

# 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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## Elderberries Thanksgiving-Christmas Celebration

Wednesday, November 14 in the Great Hall  
Please join us at 11:30 for our combined  
Thanksgiving-Christmas meal and celebration



Enjoy a delicious meal of Ham,  
Sweet potatoes, Dressing,  
Creamed peas n' carrots, Pumpkin pie  
with Whip cream. (all of this for only \$5).  
**Don't forget to sign up on the pew pad  
on Sunday or call the church office  
by Monday, November 12.**

## Special Note of Thanks

My sincere thanks to Central Christian Church for their outreach to me during my surgery in July. A special thanks to the card ministry group who created and sent words of encouragement, to the staff for their pastoral visit and inquires, and to all who called, sent cards, offered prayers on my behalf or visited during my recovery. I know that all those efforts contributed to my speedy recovery and I am so thankful.

*Carole McClarey*

## T-Shirts for Sale

In conjunction with the two-year anniversary of our contemporary service, we are selling t-shirts celebrating all of our worship at Central. We are proud of all of our services and wearing one of these t-shirts is just one way to display that pride. T-shirts are \$15.00 each and read "Central Christian Church" in small letters on the front and "Worship at Central" in big letters on the back. Shirts are black with tan lettering. You can sign up for one (or more) in the Welcome Center.



**SUNDAY, October 21, 2018**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

**Generosity: Treasure**

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Michael E. Karunas

## Hot-Dog Roast at Ritter's

**October 21, 5-7pm**

512 S. Lewis Street

Blue Mound

**Families welcome!**

Leave the church at  
4:30pm return to church  
at 7:30pm. We'll provide  
all the food.

Bring a lawn chair.

**Counting On You**

**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

Worship Attendance ..... 190

Sunday School & Small Groups..... 70

### **CANDY FOR THE KIDS**

Preschool children trick-or-treat through the Fellowship Hall every year. This year, our candy supply is low. Please bring in a bag or two of candy for the preschool children by Sunday, October 21. There is a drop-off box at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your help.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS!**  
**We're having an earbud drive for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School students in lieu of our Hootenanny Hoopla!**

**\*\*Our goal is 200 pairs of earbuds by October 25<sup>th</sup>. They can be purchased at the dollar store for \$1.00 per pair.**

We have explored and executed various ways to effectively serve our community throughout the past few years. Some endeavors are more successful than others. This year, we will not host the Hootenanny Hoopla due to diminishing attendance. The CE Committee determined a better use of Hootenanny Hoopla energy and funds would be to reach out to a community in need. We asked the Benjamin Franklin Elementary school about needs.

Here's what we learned: Students are required to bring a pair of earbuds at the beginning of the school year for personal use. The earbuds are used with school-supplied iPads. Many earbuds have broken and need to be replaced.

We want to bless students with new earbuds!

**EARBUDS FOR FRANKLIN SCHOOL DRIVE!**

Please drop off your donations at the Welcome Center!  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

## Minister's Article

### ***Central Hosting Seminar on Hospitality***

This past Sunday we spoke of Spiritual Gifts. One of those is the gift of hospitality. As it so happens, Scott Woolridge, Central member and associate regional minister, is going to be hosting a workshop next month on this very spiritual gift. All are welcome. Here's more information about the event.

#### **Becoming a People of Welcome**



On Saturday, November 3 (10 am to 4 pm), you're invited to join us at Central Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois. Ruth Fletcher, a well-known Disciples minister will be with us to talk about nurturing the lives of congregations. Those who participate in the workshop "*Becoming a People of Welcome*" will learn how to create trustworthy space that offers hospitality to strangers and breaks preconceptions of what Christianity is all about.

It takes a lot of courage for the public to walk through the doors of a church. In today's world, Christians have a reputation for being mean, judgmental, and too narrow in their thinking. We are not those Christians!

*How can we become trustworthy communities that welcome the stranger?* In this retreat, we will learn to leave behind obsolete traditions. We will explore how to develop habits of clarity, challenge, and courage that enlarge our capacity to grow and thrive as the Body of Christ. Ruth Fletcher nurtures positive transformation in individuals and systems through teaching and spiritual leadership. Throughout her life, she has trained leaders, facilitated personal growth retreats, accompanied congregations through change, encouraged imagination, keynoted conferences, preached and led worship, coached pastors, and designed processes for systemic revitalization. Ruth is the author of Thrive: Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations.

This event is open to everyone – clergy, laypersons – everyone. And lunch is included.

Cost is **\$10.00 per person**.

Register by October 29 – <https://cciwdisciples.org/transformation/>

Blessings – **Michael**

### Good Samaritan Lunch

Good Sam is coming up on the 20th of October. We need 4 to 6 people to help prepare at 8:00am to 11:00am, and 12 to 14 people to serve and clean-up after from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to stay after 1:00 to have a meal. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center, email [central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org) or call the church office at 217-428-4336.

### Chalice Class

Title: *Boycotts*

Focus: For more than a hundred years, boycotts have been used as a way to effect change. What makes a boycott succeed or fail? How have boycotts changed in the age of social media? How can Christians discern whether to participate in a boycott?

### Preschool News

The preschool pictures from Rutherford's were delivered on Friday. The families were thrilled to get them Monday!

The 3's classes are continuing their exploration of all things fall. In addition to apples, leaves, and pumpkins, they talked about bugs and spiders that are often seen in the fall.

The 4's class made pumpkin dessert and will go to the pumpkin patch on Thursday.

The Pre-K class is learning about dinosaurs this week. They are also making dirt cups.

*Jennifer Van Dyke*  
Director

### THE 2018-2019 SANCTUARY CONCERT SERIES HAS BEGUN!

*FALL CHORAL CONCERT*

*Millikin University*

Sunday, October 21

2:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Central Christian Church

More than 250 students from a variety of majors perform in one of five choirs from Millikin's nationally known choral program.

2:00 p.m.

*Millikin Women: Beth Holmes, conductor*

*Collegiate Chorale and Tudor Voices: Guy Forbes, conductor*

4:00 p.m.

*Millikin Men and University Choir: Brad Holmes, conductor*

### Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Concerts

*STEINER/HOCHWARTNER DUO*

Trombone/Organ/Piano Concert

Sunday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.

*DECATUR YOUTH SYMPHONY*

Monday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.



### **Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Music:

Offertory-Brass Choir

Anthem-*I Am Not My Own*

8:00-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

12:00-Stewardship Luncheon, Great Hall

2:00-Fall Choral Concert, Sanc. & Disciples Room

4:00-Fall Choral Concert, Sanc.

4:30-Youth Group Outing Bus Departure

5:00-Youth Group Outing, Ritter's House

### **Monday (22)**

9:00-Preschool Vision & Hearing Test, Nursery

11:00-Youth Leaders Meeting, Conference Room

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes

6:00-Financial Peace University, Disciples' Room

### **Tuesday (23)**

7:00-Journeyman, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

1:30-Millikin Class, 240

5:30-Nominating Committee, Conference Room

6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & Connection Café

### **Wednesday (24)**

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center

1:30-Décor Committee, Connection Café

### **Thursday (25)**

9:30-Preschool Halloween Party 2's

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

11:30-Widow Support, Tuscany Steak & Pasta House

11:45-CINC, Disciples' Room

2:00-BT: Kitchen Usage

4:00-Journeyman 2, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room

7:00-Chancel Choir

### **Friday (26)**

### **Saturday (27)**

1:30-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

### **Sunday (28)**

8:00-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

### **In the Hospital...**

**DMH:**

Dave Flanders

**St. Mary's:**

No One





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 650 West William Street  
 Decatur, IL 62522

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**Serving Schedule—Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Laura Chapman, Cindy Soebbing

**Outreach Communion:**

Krista Rohrscheib	Brett Swallow
Shirley Swarthout	Kim Maple
Claudia Quigg	Liz Campbell

**Deacons:**

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Charlotte Ballance, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Brad Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall  
 10:30 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Matthew Swarthout, Jon French, David Martin, Zach Martin, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller, Seth Martin, Pam Ferguson, Brittney Munos, Luc Longcor, Pam Larrick, Shelby Baum, Dave Sheffer

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar  
 10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Capt., Doug Soebbing

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Jim & Pamela Bednar, Donna Dash  
 10:30 - Jon & Jane French, Laura Sperry

**Acolytes:**

10:30 - Jane Osman, Emmy Osman

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Greg Carter  
 10:30 - Jim Hinze

**Preparation of Communion:**

Hazel Perry, Julie Martin, Linda Shambaugh

**Ride Share Drivers:**

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk	763-6624
Sunday School and 10:30 service - Doug Soebbing	875-1836

**Main Entrance Door Hosts:**

October 22	8:30-12:00 - Suzie Miller
October 23	8:30-12:00 - Katie Miller
October 24	8:30-12:00 - Judy Ford
October 25	8:30-12:00 - Carolyn McCall
October 26	8:30-12:00 - Yvonne Purcell

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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
Ashely Sparks.....	Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....	Administrative Assistant
Monica Hernandez.....	Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Williams.....	Nursery Attendant
Melissa Gillis.....	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
Samantha West.....	Preschool Teacher
Diana Murray.....	Preschool Teacher
Stephanie Nihiser.....	Preschool Teacher
Lora Wright .....	Lead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....	Caretaker
Vernon Wimberly.....	Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....	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	280
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

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