



The Central Visitor

A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church

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Celebration Parking Lot a Success!

Nine youth, seven parents and four volunteers from Central parked over 300 vehicles raising \$1520 in thirty hours at our parking lot for the Decatur Celebration. Funds raised support youth ministry throughout the year including retreats and regular activities. Thanks to National City Bank who gave us permission to use their facility for free at Main and Eldorado Streets. Thanks to all of the youth, parents, and volunteers who helped staff our lot! Special thanks to the members of Central who supported our fundraiser by parking in our lot!

Dinner for Eight Sign Ups

Dinner for Eight Groups are gatherings of Central adult members or friends (usually eight, give or take a few) that gather in someone's home to share a wonderful dinner, fellowship and a time of getting to know one another. Usually the host family agrees to prepare the main course and others bring side dishes. We are now signing people up for a group that will meet once in either September, October or November. If you would like to host a group or do telephone calling to the group members, you may mark that preference on the sign up sheet. Stop by and sign up this Sunday – we promise you will enjoy the fellowship ... and the dinner!



Ladies Night Out August 15th

Women and friends of Central are invited to join together for Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, August 15th at 6 p.m. We'll gather at O'Charley's in Forsyth for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, great food, door prizes and laughter! We have the North Room reserved and hope to fill it with Central's women and friends. You will be able to order off the menu and have separate checks (15% gratuity will be added). Bring your grown daughter, or mother or friend for a great evening out. Please sign up at the Women's Ministry table in the Friendship Center or call the church office so we can confirm our reservation! See you on the 15th!

Regional Women's Retreat

All women are invited to attend the Southern Illinois Women's Retreat at Camp Walter Scott on September 23-24th. The theme is "Friendship and Faith". Retreat leaders Rebecca Zelensky and Melissa Meers will guide participants as they explore the ways in which these two powerful forces come together in our lives. Cost for the full retreat is \$60.00 which includes two nights and 5 meals. Limited participation options are also available for a reduced fee and are spelled out on the registration form which is located on the ledge by the church office. Deadline for registration is September 14th. See Pastor Gretchen for additional information.

SUNDAY, August 13, 2006
WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00
O, My Son, My Son!
Text: II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Charles Watkins

One Church One School Opportunities

We have begun working with the staff of Hope Academy and we have opportunities for volunteers from Central including helping with the school book fair, tutoring, homework assistance, and helping with the school clothing room. Central's OCOS Ministry will meet on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30PM at Hope Academy. If you are interested in joining this exciting new ministry, please speak to Pastor Robert.

Sunday Breakfast Club Menu - Sunday, August 13th

The SBC main dish for this week is Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit Danishes & Muffins. Along with our main dish, fruit, yogurt, cereal, milk, juice, and coffee are available each week. SBC serves breakfast from 8:45-9:15AM in the Great Hall every Sunday during Summer. Donations are accepted each week to help offset the costs of the breakfast.



Youth Column

Central Youth Wednesday Night Special

Central Youth (grades entering 6th - finishing 12th) are invited to Pastor Robert's home, for our last summer mid-week supper and swimming gathering at 5:30PM on Wednesday, August 16th (Date has Changed!).

Feeding the Hungry

Central Youth will help serve lunch at the Good Samaritan Inn on Saturday, August 19th. We will gather at the church at 10:30AM and transport supplies to the inn. We will be working with our Hunger Relief Team until 1:30PM.

Six Flags Discount Tickets

Planning a late summer trip to Six Flags in St. Louis? Pastor Robert has discount coupons that are valid through September 30th. The coupon reduces park admission to \$30.99 (plus tax) per person at the gate.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

The Christian Education Department needs two teachers to team teach the grades K-2 Sunday School Class beginning on Promotion Sunday, September 10th. Curriculum and supplies are provided. Classes begin at 9:30AM and meet for 45 minutes before joining with the other grade levels for a closing session and parent pick up. If you are interested in helping with our grades K-2 Sunday School class, please contact Pastor Robert.

Report of the Nominating Committee 2006

Serving on the Nominating Committee this year are **Kevin Otis '06** Chair, **Barbara Beyer '06**, **Larry Chapman '06**, **Jane Davis '07**, **Richard Ward '07**, **Chris Fagin**, ex-officio and **Charles Watkins**, ex-officio. The Nominating Committee will recommend to the congregation the election of the following officers at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 10, at noon following the All-Church Picnic. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and cast a ballot.

Nominees for Executive Offices (January 1, 2007—December 31, 2008)

President of the Congregation	Mike Holbrook
Vice-President for Administration	John Graham
Vice-President for Mission and Service	Fred Spannaus
Vice-President for Worship, Witness and Nurture	Lois Whitaker
Secretary of the Church Council	Ernestine Mrozinski
Treasurer of the Congregation	Robert Hoaglin
Registrar of the Congregation	Chloe Hoaglin

Nominees for the office of Trustee (January 1, 2007—December 31, 2009)

Ron Oliver
Sally Thicksten

Nominees for the office of Deacon (January 1, 2007—December 31, 2009)

Ed Acheson	Dave Flanders	Ernestine Mrozinski
Lucy Acheson	Theresa Fulk	Brittney Munos
Ed Adams	Sandy Garver	Ron Oliver
Joy Adams	Erik Harm	Alex Otis
Karen Baird	Melinda Hawbaker	Kevin Otis
Bill Bass	Scott Hawbaker	Dave Phillips
LeEtta Bass	Daniel Hinze	Nita Phillips
Deborah Bateman	Jim Hinze	Yvonne Purcell
Philip Bateman	Myra Hinze	Charlie Ropp
Jarrett Bednar	Carole Holbrook	Debbie Seaberg
Barbara Beyer	Mike Holbrook	Connie Shields
Louise Boline	Bess King	Doug Soebbing
Greg Carter	Harold King	Jan Sperry
Jo Carter	Shelby Larrick	Donna Strong
Megan Carter	David Martin	Kelly Swallow
Beverly Chapman	Kevin Miller	Steve Swarouth
Merle Chapman	Suzie Miller	Brenda Tankersley
Jim DeZarn		

Nominees for the office of Elder (January 1, 2007—December 31, 2009)

Keith Backes	Mike Holbrook	Mary Jane Oliver
Mark Beal	Rebecca Johnston	Claudia Quigg
Bruce Campbell	Janet Lyman	

Nominees for the office of Deacon Emeritus

George Kuhns
Patt Kuhns

News From the Pews:

Congratulations to Jay Hein who has been appointed by President George W. Bush to be Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the office of the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. He is the President of the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, a national think tank he founded that specializes in community-based reforms. He is married to Mary Jo (Moutray) and is the son-in-law of **Bill and June Moutray**.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Lucy and Bob Smith** following the death of her aunt, **Shirley Lindsay**, in Florida.

Note of Thanks Received

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, cards and concern. It is amazing how they actually make God's presence very clearly felt! Bless you all for the love you shared with us. It got us through a very difficult time.

Jody and Glen Featherstun

Habitat House Progress



Work is swiftly progressing on the Central Christian Church Habitat House. The utilities are now connected, the roof is shingled and the siding will soon be finished. Work continues and volunteers are needed each Thursday and Saturday morning at 1735 North 28th Street. No building experience is necessary. For more information, contact Norm Lienemann at 422-7571.

Evangelism Seeds

When you put on your nametag on Sunday morning before entering the sanctuary, do you ever wonder why? I mean, really, doesn't everyone know who you are? Well, actually – NO! Of course, the people who know you know who you are. But one of the things we do each Sunday with our nametags is to make Central a more welcoming place for those who are new to our congregation. How wonderful it is to be able to speak with someone and call them by name! Thank you for this gift you give to our guests when you put on your nametag each Sunday!

Counting On You

August 6

Worship Attendance 293
Sunday School Attendance 71



Sunday, August 13, 2006

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-Scott Hawbaker, Baritone, Carol Graham, Piano
10:00 Anthem-Men's Chorus, Scott Hawbaker, Cantor, Meagan Hinze, Flute
8:45-Sunday Breakfast Club, Great Hall
9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Clinic, Jane Latshaw

9:00-Sunday School

Monday (14)

8:00-Wellness Walk, Great Hall
9:00-Volunteers to Good Samaritan
4:00-Aerobics, 290

Tuesday (15)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting, Senior Pastor's Study
4:00-Aerobics, 290
6:00-Ladies Night Out, O'Charley's

Wednesday (16)

12:00-Central Singers
1:15-POP ChristCare, 218
4:00-Aerobics
5:00-Women's Retreat Planning, DR
5:30-Youth Midweek Special, Bushey's home

6:30-Fellowship, DR

Thursday (17)

10:00-Alanon, 212
4:00-Aerobics
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (18)

8:00-Wellness Walk, Great Hall

Saturday (19)

8:00-Food Prep for Good Samaritan, Kitchen
11:00-Hunger Relief Team Serves at Good Samaritan

Piano Concert Next Month

Internationally acclaimed Steinway concert artist Aldo Mancinelli will appear in concert on Central's sanctuary Steinway on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00pm. Admission is free and open to all. This concert is presented by the Lyle and Minnie Campbell Memorial Fund.

Serving Schedule—August 13, 2006**Elders:** 8:00 & 10:00 - Tom Spry, Julie Martin**Communion to Shut-Ins:****Deacons**Christine Lyman Harm
Ernestine Mrozinski
Ron Oliver
Dave Phillips
Nita Phillips
Steve Swarthout
Janet Thicksten
Larry Thicksten
Sally Thicksten
Kathy Thornton**Elders**Jan Dobbs
Chris Fagin
Wayne Honeycutt
Linda Kuhns
Larry Pepper
Brett Swallow
Lois Whitaker
Kevin Wilmot
Connie Bordner
Randy Brooks
Alternate: Larry Chapman**Deacons:**

8:00 - Team 3 - Mike Holbrook, Capt., Charlotte Ballance, Jane Davis, Andy Fulk, Sherri Hood, Paula Hovey, Bob Keller, Karen Keller, Debbie Seaberg, Connie Shields, David Shields, Max Sperry

10:00 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Jordan Backes, Katie Beal, Mark Beal, Louise Boline, Mary Boyle, Shirley Brooks, Jon French, Dee Hill, Louellen Lusk, Karen McFadin, David Miller, Katie Miller, Janice Mitchell, Alex Otis, Andrew Rutherford, Bryan Rutherford, Gary Rutherford, Roger Rutherford

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Ed Acheson, Capt., Carole Holbrook, Mike Holbrook, Carl Morris, Phyllis Morris, Betty Ann Roe

10:00 - Team 9 - Bruce Stoddard, Carol Stoddard, Allison Stoddard, Jessica Stoddard, Maggie Stoddard

Greeters:

8:00 - Gail & Larry Prince, Bev & Bob Dondeville

10:00 - Theresa & Andy Fulk, Jean & Ed Voice

Parish Nurse: Jane Latshaw**Acolytes:**

8:00 - Sam Funk, Julia Funk

10:00 - Brad Munos

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:00 - Jordan Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Bob & Chloe Hoaglin, Carole Holbrook, Carrie & Steve Funk, Jan Sperry

Van Drivers:

8:00 service and Sunday School - Andy Fulk

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Keith Backes

10:00 service only - Richard Ward

August 16 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Marge Karl, Sara Field

Hosts:

Aug 14 9:00-12:30 - Mary Boyle

12:30-4:00 - Ken Davis

Aug 15 9:00-12:30 - Dorothy Keck

12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Aug 16 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman

12:30-4:00 - Sally Thicksten

Aug 17 9:00-12:30 - Jean Booher

12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

Aug 18 9:00-12:30 - Juanita Ballance

12:30-4:00 - Juanita Reynolds

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