

The Central Visitor



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

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Welcome, Chris Marshall!

We are excited to welcome Christine "Chris" Marshall to the Central Christian Church staff! Chris comes to us after retiring from 25+ years in the Decatur Park District. She managed the Scoville Banquet Facility for many of those years. One of our members (a friend of hers) suggested that she apply for the open position on our caretaker staff, and here she is! Chris has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 1 very loved dog. You'll see

Chris at Central mid-days during the work week and on weekends. Help us make her feel welcome!

Parenting Workshop

Parents of children of all ages are invited to a parenting workshop on Sunday, February 2, from 4-5:30pm, led by Pastor Vicky.

Parenting is filled with both joyous and challenging experiences. We will spend time celebrating the joys and looking at some parenting tools that support the challenging times. Every family will receive the book Positive Discipline Parenting Tools.

Come and join the conversation with other parents. You will be reminded that you are doing an amazing job with your children and you will take home some tools to make the days more manageable and fun.

Please sign up at church, by contacting the church office: email central@cccdisciples.org or call (217-428-4336) or talk with Pastor Vicky.



ChristCare Stitchers Celebrate 25 years!

Tuesday, February 4 is the 25th Anniversary of the Christ Care Stitchers group at Central. It is a fellowship of women and 1 man meeting every Tuesday for devotions, sharing, prayer, and showing of completed blankets. Project Linus distributes our blankets to children in trauma in Central Illinois. You are welcome to visit us at 9:30 on Tuesdays on 3 R to learn the secrets of making 24,000 blankets in 25 years.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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 2/2/25

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11
Michael E. Karunas



Happy Birthday!! (2/2-2/15)

Gene Garver, Chloe Hoaglin, Sally Thicksten, Bob Logan, John Dunn, Gretchen Kirby, Janet Deakins, Jack Dixon, Emmy Williams, Doug Luthy, Peyton Swarthout, Tom Ritter, Linda Hill, Olivia Patricio, Ryan Damery, Ellen Damery, Amy Lester, Jessa Wilcoxon, Christian Jackson, Clara Monroe, Sherri Hood, Sam Hawkinson



Food for Northeast Community Fund

The Shopping Cart that you see in the Connection Café is a reminder to us that Macon County has one of the 10 highest rates of food insecurity in Illinois. The need is great in our community to help those who may not be able to feed their families or themselves. These families and individuals all have something in common; they may be hungry.

Central Christian Church continues to support the shopping cart with generous donations each month. On January 12, 2025, 125 pounds of non-perishable food items were delivered to Northeast Community Food Pantry. Let's join together and support Northeast on February 2, 2025. Here are some suggestions: canned and pouches of chicken and tuna, soup, canned chili, canned fruit and vegetables, rice, canned spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, broth, cereal, elbow and spaghetti pasta, mac and cheese, and applesauce. Please, be sure to check the expiration date. It is also a good idea not to donate items in glass packaging. Please place your food donations in the shopping cart in the Connection Café. Let's fill the cart!

Counting On You

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Total worshipping online = 142
Total worshipping in-person = 232

Counting On You

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Total worshipping online = 133
Total worshipping in-person = 228

Milestones and Anniversaries

One of our goals in 2025 is to focus on fellowship. In a world that seems to become more and more divided, we want to stand out as an example of connection! One way to do that is by celebrating and promoting fellowship events and opportunities that bring us together. In so doing, we want to stand out as an alternative – people of different backgrounds, experiences and, yes, probably political opinions nonetheless finding great benefit through connection with one another.

One such event will be our 3rd Annual Milestones and Anniversaries Fellowship Meal. On Sunday, February 23rd, after the 10:30 AM service, we will have an Italian-themed fellowship dinner in the Great Hall. After the meal, we will celebrate all the milestones and anniversaries we look forward to experiencing in 2025. If you would like to attend the dinner, please RSVP by contacting the office (217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org) by Wednesday, February 19th. Also, please answer the questions below and email your answers to central@cccdisciples.org or mkarunas@cccdisciples.org, or [CLICK HERE](#) or text **MILESTONES** to 217-212-2173 by Wednesday, February 19th. If you are unable to attend the meal, please feel free to answer these questions and share your answers with us. We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you.

1. Name (optional, but highly recommended)
2. If married, what number anniversary will you be celebrating in 2025?
3. Are you celebrating a “big” birthday this year (ending with a “5” or “0”)? If yes, what number birthday?
4. What other “milestones” or big events are you looking forward to observing in 2025 (this can be in your family or at work, trips that are planned, graduations, other achievements, accomplishments, etc...)

Blessings – Michael

Girl Scout Cookies Available for Purchase on February 9

Our church members involved in Girl Scouts of America will have boxes of cookies for sale after all three services on Sunday, February 9. Clara Monroe, Clara Damery, and Nora Damery will have Thin Mints, Caramel delights, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemonade, Trefoils (shortbread), and Adventurefuls. Look for them in the Friendship Center. Carol Bischoff will also be coordinating an opportunity to purchase cookies to be sent to our troops serving overseas. Those donations will be collected February 9 and then gathered into a larger donation to be shipped overseas. So even if you're not a “cookie monster” yourself, consider supporting our troops (and the Girl Scouts) with a purchase on February 9.





DONUTS with DORCAS Returns on a High Note!

All Central women are invited to a February 18th Dorcas meeting in the Disciples Room at 10:30 a.m. You don't want to miss this mid-winter gathering for a warm "pick me up" of coffee and Casey's donuts, fellowship and special "Name that Hymn" game with Jane Cussins at the piano.

RSVP by Friday, February 12th to Nancy Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174 or xstr@sbcglobal.net to make sure we

have enough donuts. Contact Sandy Garver at 217-877-0800/217-454-2111 or revrag@comcast.net for more information about Dorcas Disciples. Hope to see you February 18th!

FOODIE FESTIVAL

Funding the Future

Baby TALK Annual Fundraiser

Friday, 02.07.2025

Location: CrowBarn at 677 Wall St. in Macon

Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Event Begins: 6:30 pm

Great Food • Live Music • Basket Raffle



Tickets can be purchased for \$30 per person at the Baby TALK office (cash or check) or online at babytalk.org (Area of greatest need)

Sponsoring restaurants:

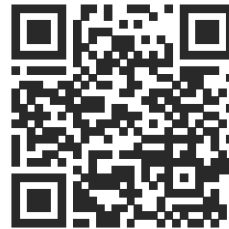
Stix on 36, Bull's Catering, Smack'n Tacos, Decatur Club, Texas Roadhouse, CrowBarn, and more!



Baby TALK, Inc., 355 E. Marietta St., Decatur, IL 62521

Baby TALK Foodie Festival

One of Central's long-time service partner relationships is with Baby TALK. On Friday, February 7, Baby TALK is hosting a fundraiser to help support its many wonderful programs. Here's how they are advertising the event: If you have a heart for children and families and enjoy live music and delicious food then the Baby TALK Foodie Festival is this year's event for you (see flier above). Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in person at 355 E. Marietta or online at <https://babytalk.org/support-us/>; click on the donate via PayPal tab and select "Area of Greatest Need"!



Parents Night Out

On Saturday, February 8th, from 4:00—7:00 PM, our Preschool Teachers and families will be hosting a Parents' Night Out for Preschool & Central families! Drop your kids off for a fun evening of pizza and play while the parents get a night out! For ages infant—13 years old. \$30 for 1 child, \$20 for each additional sibling. Register by Feb. 7th. Use this QR Code.

Card Shower for February

We love to celebrate with our Central members having milestone birthdays! In February, we especially want to celebrate with Janet Deakins, celebrating her 95th birthday! You may call or email the church office for her address.

In Sympathy

Please join us in prayer for the family of William Lehnhardt, who passed away on January 15th. The Lehnhardts attended many years ago, and their daughters were married here at the church. His services were last Friday, January 24th. He had been a member since 1977.

Sunday (2)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Sunday School
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online
- 4:00-Parenting Workshop

Monday (3)

- 9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center
- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 3:30-Pastoral Support Committee

Tuesday (4)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Conn. Café
- 9:30-ChristCare Stitches, 3R
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 411/412
- 6:00-P.E.O. IF, Fireside Room

Wednesday (5)

- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 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 (6)

- 8:00-Emmaus Reunion Group, 401
- 10:00-Alanon, 401
- 3:00-Decatur Needle Arts, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (7)

Saturday (8)

- 11:00-Faith Quest, Connection Café

Sunday (9)

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

Monday (10)

- 9:00-Good Sam volunteer opportunity
- 9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center
- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room
- 3:00-Elder planning meeting

Tuesday (11)

- 7:00-Journeymen, 401
- 9:30-ChristCare Stitches, 3R
- 4:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

Wednesday (12)

- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 5:00-Elders, Disciples Room

Thursday (13)

- 10:00-Alanon
- 12:00-Support Staff meeting
- 5:30-Star Words small group, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday (14)

Saturday (15)

Sunday (16)

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

Serving Schedule — Sunday, February 2, 2025

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Krista Rohrscheib, Lea West
9:15 - Krista Rohrscheib

Feb. Prep Deacons: Christine Lyman-Harm, Denise & Matthew Swarthout

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Carolyn McCall, Mike Munos
9:15 - Angie & Ron Ingram
10:30 - Diana Ritter, Luke Kirby

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn, Charlotte Ballance
10:30 - Team 9 - Suzie Miller, Capt.

Greeters:

8:00 - Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince
9:15 - Angie & Ron Ingram
10:30 - Suzie Miller, Brett Swallow

P.A. Operator:

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

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman
9:15 - Rebecca Monroe

Contemporary Snacks: Angie & Ron Ingram


Nursery and Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, February 2

Nursery: Izzy Kostbade, Lucy Rauch, Abigail Smith
Children's Sunday School: Izzy Kostbade, Julie Martin

Sunday, February 9

Nursery: Izzy Kostbade, Lucy Rauch, Rachel Miller
Children's Sunday School: Julie Martin, Rachel Miller



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Serving Schedule — Sunday, February 9, 2025

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Susan Bryant, Keela Neumann
9:15 - Susan Bryant

Feb. Prep Deacons: Christine Lyman-Harm, Denise & Matthew Swarthout

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - David King, David Wagner
9:15 - Marci & Steve Baumann
10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Andrea Shartzter

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 Martin, Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver
9:15 - Marci & Steve Baumann
10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Charlotte Ballance
9:15 - Marci Baumann

Contemporary Snacks: Marci & Steve Baumann

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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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