



The Central Visitor

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

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Summer Schedule Begins This Sunday

Central's summer schedule begins on May 24 with morning worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and Christian education at 9 a.m. The summer schedule continues through Labor Day weekend. Casual dress is always appropriate at Central and is especially encouraged during summer.

Register for the General Assembly

Registration is now open for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) July 29—August 2, 2009 in Indianapolis. Central may send nine voting representatives (not including clergy who vote by virtue of office) and as many non-voting representatives as will attend. The floor of the assembly including participation in assembly debate as well as all assembly meal events and exhibits are open to voting and non-voting representatives alike. Voting representatives must be appointed by the Church Council at its June 17 meeting, so if you would like to vote at the assembly, please notify the church office.

To learn more about General Assembly, and to register and reserve a hotel room, follow the link on our website at www.cccdisciples.org

FunTimers on the Go to Rockome Gardens

Plan now to attend the June 25th FunTimers outing to Rockome Gardens in Arcola, in the heart of Illinois Amish country. We'll gather and leave the church at 10:30 a.m. Our adventure will begin with a delicious lunch in the Rockome Gardens Restaurant (menu selections run between \$6-\$10) and enjoy an afternoon of leisurely walks through the gardens. Attractions and demonstrations include a haunted cave, a train ride, broom-making, fire-starting, wire-bending, a potter, soap-making and more, all included in the admission fee of \$5 per person. We'll return to Decatur before 5 p.m. Sign ups begin this Sunday in the Friendship Center!

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 achievements and financial need, however, participation in church, school and community activities are considered as well.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009
WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00
Hope for the World
Text: John 17:6-19
Robert Bushey, Jr.

MUSICAMP 2009
"It's All About the Arts!"
June 8 – 12
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church
1320 Arbor Drive
Decatur, IL



This year MUSICAMP will again include time for sing with children in your age group. The groups are divided into K and 1,2,3,4 and 5, 6. In addition to the singing we will welcome artists to share their talents with us and work with us on various art projects. The older children will learn about digital photography. All children will have sessions in clay pottery, dance and movement, watercolors and storytelling. The day will begin with Pastor Steve sharing scripture and a word from God.

Please consider bringing your children to experience a week of art exploration with a group of children who have similar interests. If you have any questions contact **Don Martin**.

Bells in Motion to Perform at Central

Bells in Motion with the Jane Hartman Trio will present a concert at Central Christian Church on **Sunday, May 31 at 7 p.m.** This concert will include all that jazz. Put it on your calendar and invite your friends.

Central Youth

Sunday, June 7th
Mini-Golf & Go-Karts
behind Pla Mor Lanes
1-3 p.m.
Children & Youth
Grades 3-12 are welcome!

Wednesday, June 24th
Central Youth Grill & Chill
Youth grades 6-12 are invited to Pastor Robert's home 6-8 p.m. for Supper from the Grill, Swimming and Yard Games.

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 are already on Facebook then become a fan today! Questions, contact Pastor Robert.

Camp Deadlines Nearing!

Shalom - High School
June 8-13th
Now \$200

Koinonia - Jr. & Middle School
June 22-27
Now \$200

8th Grade Conference
Finished 8th Grade
June 14-20
Now \$200

ADDaM Camp - High School
June 21-28
Now \$200

Genesis Camp - Finished 2nd - 3rd Grades
July 2-4
Before May 25th \$75

More info at
www.cciwdisciples.org

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

Beginning Sunday, June 7th at 9 a.m. 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 a.m. CCF will include a light breakfast, brief lessons, play, dancing, and singing. On Sunday's, June 21, July 19 & August 16 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.

Children's Worship on Recess for Summer

Children's Worship will not meet during our summer worship hours beginning May 24th through September 6th. Thank you to **Teri Bushey, Christine Lyman-Harm, Betty Scott** and **Katie Beal** for providing special activities for our children during worship!

CCC Kid's Club on the Road this Summer

Central's Kid's Club for children grades 3-8 will begin the summer with a fun day at Fairview Park with a Picnic Lunch and Fishing at Dreamland Lake on Wednesday, June 3rd, noon to 3 p.m. There is no charge for the event. If you have child friendly fishing gear you may bring it with you. Parents & Grandparents are welcome too! Sign up in the Friendship Center or register online at the CCC Kid's Club Face Book Page. Future dates for CCC Summer Kid's Club are:

June 24th (Weldon Springs Trip) 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

July 1st (Knights Action Park, Springfield) 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

July 15th (Lincoln Sites & Kicks, Springfield) 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

August 12th (Rock Springs Bike Ride) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Vacation Bible School is Coming and We Need YOU!

Bring your children and grandchildren to VBS from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6. We need your help to make this year's VBS a success! Please call the church office or contact **Katie Powers** to volunteer.



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. The 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**.

Note of Thanks Received

On behalf of all the Mothers and Grandmothers attending the worship service on Mothers Day, I want to thank the Wednesday Night Women's Unbinding Your Heart Group for the beautiful carnation they gave each of us. It was a lovely gesture and one that was appreciated. Thank you all.

-Emmy Williams

News From the Pews....

Congratulations to **Meghan & Marcus Rapp** of Morton, IL on the April 28th birth of their daughter, **Lucy Mae Jacoby Rapp**. Proud grandparents are **Ken & Julie Jacoby.....to Broderick & Carmen Whitaker** of North Carolina on the May 18th birth of their daughter **Isabella Arminta**. Isabella is also welcomed home by her big brothers, **Broddie & Allen**. Proud grandparents are **Jim & Lois Whitaker**. Congratulations, also to **Michael & Juliet Sheffer** of Winter Garden, Florida on the May 19th birth of their daughter, **Isabella Donya**. Proud grandmother is **Ellen Sheffer**.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Ellen Sheffer & Nancy Ellen Taylor** and families following the May 13th death of husband and brother, **Don Sheffer.....**and to **Mary & Linn Cummins** following the death of her brother **David Fortner** on May 15.



Twenty people gathered Saturday afternoon when the Young Adults/Families with Young Children group visited the Scovill Zoo and enjoyed a cookout together. The group is planning a fun get-together each month. Our next event will be June 27^h for Putt Putt Golf and a cookout at Nelson Park. More details will be coming soon!

Pentecost Offering Collected May 24 and May 31

Did you know that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have formed 598 new churches since 2001? Through these churches, this movement is reaching more than 40,000 Disciples and the list continues to grow. Disciples hope to start 1,000 new churches by 2020. By supporting the Pentecost Offering you are expanding the efforts of the New Church Movement. This special day offering provides support for new church planter training, coaching, grants, meetings and additional services to support the New Church Movement of the Christian Church. Expanding the Table is this year's theme for the Pentecost Offering. As the Christian Church (Disciples of the Christ), we welcome and embrace with the love of Christ, all who will come to the table. And our Christian table is constantly expanding and reaching beyond social and economic boundaries to extend our witness. New Church Ministry seeks to continue to expand the table to reach new mission fields, journey to new frontiers and touch more lives. Support for this special day offering is more crucial than ever. In addition, half of the money collected through the Pentecost Offering remains in our own Illinois/Wisconsin region. Give generously and prayerfully to the Pentecost Offering on May 24th and 31st.



Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-Terri Pepper, Violin;
Rachel Avery, Harp
10:00 Anthem-Chancel Choir
9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Clinic
9:00-Adult Sunday School

Monday (25) Memorial Day Observed

Church & Office Closed

Tuesday (26)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
6:00-Dorcas, O'Charley's Restaurant

Wednesday (27)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 240
12:00-Central Singers
6:00-LTQ, Great Hall
7:00-Jubilee!, Choir Room

Thursday (28)

10:00-Alanon, 212
5:30-Evangelism Dept., Volunteer Rm.
6:00-Chancel Bells
7:00-Chancel Choir

Counting On You

May 17

Worship Attendance	259
Sunday School Attendance	62



Serving Schedule—May 24, 2009

Elders:

8:00 & 10:00 - Keith Backes, Kevin Miller

Deacons Serving Hospital Communion:

St. Mary's Hospital: Julie Martin

Decatur Memorial: Mark Beal

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Mike Holbrook, Capt., Charlotte Ballance, Jarrett Bednar, Greg Carter, Jo Carter, Megan Carter, Jane Davis, Andy Fulk, Theresa Fulk, Christy Hanson, Dave Hanson, Sherri Hood, Brittney Munos, Larry Otis, Debbie Seaberg, Connie Shields, Max Sperry

10:00 - Team 4 - Kevin Otis, Capt., Ed Acheson, Lucy Acheson, Jeannie Backes, Louise Boline, Shirley Brooks, Sue Ann Cain, Claudia Curry, Debbie Foster, Larry Foster, Jon French, Melinda Hawbaker, Scott Hawbaker, Bob Linton, David Miller, Katie Miller, Alex Otis, Kevin Ann Otis, Gary Rutherford, Roger Rutherford, Doug Soebbing, Bruce Stoddard, Carol Stoddard, Donna Strong, Kevin Wilmot

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Jim Bednar, Pamela Bednar, Jarrett Bednar

10:00 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Katie Beal, Kaylene Beal, Sean Beal, Charlotte Lyon, Barbara Tyler

Greeters:

8:00 - Dean & Janet Gray, Ed & Joy Adams

10:00 - Ed & Lucy Acheson, Janet & Larry Thicksten

Acolytes:

8:00 - Brad Munos

10:00 - Andrew Otis

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:00 - Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Robyn Spry, Carol Charlton, Shirley Petri, Don Swallow

Van Drivers:

8:00 service and Sunday School - John Flanders

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Keith Backes

10:00 service only - Brett Swallow

May 27 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Joanne Gustin

Hosts:

May 25 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

May 26 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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

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

May 29 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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