

The Central Visitor



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Churchgoers Hitting the Road

Central Christian Church still has 5 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 17, 2018

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Playing Favorites: Scripture #4

Text: Proverbs 3:5-6

Michael E. Karunas

Welcome New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Kent and Gay Helgemo to the Central family. The Helgemos transferred their membership at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 4. Gay is a teacher at Decatur Christian School. Kent works as a superintendent at Top Flight Grain. They have been attending regularly for the past several months and attended Welcome 101 two weeks ago.

Welcome Kent and Gay!



Food Collection

The food collection for July 1st is Ramen noodles. Also condiments such as catsup, mustard, & mayonnaise, etc. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Thank you for your generous giving.

Chalice Class

Title: *Nuclear Waste*

Focus: Several recent news articles have explored the long-term concerns associated with the storage of nuclear waste. What are the concerns? What are the benefits of thinking critically about the future? What can people of faith do now that will make a difference for future generations?



Counting On You

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Worship Attendance 271

Sunday School & Small Groups.....56

Songs of Summer

Crickets begin their magical tune.

Ladybugs jig for joy of June.

Dragonflies dance as they dart by.

Their whirring wings sing a lullaby.

Bumblebees buzz a melody sweet.

Caterpillars tap their many feet.

Oh, happy hearts beat just like

drummers as June brings on the

songs of summer.



SUMMER AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

K-12 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday

9 am Room 280 on 2R

Summer Sunday School

VBS DECORATING

Saturday, June 16

9 am to 12 noon

Safe Church training at 10 am

VBS: PEACE LAB

June 18-22

9 am to 12 Noon

K-5th grade M-F

PreK (2-4) M,W,F

LOOKING AHEAD

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

Sunday, August 19

CENTRAL CELEBRATION & PICNIC

Saturday, September 8

10am to 1 pm

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Great Hall

Saturday, September 22

8 am to 3 pm

Minister's Article

"Like a Rock"

Throughout the bible there are many people we remember for the great things they *did*. David slew Goliath. Joshua knocked down the walls of Jericho. Elijah conquered 400 Canaanite prophets on Mt. Carmel. But of all these great men who *did* great things, the greatest may be one we remember for what he *didn't* do... Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. Imagine Joseph's situation. Shortly before his wedding to Mary he finds out, from a *stranger* no less, that Mary is pregnant with someone else's child. Wouldn't Joseph be justified if he canceled the wedding, left Mary and went off to find a partner he could more fully trust?

Yet, Joseph is known not for any of these things he could have *done*, but for what he does *not* do. Joseph did *not* run away. Whatever hurt, anger or insecurity he may have felt, it did not get in the way from his hearing the angel of God tell him, "*Don't leave, because this child needs a father in his life and you are the one who can fill this role.*" And so he stayed... for the child's health and happiness, if not for his own. An infant and toddler Jesus didn't care what kind of emotional roller coaster Joseph might have been on after the angel Gabriel sprung all of that news on him. An infant and toddler Jesus needed Joseph to be there for him, even if he couldn't properly say it, or understand it. So Joseph chose to be present in Jesus' life and to be the father that both Mary and Jesus would need. Not only did they need Joseph, we all needed him. Without him the story of salvation could not have been written. Long before Jesus was able to save any of our lives, Joseph saved his. Remember that when King Herod ordered the infant Jesus be killed, it was Joseph who sheltered and protected Jesus in Egypt until it was safe to return.

Being a father doesn't happen when you have your own biological child. It happens when we see the world through the eyes of the children you are raising. It is to recognize their needs and to strive to meet them, even if it means sacrificing the fulfillment of our own. And what children need more than anything is a father (and mother) present for them – there for them.

Throughout my childhood and upbringing, my father was always there. He organized and coached my baseball teams, kept stats for my basketball teams, took pictures at every concert and sold concessions when he wasn't doing anything else. He arrived early enough to watch every pregame performance of the marching band and picked me up from nearly every football practice. He got there early for those pick-ups too. He'd always get there to catch the last 15 minutes and all the guys learned to watch for dad's arrival knowing that when he came practice was almost over. A few years ago, I received an email, completely out of the blue, from an old friend. We played junior high football together. His dad was a big-time college football coach and a bit of a local celebrity. I hadn't talked with him in twenty years, but he had read something I had written about my dad's death in 1998. Here is a portion of what he sent me:

...I'm sorry your dad's gone. I want you to know that I always looked up to him and was a little jealous of you. He was always there. He shared an amazing gift with you and, in a sense, with me. My old man was always gone. I loved him for doing something he was passionate about, but he was always at work.

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I think about your pops quite often, because I'm doing what he always did. You should know that he played an important role becoming the man and father I am today.

As much as I love hearing wonderful things about my father, this email really isn't about my dad or his dad. It's about what children need – rocks of strength, support and stability in their lives. As Joseph reminds us, having a child isn't what makes us a parent. True parents ask not "What is best for *me*?" but "What is best for the children in my life?" Which is exactly what God – our heavenly parent did and does for us. God walks with us, lives with us, died for us, and rose for us. God is our rock and refuge, always there, whether green pasture or dark valley. So fathers, make time for your children. Be there for them. Work hard for them and provide for their future, but not at the expense of spending time with them. Years from now, they will remember *this* as the most significant thing you did. Men, you don't have to have children of your own to be a father. Remember, Jesus wasn't Joseph's flesh and blood. There are many children today whose own fathers can't or won't be the fathers they need them to be, and you may be the father figure they need. And when you are there for them, you will be following a wonderful biblical model of fatherhood.

Blessings – *Michael*

In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve with Mark Gustin and Dianne Kirtley on the passing of their mother Joanne A. Gustin. Joanne passed away on Friday, June 8th in St. Charles, MO. Please join us in keeping the Gustin & Kirtley families in your prayers.

Special Note of Thanks

Our family would like to extend our sincere thanks for everyone's prayers and support during Kellan's surgery last week. He is recovering well. We are so grateful for our church family.

*Blessings,
Mat, Kristi, Drake & Kellan*

Let's Bowl!

The CCC Bowling league is getting ready to start a new season! We are hoping to add more people or teams this year. As a way of getting to experience the fun we have on Monday nights, we are having Summer Fun Bowl for all who want to come out and play! There will be one Fun Bowl per month in June, July and August. These will be at Spare Time Lanes at 5:30pm. We have arranged with the bowling center for 2 games of bowling and shoes for \$6.00 for any non-league member. It will be \$4.50 for league members.

The dates are June 11th, July 9th and August 13th! Our season starts Sept. 10th with a Fun night 9-Pin No Tap. We bowl a short season which means we bowl 16 weeks. We are off the weeks of Christmas and New Years. Our season raps up Jan. 7th, 2019. Then we have an optional 9-Pin No Tap the following week and then our bowling banquet. We hope to see new faces and regulars this summer! So mark your calendars and please come and join in the fun! Can't wait to see you all!

Thank you,
Debbie Santee
League secretary

PS: If you have any questions you can call me at (217) 853-2778



Sunday, June 17, 2018

Music:

Offertory-David, Brian, Zach Bottom, trumpet

Anthem-*God Is Our Refuge*

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



Monday (18)

9:00-Vacation Bible School

Tuesday (19)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-Vacation Bible School

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

Wednesday (20)

9:00-Vacation Bible School

4:15-Peace & Justice, 240

5:30-Church Council Committees Mtg, G. Hall

6:30-Criminal Justice, 207

Thursday (21)

9:00-Vacation Bible School

10:00-Al-Anon, Ramp Entrance

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (22)

9:00-Vacation Bible School

12:30-VBS Volunteers Road Trip, Nelson Park

6:00-Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday (23)

3:00-Wedding

Sunday (24)

8:00-Worship Service

8:00-Mission Trip Departure

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes

9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes

In the Hospital...

DMH:
No One

St. Mary's:
Hui C. Parks



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, June 17, 2018

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Penny Rutherford, Cindy Soebbing

Outreach Communion:

Charlotte Ballance	Connie Bordner
John Baird	Claudia Quigg
Shirley Swarthout	Kim Maple

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 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 - Ron & Jan Dobbs

10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

Acolytes:

10:30 - Peyton Swarthout, Jordyn Keck

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:30 - Mike Kirby

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 - Doug Soebbing	875-1836

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

June 18	8:30-12:00 - Carole McClarey
June 19	8:30-12:00 - Carol Bischoff
June 20	8:30-12:00 - Karen Keller
June 21	8:30-12:00 - Carolyn McCall
June 22	8:30-12:00 - Yvonne Purcell

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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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