

The Central Visitor



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Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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Financial Peace University to Begin October 8

Our first FPU class last Spring met with resounding success. Twenty-five people completed the class and reported to have paid off (collectively) \$54,000 of debt in just seven weeks!

We are both excited and proud to offer a second class. We believe this is important because:

- Nearly 5 Million people have taken an FPU course
- **81%** of couples do a monthly zero-based budget after taking FPU
- **89%** of FPU participants have at least a \$1000 emergency fund within 10 weeks

The class will be led by Mike and Gerri Munos, and Paul Gorden. It will be held on **Mondays** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** beginning on **October 8** and concluding **December 3**. The class is open to all and there is a **cost of \$110** (for either a single or a couple). The cost is purely for the materials offered by FPU and well worth the investment. If you are interested in: a) registering for the class, call the church office (428-4336) and reserve your place; b) learning more about FPU before you register, feel free to contact Gerri Munos (munos5@comcast.net).

Seminar on Spiritual Practices Offered

You are invited to an event designed to help deepen your own spiritual well, so that you can help fill the spiritual wells of others. It will be held at Central on **October 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and will include lunch. It will be led by Rev. Al Keeney and will emphasize Spiritual Practices that each of us might be able to incorporate into our lives. There is no charge for this event. Here is a proposed schedule for 10/13:

- 8:30 – 9:30 Gathering (introductions?) and explanation of context
- 9:30 – 10:30 Spiritual Practice 1 (including conversation and reflection)
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Spiritual Practice 2
- 11:45 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:30 Spiritual Practice 3
- 1:30 – 2:00 Closing

Please contact the church office (central@cccdisciples.org) and let us know if you're interested in attending the event.

SUNDAY, October 7, 2018

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

It's Just a Matter of Time

Text: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

Michael E. Karunas

***Please note: we will NOT be
live-streaming this Sunday (10/7).
We will be back on 10/14. Thank you!***

Food Collection

The food collection for October 7th is boxed macaroni & cheese, hamburger helper, & canned tuna or chicken. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café.
Thank you for your generous giving.

Elderberries in October

Wednesday, **October 10** in the Great Hall.

Program at 11:30; Lunch at noon.

Join us as John Baird & Jo Carter share their hiking trip in France! Then enjoy a delicious meal of Tortellini soup, Hot ham n' cheese sliders, Apple crisps with Caramel ice 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, October 8.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ELDERBERRIES
BIG HOLIDAY MEAL NOVEMBER 14TH!**

Counting On You

Sunday, September 30, 2018

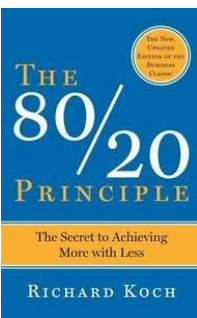
Worship Attendance 264

Sunday School & Small Groups.....49

80 / 20

Many of us are probably familiar with the Pareto Principle, if not by that name. Known more commonly as the "80/20 Rule," this is the idea that 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes. It is named for the Italian economist Vilfredo Pareto, who discovered in the late 19th century that 80% of the wealth in his region of Italy lay in the hands of a mere 20% of the people. Since then, however, people have been making 80/20 connections in all aspects life.

- In business, 80% of the sales come from 20% of the clients
- Among donors to a foundation, 80% of the contributions come from 20% of the givers
- In any group of volunteers 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people
- When it comes to our closets and dressers, 80% of the time we wear the same 20% of our clothes (over and over again in rotation)
- In negotiations, 80% of the concessions are made in the last 20% of negotiating time (which means that "11th-hour" agreements should not be that surprising)
- While grocery shopping, we purchase 80% of our food from just 20% of the store



On and on we could go. Richard Koch made the 80/20 rule widely popular and recognizable in his 1998 book: *"The 80/20 Principle: the Secret to Achieving more with Less."* It was in that book, which I read some years ago, that a conversation about work caught my eye. At work, the section described, we spend 20% of our time on tasks that motivate and inspire us and 80% of the time on responsibilities that don't. I wondered if that were true of me at the time. I did some time-budget-analysis and concluded that there probably some truth to it, even if the percentages didn't line up exactly on the 80/20 line. That is, I was spending a lot more time on maintaining things and far less time than I would have liked on creating things.

The point here is not necessarily about my own self-analysis at the time, though it is something I have not forgotten since. Nor is it about micro-analyzing the 80/20 percentages, as if their percentages turned out to be 75/25 that principle would be vastly less true. The larger point, rather, especially when it comes to time, is: How much of my time am I spending where? Am I spending my time deliberately and intentionally? Am I spending enough time on things that bring me joy, meaning and fulfillment? Am I spending my time in a way that brings the best of my gifts and talents out of me? Or is there a more spiritually productive way that I could be spending my time?

Our focus at Central over these next 3 weeks is "GenerosiTy," where the "T" stands for Time, Talent and Treasure. What will we do with our Talents and Treasures in the Time we have been given? This past Sunday we introduced the theme. This week we will focus on Time. I invite you to think about your calendar this week. Look at it as objectively as you can.

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K-12 Sunday School
K-5 Room 230 on 2R
6-12 Room 280 on 2R

Do you know someone who is gifted in child care and nurture?

OPEN NURSERY POSITION:

Central Christian Church is seeking a part-time, Nursery Care Attendant to work 15-20 hours per month during Sunday morning service from 8:45 am-12 noon. Position requires attendance at special services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Parent's Night Out, Vacation Bible School, etc. ... Nursery ages are newborn through 5 years old. Contact Tina Miller at tmiller@cccdisciples.org if interested and 217-428-4336.

Women's Book Club

Mon, Oct. 8 - 12:30 pm &
Tues, Oct. 9 - 5:30 pm
at Panera

This month's read is
Sisters First by
Jenna and Barbara
Bush.



Brief Description: Former first daughters and #1 bestselling authors Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush share intimate stories and reflections from the Texas countryside to the storied halls of the White House and beyond.

The choices we make reveal what we really value and find important. And our calendars (among other things) say a lot about us. The question is, do our calendars say about us what we *want* them to say about us? Do they say about us what God might desire to be said about us? We'll be considering these things this coming Sunday. I hope you can make it.



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 or call the church office at 217-428-4336.

Chalice Class

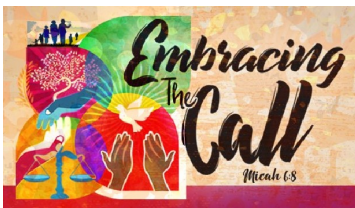
Title: *Athletes and Activism*

Focus: Nike's decision to feature Colin Kaepernick in its advertising has brought renewed attention to how athletics and social activism can intersect. How have several professional athletes used their status to promote social change? What can Christians learn from them about our call to faithful activism?

Preschool News

This week, the 3-year-old classes had a special visit from the Decatur Fire Department. They brought a truck to the church so that our young students can learn about fire safety in a familiar environment. Our 4 year old class is learning about the changes in leaves during the fall season and our Pre-K Class is studying the letter Bb. The preschool is teaming up with Del's in Mt. Zion to raise money for our scholarship fund. We will be taking orders for caramel apples and popcorn between services on October 7th and 14th. Orders placed on the 7th will be ready to pick up on the 14th and orders placed on the 14th will be ready to pick up at the church on the 21st. Payment will be due at the time of order. Our preschool board members will be present to assist with placing and picking up orders. Thank you!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Have you ever found yourself in the presence of someone who was greatly overwhelmed, and you felt powerless to ease their pain? Recently while participating in a meeting for a rally to highlight the plight of people living under the oppression of poverty, the moderator of the meeting was being criticized by the participants because he apparently made a decision without securing approval from the group. Because of this, the group felt left out and their emotions started getting reactive. Soon, I felt my own anxiety increasing. I took a deep breath and asked the group, "What do you need today?" Slowly, the tone of the meeting changed.

Through your giving to Reconciliation Ministry, our churches are hosting "One Bag of Tea" conversations where everyone's voice is valued; our Youth are leading and teaching faith-rooted activism; and our leaders are developing and participating in educational opportunities that promote justice that heals and love that binds us together with our God and neighbors. Please support Reconciliation Ministry offering being accepted September 30 and October 7.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Music:
 Offertory-Colleen Hillyer, Flute
 Anthem-*Break the Bread, Pour the Wine*
 8:00-Worship Service
 9:00-Caramel Apple/Popcorn Fundraiser, FC
 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
 2:00-Homecoming Concert
 4:00-Youth Group
 6:30-Mark Performance, Great Hall

Monday (8)

NO PRESCHOOL—COLUMBUS DAY

9:00-Good Sam
 11:00-Operations Meeting., Conference Room
 12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
 5:30-Spanish Class, 240
 5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
 6:00-Financial Peace University, Disciples' Room

Tuesday (9)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
 1:30-Millikin Class, 240
 5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
 5:30-Bible Study, Great Hall
 6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & Connection Café
 7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples' Room

Wednesday (10)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
 10:30-Ministers Meeting
 11:30-Elderberries Program, Great Hall
 12:00-Elderberries Meal, Great Hall
 6:15-Women's Potluck, Great Hall

Thursday (11)

10:00-Al-Anon, 240
 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
 5:30-Spanish Class, 240
 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (12)

Saturday (13)

9:00-Elders & Deacons Retreat, D. Room & C. Café
 1:30-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

Sunday (14)

8:00-Worship Service
 9:00-Caramel Apple/Popcorn Fundraiser, FC
 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
 4:00-Youth Group
 6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian Church

In the Hospital...

DMH:
 Dave Shields
 Cheryl Williams

St. Mary's:
 Dave Flanders



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, October 7, 2018

- Elders:**
 8:00 & 10:30 - Brett Swallow, Shirley Swarthout
- Imboden Creek:**
 Penny Rutherford, Cindy Soebbing
- 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 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller
 10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant
- Greeters:**
 8:00 - Larry & Darla Otis, Ed & Joy Adams
 10:30 - John & Linda Hill, Ron & Mary Jane Oliver
- Acolytes:**
 10:30 - Luke Karunas
- P.A. Operator:**
 8:00 - Jim Bednar
 10:30 - Mike Kirby
- 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 - Kevin Wilmot 875-7767

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

- October 8 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver
 October 9 8:30-12:00 - Janet Gray
 October 10 8:30-12:00 - Suzie Miller
 October 11 8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor
 October 12 8:30-12:00 - Roberta Gorden

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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" GainOrganist
 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 WrightLead 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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