



# The Central Visitor

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

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## The Choir of Clare College Comes to Central

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, England will present a concert of choral music on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Central Christian Church. Tickets are being sold for \$12.00 and are available in the church office.

Known to choral musicians as the home of John Rutter (a prominent composer and conductor), Clare College has garnered international attention with its inspired music making. Under the direction of Tim Brown, the choir has toured to Russia, the Middle East, throughout Europe and the United States. The choir frequently performs in Britain's major concert halls with many of the UK's leading orchestras.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for us to hear a world class choir in our sanctuary. Make plans now to attend and bring a friend.

## You're Invited to the All Church Picnic

We hope you're making plans to attend the annual All-Church Picnic at noon on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's festivities include great fellowship and

food (grilled pork barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, cole slaw, baked beans, chips, cookies and bars); games for the young and young at heart (moon bouncer, bubble wands, sidewalk chalk and more) and great, upbeat music by our own Men's Quartet. Dress casually for worship and stay for the celebration! We've put in our order for beautiful weather and now all we need is YOUR RESERVATION! You can sign up in the Friendship Center this Sunday or call the church office (428-4336) and let us know how many chairs to set up for you and your family. The church picnic is also an excellent

opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to experience the Central Difference! Invite them to come for worship and stay for the picnic and include them in your reservation! The congregation will hold a brief business meeting at the picnic to elect officers.



## Send Valerie a Note

On September 2, **Valerie Rozanski** will complete her twentieth year of service to Central Christian Church in the front office. Over these two decades, you have received her cheerful greeting on the phone, you have been warmly welcomed to the church office, you have read hundreds of newsletters she has produced, you have benefited from her excellent administration of the office and calendar, and you have been blessed by her dedication and loyalty to our church in ways you don't even know. To celebrate this twentieth anniversary of service, please send Valerie a card or note of appreciation to the church office no later than September 2. Let's shower her with our thanks!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2005**

**WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00**

**Living the Good Life**

Text: Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Robert Bushey

## Choir Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, August 28 is Choir Appreciation Sunday at Central. A reception will be held for them between the services (9:00 a.m.-9:30a.m.) in the Friendship Center. Please stop by to congratulate the choir and to let them know how much we appreciate their dedication and the beautiful contribution that their music makes to our worship services. Also join them for coffee, punch and "goodies".



## Sing/Ring/Bring Praise to God

Central Christian Church is in constant need of musicians to lead in worship. There are several opportunities for you to be involved in this important ministry. The Chancel choir meets to rehearse on Thursday evening. Central Singers, our ladies group meets on Wednesdays at noon. A men's group meets occasionally to sing in worship. There are several opportunities for youth and children to be involved in musical activities. Chancel Bells meet weekly to prepare for involvement in worship a few times a year. In addition we need musicians in solo or ensemble to present offertories.

Please consider offering your musical talents to the life of this church. Contact Don Martin to register your interest.

## Youth Ministry News

### ALL New Children's Worship Schedule

Beginning in September, Children's Worship will be available on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month during the 10:45am service. Children ages 5yrs - 10yrs are invited to a special worship time after the Offertory Prayer during the 10:45am service. Children are to meet our CW Leaders in the Friendship Center. Children will be participating in morning worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month beginning in October.

### Caught in the Act

Parents of Central Youth grades 6-12 are invited to submit pictures of their youth "caught in the act of kindness, service to their school or community, sharing their artistic, musical or dramatic talents, or participating in sports for a new bulletin board we are creating. Bring, mail or email pictures from the past 12 months with a brief description to Pastor Robert. Help us celebrate the many gifts our youth have to share with us!

### Summit 2005

#### *One People, One Voice, One Praise*

Information and registration forms for Summit 2005 are available at the church office. Summit is a huge regional youth assembly for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (age 12+) and is scheduled for November 18-25 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. We have booked rooms for 20 people! This is a great event to bring your friends to. Get your forms today and get ready for Summit!

## Report of the Nominating Committee 2005

Serving on the Nominating Committee this year are **Barbara Beyer '06**, **Larry Chapman '06**, **Mary Jane Oliver '05**, **Kevin Otis '06**, **Gail Prince '05** Chair, **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 11, at noon following the all-Church Picnic. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and cast a ballot.

Nominee for the Office of Trustee (January 1, 2006—December 31, 2008)  
**Pat Ash**

Nominees for the Office of Deacon (January 1, 2006—December 31, 2008)

<b>Jordan Backes</b>	<b>Gene Garver</b>	<b>Gail Prince</b>
<b>Charlotte Ballance</b>	<b>Alex Harm</b>	<b>Larry Prince</b>
<b>Pamela Bednar</b>	<b>Dee Hill</b>	<b>Charlie Reynolds</b>
<b>Azalee Berner</b>	<b>Maxine Koenig</b>	<b>Juanita Reynolds</b>
<b>Warren Berner</b>	<b>Carroll Little</b>	<b>Gary Rutherford</b>
<b>Dallas Beyer</b>	<b>Doris Little</b>	<b>Connie Schabowski</b>
<b>Shirley Brooks</b>	<b>Nancy McAfee</b>	<b>Dean Simcox</b>
<b>Betty Chapman</b>	<b>Karen McFadin</b>	<b>Sue Simcox</b>
<b>Mary Coate</b>	<b>David Miller</b>	<b>Carole Songer</b>
<b>Sally Force</b>	<b>Katie Miller</b>	<b>Francis Songer</b>
<b>Dale Ford</b>	<b>Kim Miller</b>	<b>Evelyn Sperry</b>
<b>Judy Ford</b>	<b>Gerri Munos</b>	<b>Max Sperry</b>
<b>Gregg Foltz</b>	<b>Mike Munos</b>	<b>Robyn Spry</b>
<b>Linda Foltz</b>	<b>Connie Ogden</b>	<b>Janet Thicksten</b>
<b>Jon French</b>	<b>Mary Jane Oliver</b>	<b>Larry Thicksten</b>
<b>Andy Fulk</b>	<b>Jan Patrick</b>	<b>Sally Thicksten</b>
<b>Carrie Funk</b>	<b>Hazel Perry</b>	<b>Mary Waldmier</b>
<b>Steve Funk</b>		<b>Richard Ward</b>

Nominees for the Office of Elder (January 1, 2006—December 31, 2008)

<b>Jan Dobbs</b>	<b>Mary Jane Linton</b>	<b>Shirley Swarouth</b>
<b>Chris Fagin</b>	<b>Larry Otis</b>	<b>Kevin Wilmot</b>
<b>Wayne Honeycutt</b>	<b>Brett Swallow</b>	

Nominees for honorary Emeriti offices

<b>Betty Beebe</b>	Deacon Emerita
<b>Nathalie Irwin</b>	Deacon Emerita
<b>Wanda Webb</b>	Deacon Emerita

### Funtimers on the Go ... to Springfield!

The Funtimers, Central's occasional group for adults of all ages, will be on the go to Springfield on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and leave by 8:45 a.m. to go to the new Lincoln Presidential Museum. Admission is \$7.50 for adults (\$5.50 for those over age 62). Before returning to Decatur, we'll enjoy the delicious lunch buffet at the Chesapeake Seafood House. Cost for the buffet is \$5.45 plus your drink, tax and gratuity. This trip is open to all Central members and friends. We will ride in the church van and other vehicles as needed. You will need to sign up for the event so we can plan for the appropriate number. The deadline to sign up is this Sunday.

## News From the Pews.....

Congratulations to Elizabeth & Corey Bass of Plainfield, IL on the August 11th birth of their son, Will Owen. Also welcoming Will home are his sister, Delaney, proud grandparents Bill & LeEtta Bass, great grandmother Etta Dash, aunt and uncle Kirsten & Brian Kilday and great aunt Donna Dash.

## Ladies Night out Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>!

This Sunday is your last opportunity to sign up for a night out with the ladies on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Bennigan's Grill, located on Rt. 121 in Mt. Zion (near the Strand Theater). As always, fun, fellowship, food, laughter and door prizes will abound! We'll meet in their private party room at 6 p.m and will order off the dinner menu with separate checks (17% gratuity will be added – meals with beverage average \$10-14.). Bring your grown daughter, or mother or friend for a great evening out. Call the church office or sign-up in the Friendship Center.

## Dead Man Walking

Sister Helen Prejean author of the book *Dead Man Walking: an Eye Witness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* will speak at Kirkland Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Sister Prejean has been an opponent of capital punishment and is known internationally for her work to end it. The event is open to the public, free of charge and co-sponsored by the Macon County Citizens Opposing Capital Punishment and the Millikin University Chapter of Amnesty International.

Central's Peace & Justice Task Force will present the 1995 film based on Prejean's book *Dead Man Walking*, starring Sean Penn as convicted murderer Matthew Poncelet and Susan Sarandon as Sister Prejean a nun who visits Poncelet on Death Row, on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Great Hall. The film is rated R and is not appropriate for viewing by children and childcare will be provided. Sr. JoAn Schullian, President of MCCOCP will lead a brief discussion time after the 122 minute film. The showing is free of charge.

*Don't Forget!*

### *Take-Out Chicken Dinner*

*This Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>*

**Serving at the west entrance from  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Desserts and baked items available for an additional fee.  
Any meals not picked up by 2 p.m. may be re-sold!

**This is a fund-raiser for Miracle Days**



## Sunday, August 28, 2005

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services  
Music: Offertory-Carol Graham, Piano;  
Leslie Peart, Organ  
10:00 Anthem-Chancel Choir  
8:30-10:15-Parish Nurse Clinic  
9:00-Sunday School  
9:00-Choir Appreciation Reception,  
Friendship Center  
9:00-Sunday Breakfast Club  
11:00-2:00-Take Home Chicken Dinner  
& Bake Sale

## Monday (29)

8:00-Wellness Walk/Light Aerobics,  
Great Hall/Heritage Center  
4:00-Aerobics

## Tuesday (30)

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

## Wednesday (31)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 280  
12:00-Central Singers  
4:00-Aerobics  
5:30-Quartet Practice  
6:00-Preschool Orientation, Group 1  
7:00-Preschool Orientation, Group 2

## Thursday (September 1)

8:45-Fun Timers to Lincoln Museum,  
Springfield  
10:00-Alanon, 212  
4:00-Aerobics  
5:30-Evangelism Dept., DR  
6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207  
7:00-Chancel Choir

## Friday (2)

8:00-Wellness Walk/Light Aerobics,  
Great Hall/Heritage Center

## Sunday Breakfast Club Menu

Children & youth Sunday School classes and their parents are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast in the Great Hall this Sunday. The SBC menu includes: danishes, yogurt, fruit, cereal, milk, juice and coffee. Join us for breakfast in the Great Hall at 9AM.

## Counting On You

### August 21

Worship Attendance ..... 336  
Sunday School Attendance ..... 75

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**Serving Schedule—August 28, 2005**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:00 - Jan Baird, Jane Watkins

**Elders Serving Hospital Communion:**

**St. Mary's Hospital:** Elder Jody Featherstun

**Decatur Memorial:** Elder Harold King

**Deacons:**

8:00 - Team 1 - Chris Fagin, Capt., Tina Canfield, Jared Carter, Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Jim DeZarn, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Sally Force, Gene Garver, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Bob Hoaglin, Joe Lewis, John Paradee, Gail Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox, Rebecca Smart

10:00 - Team 2 - Richard Ward, Capt., Cathy Ash, Jim Ash, Neil Baird, Debbie Bateman, Philip Bateman, Azalee Berner, Warren Berner, Dale Ford, Judy Ford, Alex Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Ernestine Mrozinski, Ron Oliver, Dave Phillips, Nita Phillips, Brett Swallow, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarthout, Janet Thicksten, Larry Thicksten, Karen Thomas, Kathy Thornton

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Ruby Agnew, Betty Beebe, Willie Birkhead, Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Munos

10:00 - Team 10 - Bill Blank, Marilyn Blank, Bob Harmon, Billie Harmon, Sally Thicksten

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Steve & Juanita Ballance, Harold & Bess King

10:00 - Dale & Judy Ford, Ed & Lucy Acheson

**Acolytes:**

8:00 - Brad Munos

10:00 - Andrew Otis, Joshua Bushey

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:00 - Jim Hinze

**Preparation of Communion:**

Bill & LeEtta Bass, Carole Holbrook, Maxine Koenig

**Van Drivers:**

8:00 service and Sunday School - John Flanders

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Keith Backes

10:00 service only -Richard Ward

**August 31 Visitor Mailing Crew:**

Patt Kuhns, Sara Field

**Hosts:**

Aug. 29 9:00-12:30 - Carol Charlton

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

Aug. 30 9:00-12:30 - Gail Prince

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

Aug. 31 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman

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

Sept. 1 9:00-12:30 - Betty March

12:30-4:00 - Shirlee Johnson

Sept. 2 9:00-12:30 - Bonnie Sauer

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

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Don Martin ..... Minister of Music  
Leslie Peart ..... Organist  
Valerie Rozanski ..... Administrative Secretary  
Pat Beals ..... Church Secretary  
Sue Burkham, Jane Latshaw ..... Parish Nurse Coordinators  
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Shelby Larrick, Bryan Rutherford ..... Childcare Providers  
Jean Pease ..... Preschool Director  
Trudy Garland ..... Preschool Teacher  
Shelly Messmore, Kay Villarreal ..... Preschool Teachers  
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