

# The Central Visitor

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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope

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## Vacation Bible School 2019, "Who Is My Neighbor?" Going Well!



**SUNDAY, June 23, 2019**  
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.  
Text: Genesis 12: 1-7  
Michael E. Karunas

### Chalice Class



Title: *Assisted Suicide*  
Focus: In January, Hawaii became the seventh state to legalize assisted suicide. What are the moral and ethical concerns over assisted suicide? As Christians, how do we balance our compassion for people who are suffering with our belief in God's dominion over life?  
Next Week: *Holy Play*



### No Live Stream Sunday 6/23

There will be no live stream of the service this Sunday, June 23rd.

### Food Collection

The food collection for May 5th will be cereal. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.



### Koinonia Sunday School Class Opportunity

The Koinonia Sunday School Class would like to invite all who might be interested to join us in the study of the New Testament books of 1st & 2nd Peter and Jude. Our study will begin on Sunday, June 30th, 2019, and will be approximately 12 weeks in length. The cost of the study guides is \$7.50, if you should want to purchase one. Our class meets on the 2nd floor, room 212. Contact Liz Campbell at (217) 521-5995 for additional information on how to order a study guide.



### Counting On You

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**  
Worship Attendance ..... 296  
Sunday School & Small Groups..... 78



### **Happy 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

We send our congratulations, blessings and best wishes to our sister congregation in the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin, Barney's Prairie Christian Church. Barney's Prairies holds the distinction as being the oldest Disciples of Christ congregation in our region, celebrating 200 years of ministry this July! Happy Birthday Barney's Prairie!

### **Central Christian On-line**

Did you know that you can now lookup the events, recent and past sermons and articles from the senior minister quickly and easily by checking out Central's website?

Here are some quick links below that will take you directly to the items mentioned:

Sermons:

<http://www.cccdisciples.org/sermons/>

The Central Visitor online:

<http://www.cccdisciples.org/resources/the-central-visitor/>

Our Website Blog:

<http://www.cccdisciples.org/cccblog/>

### **Prayer List Updates**

We have a prayer list! Please remember to call the office with prayer list updates.

### **Follow Us!**

Please feel free to Follow Us on Social Media.

Facebook: Central Christian Church Decatur IL and Central Christian Church Contemporary Worship pages

Twitter: @central\_Decatur

Instagram: cccdisciplesdecaturil

## **Capital Campaign 2019-2022**

Over the last week, we mailed out some specific information about our current capital campaign: *Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future*. In addition, we included a commitment card. Those cards represent our estimates for what we hope to contribute to the campaign over the next three years. They can be mailed back to the church anytime this week, or they can be brought to the church this Sunday (June 23). During services this weekend, they will be collected (along with our regular offerings) and then blessed with a special prayer of dedication. Of course, for those needing more time, the cards can be submitted anytime after June 23 as well.

To celebrate the campaign and the great things it will allow us to accomplish, we will be serving "***Sundaes on Sunday***" on June 23! After each service, there will be an ice cream bar which will offer ice cream with a variety of assorted topping choices. Additionally, after the 10:30 service, we will be sharing the grand total represented by all of our commitment cards. As of the time of this writing, we have already received commitments representing **\$214,630**, which means that we are almost half-way to our goal of \$550,000.

One of the families that is such a big part of our present, and whose participation inspires us as we look to the future, shared some words with me in support of our church and the campaign. I wanted to share them with you here:

*We live in Mt. Zion and have attended Central Christian Church with our two sons, Drake (senior in High School) and Kellan (grade 1) for the past five years. Generally, we choose between the 9:00 am service and the 10:30 am service - whichever best fits our busy schedule. Drake was baptized in 2014 and has attended youth group and youth mission trips, and Kellan is a regular in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. We first met the Karunas family at a common friend's cookout about five years ago. Pastor Michael and family left us with such a feeling of compassion and sincerity that we decided to check out Central Christian. Once we visited, the Sunday messages delivered, as well as the friendly atmosphere, have made Central Christian our church home.*

*We have supported the Capital Campaigns since attending Central Christian for a variety of reasons. The new entrance and Welcome Center always give us an inviting feeling when we arrive at Church. With such great renovations already being completed, it proves Central Christian is looking to the future while improving a great existing foundation for generations to come. Our family will continue to support the new Capital Campaign, as it is our desire to continue to improve our building for not only its current members but for the future members of Central Christian Church. Maintaining the historical features of the Church while adding new technology and a modern feel testifies to the commitment our Church has to Decatur and the congregation Central Christian serves. We challenge our church to support such a vital campaign to maintain a rock-solid foundation for the continued growth and diversity of Central Christian Church.*

*-Mat Cox, Kristi Niles, and Drake and Kellan Niles-Cox*

### Welcome New Member!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Christian Jackson to the Central family! Christian began worshiping with us last Fall when he began singing in our choir as a choir intern from Millikin University, but he has since found Central to be a “home away from home” while he finishes his undergraduate degree. We couldn’t be happier to be such a place – both geographically and spiritually – for Christian. He is a music education major, who sings in Millikin’s esteemed University Choir, and is set to graduate in the spring of 2020.



### Summer at Central: Back in Time

*During the summer months, we will be going “Back in Time” to the Old Testament!! We will explore the earliest roots of our faith and examine how the basic building blocks of the story of salvation are still ones on which to build a spiritually strong life today. During June, our focus will be The Five Promises of God.*



June 16	Promise #1: “God chooses Life over Death”	Michael E. Karunas
June 23	Promise #2: “God Guides and Provides”	Michael E. Karunas
June 30	Promise #3: “God gives Confidence and Hope”	Michael E. Karunas
July 7	Promise #4: “God values Closeness and Relationship”	Tina Miller
July 14	Promise #5: “God Inspires”	Tina Miller

### Stay Connected this Summer!

With the coming of summer vacation, we understand that many will be traveling at different times over the next several months. Wherever your travels may take you, we pray for your safekeeping. We also hope you will remember to stay connected with us, both when you are in Decatur or “on the road.” You can do that by:

- Coming to worship when you are in town. We’d love to see you and hear about your adventures
- Watching our traditional service via the “Live Streaming” feature on our website. [Click here.](#)
- Following our Facebook pages daily!
- On our church’s main page ([click here](#)), we will provide regular updates of what’s happening at Central.
- On our contemporary page ([click here](#)), we will also be posting video highlights of each week’s service.

Wherever your travels take you, we want you to feel a connected to your church family at Central!

#### **Sunday (23)**

- 8:00-Traditional 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
- Anthem: Shine On Us
- Offertory: David Williams, organist
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

#### **Monday (24)**

##### **Youth Mission Trip**

- 5:00-Veterans, Disciples Room
- 6:00-Pastoral Support Committee, CR
- 6:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

#### **Tuesday (25)**

##### **Youth Mission Trip**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 1:00-Staff Meeting/Training, Conf. Room
- 4:00-Dorcas Planning, Connection Café
- 5:30-Preschool Board Meeting, Conf. Room
- 6:00-Millikin Piano rehearsal
- 7:00-Millikin Piano Recital

#### **Wednesday (26)**

##### **Youth Mission Trip**

- 11:30-Minister Group Lunch, Disc. Room

#### **Thursday (27)**

##### **Youth Mission Trip**

##### **Last Day of BabyTalk Family Literacy Program for summer**

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 11:45-CICN, Disciples Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

#### **Friday (28)**

##### **Youth Mission Trip**

- 6:00-Concert rehearsal

#### **Saturday (29)**

- 9:00-Concert rehearsal
- 12:00-Lunch, Disciples Room
- 2:00-Guy Forbes Concert

#### **Sunday (30)**

- 8:00-Traditional 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
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

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

**DMH:**  
No one

**St. Mary’s:**  
No one

**Serving Schedule—Sunday, June 23, 2019**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - David Wagner & Shirley Swarthout

**Deacons:**

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner

10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale Ford, Jeannie Rade, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Cindy Grabowski, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas, Linda Helton

**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 - Suzie Miller

**Acolytes:**

10:30 - Julina & Jordan Lindsey

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30—Mike Kirby

**Preparation of Communion:**

Ed & Joy Adams, Betty Chapman, Claudia Curry

**Ride Share Drivers:**

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 763-6624

Sunday School and 10:30 service - Brett Swallow 433-7488

**Main Entrance Door Hosts:**

June 24 N/A

June 25 8:30-12:00—Betty Chapman

June 26 8:30-12:00—Judy Ford

June 27 8:30-12:00—Carolyn McCall

June 28 N/A

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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  
 Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant  
 Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant  
 Monica Hernandez.....Nursery Attendant  
 Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant  
 Hannah Brimmer .....Nursery 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 Wright .....Lead Caretaker  
 Jim Denzer.....Caretaker  
 Andrew Evans.....Caretaker  
 Kamaria Collins.....Caretaker

<b>Sunday School Classes</b>	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Room</b>
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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