithfulness each exhibited. As the summer winds down and we gear up for another academic year, this will be our focus in worship. Each week, for 5 weeks, we will look at one of these Heroes of our Faith. In their own way, they trusted in God's ability to lead us even when the path ahead isn't entirely clear. We will recount their storied pasts as well as look forward in our own lives to how we can **Walk By Faith** as they did.



August 7	Hebrews 11:1-7
Hero:	Abel
Theme:	<i>"To Thine Own Self Be True" (Be true to yourself)</i>
August 14	Hebrews 11:8-16
Hero:	Abraham
Theme:	<i>"If God is your Co-Pilot... Change Seats" (Courage is the strength to let go)</i>
August 21	Hebrews 11:21
Hero:	Jacob and Joseph
Theme:	<i>"Just Hold On" (Faith is about holding on to what really keeps us going)</i>
August 28	Hebrews 11:23-31
Hero:	Moses and Miriam
Theme:	<i>"Who's in Your Corner?" (We all need behind-the-scenes support)</i>
September 4	Hebrews 12:1-2
Hero:	Cloud of Witnesses
Theme:	<i>"We Walk by Faith, but Never Alone" (The faith of past saints propels us forward)</i>

-Blessings – Michael

Meet Our Preschool Teachers!!!

Melissa Miller is excited to return to Central Christian Preschool fulfilling the role of Director and 4/5's Teacher. Melissa previously taught both 3's and 4's at Central Christian prior to accepting a full-time Lecturer position at Millikin University. Melissa holds a Master of Music Education degree from Illinois State University and multiple certificates in different music pedagogies. She is also a certified public school teacher in the State of Illinois. In addition, she is working toward completing her Special Education endorsement and will begin working towards her EdD in Education this upcoming year. Melissa loves music and creativity. She values arts integration and play based instruction and uses those experiences to create meaningful relationships and community within her classroom. She is known for having a "jingle" for just about every circumstance in the classroom. Melissa lives in Decatur with her husband, Tom, and their 4 children who attended Central Christian Preschool when they were younger. Melissa loves spending time with her family, playing games and going on adventures! (pictured, below left)



Diana Murray (pictured above right, with her kids) is excited to be returning to Central Christian Preschool to be teaching the 3 year old class after the COVID pandemic. It will be nice to get back into the classroom again! Diana and her husband, Blake, live in Long Creek with their 4 children who all attended Central Christian Preschool. Diana loves spending time with her family, usually at the soccer fields, the baseball diamond, or on the show choir stage.

Volunteers Needed August 13 at Good Samaritan Inn

Volunteers from Central Christian will prepare and serve lunch at the Good Samaritan Inn on Saturday, August 13th. The crew needs 5-6 workers 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for food preparation and 12-14 people for serving lunch 11 a.m.—1 p.m. And all workers are invited to stay and enjoy lunch after the serving line closes! If you can help, please sign up at www.cccdisciples.org/resources/events/ or click [HERE](#) or call the church office. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Welcome Center. Dave Wagner, (217) 433-2367, and Shirley Swarthout, (217) 620-3246, head up Central's volunteer team. Please contact one of them if you have questions.

Counting On You

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Total worshipping online = 160
Total worshipping in-person = 193

Volunteers Needed August 6 for Millikin Heights Block Party

Please contact the office if you would like to help monitor the playground area this Saturday.



Sunday (7)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Sunday School
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream

Monday (8)

9:00-Prayer Group, Connection Café
12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room
5:00-Elder Planning

Tuesday (9)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
11:00-Support Staff Meeting
7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

Wednesday (10)

11:30-Elderberries program & luncheon,
Sanctuary/Great Hall
4:00-DAR, Disciples Room
5:00-Elders, Great Hall

Thursday (11)

10:00-Alanon, 340
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:00-Koinonia, 412
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (12)

Saturday (13)

8:00-Good Samaritan volunteering
12:00-Praise Band practice, Great Hall

Sunday (14)

Imboden Creek Worship

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Sunday School
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream





Serving Schedule — Sunday, August 7, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Jeannie Backes & David York
9:15 - David York

August Prep Deacons: Nancy Hanover, Jean & Jud Pease

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Jane Davis & Mike Munos
10:30 - Gretchen & Mike Kirby

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn,
Charlotte Ballance
10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Bill Modlin

Greeters:

8:00 - Julie & Ken Jacoby
10:30 - Brett Swallow

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30 - Keith Backes

DOVE Clothing Room to Open at Central: Volunteers Needed

Dove will open their Children's Clothing Room at Central Christian in mid-August. The Room will be open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., is open to the public, offering good, used clothing for children of all ages free of cost. Dove volunteers will work the Room and Central is asking for volunteers to greet customers at the West Entrance to offer directions to the new facility. If you are interested in helping in this valuable community ministry, please contact Sandy Garver at 217-877-0800 or revrag@comcast.net.

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David Williams Organist
Kathleen Dudley Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd Administrative Assistant
Kattina Williams Nursery Attendant
Abigail Smith Nursery Attendant
Andrew Evans Caretaker
Jenny Goodman Caretaker
Sam Hawkinson Caretaker
Cheri Russell Caretaker

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You will see a list of options pop up.

Find the option marked "follow" and click on that.



Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text "PRAY" (all caps) to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left. "PRAY" is the only word you should type. Your phone then sends you a link to the prayer request form to fill out. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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