

The Central Visitor

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

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All Saints Sunday this Weekend

On **Sunday November 4**, we will hold our annual All Saints Day observation. At the end of the sermon at both the **8:00 and 10:30** services, we will read the names of all our church members who have passed away in this last year, play a single chime and light a candle for each one's memory. Then, as has been our tradition in recent years, everyone will be invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a lost loved one. At our **9:00 a.m.** praise service, we will not read the names of those church members who have died in the last year, but we are inviting worshippers to bring mementos of lost loved ones to help decorate our worship space. During the service we will also light candles for lost loved ones. This candle-lighting service has proven to be an important service in the life of our congregation and hope you can be part of it.



New Recycling Project

In our Friendship Center on Sunday mornings and in our Connection Café throughout the week, we are using new cups. These are recyclable! We are asking that you please deposit them in the blue recycling tubs. They will be prominently placed in the Friendship Center on Sundays and a small one stands permanently by the coffee bar in the Café.

Thanks for your support!

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. And music by our Millikin interns, Mollie Krueger and Christian Jackson. (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.

SUNDAY, October 28, 2018

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Choosing Faith Amid Adversity

Text: *Ruth 1:15-21*

Michael E. Karunas

Food Collection

The food collection for November 4th is cereal & packaged stuffing mix. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Thank you for your generous giving.

Women's Book Club

12/12 - 12:30 pm & 12/13 - 5:30 pm

Title: *Leota's Garden*.

Was once a place of beauty, where flowers bloomed and hope thrived. It was her refuge from the deep wounds inflicted by a devastating war, her sanctuary where she knelt before a loving God and prayed for the children who couldn't understand her silent sacrifices.



**STEINER/
HOCHWARTNER DUO**
*Trombone/Organ/
Piano Concert*
Sunday, November 18,
2:00 p.m.

Counting On You

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Worship Attendance 231

Sunday School & Small Groups.....57

Youth Group Calendar

November 4

9 am Sunday School:

3-5 yrs. Nursery

k-5 Room 230

6-12 Room 280

4-6 pm

Youth Group

Meet in the Great Hall

November 11

9 am Sunday School

4-6 pm Youth Group

November 18

9 am Sunday School

4-6 pm Youth Group:

Thanksgiving Party

November 25

9 am No Sunday School

No youth group

9 am SERVICE

TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

11/4/2018

All Saint's Day

Bring an Item of Remembrance to represent your loved one.

We'll have a time of sharing.

Bring your loved one's favorite food to share.

Children's Craft Workshop

is coming soon!

December 1, 2018 9-11 am

Consider serving with us. Here is a list of open service positions.

_____ 6 Station Assistants: support station hosts and children with crafting

_____ 3 Snack Hosts: purchase, set up, re-fill snack station

_____ 2 Registration Hosts: sign in children and make name tags

_____ 2 Bags table hosts: distribute bags and write names on bags

_____ 4-5 Station Leaders: lead children through stations

_____ 4-5 Station Assistants: support station leaders and children through stations

Minister's Article

Why I Love my Church

During our sermon series in October "GenerosiTy", we heard some wonderful testimonies about how God's generosity has been experienced through the gift of this congregation. They were so good I wanted to share portions of each of them here. Thank you to Donna Dash and Stephen Turner for your generosity in sharing these honest, genuine and inspiring words with us.

My heritage in the Disciples of Christ Church goes way back to week one of my life. I grew up in Harristown Christian Church Disciples of Christ until moving to Chicago after graduating from college. The things I learned and heard under the tutelage of the Disciples of Christ, especially the hymns, traveled with me no matter how lost and far away from God I became. At some of my most desperate lost times, out of nowhere, I heard what seemed to be angels singing in my head singing the songs of my church heritage. What we learn in church is life-saving. I love all the talent that is here at Central Christian Church - our choir; organist; all of the special music. And I especially love playing drums in our praise band and using my musical talents in church as opposed to out in bar somewhere. I love our men's bible study! I have gained such a better understanding of God's word by attending. And I love that this church has supported the new Contemporary Service. There is a whole Great Hall full of people down there that are receiving the word of God that otherwise would be going somewhere else or maybe nowhere at all. I love that I can honor my mother and father by attending this church. I love that I was married in this church. I love that I received the direction to get my life back on track at this church. And mostly, I love that my eternal life was secured because I was baptized with my whole heart in this Church!!

Stephen Turner

I have been a member of this church since the day I was born. I was blessed as a baby and baptized in this sanctuary as a young girl. I have come into contact with hundreds (even thousands) of people from this congregation who have impacted my life in a positive, spiritual way. I've heard people say "I love Jesus and God but I don't like the church." It makes me sad for them, because I like my church. I love my church! It makes me feel like I'm home. Our building is nothing short of magnificent. All Saints Day, Palm Sunday, Easter, Christmas - even a normal day when the sun shines through the stained glass while the music of the choir and organ fill the air - just gives me goosebumps' and even brings me to tears. "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place." More than this, you people, and all the saints before you, have taught me slowly but surely. It was never a lightning bolt for me. I have seen you doing God's work. Now, because of your actions I pray that I may graciously give to others of what is now mine. You, this church, were chosen by God to bring me to Jesus and my salvation. For that I am full of gratitude. Being able to serve God and my savior through this church is the best thing I will do.

Donna Dash

Blessings—Michael

November Sermon Series



During the month of October, our theme in worship has been generosity. As people of faith, we want to be generous as God is generous to us. Implied in that statement is a question we asked every Sunday: "What will we *choose* to do with our talents and treasures in the time we have been given?"

During November, we are carrying on that theme of *choice*. Our sermon series this month will be "The Choice is Yours." Each week we will look at some of the many choices we make in our lives and examine what scripture has to teach us about what we should be thinking about as we make them.

11/4	Choosing Faith Amid Adversity	All Saints Day	Ruth 1:15-21
	<i>How will we choose to respond to adversity?</i>		
11/11	Choosing to Serve	Veterans Day	Mark 12:38-44
	<i>Volunteer Appreciation Sunday</i>		
11/18	Choosing to be Grateful	Thanksgiving Dinner	Psalm 126
	<i>How will we choose to respond to God's gifts?</i>		
11/25	Choosing Christ		John 18:33-40
	<i>Living with worldly things but choosing to be defined by heavenly things.</i>		

IT'S DORCAS SOUP TIME AGAIN!

All Central women are invited to Dorcas Disciples' dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. We'll have a sack dinner (\$5) to "kick off" our annual "Soup Sharing" mission to serve soup meals to church members on Saturday, November 17th. Gail and her committee will update us on the preparations and the need for drivers. Dan Watkins, Director of "God's Shelter of Love" ministry, will present the program before dinner and share the Shelter's mission in our community. The Shelter is Dorcas' Christmas donation recipient this year. All donations will be monetary. Please contact Nancy Ellen Taylor at 877-2495 or xstr@sbcglobal.net by Friday, November 9th to make your reservation for the dinner and meeting.

Chalice Class

Title: *Heaven*

Focus: According to a Pew Research poll, 72 percent of people in the United States believe in heaven. What are some common American beliefs about heaven? How do these beliefs compare with biblical understandings of heaven? How do our beliefs about heaven shape the way we live?

Preschool News

This week the preschool students enjoyed their Halloween parties! Thanks to all those who shopped at the book fair last Sunday. The fair will be open again this Sunday in the Children's Lobby. There will be some new books added. If you do not have a child to shop for, please consider purchasing a book for BabyTalk for Christmas. There are currently 75 children in BabyTalk programs at Central Christian Church this year. The books are \$9.82 each including tax.

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, November 4, 2018

Music:

Offertory-Brass Choir

Anthem-*Agnus Dei*

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

1:00-Contemporary Leaders Mtg, Great Hall

Monday (5)

10:00-Rob Noble Reservation, Sanctuary

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes

6:00-Financial Peace University, Disciples' Room

Tuesday (6)

6:00-Elections, Great Hall

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers Retreat, 207

10:15-Staff Meeting, Conference Room

1:30-Millikin Class, 240

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

Wednesday (7)

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minister's Meeting

1:00-CACS, Conference Room

5:00-Preschool Family Fun Night, Great Hall

Thursday (8)

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 (9)

Saturday (10)

Sunday (11)

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

4:00-Youth Group

5:30-Just Flicks, Great Hall

In the Hospital...

DMH:

Dave Flanders

Walter Kauzlarich

Linda Kuhns

St. Mary's:

No One



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, November 4, 2018

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Laura Chapman, Krista Rohrscheib

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 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Munos, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Matthew Swarthout, Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Norm & Darla Lienemann

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

Acolytes:

10:30 - Luke Karunas, Zedekiah Auten

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

David & Cheryl Zollinger, Yvonne Purcell

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - Kevin Wilmot 875-7767

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

November 5 8:30-12:00 - Mary Jane Oliver
 November 6 8:30-12:00 - Judy Ford
 November 7 8:30-12:00 - Suzie Miller
 November 8 8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor
 November 9 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" 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	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

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