



The Central Visitor

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

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FunTimer's on the Go to Rockome Gardens!

The FunTimer's, Central's on-the-go group of adults age 55+, will travel to Arcola's Rockome Gardens on Friday, August 11th. We'll spend time at the current exhibit, *Passing on the Comfort: A Traveling Quilt Exhibit from the Mennonite Central Committee*. This exhibit features 18 quilts and comforters sent to the Netherlands nearly six decades ago to provide aid and comfort to those fleeing the ravages of war. The display tells the story of a woman and her family, whose home was used as a "safe house" by the Dutch resistance movement during and after World War II. We will also eat lunch at the new Days Gone By Restaurant, which recalls the 1940's era, and spend casual time in the beautiful gardens and many quaint shops, exhibits and demonstrations. Shops and exhibits include a Soda Fountain, Candy Store and Bakery, a Five & Dime, Blacksmith, Saw Mill, Fishing Pond, Farm House, Schoolhouse and train and buggy rides. The Amish Farm Market will also be open that day. Admission to the Gardens is just \$4 for seniors. Lunch is on your own, but you receive a 20% discount with a current church bulletin (which we can arrange!). The van will leave Central at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 11th and will return before 5 p.m. Sign up in the Friendship Center or call the church office (428-4336) to reserve your place on the van. You won't want to miss this fun trip!

Association of Disciples Musicians (ADM) Concert

ADM is meeting in Bloomington, IL next week on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University. This organization gathers each year for a workshop where participants have an opportunity to sing, ring and play instruments in sessions led by highly qualified clinicians. In addition to classroom sessions, there are daily worship services. Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Evelyn Chapel there will be a final concert by the choir, bell choir and early music consort. It is open to the public and we encourage you to make a trip to Bloomington to experience what Disciples Musicians have to offer. Questions? Contact **Don Martin** (who will be attending the workshop.)

Piano Concert This Fall

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist **Aldo Mancinelli** will appear in concert here in Central's sanctuary on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Mancinelli traditionally plays one concert for Decatur audiences each year, often at Millikin University where he was formerly artist in residence. This year his concert will be on our Steinway piano. This concert is presented in memory of *Lyle and Minnie Campbell*, and will be free and open to the public. Get on your friends' calendars now to attend the concert with you.



SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2006
WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00
Something Out of Nothing

Text: Mark 6:30-44
Charles Watkins

Sunday Breakfast Club Menu - Sunday, July 23rd

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

Decatur Celebration Parking

Central youth will operate the parking lot August 4, 5, and 6 at National City Bank at the corner of Eldorado Street and Main Street just two blocks from the Main Show Stage. Parking will be available for \$5 per car on Friday evening, Saturday all day and Sunday during the event. Reserved parking will be available on a limited basis for \$10. If you would like to reserve a space, you may do so by signing up in the Friendship Center or by calling the church office (428-4336). Funds received will be used to help send youth to Regional Assembly, and to benefit local Youth Ministry activities.





Central Youth Wednesday/Thursday Night Specials

Central Youth (grades entering 6th - finishing 12th) are invited to Pastor Robert's home, for our next gathering on August 2nd. We will enjoy supper and swimming. Last Chance on August 17th.

Decatur Celebration Parking

Central youth will park cars at National City Bank at the corner of Eldorado Street and Main Street during the Decatur Celebration, August 4, 5, and 6. Speak to Pastor Robert or Don Martin to sign up for the hours you are available to work. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and will provide scholarships for activities throughout the year.

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 10:30 a.m. and transport supplies to the inn. We will be working with our Hunger Relief Team until 1:30 p.m.

Counting On You

July 16

Worship Attendance 288
Sunday School Attendance 81

Charles's Column

Last Friday afternoon the **Reverend Enos Nelson** dropped by to visit the church. Pastor Nelson was called to the ministerial staff at Central and began his service with us in January 1968. He came to us from the staff of Downey Avenue Christian Church in Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Eureka College '49 and Lexington Theological Seminary in '56.

He wanted to see the church and to find out about pastors and members from his era here. I was pleased to show him the Heritage Center downstairs where his picture is framed on the wall and to pull from a shelf in my study the 1968 volume of *The Central Visitor* with his picture on the front page of the third issue that year. I also presented him a complimentary copy of *For the Glory of God*, the history of our congregation by **Al Johnson** and **Dennis Downey**. I think he was surprised that we would still remember him in this place.

But of more interest to you would be his recollections of this congregation. He remembers us as a mission-centered congregation with a generous and open spirit and unlimited possibilities. It was his impression in the 1960s that there was nothing this congregation could not achieve if it chose to take it on. I assured him that is still true of you. He remembers your conscientious stewardship and your strong financial support for every worthy endeavor. I was glad to tell him that emphasis and practice continues and to show him a photograph in our newsletter of Decatur's fiftieth Habitat house for which you have provided all the funding.

It is worthwhile to reflect on how consistent the character of a congregation can remain over four decades and more. And Pastor Nelson's visit invites us to contemplate how someone who knows us today might find us on a visit to Decatur in the year 2044. What of our current ministries will be remembered honorably near the middle of this century after many of us are gone? What attitudes and characteristics of our congregation today will be clearly recognizable decades into the future?

We are properly focused on our present mission. But our open and generous spirit as a congregation will ripple out in influence for many years to come. There are hundreds of former members of Central spread across North America who still remember you fondly and pray for you regularly. You have a past to be proud of and a future to marvel at.

Charles Watkins

Camping Trip Registrations Due by July 30th

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to travel to Spencer, Indiana for a three-night, camping trip to McCormick's Creek State Park. We will hike, enjoy the swimming pool, play in the low falls of the creek, worship together and enjoy a campfire each night. The cost is \$30 per youth. Families and friends are welcome to join us for the weekend with advanced reservations. Site fees will apply for families bringing their own campers/tents. Forms are now available in the Friendship Center and are due back by July 30th. Contact **Pastor Robert** with questions.



News From the Pews.....

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Mary Wherry** and family following the death of her daughter, **Jean Spang** on July 16.

Congratulations to **Katie Miller** who was inaugurated last Saturday as president of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians at its annual meeting in Naperville.

Note of Thanks Received

Central Christian Church,

Thank you for allowing us to hold our weekly den meetings at the church. We appreciate your generosity.

your Scout Friends,
Brad
matt
Bradent
Kyle
Timothy
Chandler



*You are cordially invited to
an Open House Reception
celebrating
Roe Skidmore's 90th Birthday
Sunday, July 30th
2:00-4:00 p.m.
in the Disciple Room
at Central Christian Church*



Update on the Central Christian Church Habitat House

Walls are up; windows and doors are in; the roof is waiting to be shingled; much of the interior framing has been done; the front porch and steps are in place and the utilities are ready to be connected. This is amazing progress considering just ten weeks ago this

was nothing but a grassy lot. More volunteers are needed on site each Thursday and Saturday morning. If you're interested in volunteering, just show up at the work site, 1735 North 28th Street. No building experience is necessary. For more information, contact **Norm Lienemann**. We are trying to schedule individuals or

groups that can take donuts or other baked goods and beverages to the work site on Thursday and Saturday mornings. See **Pastor Gretchen** to volunteer in this way. Watch our website at www.cccdisciples.org for more photos and updates on the progress of the house!



Sunday, July 23, 2006

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services
Music: 8:00 Offertory-Bruce Campbell,

Piano

10:00 Offertory-Brass Ensemble

10:00 Anthem-Chancel Choir and

Brass Ensemble

8:45-Sunday Breakfast Club, Great Hall

9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Liz Campbell

9:00-Sunday School

Monday (24)

8:00-Wellness Walk, Great Hall

4:00-Aerobics, 290

Tuesday (25)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,

Senior Pastor's Study

11:45-Fit Lunch Club, Disciple Room

4:00-Aerobics, 290

5:30-Stewardship Dept., Disciple Room

Wednesday (26)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 280

12:00-Central Singers

1:15-POP ChristCare, 218

4:00-Aerobics, 290

5:30-Stephen Ministry, 280

Thursday (27)

10:00-Alanon, 212

4:00-Aerobics, 290

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (28)

8:00-Wellness Walk, Great Hall

9:00-3:00-Y Coordinator Planning

Meeting, Disciple Room

Evangelism Seeds

Do you know that something like 90% of the people who join a church do so because someone they knew and trusted invited them to come to worship? Who do you know that might receive strength, hope and blessing from the fellowship, worship, study and mission opportunities found at Central? Invite them today and help put them in touch with a life-giving relationship with God.

Serving Schedule—July 23, 2006

Elders:

8:00 & 10:00 - Randy Brooks, Brett Swallow

Elders Serving Hospital Communion:

St. Mary's Hospital: Jan Dobbs

Decatur Memorial: Mary Jane Linton

Deacons:

8:00 - 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

10:00 - 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, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarthout, Janet Thicksten, Larry Thicksten, Sally Thicksten, Kathy Thornton

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Jim Bednar, Pamela Bednar, Jarrett Bednar, Bill Fogerson, Nicole Ropp

10:00 - Team 6 - Maixne Koenig, Betty Chapman, Larry Chapman, Mark Beal, Katie Beal, Kaylene Beal, Sean Beal

Greeters:

8:00 - Kevin & Mickie Wilmot, Gerri & Mike Munos

10:00 - Bob & Carol Bischoff, Dale & Judy Ford

Parish Nurse:

 Liz Campbell

Acolytes:

8:00 - Jarrett Bednar

10:00 - David Martin

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:00 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Brenda & Don Tankersley, Bill & LeEtta Bass, Pam Larrick, Jane Latshaw, Hazel Perry

Van Drivers:

8:00 service and Sunday School - John Flanders

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Keith Backes

10:00 service only - Karen Baird

July 26 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Sara Field, Marge Karl

Hosts:

July 24 9:00-12:30 - Sara Field

12:30-4:00 - Ken Davis

July 25 9:00-12:30 - Barb Flanders

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

July 26 9:00-12:30 - Virginia Griffith

12:30-4:00 - Ruby Agnew

July 27 9:00-12:30 - Evelyn Sperry

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

July 28 9:00-12:30 - Yvonne Purcell

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

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