

The Central Visitor



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Welcome New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome three new members to the Central family! At the 9:15 a.m. service, Bob and Pat O'Connell came forward to transfer their membership. Bob owns the Decatur Athletic Club, and Pat worked for 35 years for Caterpillar before retiring. They spend part of their winters in Florida, but when they are here, Central is their church home. They have been attending regularly for several years now, becoming fixtures at the 9:15 service. Bob and Pat are pictured here with good friends and fellow Central members Paul and Terrie Potter.



Then, at the 10:30 service, Stephani Bellinger also came forward to join Central! Stephani teaches middle school at Johns Hill Magnet School and is pictured here with two of her JHMS colleagues (and Central members) Kim Miller and David Martin. Stephani has been attending regularly all summer and said that it feels right to make the move to join Central! We are delighted to welcome all these wonderful people to our faith family!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 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

Walk By Faith: Don't Give Up!

Text: Hebrews 11:21

Michael E. Karunas

Happy Birthday!! (8/21-8/27)

LeEtta Bass, Donna Dash,
Pam Ferguson, Jane French, Bill Hawks,
Robyn Spry, Norma Swinford,
Larry Thicksten, Seth Martin,
Connie Schabowski, Trey Larrick,
Marla Winkleblack, Lois Whitaker,
Ken Jacoby, Levi Horvath,
Tonya Morelli, Bob Muschal,
Dennis Miller, Libby Baum

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).



School Supply Donations

Christian Ed Dept will be collecting school supplies for Franklin/Grove school.

The supplies that are needed are: Crayola crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, bottles of white glue, and ear buds. The black trunks will be placed in the Friendship Center for you to place your supplies. We will be collecting supplies during August and deliver to the school in early September. Thank you.

Minister's Article

Feedback Encouraged

As we slowly turn the page from summer to fall, we welcome your feedback in two (2) important areas of the church's ministry. The first regards the 2019-2022 capital campaign that we just concluded at the end of June. As part of our ongoing 3-year capital campaigns, we dedicate 10% of all funds received to help community organizations. From our 2019-2022 capital campaign, we currently have the 10% ready to give to the Decatur and/or central Illinois community.

A group is being established for the purpose of making decisions about the disbursement of these funds – has already collected some ideas about where these funds could go, but it does not want to exclude your own. Traditionally, these funds have been distributed among local (Decatur-area) and/or regional (Central Illinois) entities, not necessarily affiliated with the Disciples of Christ, though a Disciples connection is always welcome. ***If you have an agency in mind you would like to see some of our finances support, please let us know.*** We cannot promise all suggestions will be supported. But rest assured the task force will honor and consider all suggestions. We would like your suggestions by: Sunday, August 28. Feel free to send them to central@cccdisciples.org.

The second regards the Nominating Committee's work as it prepares to present a new slate of officers and church leaders for 2023. This year, the committee will be presenting the following positions:

- President
- Vice-President (up to 3 total)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Trustees (2 total)
- Elders (up to 10 total)
- Deacons (up to 36 total)
- Elder and/or Deacon Emeritus

If you have suggestions of people you would like the Nominating Committee to consider for any of these positions, feel free to send them to central@cccdisciples.org. Beginning this coming Sunday (August 21), there will be sheets of paper where you can submit your suggestions in writing as well. The Nominating Committee will begin meeting the first full week of September, so submitting your suggestions by Sunday, September 4 will be most helpful.

Blessings – Michael

DOVE Children's Clothing Room Opens this Week

Beginning this week, the DOVE Children's Clothing Room will be open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. The Clothing Room will occupy room 407 and the room adjacent to it (formerly where Christ Care Stitchers met). We are



honored to host this service to the community and look forward to the beginning of a fruitful partnership.

Liturgist Orientation on August 23

For anyone who would like to serve as a Liturgist at any of our services, please note that there will be an orientation meeting on Tuesday August 23 at 6:00 p.m. We'll meet in the sanctuary, and the meeting should last between 30-45 minutes. We will present some guidelines on how to construct and deliver a Prayer of Invocation and then split up into two groups (traditional and contemporary) and go through the logistics of serving at each service. Note: if you would like to serve as a liturgist at traditional worship, we ask that you be prepared to serve at both 8:00 and 10:30 – or you may choose to serve at 9:15. You need not RSVP for this orientation meeting, but if you would like to serve and cannot make it, please let us know.



Sunday (21)

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
5:00-Youth Group Kick Off

Monday (22)

1:00-DOVE Kids' Clothing Room open

Tuesday (23)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:15-Prayer Group, Connection Café
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
6:00-Liturgist orientation

Wednesday (24)

1:00-DOVE Kids' Clothing Room open
5:30-Contemporary Worship meeting, GH

Thursday (25)

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

Friday (26)

Saturday (27)

Sunday (28)

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
4:00-Youth Group

Let's Celebrate with Backpacks and Bibles



It's time for a new school year, and we want to offer a blessing to everyone who is going to school. During all three worship services on Sunday, August 21, we will recognize all ages of students and teachers and staff. You are invited to bring your backpack. We will offer a prayer of safety and joyful learning for the coming year. We will have a small gift for you to attach

to your backpack, as well as a prayer card, as a reminder that you are loved by your church family.

We also wanted to give a special gift to all children who will be entering third grade. The church has a Bible for you, which is provided by the generous memorial gifts from Mr. Roe Skidmore. Please contact the church office and let us know if you are a third grader OR if you have never received a Bible as a 3rd-grader from the church, we want to give you one also.

Come and celebrate with us, in person, if you are able, or online (and we'll make sure to get the gift and prayer card to you).

A Note From Vicky Woolridge...

Thank you for the warm welcome you have shown me as I have started my position on staff here at Central as Pastor for Families. I am filled with joy to be serving God with you in this way.

Answering this call is completing a circle for me. I received my call to ministry when I was 12 years old at Camp Walter Scott. I followed that call and earned a degree in religious studies from Eureka College. My life took another direction at that time, and I continued my education, earning a teaching certificate. My career has been as a teacher of young children, which has been my ministry.

When I was invited to participate in our regional church's School for Ministry, I followed God's nudge, and said yes, trusting, but not knowing where that experience would lead. And now, here I am, answering my call to ministry that started so long ago. The circle is complete.

I am excited to get to know our church family. If you are a family with children, I will be reaching out to you and would love to plan a time to sit together and talk about ways the church can support you. I want to be a partner to you on your faith journey, as you nurture your children in their faith. I look forward to all of the joy we will share as we worship and deepen our faith and serve God together.

Blessings,
Vicky

Muni Band dates

August 17 DEVON 6:30-8

October 11 Tabernacle Baptist
Church, 7pm

Counting On You

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Total worshipping online = 146
Total worshipping in-person = 224



Serving Schedule — Sunday, August 21, 2022

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Gretchen Kirby & Krista Rohrscheib

9:15 - Krista Rohrscheib

Outreach Communion Elders: Dick Cain, Paul Gorden,
Matt Swarthout, Randy Trei, David York

August Prep Deacons: Nancy Hanover, Jean & Jud Pease

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Gary Horvath

10:30 - Audrey Miller & Andrea Shartzter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Donna Dash, Capt., Carolyn Sunderlik,
Dianne Devore

10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid

Greeters:

8:00 - Dianne Devore & Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Keith Backes

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



Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text PRAY 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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