

The Central Visitor



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Save the Date: Financial Peace University is coming

Another 10-week Financial Peace University class is coming this Fall at Central! It will be held on Mondays from 6 – 8 p.m. beginning on September 9 and concluding November 4. You can sign up at www.fpu.com/1093777. Cost of the class is \$109 per person (or couple).



SUNDAY, August 25, 2019
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
In Christ We Are Set Free!
Text: Luke 13:10-17
Michael E. Karunas

This Sunday August 25th is the Blessing of the Backpacks/Devices!

Youth Group Kickoff!

Come and join us at Overlook Adventure Park as we kickoff our new year. Central will cover the cost of one activity (putt-putt, batting cages, ropes course).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Overlook Adventure Park, 4-6 PM. Meet at the park. Snacks will be provided.

Spanish Conversations Class

Spanish Conversation Class will resume after labor day. Watch the Visitor and bulletin for specific dates.

Food Collection

The food collection for September 8th will be cereal. The shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.

Counting On You

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Worship Attendance 264
Sunday School & Small Groups..... 70

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS ARE MOVING FORWARD

Décor Committee members are actively working to carry out the approved décor goals of the 2019-2022 Capital Campaign. Committee members are Pamela Bednar, Jeannie Backes, Laura Chapman, Donna Dash, Theresa Fulk, Sandy Garver, Suzie Miller, Tina Miller, Mary Jane Oliver, and Randy Trei. The first goal is to replace the side lights and paint the Great Hall by October 2019. Look for displays of project progress on Sunday, August 25th. Great Hall paint colors and new side lights will be displayed in the lower level for the 9 a.m. service and in the Welcome Center for the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services.



Blanket Sunday offering, August 25th

A blanket is an essential item in an emergency. After a disaster, it can keep you warm, provide shelter (as a temporary tent) and even become a satchel for carrying your belongings. Blankets also symbolize God's love as they cover us and protect us. Because of donations from congregations like ours, Church World Service is able to distribute blankets to the victims of natural disasters. CWS seeks our help again for the annual Blanket Sunday offering, to be collected Aug. 25th. Please consider giving generously.



THANK YOU to all who contributed Backpacks and School Supplies Franklin Elementary School Back to School Drive! We collected over 51 Backpacks and many supplies for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School students. You are a blessing!

ATTENTION MEAL DELIVERY TEAM
Two Central Christian Church families are expecting babies!

We'll bless these families with one meal a day for 5 days after baby comes home. Please look for the Bulletin Insert Appeal this Sunday.

The meal delivery program is part of Central Loves Babies!

Central Loves Babies is our newborn program. Here are opportunities we provide:

-A visit from one of the pastors when you are in the hospital shortly following the birth of your baby, including a prayer for your Newborn.

-Five meals brought to your home by members of the church during your first few weeks at home following your baby's delivery.

-A rose and cross (for you to keep) placed on the communion table at church.

-A Newborn Visit when your baby is about three weeks old by Claudia Quigg, early child-hood specialist, who is trained to observe newborns and learn with parents about their unique competencies.

-A Blessing of your baby and Service of Dedication scheduled at your convenience during a regular worship service.

-An opportunity to collaborate with others at Central to provide a spiritual home for your child.

-A follow-up visit by Claudia Quigg around the first birthday of your child with information that can assist in navigating year two of your child's life.

"Living by Faith in the Real World"

In the Michigan in which I was raised in the 1970s and 80s, the school year always began on the first Wednesday after Labor Day. For this reason, I loved the month of August! The true "dog days" of summer. My baseball seasons concluded toward the end of July, and I *still* had more than a month of time off before another school year started. August was when our family took our vacation to our cottage up north, and when we came home, there were yet *another* few weeks of summer break. Labor Day weekend, the last hurrah of our neighborhood pool before it closed for the winter, was not a break from a school year already begun, but the last vestiges of a summer season that still offered a few more days of ease. Even Labor Day Monday was a chance for a last sleepover with a friend because there was one final day of summer vacation to go!

Since our oldest child began Kindergarten 12 years ago, however, our family rhythm has changed drastically. With schools beginning in mid-August these days, the Decatur Celebration marks the unofficial "end" of summer for us. Whatever vacation we take must be done by the end of July so that we can start the family transition back to "school mode." August is not a time to bask in the laziness of summer's dog days but rather to be fully present to the demands and challenges of a new school year, and let's face it... whether we have school-aged children or not, all of us are affected by the academic calendar in some way. It may be the return of Millikin students who impact West End traffic and populate our businesses. It may be programming at church, which picks up once a new school years starts. It may be extra-curricular activities of children and youth that radically influences the way parents and grandparents spend their free time. For our current culture, August marks the beginning of a new year!



With a new year comes new changes. Some will be moving to new classrooms led by new teachers; some to new schools in new neighborhoods. Some will be making bigger transitions this month, moving from high school to a college in a new town. Others will be moving to a job in the "real world," with this August being the first time they will not be in school at all. Regardless of what your next step is, we wanted to start this new year off on the right foot at Central Christian with a sermon series called "***Living by Faith in the Real World.***" In Jesus Christ, we are set free – set free from the expectations and pressures of this world; set free from the bondage of sin, physical limitations, and even death, but... we still need to live in *this* world, where all of these things still exist. Ugh! How do we live such that we live freely by the grace of God,

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without getting trapped by the limitations of the real world? We hope to provide insight and guidance in answering these questions over the next month, and we hope you can join us.

8/25	"In Christ we are Set Free!"	Luke 13:10-17	Pastor Michael
9/1	"Sincere Generosity Matters"	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Pastor Michael
9/8	"Have a Plan"	Luke 14:25-33	Pastor Tina
9/15	"Err on the Side of Inclusion"	Luke 15:1-10	Pastor Michael
9/22	"Prepare for the Future"	Luke 16:1-13	Pastor Michael
9/29	"In Christ we are Set Free! (part 2)"	Luke 13:10-17	Pastor Michael

Blessings... Michael

Welcome New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome two new members to the Central family. First, Kent Rigdon joined at the 9:00 service. Kent plays bass in the praise band and has been with us nearly from the beginning (2016). He lives in Buffalo, has long felt at home at Central and was glad to "make it official" on Sunday. Following this, at the 10:30 service, Rosaline O'Neal came forward to join. Rosaline lives across the street at the corner of William and Monroe. She has attended periodically over the past few years. We gladly welcome both!



Caregiver Brunch Bunch

Are you providing care to a family member? Are you looking for fellowship with other family caregivers? You are invited to the Caregiver Brunch Bunch on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The Brunch Bunch meets at the Macon County Health Dept. (1221 E. Condit) and you can obtain more information by contacting Sally or Carol (423-6550)

In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve with the family of former Central member Mary Walton upon her passing last week in Pennsylvania. Mary and her husband had left Decatur in 2014 to be closer to their children. A graveside service will be held for Mary in early September, and in the meantime, we thank you for your prayerful support of Mary's family.

Also, we grieve the passing of Jeff Hunter who died this past weekend. After having lost both of his parents and his brother Rodney earlier this year, Jeff's primary surviving family is his Central Christian family. According to his guardian, Jeff, who lived alone, died in his home over the weekend. A graveside memorial service will be held sometime in the near future. Watch for Jeff's obituary in the Herald and Review. Pastor Don will be presiding at the service and the entire church family is invited. We are deeply saddened by this loss. He loved Central and rarely, if ever, missed a Sunday.



Sunday (25)

Back to School Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday!

- 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-Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall
- 4:00-Youth Group Kick Off Party, Overlook Adventure Park

Monday (26)

Painting of the Great Hall Starts

- 5:00-Veteran, Disciples Room
- 5:00-Contemporary Worship Meeting, Connection Cafe

Tuesday (27)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Private Party, Connection Café
- 1:00-MU Class, 240
- 5:00-Baby Talk Open House, 2nd Floor

Wednesday (28)

- 4:00-Evangelism/Marketing, Conf. Room
- 6:00-Pastoral Support Committee, Conference Room

Thursday (29)

- 10:00-AI-Anon, 240
- 11:45-CICN, Disciples Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

Friday (30)

Saturday (31)

Sunday (September 1)

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- NO YOUTH GROUP

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

Serving Schedule—Sunday, August 25, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Liz Campbell & Laura Chapman
 9:00— Laura Chapman

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall
 9:00—Ryan Damery
 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 - Norm & Darla Lienemann
 9:00—Maxine Koenig, Barb Leihser, Cheryl Zollinger
 10:30 - Jon & Jane French

Acolytes:

10:30 - Clara & Nora Damery

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
 10:30—Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Bob & Carol Bischoff, Karen Baird, Nancy Hanover

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - Brett Swallow 433-7488

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30—Dick Cain
 9:00—Michael E. Karunas

Hospitality:

9:00—Cheryl Zollinger

Tech:

9:00—Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

August 26 N/A
 August 27 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver
 August 28 8:30-12:00—Debbie Hoffert
 August 29 8:30-12:00—Open
 August 30 N/A

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Don Martin.....	Minister of Music
Tina Miller.....	Associate Minister of CE & Family Life
David Martin.....	Youth Director
Cordelia “Dee Dee” Gain	Organist
David Williams.....	Organist
Kathleen Dudley.....	Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....	Administrative Assistant
Cheryl Williams.....	Nursery Attendant
Hannah Brimmer	Nursery Attendant
Kattina Williams	Nursery Attendant
Jennifer Van Dyke.....	Preschool Director
Paula Partain.....	Teacher Assistant
Lisa Coates.....	Preschool Teacher
Kay Villarreal.....	Preschool Teacher
Amber Marshall.....	Preschool Teacher
Diana Murray.....	Preschool Teacher
Stephanie Nihiser.....	Preschool Teacher
Lora Wright	Lead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....	Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....	Caretaker
Kamaria Collins.....	Caretaker

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