

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 28, 2025, 9:15 AM Central Christian Church

Upcoming Closures

Please note that the church and offices of Central Christian Church will be closed on January 1st, in observance of the holiday.

Blue Note Quintet New Year's Eve Concert

The Blue Note Quintet joined together 7 years ago from a 'Jump Blues' band named "Juke House." Comprised of Manley Mallard on guitar, Mike Lang on Bass, Jaro Howse on drums, Buddy Rogers, saxophone and David McEathron on piano, Blue Note Quintet often joins festivities in other locales around central Illinois.

Food Donations for Northeast Community Fund

Thank you for your generous support of the Grocery Cart. On December 9, 2025, 252 pounds of nonperishable food items were delivered to the Northeast Food Pantry. Our next collection date will be January 4, 2026. Let's start the new year by over flowing the cart with nonperishable items to help our neighbors and community members who may have limited or uncertain access to safe and adequate food.

Here are some suggestions: soup, fruit cups, dried fruit, chili, nuts, rice, canned and pouches of chicken and tuna, boxed rice items, ramen noodles, boxed potato items, snack crackers, pancake mix that only requires water, pancake syrup, canned vegetables, individual apple sauce, and cereal. Of course, these are just suggestions. 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. Thank You!

A Central Christmas Tea

Please save the date for the Women's Tea. It will be Saturday, January 24. Watch for more details.

2026 Offering Envelopes are here!

Offering envelopes for 2026 are available for pickup in the Welcome Center. If you would like yours mailed to you, please contact the church office. If you don't see any with your name but would like to use them, please let us know that as well and we'll see that you get them.

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our ministries!

Are you interested in joining Central?

The only thing required to be a member of Central Christian is having faith in Jesus Christ. If you are moved during the service to confess your faith, or transfer your membership to Central, simply come up to the minister at the communion table during the communion time. If you wish to talk with a minister more about membership, simply let a pastor know after worship.

About our service:

Feel free to bring your **coffee** with you into the worship area.

You are welcome to leave an **offering** with us if you are motivated. Deposit your offering in the box on the north wall behind the worship area or text 217-212-2173 for text-to-give or visit www.cccdisciples.org to give online.

MEDITATION TABLE:

STONES & VASE

Stones represent burden. Put the stones in the vase and leave the burden with God.

CANDLE

Light a candle for any praise or prayer concerns you have.

COMFORT CROSS

Take one with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally.

SCRIPTURE CARDS

Take one and place it where you will see it throughout your week.

PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.



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Luke 10:38-42, The Message

³⁸⁻⁴⁰ As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. "Master, don't you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand."

⁴¹⁻⁴²The Master said, "Martha, dear Martha, you're fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it's the main course, and won't be taken from her."

Luke 10:38-42, NRSVUE

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."



Serving Today, 12/28

Elder – Kim Miller Deacon – Angie & Ron Ingram Greeter – Marla Eovaldi (Great Hall) & Laura Kappler (upstairs) Liturgist – Theresa Fulk Snacks – Susie Turner

Serving Next Sunday, 1/4

Elder – Tom Spry

Deacon – Hugh & Linda Rowden

Greeter – Andy & Theresa Fulk

Liturgist – Travis Wilcoxen

Snacks – Laura Kappler