



The Central Visitor

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

Vol. LXXIX

Decatur, Illinois, April 26, 2006

No. 15

Welcome New Members



We welcome **Tina Shambaugh** and her grandmother, **Betty Thomas**, who became members of Central on Sunday, April 23rd by transfer of membership.



We also welcome **Robert Johnson** and **Samantha Parkhurst**, who joined Central on April 23rd.

Spring Fashions – Central Style

Our 8th Annual Sarah's Daughter's Banquet will be Friday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the newly renovated Great Hall. You won't want to miss this evening which promises to be packed with great food and fellowship and a fashion show with styles from Kohl's and some of Central's own models. Tickets for *Spring Fashions – Central Style* are available in the Friendship Center on Sunday morning or by calling the church office. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 2-10). All women and girls (mothers, daughters, grandmas, sisters, aunts, cousins, friends) are invited and encouraged to attend. The menu, prepared by the Fellowship Department and served by Central men includes Pork Tenderloin Diane, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Green Beans, Springberry Medley, Rolls and Butter, and Sherbet and a cookie.

Ladies Night out Tuesday, May 16th!

All Central women and friends are invited to join us for Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the New International Buffet in Mt. Zion (near Dollar Tree). As always, fun, fellowship, food, laughter and door prizes will abound! The buffet includes a large selection of salads, desserts, American and Asian favorites. Bring your grown daughter, or mother or friend for a great evening out. Sign up this Sunday at the Women's Ministry table in the Friendship Center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2006
WORSHIP AT 8:15 AND 10:45

**You Are Witnesses
of These Things**

Text: Luke 24:36-48
Gretchen Barron

Blessing of Children Scheduled

A service of Blessing of Children and Dedication of Parents has been scheduled for Mother's Day Sunday, May 14th during both services. If you would like to be included in this service, please contact the church office at 428-4336 by May 1st.

Silent Auction Begins this Sunday!

The Fifth Annual Silent Auction in support of Dove, Inc. is set to begin this Sunday, April 30th and will end at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 7th. The catalogue of Great entertainment packages, Cardinal's Tickets for Father's Day Weekend, a beautiful hand quilted nativity wall hanging, an Illini Pullover, and more is now available. All services and items have been donated for your bidding. Plan now to support Dove.

Senior Members Luncheon

Saturday, May 6th, the Deacons are honoring Central's senior members, who have attained the age of 70 or better, with a reception at 11:00 a.m. in the Disciple Room and a luncheon at noon in the Great Hall. Spouses are also invited.

The menu is baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, fruit salad, cake, iced tea & coffee.

Please call in your reservations to the church office, 428-4336, today!



**Central Youth
Sunday, April 30th
Central Youth
Grades 6-12
5-7 p.m.**

Central Youth will meet at the church at 5 p.m. and travel to the Scovill Driving Range. Lessons on choosing and swinging clubs will be available for the novice and buckets of golf balls will be available for driving fun for the skilled golfer. We will go for ice cream at Kaleidoscoops afterwards. Come and try something new or practice for the summer season and bring your friends!

**Summer Church Camp
Forms Available Now!**

Genesis (grades 2-3)

June 5-7

Shalom (grades 9-12)

June 12-17

Koinonia (grades 3-8)

June 26-July 1

ADDaM (grades 8-12)

July 23-30

Bridge Builders (grades 8-12)

August 9-13

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

IS MAY 1ST

Most week long camps cost between \$215-\$250.

Scholarships are available up to 1/2 cost for participating members but may NOT be used to cover Late Registration Fees.

**Wednesday, May 3rd
CCC FRIENDS**

CCC FRIENDS meets on Wednesday, May 3rd from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Our last CCC Friends meeting is scheduled for May 10th.

Gretchen's Gleanings

As we move next week into the month of May, our thoughts naturally turn to the end of school and the beginning of busy summer activities. Graduations, weddings, ballgames, camps and of course, vacations, top the list of things we associate with this time of year. As we plan our vacations and our "times away" this summer, I encourage you to keep several Central folks in your thoughts and prayers who are giving of themselves and their vacation times to global mission projects. A group from Central will join with other Disciples from the Illinois/Wisconsin region on a mission trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras from June 20-28th. **Don Tankersley, Karen McFadin, Jane Latshaw and Bob Smith** will be traveling to this Central America location to work with our Global Mission Partners, **Bruce and Linda Hanson**. In this nation still struggling to recover from Hurricane Mitch, Bruce is a nurse who teaches HIV/AIDS education and Linda teaches theological courses at the Honduran Theological Community and works as a physical therapist and consultant. Although exact plans are not yet set, our group will most likely be working on construction projects at the seminary or a local trade school or housing project. Look for more information in the coming weeks about our Honduras delegation and a collection to purchase medical supplies that the group will take with them. Also off on a mission adventure this summer are **Coleen and Mike Myers** who will be traveling with the "Faith at Work" organization on a mission trip to Guatemala, August 5-15th. This will be their second trip to the area and they look forward to renewing friendships and assisting in building a Mayan school in the highlands. We are grateful for these individuals who have chosen to put their faith in action this summer as they reach out to the ends of the earth in Christ's name. Let us support them with our prayers as they prepare for these life-changing experiences. If you are interested in participating in a mission trip or project, let us know and we'll help you to connect with a global adventure that will change your life!

Blessings, *Gretchen*

One More Chance to Sign Up for Pictures!

We are quickly winding up our directory project. If you haven't already made your appointment, sign up on Sunday, May 7th in the Friendship Center for Wednesday, May 24, Thursday, May 25, or Friday, May 26. You can also make an appointment through the week by calling the church office, 428-4336.

Last Chance to Register for the Mix in '06

Now is the time to register for the Mix in '06! Late registration penalties will apply after May 1st and hotel rooms are filling up quickly. Substantial scholarships are available for Central Women who would like to attend this event in Indianapolis, June 21st through 25th. The five-day event woven with worship, fellowship, study, mission, music, learning, laughter, and spiritual growth, will inspire you to dream, empower your dreams and allow you to live out your dreams in the world. Registration forms are available on the Women's Ministry Table in the Friendship Center and more information is available through **Pastor Gretchen** or online at www.dreamonsisters.com.

Monday Night Volleyball

Next Monday the gym at Webster Cantrell Hall will be open one more time for Volleyball beginning at 8 p.m. Youth and Adults are welcome to come out and play. The games are hosted by **Kevin Otis**. Our Monday night basketball fellowship has recessed for the warmer months.

News From the Pews....

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Patt & George Kuhns** & family following the April 20th death of her sister, *Juanita Lawrence*.....and to **Darla & Larry Otis** and family following the April 23rd death of her sister, *Mary Ward* of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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 name tag each Sunday!

Scholarship Application Deadline

Applications for the Kirby, Schilling and Traylor Scholarships are available at the church office and are due back by **May 1st**. The awards are based primarily upon academic achievement and financial need, however, participation in church, school and community activities are considered, as well.

Kitchen Clean Up Scheduled!

The Dorcas Disciples Group will be cleaning the kitchen this weekend. Food items on the shelves and in the refrigerator/freezer which are out of date or not marked and labeled may be thrown away. If you are planning to use something for your department or an upcoming program, please make sure it is clearly marked or you may find it missing!

Annual Meals on Wheels Appreciation Breakfast

The Meals on Wheels Program and Decatur Memorial Hospital is having their annual Appreciation Breakfast for the Meals on Wheels Volunteers on Thursday, May 4th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in Decatur Memorial Hospital's Classrooms A & B (use the main hospital entrance).

Notes of Thanks Received

To the Pastors and Members of Central Christian Church:

Thank you for the prayers and expressions of sympathy after the death of my brother, Ron. They were much appreciated.

Lawrence Thicksten

The family of Earlene Esry would like to thank all the pastors and members for their visits and most especially for the on-going prayers the past two years. Just knowing that so many were praying was such a comfort to all of us and we have appreciated the many acts of kindness since our loss.

With heartfelt thanks to all,

Dottie Scholes, Debbie Seaberg and Paul Scholes and their families



Sunday, April 30, 2006

8:15 and 10:45-Worship Services
Music: 8:15 Offertory-Thomas LeVeck,
Violin; Leslie Peart, Organ
10:45 Offertory-Christopher Strong,
Nate Nicol, Trumpets
8:15 Anthem-Central Singers; Thomas
LeVeck, Violin; Leslie Peart, Organ
10:45 Anthem-Chancel Choir; Trumpet;
Organ
9:00-10:15-Parish Nurse, Jane Latshaw
9:15-Fellowship Coffee, Friendship Ctr.
9:30-Sunday School
11:15-Children's Worship, 250
5:00-Youth, Scovill Driving Range

Monday (May 1)

8:00-Wellness Walk
6:00-CCC Friends, Bushey home
8:15-Volleyball, Webster Cantrell Hall

Tuesday (2)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting
11:45-Staff Lunch, Disciple Room
1:15-ChristCare, 218
6:30-Beta Sigma Phi, 207

Wednesday (3)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 280
12:00-Central Singers
5:30-CCC Friends
6:30-Peace & Justice Film Series Group,
Disciple Room

Thursday (4)

10:00-Alanon, 212
6:00-Chancel Bells
6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (5)

8:00-Wellness Walk

Saturday (6)

11:00-Senior Members Reception,
Disciple Room
12:00-Senior Members Luncheon,
Great Hall

Counting On You

April 23

Worship Attendance 310
Sunday School Attendance 66

Serving Schedule—April 30, 2006

Elders:

8:15 & 10:45 - Julie Martin, Randy Brooks

Deacons:

8:15 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Tina Canfield, Jared Carter, Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Jim DeZarn, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Bob Hoaglin, Joe Lewis, Gail Prince, Larry Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox, Rebecca Smart

10:45 - 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, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarouth, Janet Thicksten, Larry Thicksten, Sally Thicksten, Kathy Thornton

Ushers:

8:15 - Team 4 - Ed Acheson, Capt., Carole Holbrook, Mike Holbrook, Carl Morris, Phyllis Morris, Betty Ann Roe

10:45 - Team 9 - Bruce, Carol, Allison, Jessica, Maggie Stoddard

Greeters:

8:15 - Don & Brenda Tankersley, Bev & Bob Dondeville

10:45 - John & Carol Graham, Barbara Tyler, Nedra Brintlinger

Fellowship Coffee Hosts:

 Bill & Mary Alice Rule

Parish Nurse:

 Jane Latshaw

Children's Worship:

 Kim Miller

Acolytes:

8:15 - Jarrett Bednar

10:45 - Sean Beal

P.A. Operator:

8:15 - Jim Bednar

10:45 - Jordan Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Evelyn Sperry, Greg & Jo Carter, Gregg & Linda Foltz

Van Drivers:

8:15 service and Sunday School - Bruce Williams

Sunday School and 10:45 service - Bruce Williams

10:45 service only - Brett Swallow

May 3 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Juanita Clark, Sara Field

Hosts:

May 1 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

May 2 9:00-12:30 - Carol Charlton
12:30-4:00 - Helen Hufford

May 3 9:00-12:30 - Joan Smith
12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

May 4 9:00-12:30 - Shirlee Johnson
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

May 5 9:00-12:30 - Bonnie Sauer
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
650 West William Street Decatur, Illinois 62522
Telephone (217)428-4336 FAX (217)428-1700
HTTP://WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
e-mail: central@cccdisciples.org

Charles Watkins Senior Pastor
Robert Bushey Pastor for Children Youth and Families
Gretchen Barron Pastor for Evangelism and Membership
C. William Nichols Senior Minister Emeritus
Jim Whitaker Pastor for Visitation
Don Martin Minister of Music
Leslie Peart Organist
Valerie Rozanski Administrative Secretary
Pat Beals Church Secretary
Sue Burkham, Jane Latshaw Parish Nurse Coordinators
Joanne Frady, Sarah & Debra Fulk Childcare Providers
Shelby Larrick, Bryan Rutherford Childcare Providers
Jean Pease Preschool Director
Trudy Garland, Shelly Messmore Preschool Teachers
Kay Villarreal, Robin White Preschool Teachers
Rudi Descaro Custodian
David Flanders Custodian
Dean Hadden Custodian
Charles Wallace Custodian

The Central Visitor (USPS 098-520) is published weekly by Central Christian Church, 650 W. William, Decatur, IL 62522. Periodical Postage paid at Decatur, IL.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Central Visitor, 650 W. William St., Decatur, IL 62522.



Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
650 West William Street
Decatur, IL 62522-2326

PERIODICAL
POSTAGE
PAID

