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Current Sermon Series – Unsung Heroes



During worship since Easter, we have spent time in the Book of Acts, learning how the early followers of Jesus built the church with their words, but even more so with their actions! If we have focused on any particular followers of Jesus, it has been the more well-known ones – especially Peter and John (two of the

original 12 disciples). Yet, even though they might have been some of the early leaders in building the church in Jesus' name, they didn't do it alone. There were plenty of unsung heroes along the way. As we usher in the official start of summer with the Memorial Day weekend, we begin a new sermon series that will carry us through the month of June. We'll stay in the Book of Acts and explore how the church was built by Unsung Heroes.

The kingdom is built not by the mighty acts of a few, but by the everyday acts of the many.

June 9	"Don't Judge a Book by its Cover"	Acts 10 (selections)
	Heroes are willing to be changed / changed others	
June 16	"There's a Knock at the Door"	Acts 12:12-19
	Heroes provide the space where change can happen	
June 23	"Stuck in the Middle with You"	Acts 15
	Heroes are willing to compromise for the greater good	
June 30	"Like a Boss!"	Acts 16:11-15
	Heroes use their Influence for	

Good Samaritan Inn volunteering coming up June 10.

Workers are needed 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. to prepare the meal and 11 a.m. -1 p.m. to serve lunch. We will need 6 people for prep and 8 people to serve.

If you would consider helping and would like to know more about what is involved, talk with Judy Ford or the church office. New volunteers are always welcome!



SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
AND LIVESTREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND LIVESTREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 9:15 AM

Scripture and Sermon for 6/9/2024

Text: Acts 10:34-35

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover
Michael Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (6/9 - 6/22)

Betty Chapman, Byron Perry, Suzie Miller,
Kathleen Pepper, Gail Prince, Emily
Rohrscheib, Jordan Backes, Mitch Swim,
Chris Hartwig, Charlie Hartwig, Marshall
Luthy, Emmy Osman, Glen Dalluge,
Emmett Reed, Sandy Schultz, Shelby
Matherly, George Jones, Cindy Grabowski,
Jacob Hartwig, Paul Stanley

In Sympathy ...

- We grieve with Charles Hunter the passing of his wife, Sandra. Sandra passed away May 25.
- We also grieve with the Foltz & Sears families on the passing of Jody Sears. Jody, sister of Linda Foltz, joined Central in August 2022.

Thank you for keeping these two families in your prayers.

September 14th Golf Outing!

Help raise money for Central's pre-school. Here's what to expect:

- **Moweaqua Golf Course** (shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.)

- **Food!** (barbecue-style sandwiches)

- **Prizes** for the top two foursomes (everyone will get something)

Here are the opportunities to support:

1) Play!!!

\$400 per foursome (sign up here – or pick up registration form at church)

2) Sponsor a hole!!

\$150 for a business

\$100 for an individual / family

We will contact you about submitting the wording for the hole-sponsor sign.

Thank you from the McClarey family

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes to Central Christian Church and its members, ministers, and office staff who responded almost immediately after our accident on January 19. The prayers and support continue to this day! Your prayer have given us strength to try to live each day in a meaningful way. John is resting in heaven now, we're sure, enjoying his new home. All of us on earth miss him every day, but his sayings and thoughts are still with us and always will be.

Carole McClarey and family

Counting On You

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Total worshipping online = 106

Total worshipping in-person = 148

Counting On You

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Total worshipping online = 114

Total worshipping in-person = 211

Minister's Article

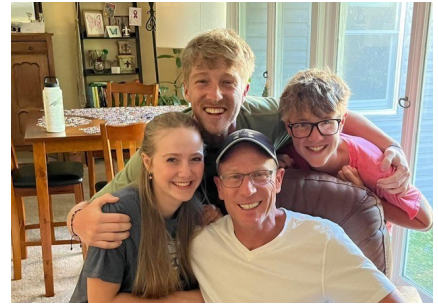
Things Not to Miss in the Month of June

Send us pictures for Fathers Day

Help us compile a video slide show in honor of fathers day. Feel free to send us one or two pictures of either:

- You as a father (with your "brood")
- And/or you with your father (whether the photo is more "vintage" or contemporary).

Either way we will run the slide show throughout the morning on all our video monitors on Sunday, June 16.



Special Storytelling Mid-Week Worship Experience

Gilead Church in Chicago is a Disciples of Christ-affiliated congregation that finds its identity in the art and practice of storytelling. Led by pastor Rebecca Anderson (fellow alum from the University of Chicago's Divinity School), their Sunday evening worship is comprised of two (2) first-person stories told by members of the congregation and one (1) told by one of the pastors (rooted in scripture). This summer, they are taking their worship experience "on the road" and one of their stops will be Central.

On **Wednesday June 26 at 7:00 p.m.**, the worship team from Gilead will be leading a worship service at Central in the Gilead-style. And we are all invited to come and participate in a different kind of worship experience. The Gilead team will provide all the music, the liturgy, the communion and the message. Childcare will be provided. The service will conclude by 8:00 p.m. but Rebecca (and co-Pastor Vince Amlin) will be available after worship to share more about the Gilead congregation and their ministries it is leading on the north side of Chicago.

For those that remember, Rebecca was our guest in November 2017 to lead a storytelling workshop and preach for us in worship. And one of the last things we did before the Covid shutdown in 2020 was to host our own storytelling evening at Central. Storytelling is a wonderful way of connecting people to God and to one another. Wednesday June 26 will be a wonderful opportunity to experience something new!



Memorial Services on June 8

On Saturday June 8 there will be 2 memorial services honoring Central members. At 1:00 p.m. at Graceland-Fairlawn, there will be a service to honor Dorothy Rueff. Following the service, there will be a memorial walk to the gravesite where Dorothy will have already been laid to rest.

Then, at 3:00 p.m. there will be a time of food, friends and fellowship to remember Pat Penhallegon. Pat passed away last fall, and we had a funeral service for him at that time at Central, but not all his family was able to come. This event, held at the family homestead on Sefton Rd, is a time for family and friends to come together and remember Pat.

Please visit <https://alirhealth.notion.site/Papa-Pat-s-Celebration-of-Life> to RSVP if you are interested in attending.

Everyone Can Be a Hero!

We are looking forward to the joy and excitement as children and adults gather for Hero Hotline VBS here at Central June 17-20. We will learn about some of the heroes of the faith through acting out Bible stories, creating crafts, playing games, doing science experiments and memorizing our scripture for the week.

We are asking everyone in the congregation to be a hero and join us in memorizing Romans 14:19 "So let's strive for the things that bring peace and for the things that build each other up."

One way we live out this scripture is by sharing our resources with others. Our VBS mission outreach this year is to God's Shelter of Love. You are invited to participate by making a donation and marking it "God's Shelter of Love".

Please keep the children and their families and our VBS leaders in your prayers that we may draw closer to one another and closer to God.



Our Neighborhood Picnic is Coming!

Sat., June 29, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

At the picnic, we'll share the good news of being in this neighborhood. We'll show how our congregation represents a safe space and a judgment free environment. Our goal is to create and sustain great relationships with our neighbors. We also get to

hang out and have a good time with other members of our church family.

Together, we can look forward to the following:

- Music by Central's Praise Band
- Homemade BBQ, hamburgers, hotdogs, and snow cones
- Bounce houses, games, body art, and more...

Announcing our scholarship winners!!!

- The Dr. Barbara Tyler Scholarship winner: **Erik Harm**
- The Roy O. and Rachel R. Schilling Scholarship winners: **Jolie Witts** and **Nurlan Howard**
- The Cocoa & Lilabelle Traylor Memorial Scholarship winners: **Jennifer Baumann** and **Isabella Karunas**
- The Don & Bonnie Sauer Peace and Justice Scholarship winners: **Alina Howard** and **Remi Jo Mendenhall**
- The Walter & Inabell Kirby Memorial Scholarship winners: **Aidan Kostbade** and **Alexi Jones**

Congratulations to all our scholars!!!



Sunday (9) Do Good Donuts Sunday

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Sunday School
9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

Monday (10)

9:00-Good Sam. Volunteering, Good Sam. Inn
9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center
12:30-Woman's Book Club, Panera Bread
1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room
1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room
3:00-Elder Planning Meeting

Tuesday (11)

7:00-Journeymen, Conn. Café
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
5:30-Woman's Book Club, Panera Bread

Wednesday (12)

1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room
5:00-Elders Meeting, Disciples Room

Thursday (13)

10:00-Alanon, 401
12:00-Support Staff Meeting, Conf. Room
5:00-New Testament class
7:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday (14)

Saturday (15)

Sunday (16) Father's Day

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Sunday School
9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online
12:00-VBS Setup

Monday (17)

9:00-VBS
9:15-Prayer Group, 401
1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room

Tuesday (18)

7:00-Journeymen, 401
9:00-VBS
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
9:30-Card Ministry, 411
10:15-Operations Meeting, Conf. Room

Wednesday (19)

9:00-VBS
5:30-Church Council, location TBA

Thursday (20)

8:00-Emmaus Reunion Group, 401
9:00-VBS
10:00-Alanon, 401
5:00-New Testament Class
7:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday (21)

Saturday (22)

Sunday (23)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Sunday School
9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 9, 2024

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Tom Spry, Jim Fitzpatrick
9:15 - Tom Spry

June Prep Deacons: Ed & Joy Adams, Claudia Curry

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Julia Munos, Krista Rohrscheib
9:15 - Rod & Laurie Damery
10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Tom Ritter

Ushers:

8:00 -Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos,
Brittney Moran, Blair Moran, Bobby Munos, Julia Munos
10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Stephani Bellinger, Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Eileen Iverson, Karen Penn
9:15 - Dave & Cheryl Zollinger
10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos
10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman
9:15 - Cheryl Zollinger

Nursery and Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, June 9

Nursery: Bella Karunas, Abigail Smith, Jolie Witts

Children's Sunday School: Julie Martin, Gretchen Kirby

Sunday, June 16

Nursery: Bella Karunas, Abigail Smith, TBA

Children's Sunday School: Julie Martin, Diana Ritter



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Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 16, 2024

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Jim Fitzpatrick, Tom Spry
9:15 - Jim Fitzpatrick

June Communion Outreach Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Gail Prince, Krista Rohrscheib, Cheryl Zollinger, Dick Cain, Brett Swallow

June Prep Deacons: Ed & Joy Adams, Claudia Curry

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Gary Horvath, Sandy Garver
9:15 - Matt & Laura Moma
10:30 - Dale Ford, David Martin

Ushers:

8:00 -Team 1 - Carolyn Sunderlik, Capt., Dianne Devore, Eileen Iverson
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid, Donna Dash

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash
9:15 - Matt & Laura Moma
10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib
10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Charlotte Ballance
9:15 - Greg Barnes

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Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text PRAY to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left.

"PRAY" is the only word you should type.

Your phone then sends you a link to the prayer request form to fill out. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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