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Church and Neighborhood Picnic... a Ministry Opportunity!

We want everyone to Save-the-Date of June 27. From 12 noon until 3:00 that day we will be holding our fourth annual Church and Neighborhood Picnic.

Taking place on the side of our property, we will have:

- Bouncy house, face painting and games
- Tables set up under tents for food and fellowship
- Award-winning BBQ and other picnic favorites
- Live music from our stellar praise band
- Basketball with our newly-installed fiberglass backboard!
- Firetruck!



This has proven to be a great gathering event over the years and we trust this year will continue this great tradition. What makes this event great is participation! We want everyone to see this event as a true ministry opportunity. It is tremendous way to connect with one another, with the neighbors in our part of the city, and to experience the true, loving fellowship Christ alive in our collective midst. There will be volunteer opportunities to serve, but more important are the connections we make with one another. Coming together as church-in-the-world is what this day is all about. Hope to see everyone there!

2026 Central Christian Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to the following 2026 Central Christian Church Scholarship winners! We celebrate with you!

Cocoa & Lilabelle Traylor Scholarship: Josie Morelli & Jolie Witts

Don & Bonnie Sauer Peace & Justice Scholarship: Luke Kirby & Drake Niles-Cox

Dr. Barbara Tyler Scholarship: Audrey Miller

Roy O. & Rachel R. Schilling Scholarship: Ted Jones



Peacemaker Awards -

Octavia Phillips with her mom, Angela Owens, Rev. Melinda & Rev. Michael. Octavia was chosen as one of the Peacemaker Award winners. Octavia attends Ellsworth Dansby Jr. Magnet School. Sunday, May 31, 2026.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
AND LIVESTREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND LIVESTREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 9:15 AM

Sermon for 6/7/26

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Michael E. Karunas

Meal Train Opportunity!

We'll be doing a meal train for the Moran family (new baby). If you'd like to provide a meal, contact the office. More info soon...



Happy Birthday!! (6/7—6/20)

Betty Chapman, Nancy French,
Byron Perry, Suzie Miller,
Kathleen Pepper, Emily Rohrscheib,
Jordan Backes, Mitch Swim,
Chris Hartwig, Charlie Hartwig,
Jacob Hartwig, Aaron Osman,
Christy Forsyth, Marshall Luthy,
Sandy Schultz, Shelby Matherly,
George Jones, Cindy Grabowski,
Angela Thompson, Cecil Griffith,
Murphy Sy

New Church Directory Coming...

Save the Date!

Central will be putting together a new Church Directory in 2026! Universal Church Directories will be on campus at the end of August to take portraits of all Central's households. Be on the lookout for more information coming the week of June 22 (about how to sign up, etc...). But for now, save the dates of August 25-29. That is when we will be family portraits will be taken.

HEALING THROUGH LOSS

Two Sessions on Understanding the Six Needs of Mourning

Wednesdays, June 10 & June 17

2 pm -3 pm

Contact Rev. Melinda at

melinda.mcdonald@cccdisciples.org

or call the church office to register.

Group size is limited to six.

Summer Sunday School News for Families

We will begin summer Sunday School for our 4 year olds – 5th grade children on Sunday, June 7. Sunday School is from 9:30-10:15.

We will be meeting throughout the summer downstairs in the Disciples' Room. We meet each Sunday of the month, except for the last Sunday, when children stay in worship with their families. Our 6th-12th grade class will take a break from meeting in the summer and will resume meeting again in September.

We have fun activities planned around Bible stories. We hope your children will join us.

Counting On You

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Total worshipping online = 119

Total worshipping in-person = 267

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Total worshipping online = 118

Total worshipping in-person = 247

Minister's Article

Capital Campaign 2025-2028 Update

As we near the one-year mark of our most recent three-year capital campaign (*Looking In, Reaching Out*), we wanted to share with you some highlights from the past year. The overall goal of the campaign is \$550,000. Thus far, we have:

- Begun **three (3) projects** that are set to take place by early summer:
 - New outdoor signs and landscaping around signs
 - Sanctuary painting (which had to wait until the roof repairs were done)
 - Re-sealing of the parking lot
- Continued monthly payments against the loan for the 2015-2016 renovations. At this rate we plan to pay off the loan within two years, *over 15 years ahead of schedule!!*

In addition to these projects, which we anticipate to be completed in the next few months, we are planning for Great Hall and Disciples Room improvements, as well as continuing to save for a future boiler / chiller. Several member-funded projects, which fall outside of the campaign, have also been completed. They are the restoration of the carillon, flooring in the nursery, and video monitors in the choir loft.

After one year of this three-year campaign, contributions have amounted to just under 30% of the overall goal. Ten percent of all these receipts, as is our custom at Central, are being set aside to be given to outreach at the end of the campaign.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity toward this campaign. One of the reasons Central's facilities are in such good shape is due to the congregation's decision to support continuous three-year campaigns. If you would like to donate to the campaign, you may do so at any time by marking "building fund" or "capital campaign" with your offering, or selecting that from among the options presented when giving online. If you have any questions about the campaign, or wish to speak to someone more about it, simply contact the church office and we can direct you to the financial secretary or the chair of the trustees who will be more than happy to help.

Blessings – Michael

Church and Neighborhood Picnic Volunteer Opportunities

In advance of our annual Church and Neighborhood Picnic on Saturday, June 27, we encourage you to consider volunteering your support in one or more of the following ways:

1. Over the next three Sundays, June 7, 14 and 21, the Christian Action and Community Service (CACS) committee is asking everyone to bring a **non-perishable food donation** to worship; drop them off in the shopping cart in the Connection Café. At the Church and Neighborhood Picnic on June 27, these donations will be organized into food baskets that anyone attending the picnic may take home with them if they choose. An additional option allows you to make a monetary contribution by check or cash to Central Christian Church with a note that proceeds are to go the Emergency Fund Request. We would appreciate having this option completed by Monday, June 29th.

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2. In the Welcome Center, there is an opportunity to **sign up** to serve a one to two hour shift sometime during that afternoon. You can sign up to:
- A. Set up beforehand
 - B. Clean up afterward
 - C. Monitor a station (tables, facepainting, sno cones, bounce house)

Men's Fellowship Event on June 20

We are inviting all men of the church to a food and fellowship event at Troy Kinney's place (4652 Cresthaven, 62526). Date: Saturday, June 20. Time: 5:00. What to bring: something you enjoy making that you'd be willing to share (Troy is making ribs. Pastor Michael is bringing homemade ice cream). What else: Troy will have a couple of Bags Boards set up for those that want to play along with a pool table inside. This event follows conversations held at conclusion of the Fathers and Sons men's group that met this past winter. At that time we wanted to continue to offer events for men to come together for fellowship. This is the first of those events. Please let the church office know (central@cccdisciples.org) if you want to come. We want to know how many to expect.

Praying in Color Class

Thursday, June 11th, 401 upstairs 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Praying with Color is a way to "visibly" pray. This style of prayer is based on Sybil MacBeth's book, *Praying in Color*. If you joined me in the first session (November, 2025), please bring your blue folder with resource info. If you are new to this group, please email me at melinda.mcdonald@cccdisciples.org or call the church office to register. Supplies provided; please let me know if you can come.

"Praying with color in the way that you introduced really helped to relax and get in a good frame of mind."

Food Donations for Northeast Community Fund

Thank you Central Christian Church for supporting the shopping cart with your generous donations each month. Each week Northeast Community Fund food pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Northeast continues to offer assistance to our community members who might be hungry. Our next collection date will be June 7. Here are some suggestions: rice, canned and pouches of chicken and tuna, peanut butter, cereal, mac and cheese cups, fruit cups, ramen noodles, individual applesauce cups, granola bars, canned pasta items, snack items, and dried fruit. Let's join together and fill the cart, thus helping those who may be facing food insecurity. Together we can make a difference. Please, be sure to check the expiration date. It is also a good idea not to donate items in glass packaging. Look for the shopping cart in the Connection Café.

CPR Classes at Central

Join our First Aid & CPR Training Program and gain the skills and confidence to respond in critical moments. You'll learn CPR, how to use an AED, First Aid basics, choking response, and emergency preparedness. Classes will be Tuesday, June 9th, from 10:00am—12:00pm, or Thursday, June 11th, from 2:00pm—4:00pm. Cost is \$50 per participant. Whether you're a parent, teacher, coach, or simply want to be prepared—this training could help you save a life. Limited spots available— Register today! Email stephbelling79@gmail.com to enroll or learn more.

Sunday (7)

Summer Children's Sunday School starts— Meets in the Disciples Room

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Sunday School
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

Monday (8)

Parking Lot repair today— Park on street

- 9:00-Good Sam Volunteer Opportunity
- 9:15-Prayer Group with Lea West
- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room
- 6:00-VBS Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday (9)

Parking Lot repair today— Park on street

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
- 10:00-CPR Training, Connection Café
- 3:00-Women's Book Club, Connection Café

Wednesday (10)

Parking Lot repair today— Park on street

- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 5:00-Elders

Thursday (11)

Parking Lot repair today— Park on street

- 10:00-Alanon, 401
- 1:30-Praying in Color, 401
- 2:00-CPR Training, Connection Café
- 3:00-John bible study, Great Hall
- 7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (12)

Parking Lot repair today— Park on street

Saturday (13)

Sunday (14)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Sunday School
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

Monday (15) - VBS!

- 9:15-Prayer Group, 401
- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407

Tuesday (16) - VBS!

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:30-ChristCare Stitchers, 3R
- 3:30-Pastoral Support Committee, Conf. Room

Wednesday (17) - VBS!

- 1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
- 1:00-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Fireside Room
- 5:30-Church Council, Disciples Room

Thursday (18) - VBS!

- 8:00-Emmaus Reunion Group, 401
- 10:00-Alanon, 401
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (19)

Saturday (20)

Sunday (21)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Sunday School
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online

Please note that the bible study on John with Pastor Michael will meet in the Disciples Room on 6/4/26.

Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 7, 2026

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Kim Maple, Shirley Swarthout
9:15 - Shirley Swarthout

June Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Molly & Shane* Major

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Sandy Garver, Sid Rohrscheib
9:15 - Laura & Matt Moma
10:30 - Mike Kirby, Steve Swarthout

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn
10:30 - Team 9 - Suzie Miller, Capt., Martha Fast

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash
9:15 - Laura & Matt Moma
10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman
9:15 - Greg Barnes

Contemporary Snack Table: Laura & Matt Moma

Contemporary Perishable Snacks: Steve Turner

Nursery and Children's Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, June 7


Nursery: Stephani Martin, Kate Neumann, Kaylee Sommer

Children's Sunday School: Janet Lyman, Christine Lyman-Harm, Deb Trei

Sunday, June 14

Nursery: Abigail Clark, Stephani Martin, Kaylee Sommer

Children's Sunday School: TBA



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Serving Schedule — Sunday, June 14, 2026

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Kim Miller, Krista Rohrscheib
9:15 - Krista Rohrscheib

June Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Molly & Shane* Major

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Gail Prince, Krista Rohrscheib
9:15 - Erik Barnes
10:30 - Roberta Gorden, Gretchen Kirby

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos,
Brittney Moran, Blair Moran, Bobby Munos, Julia Munos
10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Stephani Martin, Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert
9:15 - Cheryl & Dave Zollinger
10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib
10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Sue Ann Cain
9:15 - Travis Wilcoxon

Contemporary Snack Table: Laura Kappler

Contemporary Perishable Snacks: "Do Good Donuts"

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Find the option marked "follow" and click on that.



Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text PRAY to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left.

"PRAY" is the only word you should type.

Your phone then sends you a link to the prayer request form to fill out. We would

love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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