

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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Central to Host Franklin Central Choirs

On **Sunday, March 17**, Central Christian will have the pleasure of hosting two award winning choirs from Franklin Central (IN) High School. They will be accompanying their showchoir which is competing that weekend at the Premier Choice Invitational at Millikin University. The Chamber Choir (SATB) and the Accents Women's Chorus will both be performing at the **10:30 a.m. service**. The choirs will be accompanied by our own Dee Dee Gain and will provide all of the worship music for the day. For more info please refer to: <https://www.fcchoirs.org/>.

SUNDAY, March 10, 2019

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Wisdom: an Introduction

Text: *Romans 11:33-36*

Michael E. Karunas

Welcome New Member!

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Janet Downs to the Central family! Janet joined the church at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 3. She has played keyboard with the praise band at the 9:00 a.m. service since last summer and has said that Central has been most accepting of her. She feels that this church and the 9:00 service is a real family for her. She transfers her membership from a Methodist church in Pana. Welcome Janet!!!



Counting On You

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Worship Attendance 242

Sunday School & Small Groups..... 79

Concert Announcement

JOHN SHERER — *Organ Concert*
 Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.



John Sherer has been hailed as “a terrific musician and pronounced virtuoso who plays with assurance, authority and superb energy.” Reviewers have praised him for his “great creativity and élan.”

Since 1996, Dr. Sherer has been the Organist and Director of Music for The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, selected by USA Today as one of the top ten places in America to be “enthralled by heavenly music.” This dynamic church has fifteen choirs and instrumental groups including The Morning Choir. Dr. Sherer manages an active concert series at the church with over 100 events each year and oversees the partnership with the Music Institute of Chicago bringing private musical instruction, music therapy and other music classes to the church for adults and children.

Fourth Presbyterian Church was the second church in the US to be selected for the BBC program, “Songs of Praise.” This program featured the music of the church with Dr. Sherer at the organ.

In addition to his work at the church, Dr. Sherer is University Organist at North Park University in Chicago where he teaches and plays for several major events each year.

In Preparation for Lent

Now that our Mardi Gras Sunday celebration is in the rear-view mirror, we are ready for the season of Lent. Lent is a seven-week season that precedes Easter and is a time when we strive to walk more closely with Christ. As he made his journey to the cross, during the last seven weeks of his life, his trust in God increased – to the point where he was able to say, the night before his death, “Lord, not my will be done, but thy will.” It is the goal of every Lenten season that we likewise grow in our trust in God, and in our ability to let go of our will and trust more in God’s. This past Sunday, Paul Gorden shared some words as liturgist at traditional worship in the form of an invocation which resonated with me and which reflect the essence of the season of Lent. I share them now and hope that they continue to resonate with you over the next month and a half, as we all journey toward the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

O Lord, here we are again.

The season of Lent. That time to embrace death. To walk towards the cross.

The season of Lent

A time to give up or to take on. A time to contemplate life and death

A time to face the realities of our broken world

A time to dance with the darkness.

In these days be with us.

Walk with us. Inspire us. Call us. Motivate us.

Help us to wrestle with your Word.

As you relentlessly love us, may we relentlessly seek you

For this season of Lent and forever more,

Come, Lord Jesus.

We are here.

Waiting. Hoping. Loving. Seeking you.

Amen.

Small Group on “Wisdom” to meet during Lent!

As we journey through Lent, we invite you to join us in a small group that will spend time reflecting on God's wisdom for us. We will explore the sermon (from the previous Sunday), scripture readings from Proverbs as well as stories from our own lives about wisdom.

Here are some examples of questions we'll ponder:

1. Who has been a role model of wisdom for you?
2. What wisdom would you share with a younger you?
3. What do you remember from first learning about God?
4. How do we welcome new learnings about God?

Join us each **Tuesday at 5:30 pm** (probably in the Connection Café) **starting March 12.**

Come to any or all sessions.

Each session stands alone.

We're excited to share this journey with you!

Scott and Vicky Woolridge



Blessings—**Michael**

9:00 a.m. Worship Facebook Page



We would like to invite all Facebook users in the congregation to follow and “Like” our new facebook pages at Central. In addition to the main church page ([click here](#) for the link), we also have a page that represents the 9am contemporary service. [Click here](#) for the link to that contemporary worship page. We have been blessed with a growing service and it is our desire to spread the word about a somewhat different way to experience Central Christian Church. The page is dedicated to producing “food for thought” every day which will help to focus your mind on thoughts of God and will even be used to make some announcements. Very basically the more followers we have to our page, the more people who will become connected to Central Christian Church and more opportunities for us to spread the Good News of Christ.

Women’s Book Club

Mon, Mar. 11 - 12:30 pm & Tue. Mar. 12 - 5:30 pm at Panera

This Month’s Read: *Jackie’s Girl* by **Kathy McKeon**. An endearing coming-of-age memoir by a young woman who spent thirteen years as Jackie Kennedy’s personal assistant and occasional nanny—and the lessons about life and love she learned from the glamorous first lady.

COOKIES FOR THE MILITARY

Operation Enduring Support is collecting Girl Scout Cookies to send to our Military in Iraq and Afghanistan. We will be sending 125 boxes for our Easter mailing along with about 30 other items they have requested. If you would like to donate, there is a red box in the Connection Café. We will need the cookies by March 15th. Thank you for your generosity.

Chalice Class

Title: *Talking Ethically About Virginia*

Focus: Recent controversy involving Ralph Northam, governor of Virginia, has spurred conversations about past behavior and racism. How have these conversations handled the moral and ethical aspects related to this situation? How can Christians contribute to a healthy, productive public discourse about ethical issues?

Preschool News

This week our 3 year old classes continues to practice their rhyming skills with Dr. Seuss. Wednesday they had a special “Cat in the Hat” snack. Our 4’s class focused on healthy bodies this week. Each day they had a special guest assist with a fun fitness workout. Soccer, gymnastics, and an obstacle course were all included in this weeks activities. The class also nourished the inside of their bodies Wednesday with Stone Soup. The Pre-K class learned about the letter T this week. Per the request of several of the students, they will be having a Teddy Bear Tea Party on Friday.

This week is in-house enrollment for the preschool. We are also hosting an open house for the next 2 weeks for anyone who would like to stop by and see the classrooms in action. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool for their child or grandchild, please invite them to come in for a tour.

The Scholastic Book Fair Begins this Sunday!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, March 10, 2019

MOVE CLOCK FORWARD 1 HOUR

8:00-Traditional Worship Service
8:00-PS: Church Book Fair, Friendship Center
Music:

Offertory—Christian Jackson

Anthem—*In The Shadow of your Wings*

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

3:30-Youth Group, Great Hall & Disciples’ Room

4:00-Faithquest, 240

6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian Church

Monday (11)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

8:15-PS: Public Registration, Preschool Office

9:00-Good Sam

12:30-Women’s Book Club, Panera

3:00-Piano Club, Sanctuary

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

6:00-Women’s Lent Group, Great Hall

Tuesday (12)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

8:15-PS: Public Registration, Preschool Office

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

12:00-Heart & Soul Concert, Mt. Zion

12:00-Personnel Meeting, Conference Room

5:30-Women’s Book Club, Panera

7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples’ Room

Wednesday (13)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

8:15-PS: In House Registration, Preschool Office

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minister’s Meeting

5:00-Elder’s Meeting, Disciples’ Room

6:15-Women’s Bible Study, Great Hall

Thursday (14)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

8:15-PS: In House Registration, Preschool Office

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples’ Room

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (15)

8:00-Preschool Book Fair, Preschool Wing

8:15-PS: In House Registration, Preschool Office

Saturday (16)

Sunday (17)

8:00-Worship Service

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes

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In the Hospital...

DMH:

Gretchen Barron
Dave Flanders

St. Mary’s:

No One



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, March 10, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Connie Bordner, Brett Swallow

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall

10:30 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Matthew Swarthout, Jon French, David Martin, Mike & Gretchen Kirby, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller, Seth Martin, Pam Ferguson, Brittney Moran, Pam Larrick, Shelby Baum

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar

10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Capt., Doug Soebbing

Greeters:

8:00 - Greg & Jo Carter

10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

Acolytes:

10:30 - Luke Karunas, Zedekiah Auten

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Christine Lyman-Harm, Larry & Michele Bafford, Janelle Beedle

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - Doug Soebbing 875-1836

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

March 11 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver
 March 12 8:30-12:00—Carol Bischoff
 March 13 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver
 March 14 8:30-12:00—Nancy Taylor
 March 15 8:30-12:00—Gail Prince

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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
 Hannah BrimmerNursery 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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