

The Central Visitor



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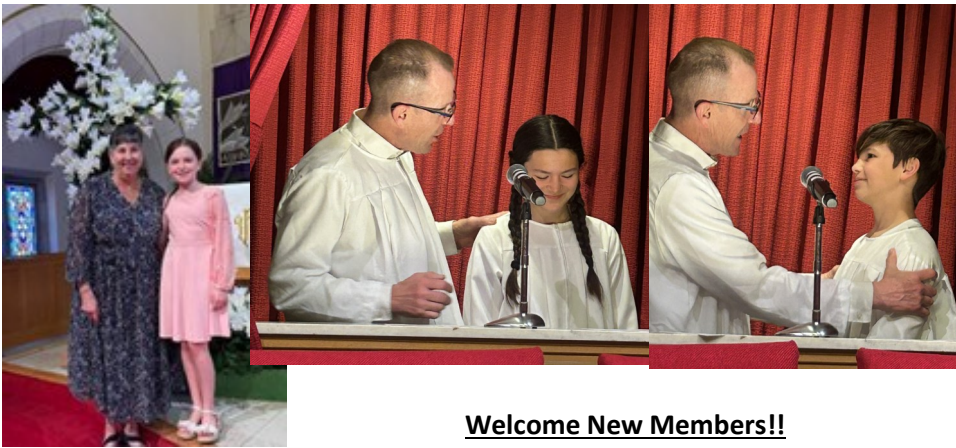
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Easter Baptisms!

We celebrate with Meredith Dull, Nora Damery and Adam Glause their baptisms on Easter Sunday!



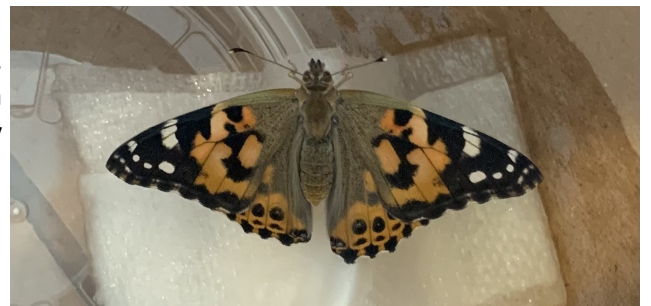
Welcome New Members!!

With joy and thanksgiving, welcome three more new members to the Central family! At the 9:15 service on Easter, Kim Torry joined the church. A lifelong resident of Decatur, Kim has been attending since the beginning of the new year at the invitation of her friend (and Central member) Marla Eovaldi. At the 10:30 service, Ty and Kelly Hildum officially joined Central. They were married at Central in 2011 and have been attending regularly ever since. They also began attending years ago at the invitation of friends of the Miller family, who were already members, and made their connection to Central official on Easter!



We have Butterflies!

Our first Painted Lady butterfly has emerged. We are so excited! Watch for them at church and look for more pictures. Happy Eastertide!



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 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 4/12/26

John 20:19-29

Still... All This for Love

Vicky Woolridge

Happy Birthday!!

(4/12-4/25)



Kim Maple, Liz Campbell,
Hilary Critchfield, John Graham, Marilyn
Mertz, Mike Munos, Nancy King, Maxine
Koenig, Steve Swarthout, Ed Adams, Bruce
Stoddard, Paula Hovey, Madison Larrick,
Amy Zietlow, Melissa Scircle, Clara Damery,
Hadley Fultz, Steven Brooks, Sally
McLemore, Diane Guinn

Celebrating the Ministry of Scott Woolridge

Our own Scott Woolridge will be honored during the prayer time at our 10:30 service on Sunday, April 19. A long-time Associate Minister of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin, retiring from that position during Covid, Scott has continued to serve the general church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as the Director of Disciples Interims. He is stepping down from that position this month and representatives from the wider Disciples of Christ church will be on hand to recognize Scott for his faithful service and years of dedication to promoting healthy congregations. Scott, a life-long member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), received his bachelor's degree from Eureka College, his master's degree from Illinois State University and served as a psychology professor at Eureka College for ten years (1979-1989). He moved to full-time Regional church ministry in early 1992. After 30-plus years as Associate Regional Minister, Scott served as the full time interim senior minister at First Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois. Throughout the years, he has served as a helper, pastor, and resource person to congregations throughout Illinois. He worked with many congregations on visioning and planning, led Transformation Ministries, Leadership Development, as well as Disciples Men's Ministry. Scott has specialized training in Healthy Congregations Ministry; Christian Coaching Ministry; and Interim Ministry. Scott recently retired as the Director of Disciples Interims at Disciples Home Missions, our denominational group that works with churches and leaders in times of transition.



Inviting All VBS Volunteers

Please join us for our VBS Preview on Monday, April 20 from 6-7pm in the Disciples Room. We will share the theme for this year's VBS: Snowball Mountain Challenge – Find Your Strength in God. VBS will be Monday – Thursday, June 15-18, 9am -12noon.

We would love to have anyone come who has been a part of VBS before or if you would like to come and find out more.

Our "wintery" theme makes us think of ice cream, so we will be serving ice cream sundaes. If you have any questions or want more information please reach out to Christine Lyman-Harm, Diana Ritter or Pastor Vicky.

An Extension of An Invitation—Rev. Melinda McDonald

Easter tide means the growing season is in full swing! I will be continuing spiritual development appointments for one-on-one meetings in April. We will keep touch throughout the year at your convenience. Topics we will discuss include possible star word activities (if applicable), looking at a list of spiritual disciplines to see what might appeal to you, lectio divina guidelines, visio divina guidelines, how to engage an examen process, and glancing at a few online devotionals/worship opportunities that I personally can commend.

When we said yes to following Jesus, we accepted the call to be "learning and growing" in faith. Contact me at melinda.mcdonald@ccd-disciples.org or call the church office. The sessions will be 45 minutes for anyone interested in formulating a plan for your personal spiritual development. ***What does it mean for you as a person to live a life in the spirit of Jesus Christ?***

Sunday (12)

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

Monday (13)

9:00-Good Sam volunteer opportunity
9:15-Prayer Group, 401
1:00-DOVE Inc. Children's Clothing Room, 407
1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room

Tuesday (14)

7:00-Journeymen, Conn. Café
9:30-Christcare Stitches, 3R
3:00-Women's Book Club, Connection Café
3:30-Pastoral Support Comm., Conf. Room

Wednesday (15)

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

Thursday (16)

8:00-Emmaus Reunion Group, 401
10:00-Alanon, 401
3:00-John bible study
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (17)

Saturday (18)

9:30-Dalluge visitation
10:30-Dalluge funeral

Sunday (19)

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

Monday (20)

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

Tuesday (21)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:30-ChristCare Stitches, 3R
9:30-Card Ministry, 411/412

Wednesday (22)

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

Thursday (23)

10:00-Alanon, 401
3:00-John bible study
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (24)

Saturday (25)

Sunday (26)

No Children's Sunday School today

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Sunday School
9:15-Contemporary Worship, GH & online
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & online
4:00-Millikin Spring Sing, Sanctuary

Serving Schedule — Sunday, April 12, 2026

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Angie Ingram, Shirley Swarthout
9:15 - Angie Ingram

April Prep Deacons: Larry* & Michele Bafford, Dianne DeVore, Betsy Tietz

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Debbie Hoffert, Carolyn McCall
9:15 - Ellen & Ryan Damery
10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Luke Kirby

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Carolyn Sunderlik, Capt., Dianne Devore
10:30 - Team 6 - Ron & Terry Grant, Mark Kincaid

Greeters:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin
9:15 - Ellen & Ryan Damery
10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib
10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Janet Lyman
9:15 - Travis Wilcoxon

Contemporary Snack Table: Ellen & Ryan Damery

Contemporary Perishable Snacks: "Do Good Donuts"

Nursery and Children's Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, April 12

Nursery: Abigail Clark, Stephani Martin, Kaylee Sommer

Children's Sunday School: Janet Lyman, Christine Lyman-Harm, David Martin, Brittney Moran, Diana Ritter, Kaylee Sommer

Sunday, April 19

Nursery: Abigail Clark, Stephani Martin, Kate Neumann

Children's Sunday School: Janet Lyman, Christine Lyman-Harm, David Martin, Stephani Martin, Brittney Moran, TBA



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Serving Schedule — Sunday, April 19, 2026

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - David Martin, David York
9:15 - David Martin

April Outreach Communion Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Kim Maple, Julie Martin, Linda Rowden, Dave Wagner, Lea West

April Prep Deacons: Larry* & Michele Bafford, Dianne DeVore, Betsy Tietz

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - David King, Dave Wagner
9:15 - Laura & Matt Moma
10:30 - Keith Backes, Cole Shartzter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Bruce Campbell, Capt., Liz Campbell, Charlotte Ballance
10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Hugh & Linda Rowden

Greeters:

8:00 - Dianne DeVore, Carolyn Sunderlik
9:15 - Marla Eovaldi
10:30 - Brett Swallow

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos
10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Sue Ann Cain
9:15 - Marla Eovaldi

Contemporary Snack Table: Laura & Matt Moma

Contemporary Perishable Snacks: Donna Rutherford

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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.

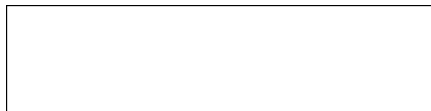
"PRAY" is the only word you should type.

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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