



The Central Visitor

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

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Hear Another Royal Organist

Yet another royal organist is coming to Decatur to play the Diller Memorial organ in the sanctuary of Central Christian Church on **Sunday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m.** Timothy Byram-Wigfield was appointed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as the organist and master of choristers at St. George's Chapel which is inside the walls of Windsor Castle outside London. Mr. Byram-Wigfield has played for many royal occasions including the religious service held in the chapel following the civil wedding in 2005 of the heir to the British throne the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall in the Guildhall just beyond the walls of the castle. Windsor Castle was established by King Henry VIII as a hunting lodge over nine hundred years ago. Queen Elizabeth's father and mother George VI and the Queen Mother are both buried inside St. George's Chapel where Mr. Bryam-Wigfield is the organist and director of music. We are grateful to Leslie Peart for arranging this exciting concert event for our community.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007

WORSHIP AT 8:15 AND 10:45

The One Who Remembered to Say Thanks!

Text: Luke 17:11-19

Gretchen Barron

Dedication Sunday

This Sunday all Giving Cards for 2008 that have been completed so far will be presented before the Lord in Morning Worship and dedicated to God's holy purposes.

Ideally the church would be glad to receive every card by this Sunday to show future support for the mission and ministry of our congregation.

If you have lost track of the Giving Card that was mailed to you, additional cards are placed for your convenience in the pew pockets and are available at the office window in the Friendship Center. If you phone the church office, another card can be mailed to you today. Do your best for Central, so your church can do its best for God.



This Sunday you will find in your worship bulletin a card on which you can make reservations to attend the Victory Sunday dinner at noon on October 21. Please complete your card Sunday and place it in the offering plate or in the church office, or telephone the church with your reservation no later than Tuesday, October 16. We want to have a place prepared for you.

All Church Hayride

Central members and friends are invited to the all-church Hayride, Sunday, October 28th. We'll begin to gather at 4:00 p.m. and will eat around 5 p.m. at Hayrides & More in Blue Mound. This annual event always promises good food, fun and fellowship! The cost is \$6 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family. This includes the hayride, hotdogs, buns, s'mores, condiments, drinks and table service. Please bring a dinner item or munchie to share. Remember, it can get pretty cold on the hayride, so dress appropriately. Sign up this Sunday in the Friendship Center or call the church office at 428-4336.



Join us For Ladies Night Out!

All Central women and friends are invited for an enjoyable Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, October 30th at 6 p.m. at Rusty's Clubhouse & Grill, 3010 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Enjoy delicious food from Rusty's extensive and diverse menu which includes steaks, chicken, seafood and sandwiches. We will order off the menu and the gratuity will be added to your total. Plan to join us on October 30th and sign up this week in the Friendship Center. As always, fun, laughter, and door prizes guaranteed!



Central Youth

Sunday, October 14th

Youth will gather at 5:30 p.m. for a short meeting and then attend the Just Flicks Film *Over the Hedge* from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Short discussion will follow the film.

**Sunday, October 21st
Cardboard Pick up Day
1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Youth Sunday Worship
October 28th**

It's Hard to be Humble
Luke 18: 9-14

ALL Central Youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate. Youth grades 3-5 are needed to help with ushering and greeting. Plan to be a part of Youth Sunday 2007!

All Church Hayride

Hayrides & More
in Blue Mound

Sunday, October 28th

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Sign up for Cardboard Pick Up

The Youth Cardboard Recycling Project will pick up on Sunday, October 21st from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All you need to do is save your cardboard, sign up in the Friendship Center for curbside pick up and we will do the rest.

Gretchen's Gleanings ...

I usually think of myself as being a fairly flexible person – a “kind of go with the flow and take each day as it comes” type of person. And in the past, I will admit that I’ve found it difficult to always understand why people are sometimes so resistant to change. It is, after all, inevitable! I have noticed, however, that the older I get, the more resistant I become to change in my own life. Now maybe I’m just getting grumpier as I get older, but I find myself thinking, and even saying things like, “We’ve never done it that way before” or “Why are we doing *THAT?*” This makes life interesting, of course, when, on a daily basis, my resistance meets with the insistence of a seven-year-old who doesn’t have a long history of doing things a certain way and can’t understand why we just can’t do things her way, which change from day to day and even minute to minute! In our Disciple’s class study this past week of Martha Grace Reese’s book, Unbinding the Gospel, she discusses the need for us to “mix up and scramble” our routines a bit so that we don’t allow ourselves to become stuck in a rut, especially when it comes to our spiritual life and practices. Some of her suggestions include:

- Listen to God – do you tend to do all the talking in your prayers? If so, try sitting for ten minutes a day, just thinking of Christ and listening for God’s voice.
- Try keeping a prayer journal if you’ve not done this before.
- Try saying a repetitive prayer using a rosary, bead necklace or even old Mardi Gras beads. Hold one bead and breathe in slowly as you think the words, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.” Move to the next bead and think the prayer again, slowly, in time with your breathing. Pray the prayer with your beads 5 minutes a day to begin and work your way up to 15 minutes a day.
- Change your Bible translation – have you read the same version of the Bible for the past 30 years? Change it. For something different, read one of the newer paraphrases or perhaps even get a recorded version and listen in the car or while you work around the house.
- Do you always listen to the same type of music on the radio? Try something different like a collection of African-American spirituals or jazz arrangements of favorite hymns.

The point is to ask God to scramble your circuitry so that you are able to see and hear and experience something new in your faith life and journey. So, what do you think? Should we try something new this week? I know, we’ve never done it that way before, but ...

Blessings, *Gretchen*

Just Flicks Family Night Showing Over the Hedge

The Peace & Justice Task Force of Central and the Peacemaking Committee of First Presbyterian Church invite you to the showing of *Over the Hedge* a recent animated feature that is family friendly. The film will be shown on Sunday, October 14th at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall. Light refreshments will be served and a brief discussion led by **Julie Martin** will follow. The film tells the often hilarious tale of a group of woodland animals whose habitat is invaded by a new housing development during their hibernation. The film is appropriate for children and adults of all ages.

Note of Thanks Received

Dear Central Friends,

Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes. The surprise birthday card shower really brightened my day (all week!).

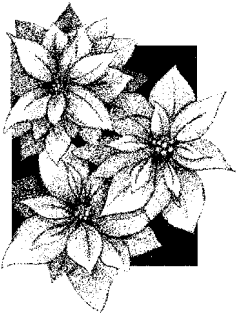
Alice Brooks

FunTimers Trip to Curtis Orchard

FunTimers of all ages can sign up this Sunday for a trip to Curtis Orchard in Champaign on Thursday, October 18th. We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. and should arrive back in Decatur at approximately 3:30 p.m. While at the orchard, we will eat lunch in the famous Flying Monkey Café, have time to shop in the gift shop and bakery and have opportunities to taste (as well as purchase) several different varieties of apples. We will also enjoy presentations on Bees and Pollination, Apple Processing and Apple Cider making, along with delicious samples of apple donuts and cider. The tour and orchard are completely handicap accessible! Cost for this trip is \$5 for the tour plus the cost of your meal ordered at the café. Sign up this Sunday in the Friendship Center.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias Now!

Yes, Fall is only beginning but now is the time to order your Holiday Poinsettias! We are selling them as a fund raiser for future mission trips. The



Poinsettias are grown at a local greenhouse. Each plant is in a 6 ½ inch pot with a decorative wrap and beautiful handmade, wired bow. Plants are available in red, pink, white, Monet (blush) and marble and sell for \$12.50 each. Order forms are now available in the Friendship Center. Orders will be accepted through October 28th and payment must accompany the order. Order one or several for yourself or others (they make great gifts) but don't miss this opportunity to pre-purchase beautiful holiday plants and support future mission trips. The plants will be

available for pick-up the first Sunday of December. For more information, speak with **Pastor Gretchen**.

Note of Thanks Received

Dear Central,

I would like to thank the ministers and all those who called, sent cards, and food, and for the many prayers during my recent hospitalization and illness. I am so blessed! You're the greatest!

Much love,
Mary Boyle

Counting On You

October 14

Worship Attendance 284
Sunday School Attendance 67



Sunday, October 14, 2007

8:15 and 10:45-Worship Services
Music: 8:15 Offertory-Central Singers
10:45 Offertory-Bob Shepherd, Dulcimer
10:45 Anthem-Chancel Choir
9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Liz Campbell
9:15-Fellowship Coffee, Friendship Ctr.
9:30-Sunday School
11:15-Children's Worship, 250-270
5:30-Youth Meeting
6:00-Just Flicks, Great Hall

Monday (15)

6:30-Boy Scouts, Great Hall & Disciple Room
6:30-CCC Bowling, PlaMor Lanes

Tuesday (16)

9:00-CCStitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
6:30-Peace & Justice, Disciple Room

Wednesday (17)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 290
12:00-Central Singers
6:00-Faith Lessons, Disciple Room

Thursday (18)

10:00-Alanon, 212
10:30-Fun Timers, Curtis Orchard
1:30-ChristCare, 290
5:45-Church Council, Disciple Room
6:00-Chancel Bells
6:30-Preschool Board, 290
6:30-World Outreach, Disciple Room
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (19)

6:00-Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday (20)

2:00-Kim Luthey & David Osborne
Wedding
Reception following, Disciple Room

Serving Schedule—October 14, 2007

Elders:

8:15 & 10:45 - Keith Backes, Julie Martin

Communion to Shut-Ins:

Deacons	Elders
Jim DeZarn	Chris Fagin
Dennis Downey	Wayne Honeycutt
Al Fagin	Claudia Quigg
Gene Garver	Larry Pepper
Sandy Garver	Brett Swallow
Dean Gray	Lois Whitaker
Janet Gray	Keith Backes
Gail Prince	Tom Spry
Larry Prince	Rebecca Johnston
Shirley Brooks	Mark Beal
	Alternate: Bruce Campbell

Deacons:

8:15 - Team 3 - Mike Holbrook, Capt., Charlotte Ballance, Jarrett Bednar, Jane Davis, Andy Fulk, Theresa Fulk, Sherri Hood, Bob Keller, Karen Keller, Shelby Larrick, Charlie Ropp, Nicole Ropp, Debbie Seaberg, Connie Shields, David Shields, Max Sperry

10:45 - Team 4 - Kevin Otis, Capt., Ed Acheson, Lucy Acheson, Jeannie Backes, Jordan Backes, Louise Bolin, Mary Boyle, Shirley Brooks, Jon French, Melinda Hawbaker, Scott Hawbaker, Dee Hill, Karen McFadin, David Miller, Katie Miller, Janice Mitchell, Alex Otis, Bryan Rutherford, Gary Rutherford, Roger Rutherford, Doug Soebbing, Donna Strong

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 Stoddard

Greeters:

8:15 - Mary Kincaid, Frances Heiserman, David & Connie Shields

10:45 - Azalee & Warren Berner, Bob & Carol Bischoff

Parish Nurse: Liz Campbell

Acolytes:

8:15 - Sam Funk

10:45 - Joshua Bushey

P.A. Operator:

8:15 - Greg Carter

10:45 - Keith Backes

Fellowship Coffee Hosts: Steve & Shirley Swarouth

Children's Worship: Teri Bushey

Preparation of Communion:

Carroll & Doris Little, Jan Patrick, Hazel Perry, Yvonne Purcell

Van Drivers:

8:15 service and Sunday School - Andy Fulk
 Sunday School and 10:45 service - Jan Patrick
 10:45 service only - Richard Ward

October 17 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Marge Karl

Hosts:

Oct. 15 9:00-12:30 - Florence Bolin
 12:30-4:00 - Judy Ford

Oct. 16 9:00-12:30 - Barbara Beyer
 12:30-4:00 - Nancy Taylor

Oct. 17 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman
 12:30-4:00 - Sally Thicksten

Oct. 18 9:00-12:30 - Jean Booher
 12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

Oct. 19 9:00-12:30 - Juanita Ballance
 12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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 Pat Beals Administrative Assistant
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 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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