

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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February 13th
Picture contest at 11:30 and
dine at 12:00

This ministry is offered to everyone who wishes to join together with other folks in times of fun and fellowship. You are welcome NO MATTER HOW YOUNG you are!

Join us and enhance your vision at 3D Ministry.

The menu will be Lasagna, Olive Garden style salad, Garlic bread, Red Velvet Cake and Ice cream. All of this for just \$5! If you wish, bring a wedding picture or a graduation picture. We will display them and have a contest to see who can correctly identify the most people. Sign up on the pew pad or call the office at 217-428-4336 to RSVP.

Recognition and Installation Scheduled for February 3

As a new year gets underway, we also begin a new serving year in the congregation. In some cases, that means some church leadership positions are changing, while other church leaders are continuing in the positions they held in 2018. It is important to recognize this fact within the context of worship. On **Sunday February 3**, we will be doing just that. We are asking all *outgoing* church leaders to attend the service of their choice (those stepping down from their position as officer, elder, deacon, trustee, or committee chair) as well as those who are *beginning* or *continuing* their position as officer, elder, deacon, trustee or committee chair. During worship, we will recognize and thank those outgoing leaders, and offer prayers for all of the new and continuing leaders. At our 10:30 a.m. service, we will also be presenting the Elder Emeritus award to John McClarey. Make sure to be in worship on February 3 to support all of our leaders at Central.

Women's Book Club

February 11 at 12:30pm

&

February 12 at 5:30pm

This Months Book: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
by **Zora Neale Hurston**

SUNDAY, February 3, 2019

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Text: *Mark 5:1-20*

Michael E. Karunas

Food Collection

The food collection for February 3 is canned tomato products, pork 'n beans and northern beans. Cereal is always welcome. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Donations will be delivered to the Northeast Community Fund.

Birthday Celebration!

You are invited to celebrate with Bob Logan on his 85th birthday, on Sunday, February 10. Open House from 2-4pm at The New Moon Cafe, 3755 E. William Street.



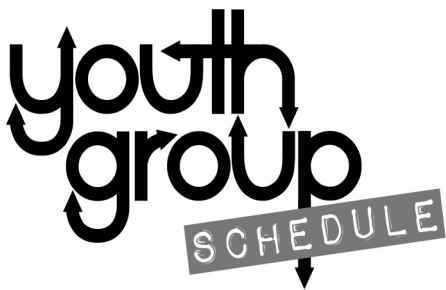
Counting On You

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Worship Attendance 218

Sunday School & Small Groups.....52

On 1/26 and 1/27, we took a group of eight youth and three adults to First Christian Church in Macomb for the annual Midwinter Retreat. Overall, there were more than 80 people at the retreat. Our groups volunteered at food banks, nursing homes and the YMCA on Saturday, before meeting back together at FCC for a night of fellowship, worship and fun! A big thank you to FCC Macomb for hosting us all for this amazing weekend.



Mark Your Calendars!

2/3

Youth Group

1-3

2/10

Mission Trip Info Meeting

Disciples' Room

12-1

Youth Group

4-6

2/17

Youth group outing to Blue Mound

3:30-6:30

3/3

Youth Group

4-6

3/10

Youth Group

3-6

3/17

Youth Group

3-6

From Elderberries to 3D Ministry

For decades the seniors of this church gathered together for a meal on the second Wednesday of the month. A group of dedicated women worked to provide a home cooked meal, very often with a theme to go along with the season – Valentine’s Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas. It was a chance for folks to meet together around tables to fellowship and enjoy a wonderful meal. After the meal there was a program of interest to educate or entertain. For many, Elderberries was an important event.

In recent years, fewer people have come to these events. To accommodate the changing attendance patterns the meals have been offered every other month or seasonally. The past few times there has been a program at 11:30 before the meal. The food is still great and the fellowship meaningful—it just doesn’t happen as often. In addition to the meals, this group has gone on short trips to Little Theater on the Square, the Reagan Museum at Eureka College and Allerton Park, to name a few destinations. These excursions happened on the church bus, allowing for comradery with other riders.

Elderberries was the name for this group of seniors, always advertised as available to anyone 55 or older. The discovery was made that many folks firmly set in that age range did not want to attend a group that had the word “elder” in the name. It apparently gave the impression that this was only for old people. So, in order to make these events more appealing to the general population, we have *CHANGED THE NAME!!!*

We now have a program called **3D Ministry: Enhance Your Vision**. We will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month (though perhaps not every month). These events will still be led by Don Martin who will still be there to greet you. That will not change.

- *3D ministry* will provide periodic meals of good food and great fellowship. That is the **DINE** portion.
- *3D ministry* will organize short excursions to places of interest in close-by communities. That is the **DASH** piece.
- *3D ministry* will provide programs that will entertain and inform. Some of these will happen on days when the meals are served. Some will happen at other times. That is the **DISCOVER** part.

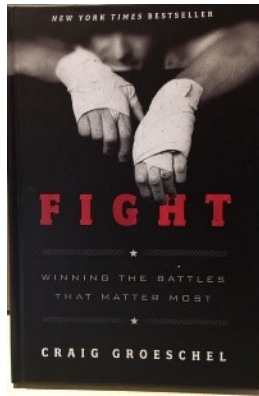
3D ministry is designed to welcome people of various ages. There will always be advance notice of each event in the Visitor and you will have opportunity to sign up to reserve your spot. (You will still be welcome if you miss signing up!) This is a good opportunity for you to invite a friend to come with you, there is a good chance they will thank you for the invitation. 3D Ministry is presented with YOU in mind.

Our next event will be **Wednesday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m.** More details provided on page 1.

Blessings—*Michael*

Men's Bible Study to Begin New Book Study

Beginning the week of February 18, both Journeymen men's bible study groups (Tuesdays at 7 a.m. and Thursdays at 4 p.m.) will begin a study of the book "Fight" by Craig Groeschel. It is based on the character of Samson in the Book of Judges. This is a great opportunity to check out Journeymen if you've been thinking about it. The books cost \$5.00 and there are plenty still available. Feel free to contact Paul Gorden (fast2laps@icloud.com) for a copy of the book or any questions you may have about the study.



Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00-Traditional Worship Service
Music:
Offertory—Brass Choir
Anthem—*We Are Redeemed*
9:00-Dorcas Super Bowl Sunday Soup Sale, C. Café
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
1:00-FaithQuest, 240
1:00-Youth Group

Monday (4)

9:00-Good Sam
10:00-Midstate Soccer, Great Hall
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240
6:00-CE Meeting, 240

Tuesday (5)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
8:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
9:30-Card Ministry, 240
11:45-PS: Staff Meeting, 170
6:00-Welcome 101, Friendship Center
6:30-H&S, Choir Room & Connection Café

Wednesday (6)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
10:30-Ministers Meeting
6:00-Deacon Training, Great Hall

Thursday (7)

10:00-Al-Anon, 240
3:00-BT: Family Fun Night, Disciples Rm & Great Hall
3:00-Capital Campaign Planning, Conference Room
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (8)

Saturday (9)

5:00-Women's Retreat Begins, Chiara Center

Sunday (10)

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-Mission Trip Info Meeting, Disciples' Room
2:00-Women's Retreat Ends, Chiara Center
4:00-Youth Group
4:00-FaithQuest, 240
5:30-Just Flicks, Great Hall

WELCOME 101

The class scheduled for 1/29 has been rescheduled for 2/5 at 6pm in the Friendship Center due to this week's weather.

Lost & Found

The office currently has a collection of lost items. If you have lost something, please check in with the office to see if we found it. All items that are not claimed by February 3rd will be donated.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Chalice Class

Title: *Exploring Space*

Focus: Several achievements in space exploration made headlines early this year. Why does outer space capture our attention? How are scientists expanding our knowledge of space? How can Christian faith shape our understanding of space exploration?



Preschool News

We shook things up a bit this week in the preschool wing.

Monday the students all enjoyed some soccer activities with Coach Sef from MidState Soccer Club. This is his 3rd year to return to Central to work/play with our students, thanks to a fantastic anonymous donor who continues to make sure that our children get this opportunity.

This was/is also Parent-Teacher Conference week. School remains in session while the teachers each take a day to meet with parents. My assistant Paula and I become the teachers for the designated classroom.

Mrs. Renfro decided to extend her camping week out a little longer. Her students enjoyed a few more days of bear hunting!

In the Hospital...

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

DMH:
No One

St. Mary's:
No One



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, February 3, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Shirley Swarthout, Gerri Munos

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
 10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale Ford, Jeannie Rade, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Cindy Grabowski, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas, Linda Helton

Ushers:

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Norm & Darla Lienemann
 10:30 - Steve & Carrie Funk

Acolytes:

10:30 - Peyton Swarthout, Nora & Clara Damery

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter
 10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Suzie Miller, Kim Miller

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:

February 4 8:30-12:00— Mary Jane Oliver
 February 5 8:30-12:00— Gretchen Kirby
 February 6 8:30-12:00— Suzie Miller
 February 7 8:30-12:00— Karen Penn
 February 8 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
 Chloe JancosekNursery 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
 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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