

The Central Visitor

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

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MUSIC FROM THE
Heart & Soul
OPUS 24
SPRING CONCERT 2018

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR,
FROM ALL OPUS 24 MEMBERS,
DECATUR AREA ARTS COUNCIL &
AT THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

- ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
- ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
- FIRST LUTHERAN
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST
- GRACE UNITED METHODIST

TUESDAY,
MAY 15, 2018
7:30 PM
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
650 W. WILLIAM, DECATUR, IL
\$10 ADULTS \$5 STUDENTS

CONCERT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MILTON SCOTT,
CONDUCTOR, OPUS 24

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SUNDAY, May 13, 2018

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

The Great Exchange: Trust and Faith

Text: *John 20:30-31*

Michael E. Karunas

Just Flicks Season Finale

Lion, a 2016 release, is the final film in this year's Just Flicks series. It will be shown at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at First Presbyterian Church. Refreshments will be served shortly beforehand. This hopeful film tells the story of a 5-year-old boy from rural India who falls asleep inside an empty train and spends several terrifying weeks surviving on the streets of Calcutta before being placed in an orphanage and adopted by an Australian couple. Craig Mandernach will lead the conversation afterward. Suggest a film for next season by emailing Fred Spannaus at spannaus@ameritech.net. Please put "Just Flicks suggestion" in the subject line and give the film title and a brief summary.

Volunteers Needed

Central needs volunteers to work at a computer looking up replacement values of church inventory. Please contact Lora Wright at central@ccd-disciples.org or 428-4336.

Heart & Soul to sing with Opus 24

Draw the Circle Wide, *African Benediction* and *This Little Light of Mine* will bring Opus 24 together with our own Heart & Soul, both musically and emotionally. You won't want to miss this special concert!

Counting On You

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Worship Attendance 290

Sunday School & Small Groups 77

You Made This Happen!

THANK YOU for helping with Preschool Sunday! Your acts of service, food, and participation made the day a success! Ten Preschool families enjoyed a puppet show, games, songs, color sheets, a small toy from the toy chest, and a delicious meal!

THANK YOU for serving at Teacher Appreciation Week! The CE committee bought food, prepared a meal, and served teachers and staff at Franklin School to show our appreciation for their service.

I am grateful to the Lord for the honor of serving alongside you in His ministry work here at Central Christian Church. Our Church's ministry is more effective because of your love and sacrifice. I look forward to even greater things as God enables us together to impact our community and world for the sake of the Gospel!

Peace to You!
Tina Miller
Associate Minister
CE & Family Life

Youth Talent Show a Hit!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the youth talent show such an amazing event! It was a fun night and we raised more than \$650 for the youth mission trip to Detroit this summer. A special thanks to Nicki Auten for helping backstage and Stephen Turner for running the sound and lights.

David Martin
Youth Director

Don't Miss Graduation Sunday!

May 20

All services

We'll recognize and honor all students and children/youth Sunday School Leaders.

Minister's Article

"My Favorite Things"

Perhaps it is because our spring was so late in coming, but one look at the calendar – and the sudden rise in temperatures – reminds us that summer is on the way. Soon schools will out. As we roll into the summer in our worship life, we want to have fun with some of our "Favorites." We are planning two 5-week sermon series on our favorite Scriptures and hymns. The month of June (May 27 – June 24) we'll focus on our Top 5 Favorite Scriptures, and in July (1 – 29) we'll turn attention to our Top 5 Favorite Hymns (and/or Christian Songs).

Here's how it works. We are asking everyone in the church (young, old and everywhere in between) to answer the questions below. You'll note that for good measure, we're asking for your Top 5 Favorite Movies, Books and non-religious Songs. We may use those to augment the series in some creative ways. We will put together the Top 5 Favorites from the answers YOU give us. This is not a sermon series based on Don's, Tina's and my favorites, but yours! For the series on Favorite Scriptures, we hope to address some part of them that might not be readily apparent as well as provide interesting trivia and information about them. We will pair the Scriptures with songs that illustrate the themes they contain and possibly also introduce experiences that emerge from the passages. For the series on hymns/songs, we will definitely sing them that day, as well as hear anthems based on the hymn, share the history behind it, and pair it with a Scripture on which it is based, or to which it is related.

I've already received 20+ responses, but there's room for more. Turn yours in to the office by **Monday, May 14**. So far one song and one Scripture passage are far-and-away leading their respective packs. I won't spoil it by telling you which now, but I doubt that either would surprise you. I will publish the whole list the week of May 21. Here are the questions once more:

My Top 5 Favorite Scriptures (give a chapter and verse, story or anything you remember about the passage)

- 1 _____ 2 _____
- 3 _____ 4 _____
- 5 _____

My Top 5 Favorite Hymns (Christian Songs)

- 1 _____ 2 _____
- 3 _____ 4 _____
- 5 _____

My Top 5 Favorite Songs (not necessarily "religious")

- 1 _____ 2 _____
- 3 _____ 4 _____
- 5 _____



My top 5 Favorite Movies

1 _____ 2 _____
3 _____ 4 _____
5 _____

My top 5 Favorite Books/Stories

1 _____ 2 _____
3 _____ 4 _____
5 _____

Blessings – *Michael*

ChristCare Stitches Retreat

Please join us for a sewing retreat in the Disciples’ Room and Room 207 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

Volunteers Needed for Service at Good Samaritan Inn

Volunteers from Central Christian will prepare and serve lunch at the Good Samaritan Inn on Saturday May 19. Good Samaritan often serves 250 or more people each day. The crew needs 5-6 workers 8 a.m.-11 a.m. for food prep, and 12-14 people for serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m. And all workers are invited to stay and enjoy lunch after the serving line closes! Dave Wagner and Shirley Swarthout head up Central's volunteer team. Please let one of them know if you can help, or sign up at the church office, 428-4336.

Churchgoers Hitting the Road

Central Christian Church has 20 seats for a 2pm matinee of *Hello Dolly!* Wed, June 20, at Little Theatre-On the Square in Sullivan. Please sign up in the Friendship Center or call the church office (428-4336). Tickets are \$35. Bus will leave church at 10:30am-we’ll eat at Yoder’s before the show. Questions? See Don.

Chalice Class

Title: Public Schools

In recent decades, many people of faith have regarded public schools with skepticism. Why does this skepticism exist? Why are public schools important? How can people of faith engage with public schools for the common good?

Preschool News

This week the preschool students are preparing songs and decorations for our End of the Year Party. This year’s theme is Dinosaurs! Weather permitting, we will be tie dying t-shirts on Wednesday to wear to our program.

Thanks to all who helped with Preschool Sunday. The children enjoyed the puppet show, games, and food. We appreciate all that the members of Central Christian Church do for the preschool. We are blessed to have such a supportive community surrounding us!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Music:

- Offertory-Sarah Rohrscheib, soprano
- Anthem-*Shalom*, Chancel Choir
- 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
- NO YOUTH GROUP
- 6:00-Just Flicks, First Presbyterian Church

Monday (14)

- 9:00-Good Samaritan Inn
- 11:30-Personnel meeting, Disciples’ Room
- 12:30-Women’s Book Club, Panera
- 1:00-Staff lunch preparation, Kitchen
- 6:00-Financial Peace University, Disciples’ Rm
- 7:00-Opus 24 rehearsal

Tuesday (15)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 8:00-ChristCare Stitches Retreat, Disciples’ Room & 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 10:00-Dorcas lunch prep meeting, Great Hall
- 11:00-Staff meeting, Conference Room
- 11:30-Dorcas meeting, Great Hall & Kitchen
- 12:00-Staff lunch, Great Hall
- 5:15-Meals for Moms, Connection Café
- 5:30-Spanish Class, 240
- 6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room
- 7:30-Opus 24 concert with Heart & Soul

Wednesday (16)

- 10:30-Ministers’ meeting
- 11:30-Baby TALK, Disciples’ Room
- 2:30-Prayer Shawl, Disciples’ Room
- 5:30-Church Council (business), Disciples’ Rm
- 6:30-Criminal Justice Group, 207

Thursday (17)

- 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 (18)

Saturday (19)

- 1:00-Contemporary Worship rehearsal, G Hall
- Graduation & Pentecost Sunday (20)**
- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 10:30-Worship Service
- 1:00-Munos & Martin graduation party, DR
- 4:00-Youth Group end-of-year party

In the Hospital...

DMH:	St. Mary’s:
No One	No One



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, May 13, 2018

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Kim Maple, Shirley Swarthout

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 & Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Andy Fulk, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas

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 - Bob & Carol Bischoff
 10:30 - Barb Tyler, David Ash

Acolytes:

10:30 - Payton Swarthout, Jordyn Keck

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar
 10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Carrie & Steve Funk, Marci and Steve Baumann

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:

May 14 8:30-12:00 - Sandy Garver
 May 15 8:30-12:00 - Carol Bischoff
 May 16 8:30-12:00 - Karen Keller
 May 17 8:30-12:00 - Carolyn McCall
 May 18 8:30-12:00 - Gail Prince

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 Tina Miller.....Associate Minister of CE & Family Life
 David Martin.....Youth Director
 Cordelia "Dee Dee" GainOrganist
 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 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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