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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SILVAN NEGRUTIU AND SAMIR GOLESCU— PIANO CONCERT

Sunday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.

Internationally acclaimed pianist Silvan Negrutiu has performed concerts around the world, from Washington DC to Ireland, Bucharest, and Hong Kong. He appeared as soloist with prestigious orchestras including the Romanian Radio Chamber Orchestra, Alicante Philharmonic, George Enescu Philharmonic and Dublin Symphony Orchestra.

He currently resides in Decatur, Illinois, where he holds the position of Assistant Professor of Piano and Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at Millikin University.

Samir Golescu has been making beautiful music at University Place Christian Church in Champaign, Illinois since 1999. He received his Masters in Piano Performance and Doctor of Musical Arts both from the University of Illinois School of Music. Born and raised in Romania, Samir is an excellent teacher, giving private piano instruction as well as periodically teaching courses on the U of I campus.

Financial Peace University

The Stewardship Department is sponsoring **Financial Peace University** at Central Christian. FPU is based on Dave Ramsey's personal money management values. FPU at Central will be led by **Gerri Munos**, who is a graduate of the class. The FPU classes at Central will be held on **Mondays** from **6:00 p.m.** to **7:30 p.m.** beginning on **April 9** and concluding **June 11**. The class is open to all and there is a **cost of $109** (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, contact Gerri Munos (munos5@comcast.net) or (mkarunas@cccdisciples.org).

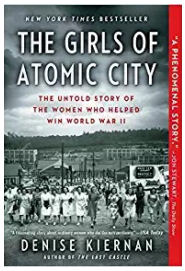
- *Nearly 5 Million people have taken an FPU course*
- ***81%** of couples do a monthly zero-based budget after taking FPU*
- ***89%** of FPU participants have at least a $1000 emergency fund within 10 weeks*

SUNDAY, April 8, 2018
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
The Great Exchange: Mary Magdalene
Text: *John 20:1-2, 11-18*
Bring paper for notes this Sunday!
Tina Miller

Women's Book Club

Apr. 9 - 12:30 pm & Apr. 10 - 5:30 pm
at Panera

This Month's Read: *The Girls of Atomic City* by **Denise Kiernan**.



Description: An incredible true story of the top-secret World War II town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the young women brought there unknowingly to help build the atomic bomb.

Heart and Soul Talent Show

Tuesday April 17, 7:00 p.m.
Friendship Center

The singers of Heart and Soul are eager to share their talents with you. This will be a fun evening. Invite your friends to come with you.

Counting On You
Sunday, April 1, 2018
Worship Attendance 449
Sunday School & Small Groups.....78

Special Note of Thanks

Thank you for helping out with the Easter festivities at Central Christian Church. Your acts of service, food, and participation made the day a success!

I am thankful to the Lord for the honor of serving alongside you in His ministry work.

Peace to you!
Tina Miller

Easter 2018!

Minister's Article

"The Great Exchange"

After Jesus was raised on Easter, he appeared to his followers in different ways. Each of them came to Jesus with a particular emotion. In response, Jesus didn't take away their feelings, but offered God's truth in a way that brought them peace. Over the next 5 weeks we will spend time in John 20 and examine the interactions of Jesus and his followers; how Jesus exchanges our perceptions with God's truth, which is always more than our feelings. We will also consider moments in our own lives when we have experienced these great exchanges.

April 8 John 20:1-2, 11-18
Mary Magdalene Emotion: Distress Jesus' gift: Courage
When have you felt distressed and God gave courage? How did God exchange courage for your distress?

April 15 John 20:1-10
Peter Emotion: Defeat Jesus' gift: Hope
When have you felt defeated and God gave hope? How did God exchange hope for your defeat?

April 22 John 20:1-10
John Emotion: Confusion Jesus' gift: Certainty
When have you felt confused and God gave certainty? How did God makes this exchange for you?

April 29 John 20:19-23
The Disciples Emotion: Fear Jesus' gift: Joy of the Holy Spirt
Share how God helped relieve a fearful situation in your life and describe the joy that resulted.

May 6 John 20:23-28
Thomas Emotion: Skepticism Jesus' gift: Belief
When have you been skeptical and God helped your trust grow? Share this exchange happened.

May 13 John 20:29-31
Us! Emotion: Trust Jesus' gift: Shalom
Share a time when you trusted God and God was faithful to you. How did that bring about peace?

Blessings – ***Michael***

Elderberries Celebrate Spring

Come celebrate with us the start of spring
in the Great Hall on Wednesday April 11,
Program at 11:30; Lunch at noon.

Our meal for the 55+ group will be chicken salad, croissant, Jell-O salad, fresh fruit, muffin, and dessert (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, April 9. Steve Hurst will be with us to chat about his experiences as an Associated Press Bureau Chief.

Senior Luncheon

All senior members 70 and older of Central Christian Church are invited to lunch on April 14, 2018. Enjoy a homemade meal and good music. A reception will start at 11:30 and lunch at noon. Please plan to attend. Please call the church at 217-428-4336 to reserve by April 10. Enjoy entertainment by Salty Strings who play old time and folk music.

Koinonia Class

The Koinonia Class invites you to join us as we begin a new study on April 22, 2018 in Room 212. We will be using Dr. David Jeremiah's material, Escape the Coming Night. A set of 4 student books are $35.00 which includes shipping. This explores the prophecies in Revelation. I've always found Revelation a little daunting and am anxious to increase my understanding. There is a study guide available if you would like us to order one for you. Please call Betty Scott 877-2410. Leave a message if I don't answer. We'd love to have you join us.

Chalice Class

Title: *Black Panther*

Focus: The movie Black Panther has broken many barriers and box office records. Why has this movie resonated so strongly with audiences? How do the themes of the film intersect with Christian beliefs and history?

Preschool News

The preschool students have returned from spring break and are ready to finish out the school year!

The 3's classes had their Easter party on Tuesday and are taking a field trip to Rock Springs on Wednesday to look for signs of spring. The 4's class will be planting seeds this week, and the Pre-K class is talking about April showers and doing some umbrella art.

We are all hoping for warmer weather in the near future so that we can play outside!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

Just Flicks Presents

I, Daniel Blake

Sunday, April 8, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Central Christian Church
Karen Baird
Discussion Leader

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 8, 2018
Music:
Offertory-John Baird, piano &
Dee Dee Gain, organ
Anthem-*On the Third Day*
8:00-Worship Service
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30-Worship Service
Monday (9)
9:00-Good Sam
12:00-Women's Book Club, Panera
5:00-Pastoral Support Committee, Conf. Rm
6:00-Financial Peace University, Disciples' Rm
Tuesday (10)
7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
5:30-Spanish Class, 240
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
6:00-Heart & Soul, Choir Rm & Conn. Café
7:00-NWRAPS, Disciples' Room
Wednesday (11)
10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center
10:30-Minister's Meeting
11:30-Elderberries program, Great Hall
12:00-Elderberries meal, Great Hall
5:00-Elders, Disciples' Rm
Thursday (12)
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 (13)
Saturday (14)
11:30-Senior Reception, Disciples' Room
12:00-Senior Luncheon, Great Hall
Sunday (15)
8:00-Worship Service
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
10:30-Worship Service
4:00-Silvan Negrutiu & Samir Golescu piano concert

In the Hospital...

DMH:	St. Mary's:
No One	No One

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Decatur, IL 62522

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Serving Schedule—Sunday, April 8, 2018

Elders:
8:00 & 10:30 - John Baird, Pat Ash

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 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn
10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver

Greeters:
8:00 - Karen Baird
10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

Acolytes:
8:00 - Open
10:30 - Isabella Karunas, Gabbie Morelli

P.A. Operator:
8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30 - Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:
Donna Dash, Gregg & Linda Foltz

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk	763-6624
Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird	429-5651

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

April	9	8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver
April	10	8:30-12:00 - Janet Gray
April	11	8:30-12:00 - Karen Keller
April	12	8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor
April	13	8:30-12:00 - Cindy Soebbing

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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Don Martin.....Minister of Music
Tina Miller.....Associate Minister of CE & Family Life
David Martin.....Youth Director
Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain .....Organist
Ashely Sparks.....Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Charla Stone.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Melissa Gillis.....Nursery Attendant
Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
Angela Moore.....Director Assistant
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
Sharon Renfro.....Preschool Teacher
Samantha West.....Preschool Teacher
Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
Lora Wright .....Lead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
Vernon Wimberly.....Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker

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