

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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Heart and Soul Carol Sing

Tuesday December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Great Hall



Come to hear Heart and Soul present their Christmas carols for you.
Join in the singing and festivities.
Bring your friends.

Come Home for Christmas

We would like to invite everyone to celebrate Come Home for Christmas on Dec 16. Immediately after the 8:00 service, we will offer breakfast in the Friendship Area. We will also offer breakfast in the Great Hall for those attending the 9:00 service. Finally, we will serve lunch in the Great Hall immediately following the 10:30 service. Please sign up on the pew pads by indicating "Come Home", which meal you will attend, and how many in your party. Also you can call the church office for reservations. Please sign up by December 10.

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is located in the Connection Café this year. Help make this Christmas a warm one for a child in need. Please bring winter mittens, scarves, gloves, hats, and socks. Hang them on our mitten tree between now and December 21. Our donations will go to underprivileged children in Decatur!



Good Samaritan Lunch

Good Sam is coming up on the 8th of December. 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.

SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

WORSHIP AT 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
Millikin Chamber Symphony
Michael E. Karunas

THERE WILL ONLY BE 2 SERVICES THIS SUNDAY — 9AM (CONTEMPORARY) AND 10:30 (TRADITIONAL)!

Women's Book Club

12/10
12:30 pm
&
12/11
5:30 pm

Title:
A Lancaster County Christmas by
Suzanne Woods Fisher



Suzanne Woods Fisher

Women's Potluck

Press into Plans
Wednesday, December 12
6:15-7:30 p.m.
Bring a finger food to share.

Counting On You

Sunday, December 2, 2018
Worship Attendance 305
Sunday School & Small Groups.....NA

THANK YOU for helping at the 2018 Children's Craft Workshop!

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to write a note of thanks and appreciation to you for your participation in this year's Children's Craft Workshop.

I know that it takes many hours of planning and preparation behind the scenes for such a wonderful event to be shared in what seems like a matter of moments! Those moments brought smiles and happiness to 23 children.

As you served at the workshop this past Saturday, hands and hearts worked together to make beautiful crafts. It seemed like each conversation and action connected people with the creative love of God!

Again, thank you so much for taking the time out of your schedule to help. I hope that you had fun and I trust you will have a wonderful Christmas season and a very blessed and Happy New Year.

~ Tina Miller

Christmas Gifts for Franklin Elementary School
Our goal is to collect 26 Board Games & 40 packages of Dry Erase Markers for classrooms.

Please drop off donations in the trunks at the big Christmas Tree in the Friendship Center by **12.14.2018**. THANK YOU!!!

Central Christian Church Note Cards will be sold in the Friendship Center on Dec 16th between services.

The cards are being donated by Dorcas and proceeds will go to the Central Christian Pre- School. The cards depict Central scenes and are 25 for \$5.00 until they are sold out.

According to our by-laws, the report of the nominating committee is to be published in The Visitor prior to the congregational meeting held for the purpose of approving that report. This Sunday, following our 10:30 worship service (approximately 12 noon) we will have a congregational meeting in the Great Hall. At that meeting we will be presenting, 1) a proposed operating budget for 2019; and 2) the nominating committee's proposed roster of leaders for Central in 2019, and in some cases beyond. Here is a list of those leaders.

**Nominating Committee
Proposed Roster of Leaders (For serving year 2019)**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| President – | Gregg Foltz | |
| Secretary – | Theresa Fulk | |
| Treasurer – | Steve Swarthout | |
| Trustee - | Debbie Hoffert | |
| Elders - | David Wagner | Gail Prince |
| | Tom Spry | Janet Lyman |
| | Gerri Munos | Vicky Woolridge |
| | Andy Fulk | Kevin Miller |
| Deacons: | Debbie Hoffert (1) | Pat Penhallegon (1) |
| | Mike Munos (1) | Bob Muschal (1) |
| | Ben Tucker (2) | Kathy Matherly (2) |
| | Sandy Schultz (2) | Matt Walwer (2) |
| | Cindy Grabowski (2/3) | David York (2) |
| | Kim York (2) | Randy Trei (2) |
| | Mike Kirby (3) | Gretchen Kirby (3) |
| | Janet Lyman (3) | Doug Soebbing (3) |
| | Ed Adams (3) | Ron Oliver (3) |
| | David Martin (3) | Erik Harm (3) |
| | Mark Beal (3) | Steve Swarthout (3) |
| | Jeannie Rade (3) | Kathy Kauzlarich (3) |
| | Carol Bischoff (prep) | Suzie Miller (prep) |
| | Claudia Curry (prep) | Yvonne Purcell (prep) |
| | Joy Adams (prep) | Karen Baird (prep) |
| Elder Emeritus: | John McClarey | |

- Key:**
1 – 8:00 service is serving preference
2 – 9:00 service is serving preference
3 – 10:30 service is serving preference
prep – traditional service prep is serving preference

Blessing—*Michael*

Chalice Class

Title: *Secular Hymns*

Focus: Some songs, such as Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah", become so popular in American pop culture that they take on a spiritual tone and purpose, similar to the way hymns lift up Christian worshipers. What role do secular hymns play? As Christians, how do these hymns help us to grow spiritually and to share our faith?

Special Notes of Thanks

Thank you to the caring Dorcas ladies for making and delivering that wonderful vegetable soup and dessert to many of us. We are so appreciative of your kind thoughtfulness.

Barb Tyler

Thank you so much for all the prayers for my surgeries and recovery.

Cheryl Williams

Thank you Central friends for all the prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. I'm doing much better and hope to see you around church soon.

Dave Flanders

DORCAS will CELEBRATE the SEASON!

All Central women are invited to celebrate this holiday season at Tuscan Restaurant on Saturday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. Claudia Quigg will present a short program on our new "Central Loves Babies" ministry followed by lunch. We'll order off the menu and pay individually. At the luncheon we'll have an opportunity to make monetary donations to this year's Dorcas Christmas recipient, "God's Shelter of Love". The Shelter is a faith-based emergency shelter for homeless families, women and children in Central Illinois. It is funded 100% by donations from churches, businesses, community groups and individuals, plus proceeds from its retail thrift store, Blessingdales. Monetary donations can also be placed in the Dorcas mailbox in the church office, with checks made out to Dorcas Disciples. Dorcas will forward one check to the Shelter after the December 8th luncheon. Thank you in advance for your caring donations. Please contact Nancy Ellen Taylor at 877-2495 or xstr@sbcglobal.net today to make your reservation for the Christmas Luncheon. HOPE TO SEE YOU!

"No Room at the Inn"

Nativity Display at the James Millikin Homestead,
125 N. Pine Street, Decatur, Illinois.

Featuring a large variety of styles,
from vintage to modern, loaned to the Homestead
by local residents

1-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

Adults \$5 each; children 13 and younger free

No reservations necessary; pay at door. Complimentary refreshments.

Preschool News

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the preschool wing.

We can see beautifully decorated bulletin boards,
busy children, and glitter projects galore.

We can smell applesauce and cinnamon ornaments,
peppermint playdough, and gingerbread for little houses.

We can touch macaroni decorations, popsicle stick snowflakes,
and red & white beads for candy canes.

We can taste candy for our gingerbread houses,
icing for our cookies, and peppermint almond bark for our families.

We can hear bells ringing, children singing, and laughter throughout the rooms.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the preschool wing!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, December 9, 2018

ADVENT 2

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

Millikin Chamber Symphony

12:00-Congregation Meeting, Great Hall
2:00-Faith Quest Intro, 240
4:00-Youth Group
6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian Church

Monday (10)

8:30-PS: Pre-K Class, Disciples Room
9:00-Good Sam
12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes

Tuesday (11)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
1:30-Millikin Class, 240
5:15-Advent Bible Study, 240
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & Conn. Café
7:00-Heart & Soul Carol Sing, Great Hall
7:00-Millikin Heights, Great Hall

Wednesday (12)

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center
5:00-Elders, Disciples Room
6:15-Women's Potluck, Great Hall & Kitchen

Thursday (13)

9:15-PS: 2's Christmas Party, Class Room
10:00-Al-Anon, 240
12:00-Staff Lunch, Taproot
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (14)

Saturday (15)

Sunday (16)

ADVENT 3

Services of Blessing and Dedication

8:00-Worship Service
9:00-Come Home For Christmas Brunch, 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
1:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall
3:00-Youth Group Caroling
4:00-Youth Group Christmas Party, Great Hall

In the Hospital...

DMH:
Jean Booher

St. Mary's:
No One



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, December 9, 2018

Elders:

10:30 - Dick Cain, Kevin Wilmot

Deacons:

10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale & Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Andy Fulk, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas

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:

10:30 - 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:

10:30 - Al & Chris Fagin, Gail Prince

10:30 - Glen & Jody Featherstun, Suzie Miller

Acolytes:

10:30 - Mackenzie Sargeant, Alyssa Bottom

P.A. Operator:

10:30 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

Ride Share Drivers:

9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 763-6624
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

December 10 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver

December 11 8:30-12:00 - Janet Gray

December 12 8:30-12:00 - Dave Flanders

December 13 8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor

December 14 8:30-12:00 - Cindy Soebbing

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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
 Chloe Jancosek.....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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