

# The Central Visitor

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### Just Flicks: *The Citizen*, September 8th, 6:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church

Call it what you will – chance, luck, fate. It all seems to be on Ibrahim Jarrh's side when he wins the U.S. Green Card Lottery. Unfortunately for Ibrahim, he wins this on Sept. 10, 2001. The events of 9/11 will shape his journey for the American Dream in unimaginable ways. Perseverance and courage will become his most important attributes in becoming a U.S. citizen. "The Citizen" was inspired by true events. Rated PG-13, 2012.

### Join the Conversation

Beginning **Wednesday September 11, 6:30 – 7:30 PM**, and continuing through Thanksgiving, come explore your spiritual development through reading, reflecting, and sharing. We will use the book **Falling Upward** by Fr. Richard Rohr, available at [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org), or your favorite book seller. The book also has an accompanying work book that we will be using. Join us in Room 240 for conversations and more. Questions? Contact Don Martin.

### DORCAS is ON THE MOVE!

Our first Dorcas meeting of the 2019-2020 program year is Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Join in the fun of getting to know each other better, and be inspired by learning about the good works of Webster-Cantrell Hall. We'll learn about this year's timely programs, listen to a relevant devotion, and enjoy delicious refreshments. We sincerely welcome all Central women to join in the fellowship of Dorcas Disciples. RSVP to Nancy Ellen Taylor at [xstra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xstra@sbcglobal.net) or 620-5639 by Friday, September 13th. For more information about Dorcas Disciples, contact Sandy Garver at 877-0800 or [revrag@comcast.net](mailto:revrag@comcast.net).

### Spanish Conversations Class

Spanish Conversation Class will resume on Mon., Sept. 9th, from 5:30—7:00 PM, in Room 240.

**SUNDAY, September 8, 2019**  
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.  
**Have a Plan**  
Text: Luke 14:25-33  
Tina Miller

### Attention Parents:

We are updating our files. Please be sure to get a student form from your child's Sunday school leader. Complete the form and return it to the leader or church office. Thank you.

### It's Bowling Time Again!

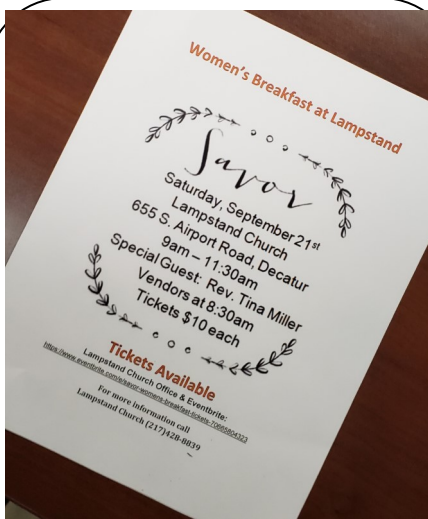
It's time for the CCC bowling league to get ready for another fabulous season! This is especially great news, as there has been a major change in the bowling community during this past year. Pla-Mor Lanes closed their doors mid-season in February. There was some concern that there might not be lanes available for our CCC league, but we will have six lanes available to us. This means we can have six teams. I will be contacting all teams from last season. If you are interested in bowling and aren't already on a team please call me - Debbie Santee (217) 853-2778! We will start our season Monday, Sept. 9th, 2019, at 5:30pm with a brief meeting before we begin bowling. Looking forward to another fabulous season of fun, friendship and bowling!

### Food Collection

The food collection for September 8th will be cereal.



**Counting On You**  
**Sunday, September 1, 2019**  
Worship Attendance ..... 262  
Sunday School & Small Groups.....61



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Tina Miller will lead teaching and conversation at SAVOR: A women's breakfast at Lampstand Church. We'll unpack Proverbs 4:23, learn what it means to guard your heart, and explore ways to do it better. Come for impactful teaching and deep conversations.

Tickets available at:

<https://evenbright.com/e/savor-womens-breakfast-tickets-70665804323>

or call Lampstand Church at 217.428.8839.

**THANK YOU, Eleanor Pritts!**

We appreciate your service at our Welcome Center. Eleanor served as our primary welcome center host for the past few years. In order to spend more time with family, she will "retire" from her position. We are thankful for Eleanor's smile and vast knowledge of our congregation. Be sure to extend best wishes to Eleanor and many thanks for her presence at our church.

**Bell Ringers**

We have an opportunity for bell ringers to join forces with the ringers at First Baptist church under the direction of Mike Waltenberger. Rehearsals will be at the First Baptist Church on Wed. evenings at 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Questions?

Contact Don Martin.

**"Memorable Meals"**

One of the most memorable meals I remember eating occurred 38 years ago. For part of the summer of 1991, I traveled through the western part of Russia as part of a delegation representing the National Council of the Churches of Christ. A third of our time was spent in dialogue with a counterpart Russian organization and sightseeing. The remaining time was spent in the village of Demidov, helping to restore a church previously confiscated by the communists but recently returned to the church for sacred use. It was during this part of my travels that we spent a few days in August in the city of Smolensk. We were assigned to host families, and I was the only one of the American contingent to be housed alone with a Russian family. I was paired with Sasha, who was about my age, and I spent those days in the Stalin-era apartment he shared with his mother and his maternal grandmother.

One of the afternoons was designated as "Sightseeing with Host Families" on the itinerary, but on this particular day, there was a steady downpour, and all Sasha's plans for us included touring things outside, which neither of us was inclined to do. I could not then, nor can I now, understand more than a few words of Russian, but I could tell Sasha and his mother and grandmother were busied themselves with something important as an alternative plan. It turns out that they traded in some of their government-issued ration coupons to obtain more ground beef than they would otherwise have been able to procure, and they prepared a meal of eggplant and ground beef, serving it – as was customary – for the noonday meal. I remember the food we ate, not for how it tasted, but rather for the sacrifice the family undertook to provide it.

I remember much more how the four of us not only ate that noonday meal, but how we stayed at the table all afternoon, while the rain steadily fell outside. Sasha's grandmother, it turns out, knew a little German, as did I. Sasha's English was nearly perfect and through a combination of his translating, the grandmother's and my broken German, and a healthy dose of "pictionary and charades," the hours passed like minutes, and our clunky conversation flowed effortlessly. The dishes stayed on the table all afternoon, the original beef and eggplant being supplanted by dessert, then coffee, then cookies and chocolate, then more coffee until it was dinner time and the gray skies gave way to nightfall. To this day, I can still envision the way the room looked, where I sat, and much joy I felt around that table.

As we noted during worship on Sunday, in the perfect world, meals have the ability to bring people together and powerfully overcome differences. This is because meals are often less about the food on the table than the interactions of those around the table. Such was the case with that meal I ate in Smolensk in August 1991, and such was the case with many of the meals at which Jesus participated. They always seemed to be about more than the food.

At meals, Jesus ate with sinners and tax collectors. He was anointed for his burial. He washed the feet of his disciples. He multiplied the loaves and fish to feed thousands. He instituted the Great Thanksgiving, and he revealed himself as resurrected. And we remember those things happening more than we remember the recipes that were prepared for the meal itself.

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Meals with Jesus were about so much more than food. They were much more about who we are in relation to God and to one another. They were examples of where the Kingdom of God breaks into our real world and inspires us to examine how we *are* living, and to imagine how we *could* be living – living more fully as his disciples and fellow builders of the kingdom. That meal in which I partook with Sasha and his family 38 years ago stands out so strongly in my memory, because it was an example I needed of how God’s kingdom is built, and I hope you can say the same about your most memorable meals.

Blessings... Michael



### Welcome New Member

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Derald Hartley to the Central family! Derald transferred his membership at the 8:00 service on September 1. He is the cousin of Janet Gray and, having attended Central off and on in the recent past, has come to see our faith community as a family of which is feels called to be part. Welcome Derald!

### In Sympathy we Mourn

We grieve with Nancy McAfee the passing of her mother, Kay Ditmars. Kay will be laid to rest on September 5 in Franklin, IN. Thank you for your spiritual comfort and support for the McAfee family.

### Webster-Cantrell Seeking Foster Families

Webster-Cantrell Hall, an organization with whom Central has had a long-standing relationship and for whom several of our church members serve on the board of directors, is on a crusade to recruit families that can provide safe, nurturing, and loving homes for abused and neglected youth. If you are interested in becoming a licensed foster parent, please contact Cynthia Cherry or Monique Howell at 423-6961.

### 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](http://www.fpu.com/1093777). Cost of the class is \$109 per person (or couple).



### Central Christian Church Brass Choir

We will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 5th, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Disciples Room. The Brass Choir provides music in worship 4-5 times a year. Please consider dusting off your instrument and getting your lips in shape so you can join the fun of preparing and performing music in praise of God. Questions? Contact Don Martin at the church or David Bottom 855-4849.

### Online Directory Information

We have had some questions, re: the online directory. Each member should have received a link to view the directory online when they received their portraits. If you do not have this link, you can request it by reaching out to the church office via phone or email. Members do not have access to change their information online. If you would like to update your phone, address, or email info on the online directory, please contact Kathleen in the church office, and we can update that for you.



### **Sunday (8)**

- 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 meets
- 6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian Church  
"The Citizen"

### **Monday (9)**

- 9:00-Good Samaritan
- 12:30-Women’s Book Club, Panera
- 5:30-Ordination Committee, Connection Café
- 5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
- 5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240
- 6:00-Financial Peace University, Great Hall/Disciples Room

### **Tuesday (10)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 1:00-MU Class, 240
- 4:00-PR Meeting, Conference Room
- 5:30-Women’s Book Club, Panera
- 6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room/  
Connection Cafe
- 7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

### **Wednesday (11)**

- 10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
- 10:30-Ministers’ Meeting
- 5:00-Elders’ Meeting, Disciples Room

### **Thursday (12)**

- 10:00-AI-Anon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:15-Personnel Committee, 201
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

### **Friday (13)**

### **Saturday (14)**

**Youth Retreat departs for camp**

### **Sunday (15)**

- 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
- Youth Retreat returns from camp**

**Serving Schedule—Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Penny Rutherford & Janet Lyman  
 9:00—Janet Lyman

**Deacons:**

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall

9:00—Cheryl Zollinger

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 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn  
 10:30 -Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver, Bill Modlin

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Jerry & Susie Bean  
 9:00—Cheryl Zollinger  
 10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

**Acolytes:**

10:30 - Zedekiah Auten & Peyton Swarthout

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Jim Bednar  
 10:30—Jim Hinze

**Preparation of Communion:**

Jean & Judson Pease, Susan Bryant, Donna Dash

**Ride Share Drivers:**

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838  
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30—Shelby Baum  
 9:00—Laura Chapman

**Hospitality:**

9:00—Deb Trei

**Tech:**

9:00—Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

<b>Sunday School Classes</b>	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Room</b>
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:**

September 9 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver  
 September 10 8:30-12:00—Janet Gray  
 September 11 8:30-12:00—Debbie Hoffert  
 September 12 8:30-12:00—Nancy Taylor  
 September 13 8:30-12:00—Cindy Soebbing

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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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