

The Central Visitor



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

Vol. XC

Decatur, Illinois, September 19, 2018

No. 38

FRIENDSHIP CENTER ARTWORK is in PRODUCTION!

Your Artwork Committee has been working with artist Teresa Camozzi (www.teresacamozzi.com) for more than a year on the creation of a one-of-a-kind capstone to our church renovation. With your support and input a final mixed-media, multi-layered and representational image was decided upon. During July and August Teresa printed the multi-media imagery, prepared panel surfaces and executed the painting images. She is currently installing the artwork panels in her studio for review, preparing the installation guide documents and building her crate for shipment. Teresa plans to ship the artwork mid October. A local company will install the artwork on the Friendship Center wall, hopefully, before the end of this year. We look forward to celebrating the completion of this memorable project soon!

Financial Peace University to Begin October 8

Our first FPU class last Spring met with resounding success. Twenty-five people completed the class and reported to have paid off (collectively) \$54,000 of debt in just seven weeks!



We are both excited and proud to offer a second class. We believe this is important because:

- *Nearly 5 Million people have taken an FPU course*
- *81% of couples do a monthly zero-based budget after taking FPU*
- *89% of FPU participants have at least a \$1000 emergency fund within 10 weeks*

The class will be led by Mike and Gerri Munos, and Paul Gorden. It will be held on **Mondays** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** beginning on **October 8** and concluding **December 3**. The class is open to all and there is a **cost of \$110** (for either a single or a couple). The cost is purely for the materials offered by FPU and well worth the investment. If you are interested in: a) registering for the class, call the church office (428-4336) and reserve your place; b) learning more about FPU before you register, feel free to contact Gerri Munos (munos5@comcast.net).

SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Back to Basics: "Called Out"

Text: *Matthew 25:31-46*

Michael E. Karunas

Birthday Celebration

All are invited to celebrate Barb Tyler's birthday on Sunday, September 23rd. Join us in the Friendship Center after the 10:30 service for cake and punch.

Elderberries in October

Wednesday, **October 10** in the Great Hall.
Program at 11:30; Lunch at noon.

Join us as John Baird & Jo Carter share their hiking trip in France!

Then enjoy a delicious meal of Tortellini soup, Hot ham n' cheese sliders, Apple crisps with Caramel ice cream (all of this for only \$5). Don't forget to sign up on the pew pad on Sunday or call the church office by Monday, October 8.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ELDERBERRIES
BIG HOLIDAY MEAL NOVEMBER 14TH!**

Counting On You

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Worship Attendance 206

Sunday School & Small Groups.....61

Women's Conference

September 22, 2018

8 am–3 pm

Great Hall

Press into God

Worship Presentations
Fellowship Food Prizes

' [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]'

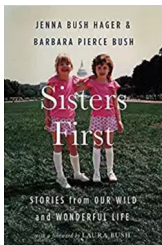
Join us as we seek to know God better!

Women's Book Club

Mon, Oct. 8 - 12:30 pm &

Tues, Oct. 9 - 5:30 pm

at Panera



This month's read is *Sisters First* by

Jenna and Barbara Bush.

Brief Description:

Former first daughters and #1 bestselling authors Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush share intimate stories and reflections from the Texas countryside to the storied halls of the White House and beyond.

October 7: The Gospel of Mark

During the past few weeks, we have been focusing on “the Basics” at Central. Our current sermon series, “Back to the Basics” is looking at the *basic* story of salvation that the bible tells from the beginning (Genesis) through the end (Revelation). And our recently begun bible study – “Bible 101” – is taking a rudimentary look at the bible and the way it is put together.

As you well know, I enjoy memorizing. While I put pen to paper and literally write a sermon every Sunday, I deliver it from memory, along with many of the scripture passages, on which the sermon is built. Some of you remember that I have also memorized the **Gospel of Mark** and perform that as a single-actor performance. In fact, I performed *Mark* in March of 2012, shortly after I arrived at Central as you senior pastor. Since then, I have performed *Mark* off and on over the years, though I have not performed it in several years. Moreover, several people from Central have asked if I might perform *Mark* again.

As it so happens, I was recently asked by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (LSTC) to offer a performance of *Mark* on October 14. Thus, I have been taking time over the last few weeks to get my performance of *Mark* ready. In order to make sure that I am ready for the LSTC performance, I would like to offer a dress rehearsal at Central on **Sunday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.** I believe this is a “win-win” for all of us. It’s a “win” for me, because – quite honestly – I need the practice and it would be helpful for me to do so in front of an audience. And I believe it’s a “win” for you, as we rarely have the chance to hear (experience) any of the Gospels as they were meant to be heard. Though I am clearly biased, I truly believe that experiencing the Gospel of Mark in this way is a religious experience that cannot be replicated in any other situation. Moreover, it is an appropriate thing to experience as we are focusing on the “basics” of the Christian story.

The Gospel of Mark

The performance will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. It is (roughly) **85 minutes long**. It is an abridged version of *Mark*, meaning that I have omitted portions of the Gospel, only so that it stays within 90 minutes. There is **no intermission**. It will be over by **8:00 p.m.** The performance/dress rehearsal is obviously free and I encourage you to invite anyone you know that might be interested. It truly is a rare opportunity to hear the Gospel in complete form.

Blessings – *Michael*

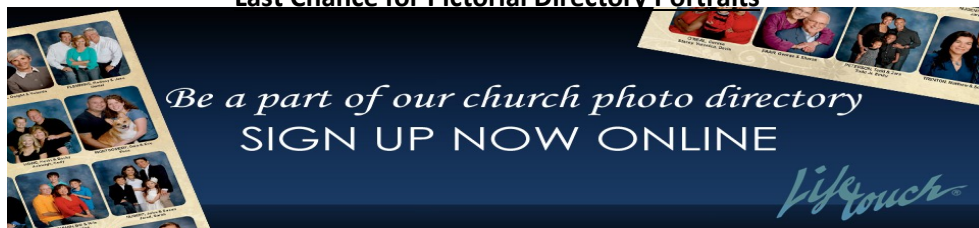
In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve with **David Poland** the passing of his wife, **Rosalie**, last Wednesday. Services for Rosalie were held last Friday, officiated by Don Martin. David and Rosalie were married 65 years.

"Bible 101" Bible Study Underway

As a companion to our current sermon series "Back to Basics", we will be offering a six-week Introduction to the Bible small group called "Bible 101." This is a class truly designed for those who would like the most basic information on how the bible is put together. All ages are welcome (though it's probably most suited for late junior high / high school and above). The group will meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and we want you to feel free to come to as many classes as they fit your schedule. If you have to miss, don't worry, we'll re-cap the previous week's at the beginning of each session.

Last Chance for Pictorial Directory Portraits



If you didn't have a chance to sign up or would like your pictures retaken. This is the last opportunity to do so. Central has scheduled 2 additional days to get your pictures done! This is not just for members, but for everyone who is a participant in the life of Central. Every family who signs up will receive a free 8"x10" print as well as a copy of the directory. This will be our first pictorial directory in six years! This directory will have both a print version and an online version. Sign up any Sunday before or after worship in the Friendship Center or online. Simply visit our website (www.cccdisciples.org) and follow the prompts.

Portrait times are (please note some times may no longer be available):

- Tuesday October 2 2pm - 9pm
- Wednesday October 3 2pm - 9pm

Chalice Class

Title: *Death and Dying*

Focus: Death is an essential part of the human experience, and yet it's one of the most difficult things for people to talk about. How can we confront this conversation without fear? How should people of faith approach the reality of death?

Preschool News

This is picture week for the preschool! Rutherford's will come in on Wednesday and Thursday to take pictures of all of our students and staff.

The 4's class is taking a look at insects this week and will go to Rock Springs on Tuesday to further their studies. The 3 year old classes are getting a closeup look at corn stalks in their classrooms and our Pre-K Class is reviewing shapes.

We always manage to stay busy in the preschool wing and that's just the way we like it!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, September 23, 2018

Music:

- Offertory-Rachel Gilbert, cello
- Anthem-*Nearer, My God, To Thee*
- 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
- 3:00-6-12 Youth Return from Retreat

Monday (24)

- 5:00-Veterans, Great Hall
- 5:30-Spanish Class, 240
- 5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
- 5:30-Cont. Worship Leaders Mtg, Connect Café

Tuesday (25)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
- 11:45-PS: Staff Meeting, 170
- 1:30-Millikin Class, 240
- 5:30-Prayer Shawl Meeting, Disciples' Room
- 5:30-Bible Study, Great Hall
- 6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & C. Café

Wednesday (26)

- 10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

Thursday (27)

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 11:45-CINC, Disciples' Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:30-Spanish Class, 240
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (28)

Saturday (29)

- 1:30-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

Sunday (30)

- 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

In the Hospital...

DMH: **St. Mary's:**
David Shields No One



Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 650 West William Street
 Decatur, IL 62522

PERIODICAL
 POSTAGE
 PAID



Serving Schedule—Sunday, September 23, 2018

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Keith Backes, Dick Cain

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 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn

10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver

Greeters:

8:00 - Ron & Jan Dobbs

10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

Acolytes:

10:30 - Amila Bradfield, Unique Hess

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Judson & Jean Pease, Susan Bryant, Donna Dash

Ride Share Drivers:

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

Sunday School and 10:30 service - Brett Swallow 876-7767

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

September 24 8:30-12:00 - Karen Baird

September 25 8:30-12:00 - Katie Miller

September 26 8:30-12:00 - Judy Ford

September 27 8:30-12:00 - Carolyn McCall

September 28 8:30-12:00 - Yvonne Purcell

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
650 West William Street Decatur, Illinois 62522
Telephone (217)428-4336 FAX (217)428-1700
 www.cccdisciples.org
 e-mail: central@cccdisciples.org

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" GainOrganist
 Ashely Sparks.....Administrative Assistant
 Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
 Monica Hernandez.....Nursery Attendant
 Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
 Melissa Gillis.....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
 Samantha West.....Preschool Teacher
 Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
 Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
 Lora WrightLead 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

The Central Visitor (USPS 098-520) is published weekly by Central Christian Church, 650 W. William, Decatur, IL 62522.

Periodical Postage paid at Decatur, IL.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Central Visitor, 650 W. William St., Decatur, IL 62522.