

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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Congratulations, Danielle Bruns!

Danielle Bruns' artwork is being featured this month at Gallery 510 in downtown Decatur. The exhibit, which features native American dreamcatchers and mandalas, opened this past Friday. Danielle is a regular attendee of the 9:15 service and her sons Alex and Dominick have both attended church camp. Before moving to Decatur, she has lived in Washington state, North Dakota, and Minnesota and is an enrolled member of the Chippewa tribe. Congratulations Danielle!



Youth Outing to Visit Senior Members

This past Sunday, six youth and five youth leaders visited some of Central's senior members. The youth asked questions related to what life was like for the older members when they were teenagers, and were able to share some experiences from their own perspectives as well. They learned that Nancy Taylor's first job at a grocery store earned her \$1.00 per hour, and that in the year that Barb Tyler was born a new car cost \$650! It was a well-received experience by both the youth and the adults.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 2/16/25

Scripture: Luke 7:1-17
Melinda McDonald



Food Donations for Northeast Community Fund

Thank you Central Christian Church for supporting the shopping cart with your generous donations each month. On February 4, 2025, approximately 130 pounds of nonperishable food items were delivered to Northeast Community Food Pantry. Let's join together and support Northeast on March 2, 2025, and try to exceed last month's total weight.

The need continues to be great for our community members who are food-insecure. Here are some suggestions to help those who may be facing hunger: canned and pouches of chicken and tuna, soup, canned chili, rice, canned spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, cereal, elbow and spaghetti pasta, mac and cheese, noodles, boxed potatoes, and individual serving packages and family size 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. Together we can make a difference in our community!

Counting On You

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Total worshipping online = 70
Total worshipping in-person = 271

Counting On You

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Total worshipping online = 123
Total worshipping in-person = 251

Girl Scout Cookie Thank You's!

Thank you to all the members and friends of Central for their support of the Girl Scout Cookie Sunday on February 9. Not only did your purchases support three outstanding youth of our church who are also scouts, you chose to donate many of your boxes to be sent to our troops overseas! All told, nearly 300 boxes were sold!!!



Another thank you...

Central Family,

Thank you so much for donating 85 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. They will be packed in each box with 40 other items. These boxes will be mailed to our military overseas with thank you letters, an American flag and letters from school children. Also, we really appreciate the monetary donations to help with the mailing costs.

We love our Central family.

Linda Zinn, Nancy Hanover, Carol Bischoff

Feed Your Family and Your Soul

Come and join us for a morning of food prep and fun with other women of Central. On Saturday, March 1, from 10-12noon, we will prepare yummy food together. All the ingredients and recipes will be provided. Everyone will take home a main course and dessert.

Choose your main course: Baked pasta with red meat sauce OR Fettuccini Alfredo pasta with veggies of your choice. You will make two 8x8 pans. You may choose two of the same entrée or one of each. We will make "Bars in a jar" for you to bake at home (chocolate and non-chocolate options).

Please sign-up at church or contact the church office: call 217-428-4336 or email central@cccdisciples.org .

Cost is \$20 (pay the day of the event). Registration deadline is Monday, February 24. Please talk with Gretchen Kirby, Christine Lyman-Harm, or Pastor Vicky if you have questions.

Come and feed your family and your soul. It's going to be lots of fun!



Save the Dates – VBS is coming!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be Monday – Thursday mornings, June 16-19. It will be a fun-filled time for children who are entering kindergarten through those who are just finishing 6th grade.

Please mark your calendars now and watch for more details about how to register your children and grandchildren.

Jumpin' into Family Fun!

Central families are invited to come and join the fun at Jumpin' Addiction (inside the Forsyth mall) on Sunday, February 23, from 2-4pm. We will cover the cost of admission. Come and jump or enjoy watching. Contact David Martin with any questions (demartin@cccdisciples.org).



Keeping God in everyone's corner

When we look at all the needs in God's world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. We can feel trapped by hopelessness that we are too small to truly make a difference.

But there is hope, and WE are that hope.

Through our Week of Compassion offering through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), last year our partners helped with hurricane and wildfire relief in the United States, drought and flood relief in Africa, earthquake and volcano eruption relief in Asia and hunger relief in Latin America.

Through our Week of Compassion Offering, to be collected Feb. 16 and 23, we continue to imagine an unimaginable world where the love of God is felt in every corner. Please consider giving generously.

If you have an offering to give, you may place it in the brass bowl in the Narthex, give online or take it to the church office.

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 14th 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!



Help us decorate!

Help is needed to prepare our sanctuary for the Lenten season. Starting Sunday, March 2 after the 10:30 service, we need helpers to set up for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. More opportunities will occur, please watch the visitor for when.

March 14th Concert

Join us on March 14th, at 7:00 PM for an organ concert, as Clark Wilson, organist, presents "Sound & Vision: An evening with the movie organ." He will accompany "The Navigator." This is a free concert; free will donations accepted.

Sound & Vision:
An Evening with the Movie Organ

The Navigator
Presented by
Clark Wilson
organist

Friday, March 14, 2025
7:00 PM

Central Christian Church
650 W. William St., Decatur

Sunday (16)

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

Monday (17)

- CLOSED: DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room**
- 9:15-Prayer Group, Heritage Center

Tuesday (18)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Conn. Café
- 9:30-ChristCare Stitchers, 3R
- 10:15-Operations Committee
- 10:30-Donuts with Dorcas, Disciples Room
- 12:00-Personnel

Wednesday (19)

- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 5:30-Church Council, Great Hall

Thursday (20)

- 8:00-Emmaus Reunion Group, 401
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 411/412
- 10:00-Alanon, 401
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (21)

Saturday (22)

- 11:00-Faith Quest, Connection Café

Sunday (23)

NO Children's Sunday School

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online
- 11:45-Milestones & Anniversaries luncheon
- 2:00-Youth Group

Monday (24)

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

Tuesday (25)

- 7:00-Journeymen, 401
- 9:30-ChristCare Stitchers, 3R
- 11:45-Macon Co. "All In," Great Hall

Wednesday (26)

- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 5:30-PR/Evangelism Committee, Disc. Room

Thursday (27)

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

Friday (28)

Saturday (March 1)

- 9:00-Fed the Family & Your Soul, GH

Sunday (2)

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



Happy Birthday!! (2/16-3/1)

Jody Featherstun, Celia Johnston,
Linda Shambaugh, Myra Hinze,
Pat Glasscock, Clint McLeod,
Ella Redden, Ethan Clark

Serving Schedule — Sunday, February 16, 2025

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Gretchen Kirby, Shirley Swarthout
9:15 - Gretchen Kirby

Outreach Comm. Elders: S. Bryant, A. Ingram, G. Prince, K. Rohrscheib,
S. Swarthout, L. West

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

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Nancy King, Patti Swinford
9:15 - Laura & Louis Kappler
10:30 - Keith Backes, Cole Shartzter

Ushers:

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Julie & Ken Jacoby
9:15 - Andy & Theresa Fulk
10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

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

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Andy Fulk
9:15 - Travis Wilcoxon

Contemporary Snacks: Laura & Louis Kappler


Nursery and Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, February 16

Nursery: Rachel Miller, Lucy Rauch, Abigail Smith
Children's Sunday School: Julie Martin, Deb Trei

Sunday, February 23

Nursery: Rachel Miller, Lucy Rauch, Abigail Smith
Children's Sunday School: NO Children's Sunday School today



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Serving Schedule — Sunday, February 23, 2025

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Kim Miller
9:15 - Jeannie Backes

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

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Troy Swinford
9:15 - Ellen & Ryan Damery
10:30 - Roberta Gorden, Jill Heick

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 - Al & Chris Fagin
9:15 - Ellen & Ryan Damery
10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

P.A. Operator:

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

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Shirley Swarthout
9:15 - Greg Barnes

Contemporary Snacks: Ellen & Ryan Damery

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You will see a list of options pop up.

Find the option marked "follow" and click on that.



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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