

# 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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J.D. Miller  
Friday, June 1, 2018  
7:00 p.m.  
Central Christian Church



Heart & Soul Season Finale Concert  
Saturday, June 2, 2018  
3:00 p.m.  
Richland Community College

### Playing Favorites

As we roll into the summer season here at Central, we will be organizing our worship around *FAVORITES!* We polled the entire congregation for favorite scripture and hymns and the results are in! Two five-week sermon series called "Playing Favorites" will carry us from Memorial Day weekend through the Decatur Celebration in early August! We'll begin with *Playing Favorites: Scriptures* series and hope to bring to light some part of the text that might otherwise be overlooked. And we'll make sure that our music brings out the themes of the scripture as well. In July, we'll move on to *Playing Favorites: Songs* series and we'll have more to say about that in the coming weeks. *Note: we will be sharing the full list of favorites as shared with us by the congregation as well.* Here's a peek at how things will be ordered over the next month:

#### Playing Favorites: Scriptures

June 3 - I Corinthians 13	June 17 - Proverbs 3:5-6
June 10 - Luke 4:14-20	June 24 - John 3:16 (1-16)

### Churchgoers Hitting the Road

Central Christian Church has 20 seats for a 2pm matinee of *Hello Dolly!* Wednesday, 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 10:30 am-we'll eat at Yoder's before the show. Questions? See Don.

### **SUNDAY, June 3, 2018**

WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.  
**Playing Favorites: Scripture #2**  
Text: I Corinthians 13  
Michael E. Karunas

### Food Collection

The food collection for June 3<sup>rd</sup> is tomato products such as pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, ketchup etc. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Thank you for your generous giving.

### Women's Book Club

June 11 - 12:30 pm & June 12 - 5:30 pm  
at Panera

This month's read:  
*The Two-Family House* by  
**Lynda Cohen Loigman.**

### Elderberries

Join us in the Great Hall on Wednesday June 13. Program at 11:30; Lunch at noon.  
Our meal will be Brats and Cheeseburgers, Pasta Salad, Chips and salsa, Toffee Peach Ice Cream dessert (all of this for only \$5). Irwin Soliday will be our speaker for the program. Sign up on the pew pad on Sunday or call the church office by Monday, June 11.

### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

Worship Attendance .....	254
Sunday School & Small Groups.....	46

"My Favorites..."

As you know by now, we began our sermon series this past weekend called "Playing Favorites." We will spend the first part of the summer building worship around the congregation's favorite scripture passages and hymns. Our "favorites" were culled from over 40 responses to the request: submit your top 5 favorite scriptures and hymns.

Though I didn't actually fill out a ballot, I have thought about what I might put down. In general, I find myself coming up with two observations to this task. First, where to begin? And what criteria do I use to make my selections? When it comes to scriptures, do I pick something that has an emotional connection, such as Joshua 1:9 which was read at my wedding; or Isaiah 6, which was read at my ordination? Do I choose the humorous, such as the story of Ruth and Boaz, whose name a church member misread and pronounced as "Bozo" in a bible study once? Do I choose any of the many verses in the Gospel of Mark, which I first memorized since 2010? In many ways, I have come to know the bible increasingly better with each passing year that I have preached from it and taught it over a 20 year career in ministry. How can I possibly limit my choices to just 5?

When it comes to hymnody the task is equally difficult. Do I choose "Abide with Me," which was a favorite of my great-grandmother and was passed down affectionately to each subsequent generation? Or "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," because it reminds me of singing the Isaac Watts version of the text in a quartet with my father? Or "How Can I Keep from Singing," which we sang at his funeral a few years later? Or "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" because it was the processional hymn at my wedding? Or anything set to the tune of *Cwm Ronda* or *Hyfrdol*, two melodies for which my mother and I share a deep love? Again, where to start? Or stop?

All of this leads to the second observation I've made regarding this task of naming favorites. There is a story behind each of my choices. My favorites remind me of events, places, and people which have shaped my life in profound ways. I suspect you can say the same thing.

With that thought in mind we are inviting EVERYONE to two (2) Storytelling Events called "**My Favorites**." These are single-evening small group opportunity. That is, they stand alone. You can come to one or both, whatever fits in with your schedule. The first will be **Tuesday June 5** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We will gather in the Disciples room, break into small groups and everyone will have an equal amount of time to tell a story. The theme will be:

*Bring your favorite scripture passage and tell a story of why it is important to you*

On Tuesday **July 17** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. we will repeat the event but this time we will focus on music:

*Tell us your favorite hymn or Christian song and tell a story of why it is important to you.*

Hope to see you there. It is sure to be an evening that encourages deeper connection between us through the stories of faith that give our lives meaning.

Blessings – Michael

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Youth

280 on 2R

6.3.2018 9 am

SCRIPTURE AND MOVIES

Scripture discussion and journaling

MOVIE

In & Out

View and Discuss

Youth Group End of Year Party!!

Sunday, June 3

4:00pm

Fairview Park



VBS Training

Disciple's Room

Wednesday, May 30

5:30 pm

VBS Kick Off

Ice Cream Social

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 10

5:30 pm

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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](mailto:central@ccd-disciples.org)

or 428-4336.

### Milestone Birthdays in June

**Emily Rohrscheib** is turning 90 this month. To help celebrate, her family will be hosting a light reception for her after 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 10. Feel free to join us for cake and punch if you can at 9:00 a.m. (or as soon as first service concludes) and wish Emily all the best.

**Warren Berner's** 95<sup>th</sup> birthday is June 10!!!. Let's help him celebrate with a card shower. Please send mail to: Warren Berner, 185 W Imboden Drive, Unit 212, Decatur IL 62521

### Support Baby TALK's "Grillin in the Garden"

Central houses community programs that benefit early childhood development, education for children and adults, and family literacy coordinated by Baby TALK.

**Friday June 1 from 6 – 9 p.m.** is Baby TALK's main fundraiser – "Grillin in the Garden." It's a Low Country Boil catered by Nelson's (pulled pork sliders, seafood boil, cornbread, plenty of yummy sides) and held in Progress City in the **Lester Building**. All proceeds support local programming for at-risk families in the community. Tickets are \$75. Call 475-2234 or see Pastor Michael if you would like purchase any. This is annually a great event and a lot of fun. You won't be disappointed.

### Chalice Class

Title: *Questioning Hell*

Focus: The movie Come Sunday depicts a pastor's rejection of the doctrine of hell. What does the Bible say about hell? How does the doctrine of hell shape our relationships with God and with other people? How important is belief in hell as a part of our Christian faith?

### Preschool News

For insurance purposes, on **June 4th from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**, the preschool will be doing an inventory of all the preschool's books, puzzles, toys, and furnishings throughout the church. We will also be sorting, reorganizing, and pricing as we go. Anyone 5 years and older is welcome to help. There will be a variety of activities to do for varying abilities. Whether you have 30 minutes or the entire day, your help is appreciated. Service letter will be provided for high school and college students upon request.

*Jennifer Van Dyke, Director*

### On-line Giving Tutorial Offered on June 10

At 9:00, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday June 10, Brett Swallow (one of our congregational vice presidents) will be leading a brief tutorial on how to navigate our new on-line giving options at Central. Other members of our financial team will be there to help answer questions. The tutorial will consist of a power point presentation, offering step-by-step instructions for how to give both on our website and using our unique *Shelby Next* Giving App. We are offering this *after* each of our three services to make sure everyone has a chance to attend. Note: you need not wait until June 10 to begin using giving on-line. You may do so at any time.



### **Sunday, June 3, 2018**

Music:

Offertory-*At the Cross*

Anthem-*Hear Me, Redeemer*

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

4:00-Youth Group End of Year Party,

Fairview Park

### **Monday (4)**

9:00-Preschool Inventory begins

11:00-Operations Meeting, Conference Room

6:00-Financial Peace University, Disciples' Rm

### **Tuesday (5)**

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

9:30-Card Ministry, 240

11:15-Staff Meeting, Conference Room

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

6:00-Storytelling Evening: Favorite Scriptures,

Disciples' Room

### **Wednesday (6)**

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

### **Thursday (7)**

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room

6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207

7:00-Chancel Choir

### **Friday (8)**

### **Saturday (9)**

### **Sunday (10)**

8:00-Worship Service

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-On-line Giving Tutorials begin,

Connection Café

10:30-Worship Service

5:30-Ice Cream Social, Holy Cross

### **In the Hospital...**

**DMH:**

No One

**St. Mary's:**

No One



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**Serving Schedule—Sunday, June 3, 2018**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - David Wagner, Krista Rohrscheib

**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 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar

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

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince

10:30 - Keith & Jeannie Backes, Suzie Miller

**Acolytes:**

10:30 - Audrey Miller, Mackenzi Sargeant

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Keith Backes

**Preparation of Communion:**

Ed & Joy Adams, Betty Chapman, Claudia Curry

**Ride Share Drivers:**

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081

Sunday School and 10:30 service - Kevin Wilmot 875-7767

**Main Entrance Door Hosts:**

June 4 8:30-12:00 - Mary Jane Oliver

June 5 8:30-12:00 - Gretchen Kirby

June 6 8:30-12:00 - Suzie Miller

June 7 8:30-12:00 - Karen Penn

June 8 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" 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

Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	280
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

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