



# The Central Visitor

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

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## Take-Out Dinner for Miracle Day – Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

The World Outreach Department is sponsoring a Take-Out Dinner on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> as a fund-raiser for Miracle Day in August. Tickets are \$8 per meal and include ½ Broasted Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Bread & Butter (cooked by Nelson's Golden Glow Catering). Generous slices of Chocolate or Vanilla Texas Sheet Cake will also be sold for an additional \$1 each. Tickets may be purchased in the Friendship Center this Sunday! Meals may be picked up in the West Entrance following 2<sup>nd</sup> service on Sunday, July 12. Drive-up service at the West Entrance will operate between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Help us reach our goal of selling at least 250 Chicken Dinners for Miracle Day by telling your friends and family. If you would like to sell tickets at your service organizations and workplaces, speak with **Pastor Gretchen**. Plan to purchase your tickets this Sunday!

## Elderberries to Meet Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>!

If you are at least 55 years young, we invite you to join the Elderberries for a wonderful meal and program and delightful fellowship together on the second Wednesday of each month. We will meet on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Great Hall. The menu this month will be ham loaf, potato casserole, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, and dessert. Cost for the meal is just \$4 per person (the best deal in town). Following lunch, a physical therapist from the Decatur Indoor Sports Center, will be instructing us on armchair exercises. So dress comfortably and come enjoy the food, fellowship and exercise! To sign up, call the church office (428-4336) or mark "Elderberries" next to your name on the Friendship Pad this 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, July 6<sup>th</sup> so don't delay, reserve your place at the table today!

## Fellowship Sunday is July 19

This month's Fellowship Sunday lunch will feature summer picnic fare, including grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings. Plan now to attend the July 19 lunch in the Great Hall following second service.

To make your reservation, write "Fellowship" next to your name in the friendship register on Sunday, July 5 or July 12, or call the church office, 428-4336. Reservations are important, so we can be sure to have plenty of food and a place set for you.

**SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009**  
WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00  
**It Takes Each One**  
Text: I Corinthians 12:14-20  
Charles Watkins

## Youth Sponsors Needed

As we begin planning for Fall and Winter Youth Ministry, we are in need of folks willing to help sponsor activities with youth in grades 3-6 and 7-12. Youth sponsors assist the youth with planning activities and serve as chaperones for the activities.

**Janet Lyman** has faithfully served as a youth sponsor for the past decade and she would love for you to join her in this rewarding service to our church. The youth of our congregation look to our adult members for guidance and leadership as they grow in their faith journey.

All potential youth sponsors must be at least 21 yrs. old, are required to participate in an interview with Pastor Robert and a criminal background check as part of our Safe Kids policy. Can you help shepherd our youth during the coming year? Contact **Pastor Robert** if you have questions or would like to schedule your interview. We need you!



**Be a Youth Sponsor**



## Central Youth

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
CCC Kids to  
Knights Action Park  
10:00 a.m. -4 p.m.**

Children grades 3-8 join us for an afternoon at Knights Action Park. We will enjoy a picnic lunch and the water park. Cost is \$15 for water park. Bring your own lunch. Sign up this Sunday, email **Pastor Robert** at [rbushey@cccdisciples.org](mailto:rbushey@cccdisciples.org) or RSVP on the CCC Kids Club Facebook Page.

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Central Youth  
Grill & Chill**

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to Pastor Robert's home from 6-8 p.m. for Supper from the Grill, Swimming and Yard Games.

## Miracle Day 2009

Central Youth will participate in Miracle Day activities on August 29<sup>th</sup> right here in Decatur. We will be painting, fixing porches, pulling weeds, etc. for folks who are unable to do the work themselves and live near Prairie Avenue Christian Church. Save the date on your calendar today!



## Charles's Column

Today the Millikin Regional Entrepreneurship Network and the *Business Journal of MidCentral Illinois* are proud to present their annual recognition of **20 under 40**, naming twenty individuals under the age of 40 who make a difference in our community.

Congratulations to **Pastor Robert Bushey** who has been selected for this honor in 2009. Pastor Robert's portfolio at Central includes staff support for our Department of Christian Action and Community Service and its Peace and Justice Task Force. His contributions to community life in Decatur include establishing the H2O tutoring program at Hope Academy as part of District 61's "One Church...One School" emphasis. He has also served on the Joint Dropout Task Force for the school district, and organized the local "Hoops for Hope" fund-raiser to benefit African children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. In cooperation with the Central Illinois Organizing Project, he has led the effort to curtail predatory and exploitative lending in our state.

He has served on the anti-racism pro-reconciliation team of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. He has worked with Latinos en Accion of Macon County, the Latino Coalition for Prevention, the Macon County Mental Health Community, Oasis Day Center, the Lumpkin Foundation of east Central Illinois, the Regional Alliance for Youth, the Homelessness Continuum of Care, the MAX Program of DOVE, Inc., the United Way, First Call for Help, and Macon County Emergency Management. Last month he preached the baccalaureate sermon for Millikin University, and earlier he keynoted Millikin's Spring Diversity Weekend.

Serving as one of the pastors of an important religious congregation in the community, Pastor Robert has received recognition for leadership in community recycling programs. He has provided staff coordination of the Spirit of Christmas ministry which brings joy to some of Decatur's neediest children and families. He provides leadership for the Just Flicks ministry with Central and First Presbyterian.

Pastor Robert always works to foster greater awareness of how faith intersects social justice issues and the needs of a hurting world. He was nominated for this honor by members of Central.

The *Business Journal* issue published on July 1 is distributed for free at many locations throughout our community. Pick up your copy this week and read more about this honor and Pastor Robert's positive impact on our community. Join me in congratulating Robert Bushey!

*Charles Watkins*

## Cardboard Recycling Reminders

The new cardboard recycling receptacle on the west edge of the parking lot has been filling up quickly! Dove RSVP collects the cardboard every other Saturday morning and the bin is always full. We are delighted that so many of you are using this service! As we continue to recycle our cardboard we ask you to keep a couple things in mind: please, flatten your boxes as much as possible and try to place the cardboard in the bin by the garage as this helps the RSVP volunteers do their job. Thank you! If you find it difficult to bring your cardboard on Sundays, you may also drop your cardboard at the RSVP recycling center at 100 West Cerro Gordo Street before noon Monday - Saturday.

## News From the Pews....

Congratulations to **Larry Chapman**, on being named the 2009 Realtor of the Year by the Decatur Association of Realtors.....to **Larry W. Foster**, who was elected president of Webster-Cantrell Hall.....and to **Karen McFadin** on being selected as the Outstanding 2008 Profession Adult Comprehensive Education (PACE) Graduate.

## We Want YOU & YOUR FAMILY in our New Church Directory!

The Shepherding Department is working on plans to complete a new Church Directory in 2009. In order to make this directory the best ever, we invite you to make an appointment NOW for your family photographs. Photography dates are July 20, 21, 22, 28 and 29 and August 17, 18 and 19. Appointments will be scheduled between 2:30 and 9 p.m. on those days. Check your calendar and make your appointment online at [www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org). Dates will fill up quickly, so make your appointment early.

## Habitat for Humanity is Seeking New Homeowner/Partners

The Decatur Area Habitat for Humanity is seeking new individuals and families who are interested in learning more about home ownership through the Habitat program. Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 204 W. Prairie. If you are interested in finding out more, or know of someone who might be interested, contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 425-6446 before July 16<sup>th</sup>. To qualify for a Habitat home one must be currently living in substandard housing; must have the ability to repay the mortgage (typically based on a 25-year payment plan with no-interest); and be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity which includes completing 300 hours of Sweat Equity (family members and friends can help with this), making monthly payments on time, maintaining your Habitat Home (guidance and support are provided) and participate in the Family Support Homeowner Education program. For more information, speak with **Pastor Gretchen**.

## Central Emergency Fund

Through the Central Emergency Fund, gifts such as assistance with prescription medicines, transportation, power bills and a variety of other types of assistance, Central reaches out to our neighbors through the fund. We work closely with agencies such as the Macon Assistance eXchange (MAX) program, the Good Samaritan Inn, the Northeast Community Fund Food Pantry, the Oasis Day Center, DOVE, and Catholic Charities. The number of requests for help has grown significantly during the past six months. The fund has been nearly depleted as of this printing. The Emergency Fund exists completely through donations from members and friends of Central. **Sundays, July 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** we will receive a special offering for the Emergency Fund. Please consider this vital outreach ministry for our neighborhood and wider community with a gift to the fund.

## Kroger Cards Continue to Raise Funds for Central Outreach

The Christian Action and Community Service Department reports that we have recently raised another \$350 from reloads on Kroger Cares Cards, which brings our total raised to just under \$2000 during the past year. Funds raised have been used to provide the weekend meals that we are scheduled to provide at the Good Samaritan Inn in 2009. Cards are available in the church office and sell for \$10. The card may be reloaded or added to at any Kroger store. Thank you for your support!



### Sunday, July 5, 2009

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services

Music: Offertory-Bill Moutray,

Baritone; Leslie Peart, Organ

10:00 Anthem-Chancel Choir

9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Clinic

9:00-Sunday School

9:00-CCF, Great Hall

### Tuesday (7)

9:00-CCStitchers, 207

10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,

Senior Pastor's Study

### Wednesday (8)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 240

12:00-Central Singers

12:00-Elderberries Lunch, Great Hall

5:30-World Outreach, Volunteer Room

6:30-MCCOCP, Disciple Room

6:30-Jubilee!, Choir Room

### Thursday (9)

9:00-4:00-CCStitchers Retreat, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Floor & Disciple Room

10:00-Alanon, 212

7:00-Chancel Choir

### Saturday (11)

7:30-Elders' Breakfast, Disciple Room

## Counting On You

### June 28

Worship Attendance ..... 238

Sunday School Attendance ..... 52

Have you left  
Central Christian  
Church  
in your will?

Mission Trip to  
Slidell, Louisiana  
October 24-31, 2009

**Serving Schedule—July 5, 2009**

**Elders:**

8:00 & 10:00 - Mark Beal, Janet Lyman

**Elders Serving Imboden Creek Living Center:**

Jo Carter & Kevin Miller

**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, Andrew Otis, Kevin Ann Otis, Gary Rutherford, Roger Rutherford, Doug Soebbing, Bruce Stoddard, Carol Stoddard, Donna Strong, Kevin Wilmot

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 2 - Don Tankersley, Capt., Brenda Tankersley, Frances Heiserman, Becky Johnston, Betty Scott, Dave Scott

10:00 - Team 7 - Jon French, Capt., Jane French, George Virgil, Linda Virgil, Ed Voice, Jean Voice

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Bob & Wanda Webb, Bill & Mary Alice Rule

10:00 - Jon & Jane French, Ed & Jean Voice

**Acolytes:**

8:00 - Sam Funk

10:00 - Andrew Otis

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:00 - Keith Backes

**Preparation of Communion:**

Diane & Robert Reed, Bill & LeEtta Bass, Jane Latshaw

**Van Drivers:**

8:00 service and Sunday School - Andy Fulk,

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Kevin Wilmot,

10:00 service only - Brett Swallow,

**July 8 Visitor Mailing Crew:** Ruby Agnew, Joanne Gustin

**Hosts:**

July 6 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman  
12:30-4:00 - Louise Boline

July 7 9:00-12:30 - Gail Prince  
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

July 8 9:00-12:30 - Virginia Griffith  
12:30-4:00 - Marilyn Ward

July 9 9:00-12:30 - Sandy Garver  
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

July 10 9:00-12:30 - Harold & Bess King  
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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 Jim Whitaker ..... Pastor for Visitation  
 Don Martin ..... Minister of Music  
 Leslie Peart ..... Organist  
 Valerie Rozanski ..... Administrative Assistant  
 Pat Beals ..... Administrative Assistant  
 Jane Latshaw ..... Parish Nurse Coordinator  
 Katie Beal ..... Childcare Coordinator  
 Joanne Frady, Sean Beal ..... Childcare Providers  
 Shelly Messmore ..... Preschool Director  
 Trudy Garland ..... Preschool Teacher  
 Wendy Jalley, Jennifer Van Dyke ..... Preschool Teachers  
 Kay Villarreal, Robin White ..... Preschool Teachers  
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 David Flanders ..... Caretaker  
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