



The Central Visitor

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

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Coming February 18!

A week from this coming Sunday, we welcome **James O'Donnell**, Organist and Master of the Choristers of renowned Westminster Abbey and one of the finest concert organists of his generation. The correct date for this exciting concert is February 18 at 4:30 p.m. in Central's sanctuary. A free-will offering will be received to help with the expenses of bringing this artist to Decatur. Your friends will be glad you invited them to join you to hear James O'Donnell.



Just Flicks Series February 11

As a special Valentine's offering, the "Just Flicks" series continues this Sunday, February 11 with *Chocolat*, the 2000 hit set in a small French village. It's the warm-hearted story of a woman and her daughter who open up a chocolate shop in a small French village and shake up the rigid morality of the community. Starring Juliette Binoche and Judi Dench, the film is rated PG-13. The movie starts at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church and is co-sponsored by Central's Peace and Justice Task Force. The Peacemaking Committee of First Presbyterian will serve a sampling of chocolate goodies!

Central Young Adults to Begin Winter/Spring Session

Our Young Adult group (18 yrs. – 30 Something) will begin meeting weekly on Tuesday, February 13th from 6:30–8 p.m. at **Robert & Teri Bushey's** home. Our gatherings include finger foods, beverages, engaging discussion and lots of laughter. We respect busy schedules and understand that you may not be able to attend every week so, don't let that keep you from attending when you are able. If you have questions about the group or need directions, contact Pastor Robert. You may also check out the Young Adult Forum linked from Central's website.

Join us For Ladies Night Out!

Valentines Day may be February 14th but save Tuesday, February 13th for Ladies Night Out, this month at Pastabilities, Decatur's Little Italy! Enjoy delicious Italian cuisine and the ambience of Tuscany as we gather at 6 p.m. for an evening of delicious food, great fellowship, and fabulous fun! Laughter and door prizes guaranteed! Sign up this Sunday in the Friendship Center.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007
WORSHIP AT 8:15 AND 10:45
What the World Needs

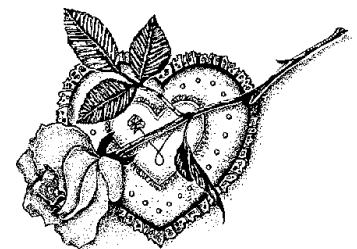
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Gretchen Barron

Elderberries Meets Wednesday, February 14th!

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your Central friends! The Elderberries, for those at least 55 years young, will gather at noon on Valentine's Day, February 14th, for a wonderful meal and program and delightful fellowship together. The menu this month includes roast beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and dessert. The cost of the meal is just \$4.

Following the meal, Patrick McDaniel, Executive Director for the Macon County Historical Museum, will present a program on Abraham Lincoln and Macon County.

To sign up, you will need to call the church office (428-4336) or mark "Elderberries" next to your name on the Friendship Pad this coming Sunday. If you think you would like to come but are not yet sure, please go ahead and make a reservation. We would rather have food left over than not have prepared enough for everyone. Reservations need to be made before 5 p.m. on Monday, February 12th, so don't delay, reserve your place today!





Central Youth

Sunday, February 11th
1-3 p.m.

Central Youth

Grades 3-5 & 6-12

Bowling at Spare Times Lanes.

Cost \$3 per youth.

Meet at the bowling alley.

Remember to check out
the CCC FORUM
for Coming Events &
Announcements

Summer Camp

Genesis Camp Grades 2-3
June 4-6

Koinonia Camp Grades 3-8
June 25-June 30

ADDaM Camp Grades 8-12
June 24-July 2

Shalom Camp Grades 9-12
June 11-16

Grades listed reflect
Current School Year.

Wisconsin Dells Trip
July 8-15

The Inn at Glacier Canyon
Youth entering 6th grade-
finishing 12th grade

Spend the week with your
friends from Central!

Indoor/Outdoor Water Parks

Wisconsin DUKW Tours

And MUCH MORE!

Mark your Calendar Today!

One Church One School Ministry Update

Central's ministry in partnership with Prairie Avenue Christian Church and Hope Academy Accelerated School continues to grow. Currently, nine volunteers serve as mentor-tutors for students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade.

As the school calendar rolls through third quarter, we are beginning to request volunteers to help out during the Illinois Standardized Achievement Test days at the school. The ISAT tests allow accommodations for students with special needs to be aided by a trained proctor. We hope to provide several volunteer proctors during ISAT week, March 12-16. A brief training will be provided by the school principal prior to the tests (date and time to be announced).

If you have some free time between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., you may be a great help to the school as we work to help each student reach their full potential and achieve at their ability. Contact **Pastor Robert** if you are interested in volunteering.

You Are Invited to an Awards Dinner Honoring Roy O. Schilling

Saturday, February 24th, the Decatur Breakfast Club and the Sertoma Club of Decatur are presenting **Roy Schilling** a *Service to Mankind Award* at a dinner in his honor in the Great Hall at Central Christian Church. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. This event is open to the public and is \$15 per person. Reservations need to be called in to Bill Haebich, 877-6679 by February 20th.

Evangelism Seeds

"Your only job is to let Jesus love you, do the best you can pretty much of the time, and be willing to listen to the Spirit so that you can be used by Christ. God can work unimaginable miracles with that!" (Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism by Martha Grace Reese)

Boiler Repairs

During the coldest week in Decatur in recent years, emergency repairs are being attempted on the boiler that heats the sanctuary, Great Hall, choir room, offices and adult classrooms. If all goes well, members will never notice the work in progress until the bills arrive. The fifty-two year old boiler is covered with asbestos insulation, and the legal abatement of this substance adds tremendously to the cost of this necessary project. Every effort is being made to assure your warmth and comfort at church.

Chancel Bell Ringers Needed

We are looking for people interested in handbell ringing to join **Chancel Bells** for the next session. We meet **Thursday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45 in the Choir Room**. This session continues through Palm Sunday and Easter. Prior experience is not required. The ability to count is helpful. Please contact **Don Martin** if you are interested in ringing bells with us.

Registration Deadline for the March Mission Trip is Soon!

We are rapidly coming to the time when we need to let officials in Indianapolis and New Orleans know how many will be participating in the mission trip on March 10-18th. If you are thinking about going or planning on going and have not yet turned in your registration form, PLEASE DO SO BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH! Once we have definite numbers, all the participants will be invited to a planning meeting. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Gretchen at the church office at 428-4336 or e-mail her at gbarron@cccdisciples.org. Registration and information packs are available for both of the 2007 mission trips to the hurricane-affected Gulf region, March 10-18 and June 23-July 1. Both groups will travel to the New Orleans area to assist individual families with the reconstruction of their homes. Tasks may include roofing, dry wall installation, painting, general cleanup and more. There will be a job for you to do, regardless of your physical ability or knowledge/experience. Cost per participant is \$250 to cover travel, lodging and meal expenses, and scholarship will be available. You will also be responsible for purchasing your own meals during travel. Let us know if you are able to participate in this life-changing experience!

Public Education Forum – March 4th

Supporting the availability of quality education for all children has always been one of the values of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Peace & Justice Task Force invites you to attend a panel discussion and forum addressing the current challenges facing public education on Sunday, March 4th from 4-6 p.m. in the Great Hall. We have invited a panel of Central members who are currently involved in public education in a variety of roles, from superintendent to student, to share their thoughts. After their brief presentations we will open the floor for a moderated discussion. Join us as we begin an honest conversation about the challenges facing our education system.

FunTimers, Mark Your Calendars!

FunTimers, that fun-loving group of folks at least 55 years young, will want to mark their calendars for our next outing to the Sullivan Little Theater on Friday, March 23rd. We will enjoy a delightful afternoon celebration of some of the best songs of the Twentieth century in the show *Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein*. Save the date and save your pennies! Sign up now!

Hunger Relief Team Needs You!

We have been asked to provide Six Saturday meals at the Good Samaritan Inn in 2007. Volunteers are needed to help prepare meals in our kitchen and to help serve meals at the inn. In 2006 we served nearly 800 meals to under-resourced individuals, including many children, who were without nutritional meals on the weekends. We expect to serve more in 2007. Your help is needed. Sign up sheets are in the Friendship Center this week.



Sunday, February 11, 2007

8:15 and 10:45-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-Clarinet Quartet
10:45 Anthem-Chancel Choir
9:00-10:15-Parish Nurse Liz Campbell
9:15-Fellowship Coffee, Friendship Ctr.
9:30-Sunday School
11:15-Children's Worship, 250
1:00-Youth Bowling, PlaMor Lanes

Monday (12)

8:00-Wellness Walk/Light Aerobics,
Great Hall/Heritage Center
9:00-Volunteers to Good Samaritan Inn

Tuesday (13)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
5:00-CADV Meeting, Disciple Room
5:30-Worship Dept., Parlor
5:30-Stephen Ministry Training, 290
6:00-Ladies Night Out, Pastabilities
6:30-Boy Scouts, Disciple Room

Wednesday (14)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 280
12:00-Elderberries Lunch, Great Hall
12:00-Central Singers
1:00-4:00-Banner Committee, 207
1:30-3:00-Low Vision Support Group,
Disciple Room
5:30-*Serving From the Heart* Study,
Disciple Room

Thursday (15)

10:00-Alanon, 212
5:45-Church Council, Disciple Room
5:45-Chancel Bells
6:15-Family Fun Night, Great Hall
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (16)

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

Saturday (17)

8:00-12:00-Hunger Relief Task Force,
Great Hall Kitchen

Counting On You

February 4

Worship Attendance 266
Sunday School Attendance 80

Serving Schedule—February 11, 2007

Elders:

8:15 & 10:45 - Mary Jane Linton, Bruce Campbell

Communion to Shut-Ins:

Deacons	Elders
Al Fagin	Rebecca Johnston
Bev Chapman	Mark Beal
Merle Chapman	Larry Thicksten
Ron Oliver	Jan Dobbs
Dennis Downey	Chris Fagin
Sally Force	Keith Backes
Gene Garver	Claudia Quigg
Sandy Garver	Tom Spry
Dean Gray	Brett Swallow
Janet Gray	Lois Whitaker
	Alternate: Mike Holbrook

Deacons:

- 8:15 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Jared Carter, Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Jim DeZarn, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Joe Lewis, Brittney Munos, Gail Prince, Larry Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox
- 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, Erik Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Daniel Hinze, David Martin, 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 - Mary Kincaid, Rita Woods, Bob & Wanda Webb
- 10:45 - Florence Bolin, Marylu Lyman, Larry & Janet Thicksten

Fellowship Coffee Hosts: Ed & Joy Adams

Parish Nurse: Liz Campbell

Children's Worship: Melinda Hawbaker

Acolytes:

- 8:15 - Julia Funk
- 10:45 - Daniel Hinze

P.A. Operator:

- 8:15 - Greg Carter
- 10:45 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Suzie Miller, Jim & Myra Hinze, Mark & Nancy McAfee

Van Drivers:

8:15 service and Sunday School - Bruce Williams
 Sunday School and 10:45 service - Jan Patrick
 10:45 service only - Ron Oliver

February 14 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Ruby Agnew, Helen Hufford

Hosts:

- Feb. 12 9:00-12:30 - Mary Boyle
 12:30-4:00 - Ken Davis
- Feb. 13 9:00-12:30 - Carl Morris
 12:30-4:00 - Ellen Sheffer
- Feb. 14 9:00-12:30 - Virginia Griffith
 12:30-4:00 - Marilyn Ward
- Feb. 15 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
 12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong
- Feb. 16 9:00-12:30 - Juanita Ballance
 12:30-4:00 - Juanita Reynolds

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 Leslie Peart Organist
 Valerie Rozanski Administrative Secretary
 Pat Beals Church Secretary
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 Katie Beal Childcare Coordinator
 Joanne Frady, Debra Fulk Childcare Providers
 Shelby Larrick, Kaylene Beal Childcare Providers
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 Trudy Garland, Janet Langston Preschool Teachers
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