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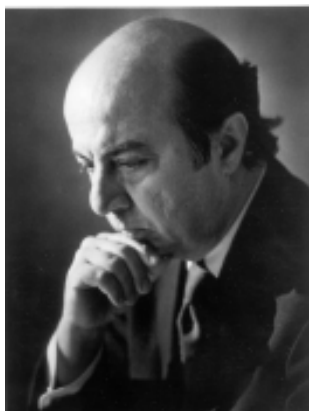
Decatur, Illinois, August 20, 2008

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Piano Concert September 7

Steinway artist **Aldo Mancinelli** will present a concert of piano music in our church sanctuary on Sunday, September 7 at 4:00 pm. This concert is free and open to the public, thanks to a grant from the **Lyle & Minnie Campbell Memorial Fund**.

Mr. Mancinelli is an internationally acclaimed pianist and former artist-in-residence at Millikin University and is widely recognized for his energetic and powerful presentations of masterworks for the piano. Be sure to invite a friend to attend this concert with you.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00

Keys to Peace

Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Robert Bushey, Jr.



Dorcas Disciples Women Invite You!

Dorcas women will begin another year of connecting women of faith on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of **Ruth Ewing**. All women are invited to come and share with us as we look to deepen our spirituality this coming year by learning how to tune in and listen to God's voice and share in God's wisdom. We'll weave together the methods by which we see, hear, and feel God's presence in our days. We invite YOU to come, share, and renew through mission, Bible stories, personal stories, and prayer. Interested? Talk to **Penny Rutherford, Julie Martin** or call the church office, 428-4336.

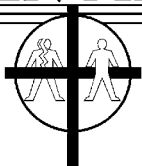
Taste Stephen Ministry

You are invited to learn more about the Stephen Ministry on Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the church parlor just inside the west entrance. Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one Christian care program for the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministers receive fifty hours of training to provide Christ-centered, confidential care for the hurts and needs of fellow church members. Visit with Central's Stephen Ministers and find out more at this event open to all church members. RSVP to **Linda Kuhns**, 791-9354 or gedaco@aol.com

Music Opportunities at Central

Each Sunday at worship there are several opportunities for musical offerings. Please take time to read this article and consider where you might share your gifts. **Chancel Choir** sings every Sunday and meets to rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. **Chancel Bells** play in worship several times a year. They also meet on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. **Central Singers** is a ladies group that meets on Wednesday from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. They sing in worship once a month and offer programs at nursing homes and other facilities. The **Men's Chorus** sings several times a year and meet to rehearse a few times before a performance. **Children** and **Youth** provide music for worship several times a year. There are also opportunities for solo and ensembles, either vocal or instrumental. Music enriches our worship experience. If you would like to offer your talents, please contact **Don Martin** at 428-4336 or dmartin@cccdisciples.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY





Central Youth

**Sunday, August 24th
Cardboard Collection**

Central Youth are needed to collect cardboard for recycling near the Church Garage after both morning worship services.

**Sunday, August 31st
Central Youth
will Not Meet**

**Sunday, September 7th
Come Join the Circle
Sunday School Kick-Off**

9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall
Children & Youth
Grades Pre-K - 12th
Refreshments, Music, & Games!
Learn About our
New Sunday School Format

Coming this Fall!

**Come Join the Circle
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**
Rotational Based Curriculum
for grades Pre-K-5th

**Two by Two
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**
Parent & Toddler Class

**YDOC
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**
Contemporary Discussion
for Adults 18-30 something.

Report of the Nominating Committee 2008

Serving on the Nominating Committee this year are **Bruce Campbell '08**, Chair; **Al Fagin '08**, **Sandra Garver '09**, **Chloe Hoaglin '08**, **Steve Swarthout '09**, **Mike Holbrook**, ex-officio and **Charles Watkins**, ex-officio. The Nominating Committee will recommend to the congregation the election of the following officers in voting on Sunday, September 7 at both services. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and cast a ballot.

Nominees for Executive Offices (January 1, 2009—December 31, 2010)

President of the Congregation	Mary Jane Oliver
Vice-President for Administration	Keith Backes
Vice-President for Worship, Witness and Nurture	Liz Campbell
Vice-President for Mission and Service	John Baird
Secretary of the Church Council	Carole Holbrook
Treasurer	Robert Hoaglin
Registrar	Chloe Hoaglin

Nominee for the office of Trustee (January 1, 2009—December 31, 2011)

Gene Garver

Nominees for the office of Deacon (January 1, 2009—December 31, 2011)

Charlotte Ballance	Carrie Funk	Gail Prince
Pamela Bednar	Steve Funk	Larry Prince
Azalee Berner	Gene Garver	Gary Rutherford
Warren Berner	Christy Hanson	Connie Schabowski
Louise Boline	Dave Hanson	Dean Simcox
Shirley Brooks	Ann Harshman	Sue Simcox
Sue Ann Cain	Maxine Koenig	Carole Songer
Betty Chapman	Mary Jane Linton	Francis Songer
Jan Dobbs	Carroll Little	Evelyn Sperry
Ron Dobbs	Doris Little	Max Sperry
Chris Fagin	David Miller	Robyn Spry
Sally Force	Katie Miller	Bruce Stoddard
Dale Ford	Kim Miller	Carol Stoddard
Judy Ford	Gerri Munos	Brett Swallow
Gregg Foltz	Mike Munos	Janet Thicksten
Linda Foltz	Connie Ogden	Richard Ward
Debbie Foster	Aaron Osman	Kent West
Larry Foster	Betsy Osman	Lea West
Jon French	Larry Otis	Kevin Wilmot
Andy Fulk	Hazel Perry	

Nominees for the office of Elder (January 1, 2009—December 31, 2011)

Jody Featherstun	Julie Martin
Robert Garrett	Lawrence Thicksten
Scott Hawbaker	Jane Watkins
John McClarey	Lois Whitaker

Nominees for Honorary Emeriti Offices

Mary F. Boyle , Deacon Emerita	Sue Simcox , Elder Emerita
Carl S. Morris , Deacon Emeritus	Marilyn Ward , Elder Emerita
H. Dean Simcox , Deacon Emeritus	

News From the Pews....

Congratulations to **Brett & Jenny Chapman** of Delafield, WI on the August 12th birth of their son **Wyatt Edward**. Wyatt is also welcomed home by his big sister **Tara** and proud grandparents **Larry & Betty Chapman**.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Bob & Carol Bischoff** and family following the August 17th death of Bob's sister, *Ary Stegemiller* of Spring Valley, California.....to the family and friends of *Travis Stanley*, who died on August 18.....and to **Linda & Phillip Shambaugh** and family following the August 18th death of her mother *Betty Thomas*.

Note of Thanks Received

Thank you to the ministers, staff and friends for your prayers and visits during my recent "mini-vacation" at St. Mary's.

Blessings, **Gail Prince**

Plan Now for This Fall's Regional Assembly

You are invited to join your regional church family when it gathers in assembly November 14-16, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield under the theme *Facing Frontiers Faithfully*. Assembly speakers will include the **Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins**, the 7th General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) elected and installed at the 2005 General Assembly in Portland. The **Rev. Dr. Beth Dobyms**, Acting Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin will present her biennial report on the state of the church. The **Rev. Dr. Richard H. Lowery**, interim dean and vice-president of Lexington Theological Seminary and a scholar of the texts and traditions of ancient Israel will also address the assembly.

You can register now for the assembly and for housing at either the Crowne Plaza Hotel or nearby at the Holiday Inn Express. The registration form will soon be available on our region's website: www.cciwdisciples.org, or our church office can print one off for you. Get this on your calendar now so that the date doesn't sneak up on you.

Children's Worship to Resume Sunday, September 7th

The Christian Education Department will resume Children's Worship during the 10:45 a.m. service for children ages 5-11 yrs old. This year we will be using the Worship for Life program from Logos Productions. Children will deepen their understanding of corporate and personal worship by focusing on the elements of worship. Volunteers are needed to help staff Children's Worship times. Volunteers are required to participate in Central's Child Protection Screening. For more information, contact **Pastor Robert** at 428-4336 ext 104.

Tools of Hope and Blankets

Again this Sunday, Central Christian Church will receive an offering for Church World Service, our ecumenical world-wide relief and development arm. Ordinary things that we often take for granted—blankets...clean water...education...tents...garden tools...seeds—can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy as well as those working to build a better life for themselves and their communities. You can make your gift using your regular offering envelopes under the heading "Special," or you can use the envelopes provided in the pew pockets this Sunday.



Sunday, August 24, 2008

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-Zach Gibbons,
piccolo trumpet; Leslie Peart, organ
10:00 Anthem-Chancel Choir;
Marilyn Ward, piano; Brass Group
9:00-Sunday School

Tuesday (26)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
6:30-Peace & Justice, Disciple Room
7:00-Dorcas, home of Ruth Ewing

Wednesday (27)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 290
12:00-Central Singers
5:30-Taste of Stephen Ministry, Parlor
6:30-Eclipsing Empire, Great Hall

Thursday (28)

10:00-Alanon, 212
6:00-Preschool Orientation, Great Hall
& Preschool Wing
7:00-Chancel Choir

Counting On You

August 17

Worship Attendance 294
Sunday School Attendance 61



Serving Schedule—August 24, 2008

Elders:

8:00 & 10:00 - Jan Dobbs, Bruce Campbell

Elders Serving Hospital Communion

St. Mary's Hospital: Jo Carter

Decatur Memorial: John Graham

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Brittney Munos, Gail Prince, Larry Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox

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, Erik Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Daniel Hinze, David Martin, Julie Martin, Ron Oliver, Dave Phillips, Nita Phillips, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarthout, Janet Thicksten, Larry Thicksten, Lawrence Thicksten, Sally Thicksten, Kathy Thornton

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Debbie Downey, Tina Canfield, Paula Hovey, Connie Schabowski

10:00 - Team 8 - Dean Hadden, Capt., Pam Ferguson, Doug Soebbing, Donna Strong

Greeters:

8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Dean & Janet Gray

10:00 - John & Carol Graham, Larry & Betty Chapman

Acolytes:

8:00 - Julia Funk

10:00 - Austin Econie

P.A. Operator:

8:15 - Greg Carter

10:45 - Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Diane & Robert Reed, Connie Ogden, Connie Schabowski, Linda Shambaugh

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 27 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Marge Karl

Hosts:

Aug. 25 9:00-12:30 - Florence Bolin
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Aug. 26 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Aug. 27 9:00-12:30 - Virginia Griffith
12:30-4:00 - Ruby Agnew

Aug. 28 9:00-12:30 - Evelyn Sperry
12:30-4:00 - Charlotte Lyon

Aug. 29 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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