

The Central Visitor



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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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50 Backpacks for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School

The Christian Education Committee is collecting backpacks and school supplies for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School students! Our goal is to bless 50 students with backpacks! Please choose from the list of supplies and drop off donations at the church by Sunday, August 18. We will deliver to the school Monday, August 19. **THANK YOU!**

SUPPLY LIST:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Backpacks | Kleenex | Earbuds |
| Yellow highlighters | 24 ct. crayons | Pocket folders |
| Wide-lined notebook paper | #2 lead pencils | Pencil top erasers |
| Ziploc Bags (sandwich size) | Ziploc Bags (gallon size) | Clorox disinfectant wipes |

Note: Backpacks can be purchased for as low as \$5.00 at Dollar General Stores.



There will be no live stream or sermon video this Sunday, August 18th.

SUNDAY, August 18, 2019
 WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
The Promise of Resurrection: Fulfilled!
 Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Tina Miller

“Welcome 101”

Have you been attending Central Christian for a while and are interested in learning more about us? Would you like to hear about ways you can plug in and connect to what’s happening here? Would you like a tour of our building and the opportunity to discover the wonderful ministries happening here? If so, then we’d love to have you join us at “WELCOME 101.” This is a 90 minute info-gathering hosted by our ministerial staff here at Central. The dates of “Welcome 101” this August will be:

Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30 PM

Thursday, August 22, 5:30-7:00 PM

Please RSVP your place at either date so that we can have materials prepared (central@cccdisciples.org or 217-428-4336). You need not come to both sessions.



BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY!

Sunday, August 25, 2019
All Services!

Bring your backpacks, bags, laptops, and devices.
 We'll bless them and you for the upcoming school year!

Are You Ready For
SCHOOL?
 Go Make A Difference!

Counting On You
Sunday, August 11, 2019
 Worship Attendance 259
 Sunday School & Small Groups..... 73



Food Collection

The food collection for September 8th will be cereal. The shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.



Blanket Sunday offering **August 18th and 25th**

A blanket is an essential item in an emergency. After a disaster, it can keep you warm, provide shelter (as a temporary tent) and even become a satchel for carrying your belongings. Blankets also symbolize God's love as they cover us and protect us. Because of donations from congregations like ours, Church World Service is able to distribute blankets to the victims of natural disasters. CWS seeks our help again for the annual Blanket Sunday offering, to be collected Aug. 18th and 25th. Please consider giving generously.



"More than Bricks and Mortar"

Even while the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris spewed forth smoke and flames from between its spires and flying buttresses, there was resolute determination to rebuild the edifice, and within days of the devastating fire, massive amounts of funding was donated for that very purpose. So it is with some of our cherished church buildings. When damaged, we repair them. In related fashion, the church in which I was raised was, and is, located on the University of Michigan's campus. Built in 1891, it came to occupy prime real estate as the university grew and expanded. When the Law School desired more room to expand at the beginning of the last century, Memorial Christian Church was meticulously deconstructed stone by stone, with each item identified and numbered. Materials were then transported two blocks away and reconfigured exactly as they had been at the previous location, so valuable was the building to the people.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that ravaged the Gulf Coast in 2005, an article was printed in the Baton Rouge daily newspaper about a small church in Amite, LA, revolving around the church's steeple. It seems that during Hurricane Betsy in 1965, the winds knocked the steeple to the ground. As part of the recovery process, the church members repaired it to stand tall again. Four years later, however, Hurricane Camille knocked the steeple down once more. Yet once again, the members rallied to raise the steeple once more. In 1974, Hurricane Carmen did the same thing, whereupon the members again repaired the damaged steeple. Sure enough, Hurricane Katrina brought the steeple down a fourth time and once again, as the article described, this small community of faith was determined to make their steeple stand again – their perseverance greater than a storm's ability to shake it.

Other times, however, a damaged building is left in ruin. Toward the end of World War II, the allies destroyed virtually all of the major urban centers in Germany. This, several years after the Germans severely bombed major parts of Europe. As a result of this destruction from both sides, thousands of churches were destroyed. In at least several cities in nearly every country in western Europe, a bombed-out church has been left in its "ruined and rubble" state while a rebuilt society has sprung up around it. One such church is the Kaiser Wilhelm "Gedaechtniskirche" in Berlin. It has been meant to stand as a memorial – and warning – to future generations not to repeat the atrocities of the past.

There are also debates about the importance of church buildings in general. When the First Christian Church of Baton Rouge, LA, bought property on the outskirts of town in the early 1960s, an all-purpose building was quickly erected that served as both a sanctuary and a fellowship hall. In time, as the congregation grew, smaller buildings were added to the campus – a nursery, along with classroom and office buildings. Twenty years later, and with the congregation now quite large, discussion was held about building an "official sanctuary." Ultimately the congregation decided to do so, but the debates were fierce. Many protested a building, insisting that the monies spent could be better used for missions and outreach.

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The larger point is that all of these illustrations involving church buildings are about more than the bricks and mortar – they are about how our sacred places represent our strongest memories and our deepest convictions; our more heartfelt resolutions and our commitment to our core values. All of this was introduced by the command by God through the prophets to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. After the Judean people returned from exile and captivity in Babylon, they were to rebuild the temple that that Babylonians destroyed over 60 years earlier. Not only would this give them a place to worship, it would represent their commitment to keep their relationship with God at the forefront of their lives. Of course, there is always a danger that we end up worshipping the buildings we create in God’s name more than the God who gave us the ability to erect the building in the first place. But buildings have always been – and always will be – important ways we understand our faith. In whatever state they exist, they reveal our desire to live by faith and to make the ministry and mission of that faith the greatest priority in our lives.

Blessings... Michael

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 sign up at www.fpu.com/1093777. Cost of the class is \$109 per person (or couple).



Let Central Celebrate with You!

Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary or other achievement? Let us know! We love sharing good news, praise reports, and special pictures on our Welcome Center screens!



Sunday School Begins

Sunday, August 25 9 am

3-5 years

Epic Teachings of the Bible: Dig In Curriculum

Kindergarten through 5th Grade Room 230

Epic Teachings of the Bible: Dig In Curriculum

6th through 12th grade Room 280

Bible Study Basics: Live Curriculum

Nursery



Sunday (18)

- 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

Monday (19)

- 10:00-Operations Committee, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday (20)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 12:00-Kiwanis Meeting, Great Hall
- 2:00-CACS, Conference Room
- 6:00-Welcome 101, Connection Café

Wednesday (21)

- 10:30-Ministers’ Meeting
- 4:15-Peace and Justice Task Force, 240
- 5:30-Church Council Committee Meeting, Disciples Room
- 6:00-Preschool Orientation

Thursday (22)

- 10:00-AI-Anon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:30-Welcome 101, Connection Café
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (23)

Saturday (24)

Sunday (25)

Back to School Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday!

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- 4:00-Youth Group Chili Kickoff Party

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

Serving Schedule—Sunday, August 18, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Charlotte Ballance & Judy Ford
9:00—Judy Ford

Outreach Communion

Vicki Woolridge, Connie Bordner, Gail Prince, Kevin Miller, David Wagner

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
9:00—Jenny Baumann
10:30 -Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale Ford, Jeannie Rade, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarouth, Cindy Grabowski, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas, Linda Helton

Ushers:

8:00 -Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller
10:30 -Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

8:00 - Dean & Janet Gray
9:00—Baumann family
10:30 - Mark Kincaid

Acolytes:

10:30 - Emmy & Jane Osman

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar
10:30—Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Bob & Carol Bischoff, Karen Baird, Nancy Hanover

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 454-9838
Sunday School and 10:30 service - Doug Soebbing 875-1836

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30—Theresa Fulk
9:00—Cheryl Zollinger

Hospitality:

9:00—The Baumann family

Tech:

9:00—Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

August 19 N/A
August 20 8:30-12:00—Carol Bischoff
August 21 8:30-12:00—Karen Keller
August 22 8:30-12:00—Carolyn McCall
August 23 N/A

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Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Hannah BrimmerNursery Attendant
Kattina WilliamsNursery 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
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