

# The Central Visitor



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## Welcome New Members

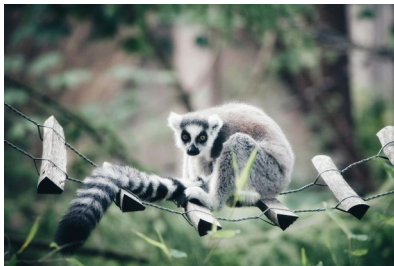
With joy and thanksgiving, Bob Craggs has joined the Central faith family. Bob transferred his membership on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the 10:30 service. Bob has been attending Central for the past seven years and has been an active member of that choir the entire time. He was raised in the Disciples of Christ congregation in Taylorville, where he also resides today. He was drawn to our traditional worship and wonderful chancel choir and is happy to call Central "home," alongside his first home church Davis Memorial Christian Church.



We also welcome Tim and Carolyn Pistorius to the Central family, who joined on Sun. Sept. 29. Longtime members of Zion Chapel UMC until it closed, Tim and Carolyn have attended Central regularly since last September. Not only do they have many family connections with some current Central members, they have brought a great commitment and dedication to Central in the year they have been attending. We are blessed for the ways our lives intersect with one another through our shared faith in Jesus Christ and are grateful that Tim and Carolyn are part of our faith family. Welcome!

## ZOO Scavenger Hunt on September 29

All Central families are invited to join us at Scovill Zoo for a Zoo Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, September 29. The fun begins at 3pm. We will meet at the entrance to the zoo where families will receive the first clue. Central youth will be stationed throughout the zoo to give out the rest of the clues. When you have completed the scavenger hunt, you can enjoy exploring the Zoo or play on the playground. We'll gather for pizza and drinks, starting at 4pm. The church will cover the cost of entrance into the Zoo and one ride for each person on the carousel and the train. We hope you can join us for the fun as we spend time together as a church family. (If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will still have a family fun event on September 29, but we're hoping for great weather.)



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 9/29/2024

Text: Job 1:20-22; 2:10; 42:2, 5  
*The Faithfulness of Job*



## Happy Birthday!! (9/29 - 10/12)

Bob Keller, Mike Sperry, Don Martin,  
Amy Funk, Jim Whitaker, Larry Foster,  
David Bottom, Angie Horvath,  
Thomas Karunas, Larry Bafford,  
Karen Wade, Andrew Evans,  
Charlee McLeod, Jasper Woolen,  
Hailey Holt, Laura Moma,  
Katie Fehrenbach, Hugh Rowden,  
Ron Ingram, Angie Ingram, Dee Hill,  
Verda Comage

A Few Things from Michael



Stewardship 2025 – Imagine Together!

September 29 – October 27

- An **Estimate of Giving Card** mailed to you during the week of September 30
- Families can contact Pastor Vicky anytime to receive a **Blessing Box** to use at home during the month of October.
- Join us every Sunday in October, but especially **October 20** when we will have brunch food served throughout the morning
- Participate in a **James Daily Bible Reading** (5-6 verses per day, 5 days per week for the month of October). A booklet will be made available on Sunday, October 6. Daily bible readings begin on Monday, October 7.
- Attend an **all-church bible study** on the Letter of James led by Pastor Michael. The bible study will meet on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.
  - October 17
  - October 24
  - October 31
  - November 7
- Participate (anonymously) every Sunday in October with our Weekly **“Worship Prompts.”** Responses will be used to help support the message for the day.

Get to Know Diane Guinn

Our 10-year Administrative Assistant Yvonne Boyd informed us earlier this year of her plans to retire in 2024. After interviewing several candidates over the past few weeks, we have made a decision to hire Diane Guinn! Diane brings years of experience in the kind of office work our congregation requires. And while no one can “replace” Yvonne, we look forward to meeting all the challenges that lie ahead of us with Diane on our staff. Diane has just begun her onboarding, and Yvonne will remain in her position until Diane is fully trained. We will make a future announcement about Diane’s working hours and a way for all of us to thank Yvonne for her ministry here. In the meantime, here are some things that can help you get to know Diane better.



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Caramel Apples for Sale!

Fall means it's time for Del's Caramel Apples! The Central preschool will be having a fundraiser over the next 2 Sundays in which you will have the opportunity to buy some caramel apples and other fall favorites. If you fill out an order form on Sept. 29th, you can pick up your order on the following Sun., Oct. 6th. The same will happen on Oct. 6th, with pick up on Oct. 13th. Payment will be due when you place your order. This year, there will be an online ordering option; more information to come!

Northeast Food Pantry Donations

Even though the weather continues to be warm, it will not be long before we are wearing sweaters. Some families in our community may be food-insecure. The next food collection for NE Community Fund Food Pantry will be Oct. 6. Let’s join together and help those who are experiencing food insecurity by placing your food donations in the shopping cart in the Connection Café. Let’s fill the cart. Thank you Central for your generous donations last month that totaled 180 lbs. of nonperishable food items. Here are some suggestions for Oct.: canned soup, canned chili, pancake mix that only requires water, syrup, peanut butter, canned chicken and tuna, pasta, canned tomato products, cereal, apple sauce, canned beans, dried noodles, broth, rice, and packs of single serving oatmeal. Please, check the expiration date and make sure your items are unopened. It is also a good idea not to donate items in glass packaging.

Counting On You

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

Total worshipping online = 132  
 Total worshipping in-person = 236

Counting On You

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

Total worshipping online = 145  
 Total worshipping in-person = 248



*My hobbies are:* Bonfires, read, visiting with friends.

*My favorite meal or type of cuisine is:* Meat and potatoes.

*The most meaningful job I had prior to this one was :* Working with the elderly.

*The best vacation I ever took was:* to Cancun (with husband, daughter and son-in-law).

*The movie I could watch over and over again is:* It's a Wonderful Life

*One of my pet peeves is:* Saying "it's not my job."

*Something people should know about me is:* I attend Central Baptist Church and have been worshiping there with my husband for three years.

Blessings – Michael

### **TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT COMING....**

Central Christian Church is planning the annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 26 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. We are looking for some volunteers to help make this a success.



- We need 15-20 people to decorate their vehicle (car/truck) with a Halloween theme and hand out candy/prizes to Trunk-or-Treaters. All vehicles will be lined up in a row in the West Entrance parking lot. We will provide the candy to hand out. We need YOU to decorate the trunk or your car or the bed of your pick-up (and feel free to dress up yourself as well).
- We need donations of candy and non-edible prizes (dollar-store items). Some children are unable to have candy for one reason or another. Advertising our event as a Teal Pumpkin event lets those families know that their children are welcome.
- Bring donations of candy and simple prizes to the Friendship Center by Sunday 10/20 (look for big, black chests at the top of the stairs).
- Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Friendship Center and the Great Hall beginning this Sunday.

More information to come.....

### **Reconciliation Offering Coming Up**

September 22 and 29, Central Christian Church is collecting a special offering to support the Reconciliation Ministry of Disciples of Christ congregations.

Reconciliation is defined as the action of making one view or belief compatible with another. As we follow the daily news, it seems as though reconciliation is out of reach. Tensions between people, acts of violence, natural disasters – the list goes on and on. We feel more separated than ever. All of creation longs for the revelation of God's presence.

But here is the good news – we are God's children, loved and entrusted with the sacred responsibility to care for each other and the earth we live on. Out of nothing, God created heaven and earth and breathed life into a separated, broken void. Through God, all we are and everything we know is connected. As God's people His breath is in us, giving us the same power and authority to connect that which has been separated.

Your giving to Reconciliation Ministry funds grants and education that disrupt racism and oppression while promoting restoration and healing. We are all the beloved children of God, so please give generously.

You may place your offering in the brass bowl in the Narthex, give online, or take it to the church office.

### **Sunday (29)**

#### **Del's Apples & Popcorn for sale**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9:15-Sunday School

9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

3:00-Youth Family Fun Event, Scovill Zoo

### **Monday (30)**

9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center

1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room

### **Tuesday (October 1)**

7:00-Journeymen, Conn. Café

9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R

9:30-Card Ministry, 411

6:00-PEO IF, Fireside Room

### **Wednesday (2)**

1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room

1:30-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Connection Café

5:00-Christian Ed, Connection Café

5:00-Contemporary Worship, Fireside Room

6:00-Millikin Heights, 401

### **Thursday (3)**

8:00-Emmaus Reunion Group, 401

10:00-Alanon, 401

3:00-Decatur Needle Arts, Disciples Room

7:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

### **Friday (4)**

### **Saturday (5)**

### **Sunday (6)**

#### **Del's Apples & Popcorn for sale**

#### **Ministry Fair**

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9:15-Sunday School

9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

### **Monday (7)**

9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center

1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room

5:00-Preschool Board Meeting, Conn. Café

### **Tuesday (8)**

7:00-Journeymen, 401

9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R

4:30-Women's Book Club, Panera Bread

### **Wednesday (9)**

1:00-DOVE Children's Clothing Room

5:00-Elders, Disciples Room

### **Thursday (10)**

10:00-Alanon

7:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

### **Friday (11)**

### **Saturday (12)**

### **Sunday (13)**

#### **Ministry Fair**

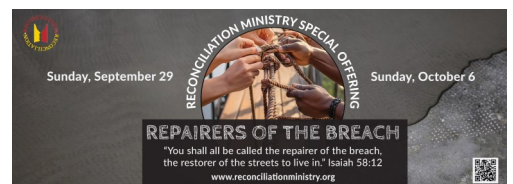
8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9:15-Sunday School

9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

4:00-Youth Group



**Serving Schedule — Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Theresa Fulk, Karen Wade  
9:15 - Karen Wade

**Sept. Prep Deacons:** Carol Bischoff, Susan Bryant, Carolyn Sunderlik

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Nancy King  
9:15 - Laurie & Rod Damery  
10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Andrea Shartzter

**Ushers:**

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

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Eileen Iverson, Karen Penn  
9:15 - Deb & Randy Trei  
10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

**P.A. Operator:**

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

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Gretchen Kirby  
9:15 - Travis Wilcoxon

**Contemporary Snacks:** Deb & Randy Trei

**Nursery and Sunday School Schedule**

**Sunday, September 29**


**Nursery:** Rachel Miller, TBA

**Children's Sunday School:** Kaitlin Glause, Deb Trei, TBA

**Sunday, October 6**

**Nursery:** Rachel Miller, Lucy Rauch

**Children's Sunday School:** Julie Martin, TBA



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**Serving Schedule — Sunday, October 6, 2024**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Gail Prince, Krista Rohrscheib  
9:15 - Gail Prince

**Oct. Prep Deacons:** Audrey, Kim, & Suzie Miller

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Gary Horvath, Troy Swinford  
9:15 - Laura & Matt Moma  
10:30 - Keith Backes, Cole Shartzter

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 2 - Bruce Campbell, Capt., Liz Campbell  
10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Hugh & Linda Rowden

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash  
9:15 - Laura & Matt Moma  
10:30 - Jan Dobbs, Suzie Miller

**P.A. Operator:**

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

**Liturgist:**

8:00 & 10:30 - Charlotte Ballance  
9:15 - Rebecca Monroe

**Contemporary Snacks:** Laura & Matt Moma

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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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