



The Central Visitor

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

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Summer Worship Schedule

Central moves to its summer worship schedule on Memorial Day weekend and continues through Labor Day weekend. The first Sunday on summer hours this year will be on May 24 with worship at 8:00 am, Christian education at 9:00 am and worship at 10:00 am. This Sunday will be the last one on regular schedule until next fall.

Recognition of Educational Ministries Partners

This month Central Christian Preschool will conclude 44 years of early childhood education. As we continue our 175th Anniversary year-long celebration, this Sunday, May 17th we will recognize our Community Educational Ministries Partners during worship and at the Monthly Fellowship Meal. We have invited Central Christian Preschool families and we have invited participants from the Baby Talk Pre-K & STEPS classes, Richland Community College GED & ESL classes, and Decatur Public Schools Phoenix Alternative School to join us. We will also recognize all who have volunteered in our schools through our H2O Education Coalition tutoring effort at Hope Academy and everyone who has volunteered at a school during the past year. Along with our educational ministries partners, Central has touched the lives of well over one hundred families in our community during 2008-2009 school year. Our campus has supported the employment of over 50 individuals as well. We will also recognize a 2009 high school graduate from Central as well. We have much to celebrate!

Blessing of Children & Dedication of Parents



These children were presented for blessing on Mother's Day Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009
WORSHIP AT 8:15 AND 10:45
THIS IS GOD'S
COMMANDMENT

Text: John 15:9-17
Gretchen Barron

Scholarship Application Deadline May 24th

Applications for the Kirby, Schilling and Traylor Scholarships are available at the church office and are due back by **May 24th**. The awards are based primarily upon academic achievement and financial need, however, participation in church, school and community activities are considered as well.

CIOP Invites YOU to Come & See!

Do you have a vision for a stronger, vital Decatur community? Come and meet people involved in real change through social justice organizing. The Central Illinois Organizing Project invites you to a Meet & Greet at First Presbyterian Church at **7PM on Tuesday, May 19th**. Central is a Decatur member congregation of CIOP, which has been making great progress in the work for God's justice in our state and is preparing for a meeting with a member of the Board of the Federal Reserve right here in Decatur in August. The Meet and Greet will include brief presentations by a panel of local and regional leaders as well as informational displays about the work and accomplishments of CIOP. And, there will be refreshments! Come & See what CIOP is all about. Contact Pastor Robert with questions 428-4336.

Youth Column

**Sunday, May 17th
2-5 p.m.**

Miracle Day Project

Central Youth will join Blue Mound Youth to distribute flyers in the neighborhood adjacent to Prairie Avenue Christian Church where Miracle Day 2009 will take place in Decatur. We will be walking and handing out information about the many projects we hope to accomplish on August 29th.

Camp Deadlines Nearing!

Shalom - High School

June 8-13th - **Now \$200**

Koinonia - Jr. & Middle School

June 22-27

Before May 18th \$125

8th Grade Conference -

Finished 8th Grade June 14-20

Before May 12th \$125

ADDaM Camp - High School

June 21-28

Before May 18th \$125

Genesis Camp

Finished 2nd - 3rd Grades July 2-4

Before May 25th \$75

More info: www.cciwdisciples.org

CCC Youth Are on Facebook

Central Youth now have their own Facebook Page! Youth 6th-12th and their parents are invited to become a fan of the Central Christian Youth FB page. Make sure it is the Decatur page! Being a fan means you will receive updates and alerts on important events for youth and you will even be able to RSVP. So, if you already are on Facebook, then become a fan today! Questions, contact Pastor Robert.

Youth Cardboard Recycling

Don't forget, our recycling center for **Cardboard Only** is open every Sunday morning for you to drop off flattened cardboard. The bin is open after 1st Service through noon.

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle!

Fellowship Sunday Meal is this Sunday, May 17

"Fellowship Sunday" – a meal and fellowship time in the Great Hall is at noon on Sunday, May 17. This month we will emphasize education. To make your reservation, call the church office, 428-4336 by Friday.

Throughout 2009 Central will celebrate "Fellowship Sunday" on the third Sunday each month. The Fellowship Department will provide a meal and an opportunity for fellowship with your Central friends and family. Mark your calendar now, and plan on attending Fellowship Sunday each month!

Young Adults and Families – Zoo and Cookout on May 16th!

All Young Families and Young Adults (we'll let you decide if you qualify) are invited for a fun afternoon at the Scovill Zoo followed by a cookout on Saturday, May 16th. We'll meet in the Zoo Parking Lot at 3 p.m. and spend a couple of hours walking and talking with the animals before we gather at the picnic area for a Cookout/Potluck. **Dave Hanson** will be our Grillmeister. Cost of admission (group rate) is \$1.75 per person (child or adult). Train and carousel rides are \$1.25 each. Burgers, hot dogs, buns & condiments will be provided. Bring a potluck dish or item to share, as well as your own table service and beverage. Call the church office or e-mail gbarron@cccdisciples.org if you plan to attend. If you don't want to go to the zoo, just join us for the cookout! For more information, speak with **Don Martin** or **Pastor Gretchen**.

Bells in Motion Concert

Bells In Motion with the Jane Hartman Trio will present a concert at Central Christian Church on **Sunday May 31 at 4:00 p.m.** This concert will include big band, jazz, pops and classical music. Put it on your calendar and invite your friends.

Christian Children's Fellowship to begin Sunday, June 7th

Beginning Sunday, June 7th at 9 am in the Great Hall, children in grades Pre-K - 6th are invited to join our Christian Children's Fellowship. CCF will meet in the Great Hall each Sunday in June, July and August from 9-9:45 am. CCF will include a light breakfast, brief lessons, play, dancing, and singing. On Sundays June 21st, July 19th & August 16th, we will go out for breakfast together. Parents are welcome to stay for breakfast and volunteers are welcome to help with the weekly activities. Contact Pastor Robert for more details. Please note: Children & Youth Sunday School classes will be on recess and will not meet May 24th & May 31st.

Miracle Day 2009

Mark your calendars today for Miracle Day 2009 on **Saturday, August 29th** right here in Decatur. Join hundreds of Disciples from across Illinois and Wisconsin as we reach out into our neighborhoods to help lower income families and seniors with home improvement and safety projects. Miracle Day will have opportunities for folks of all ages and abilities to contribute. The 2009 Decatur site includes the neighborhoods adjacent to Prairie Avenue Christian Church. If you are willing to serve on the Central Planning Team, please contact **Pastor Robert**.

News From the Pews....

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Dean & Janet Gray** following the May 7th death of Dean's son-in-law, *Ronald Robison* of Pensacola, Florida.....to the family of *Virginia Robbins*, following her death on May 7th.....to **HH & Hilary Critchfield** following the death of his sister, *Betty Boyer* in Gainesville, GA on May 8th.

Congratulations to **Meagan Hinze**, daughter of **Jim & Myra Hinze**, who graduated from Butler University on May 9th. In the fall she will enroll in a doctoral program in chemistry at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.



Dorcas Disciple Women Assemble Health Kits

Dorcas Disciples recently gathered to assemble 100+ Health Kits for Church World Service. In addition, our Youth Group has assembled 100 School Kits. The Kits will be shipped to Church World Service, where they will be distributed around the world to communities and individuals in need. Thank you, Central, for your generous donations of supplies and financial support of this project.

Notes of Thanks Received

Congratulations to the members of the Diaconate for a wonderful luncheon for us, Senior Citizens. The preceding reception was great and we really enjoyed visiting with each other. The Great Hall looked so nice. The table decorations were beautiful, the meal was delicious and the story teller, Sharon Frizzel, was especially entertaining.

Love and Blessings, *Barb Tyler*

On behalf of Decatur Area Habitat for Humanity, I would like to express my gratitude for providing us space for our recent meetings. Please thank all the staff that helped make our meetings successful.

Leo Morland
Habitat for Humanity

Counting On You

May 10

Worship Attendance 320
Sunday School Attendance 40



Sunday, May 17, 2009

8:15 and 10:45-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-Jubilee: Dave Hanson, baritone
10:45 Anthem-Chancel Choir
9:15-Fellowship Coffee, Friendship Ctr.
9:30-Sunday School
11:15-Children's Worship
12:00-Fellowship Sunday Dinner, Great Hall
2:00-5:00-Youth, Miracle Day Fliers Project

Monday (18)

6:00-Shepherding Dept., Volunteer Rm.

Tuesday (19)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting, Senior Pastor's Study
5:15-5:45-Millikin Children's Choirs Rehearsals, Sanctuary & Great Hall

Wednesday (20)

9:00-Baby Talk, Room 240
12:00-Central Singers
5:30-Church Council, Disciple Room
6:00-Preschool Fun Night, Great Hall
6:15-Unbinding Group, Parlor
7:00-Jubilee!, Choir Room

Thursday (21)

10:00-Alanon, 212
4:00-6:00-Phoenix II, Great Hall
6:00-Chancel Bells
7:00-Chancel Choir

Musicamp 2009

"It's All About
the ARTS"

June 8-12
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
1320 Arbor Dr.

Serving Schedule—May 17, 2009

Elders:

8:15 & 10:45 - Scott Hawbaker, Felicity Williams

Deacons:

8:15 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, 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, Erik Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Daniel Hinze, David Martin, Julie Martin, Ron Oliver, Aaron Osman, Betsy Osman, Dave Phillips, Nita Phillips, Brett Swallow, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarthout, Janet Thicksten, Kathy Thornton, Kent West, Lea West

Ushers:

8:15 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Munos

10:45 - Team 10 - Bill Blank, Capt., Marilyn Blank, Lucy Acheson, Dick Cain, Sue Ann Cain, Rosie Doore

Greeters:

8:15 - Dean & Janet Gray, Rita Woods, Virginia Griffith

10:45 - Bob & Billie Harmon, Warren & Azalee Berner

Fellowship Coffee Hosts:

 Mike & Gerri Munos Family

Acolytes:

8:15 - Bobby Munos

10:45 - Rachel Ash

P.A. Operator:

8:15 - Jim Bednar

10:45 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Robyn Spry, Carol Charlton, Shirley Petri, Don Swallow

Van Drivers:

8:15 service and Sunday School - Bruce Williams,

Sunday School and 10:45 service - Doug Soebbing,

10:45 service only - Brett Swallow,

May 20 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Marge Karl, Joanne Gustin

Hosts:

May 18 9:00-12:30 - Joy Adams

12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

May 19 9:00-12:30 - Barbara Beyer

12:30-4:00 - Judy Ford

May 20 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman

12:30-4:00 - Sally Thicksten

May 21 9:00-12:30 - Jean Booher

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

May 22 9:00-12:30 - Yvonne Purcell

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

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