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## Update from Capital Campaign

Thank you to all who have submitted commitments of support to the 2019-2022 Capital Campaign – *Preserving our Past, Preparing our Future*. To date, we have received 64 cards totaling \$332,438! Our goal is \$550,000, and we are 60% of the way there. There is still time to submit your commitments. Either mail them to the church or bring them on any Sunday, and place them in the offering tray during worship.

## Save the Date: Financial Peace University is coming



Another 10-week Financial Peace University class is coming this Fall at Central! It will be held on Mondays from 6 – 8 p.m. beginning on September 9 and concluding November 4. You can register online by visiting our website ([www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org)) or calling the church office (428-4336). Cost of the class is \$109 per person (or couple).

## 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 guide 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.

## Farewell Forbes Choral Concert

Saturday June 29th, at 2:00, at Central Christian Church  
Millikin Music Ed alumni have planned a concert to honor Dr. Guy Forbes on his retirement from the Millikin University music faculty. Former students are returning to Decatur for the weekend and will present a program of music directed by ten alums. We are all invited to attend the concert and honor Dr. Forbes.

*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church  
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,  
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

## **SUNDAY, June 30, 2019**

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Text: Exodus 19:1-9

Michael E. Karunas

## Chalice Class



Title: *Holy Play*

Focus: Summer is frequently thought of as a time of relaxation and play. How is the concept of play viewed in Christian circles? How can play be holy?

How can it help us to grow spiritually?

Next Week: *Workism*

## In Sympathy We Mourn

We mourn with Nancy Taylor and her family the passing of her husband Ron. Ron received the gift of eternal life late last week, and a memorial service will be held for Ron this Saturday (6/29) at Central. Visitation will commence at 9 a.m. with the service to follow at 10 a.m. Both the visitation and the service will be in the Great Hall. We also mourn with Judy Ford the passing of her brother James Fulk. A funeral will be held for James on Wednesday June 26 at 10 a.m. at GT church. Let us keep the Ford and Taylor families in our prayers.

## **Counting On You**

**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

Worship Attendance ..... 314

Sunday School & Small Groups.....57



### Millikin Heights Summer

The new name of the neighborhood in which our church is located is "Millikin Heights" (formerly, NWRAPS). On July 10 from 6 – 8 p.m., there will be a Summer Lawn Party at the Millikin Homestead, and it will be a great chance to meet some of our neighbors. There will be lawn games and performances by the summer youth band and summer youth strings. We will be offering our parking lot that evening to the event for overflow parking, so you may see more activity on our property. The rain date for this event is the next evening, July 11.

### Pictures from the Mission Trip



On November 3, our own Tina Miller will be ordained as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Here is some of what her journey in ministry has meant to her, and why she sought ordination with the Disciples of Christ.

### Why the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?

If I were asked the question, "What makes the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) an attractive church home?" I would respond with *why I chose* this denomination as my church home. Simply put: relationships and purpose!

This denomination nurtures both relationships and purpose in the following tenets of faith:

- Jesus is in fact the Christ, the Son of the Living God – part of the Triune Godhead.
- Jesus came to earth fully God and fully man to make a way for us to have forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God in heaven.
- Jesus helps us in our relationship with God the Father and sent the God the Holy Spirit to help and empower us to continue in the work of Christ in His physical absence.

Together, we encourage each other to explore, learn, and grow in a personal relationship with God and others. There is no dogma or specific theology enforced. Disciples form a community which fosters and demonstrates servitude, honor, inquiry, and curiosity. Ideas and beliefs are respectfully challenged through critical analysis. Disciples share unconditional love and acceptance with everyone to the end of participating in the mission of Christ: spreading the Good News of salvation, redemption, and transformation to all people groups.

I appreciate the ecumenical spirit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples have a rich history of leading efforts to bring Christians together in worship, beliefs, and action. We do this by finding ways to work alongside different communities through interdenominational relationships and endeavors.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) shares my understanding of the purpose of the Corporate Church. I believe the Church is to proclaim the Gospel Message in Word and deed by sharing redemption, transformation, and reconciliation made available through Christ, so that those who do not know Him may come to know Him. The Church perpetuates wholeness and wellness in a broken world. We work and serve humankind together in fighting disease, ignorance, poverty, racism, war, and oppression.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) allows non-judgmental space for me to accomplish my purpose: to lead others to freedom through Christ so they might go and make disciples. Simply put: *The Disciples love me as I am.*

You all have honored and respected my point of view and my personhood. You have nurtured, challenged, and assisted my journey in Truth, which enables me to do the Kingdom work to which I am called.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Central Christian Church are a community within which I can serve alongside others to do Christ's Mission.

Your confidence in me helped pave the way for ordination in this denomination. I am ever grateful for that, and I look forward to our continued ministry service! I chose this denomination. Perhaps this denomination also chose me?

May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you today and always!

~Tina Miller

**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.*



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| 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 connected to your church family at Central!

**Food Collection**

The food collection for July 7th will be cereal. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.



**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

**Monday (JULY 1)**

- 4:00-Intentional Worship Meeting, GH

**Tuesday (2)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room

**Wednesday (3)**

- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting

**Thursday (4)**

**Independence Day!!  
Church and Office Closed**

**Friday (5)**

**Saturday (6)**

**Sunday (7)**

- 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-Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall



**In the Hospital...**

**DMH:**  
Max Sperry

**St. Mary's:**  
No one



**Serving Schedule—Sunday, June 30, 2019**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman & Penny Rutherford

**Deacons:**

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Mike Munos, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall

10:30 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Matthew Swarthout, Jon French, David Martin, Mike & Gretchen Kirby, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller, Seth Martin, Pam Ferguson, Brittney Moran, Pam Larrick, Shelby Baum

**Ushers:**

8:00 -Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn  
10:30 -Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver, Bill Modlin

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Larry & Darla Otis  
10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

**Acolytes:**

10:30 - Peyton Swarthout & Amila Bradfield

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Greg Carter  
10:30—Larry Pepper

**Preparation of Communion:**

Ed & Joy Adams, Betty Chapman, Claudia Curry

**Ride Share Drivers:**

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 972-3361  
Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

**Main Entrance Door Hosts:**

July 1 N/A  
July 2 8:30-12:00—Gretchen Kirby  
July 3 8:30-12:00—Suzie Miller  
July 4 N/A—Church & Office CLOSED  
July 5 N/A

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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  
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

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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