

# The Messenger

## Central United Methodist Church

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### THE SHOULDERS ON WHICH WE STAND

On Memorial Day Americans honor those who gave their lives in the service of the nation, defending its principles and our liberty to live as we do. Some say that each new generation of people stands on the shoulders of prior generations. Memorial Day puts us in touch with that idea and allows us to say thanks to a significant group of those on whose shoulders we stand. At Central Church, we have made the Sunday before this national holiday "Memorial Sunday," a time to honor members who gave their service and lives to make this community of faith what it is. We read the names of our members who died in the last year, remembered these specific people and gave thanks for all of those who have gone before us at Central. Indeed, they are the ones on whose shoulders Central Church stands today.

In addition to the most precious heritage of Christian witness and service we received from those who went before us, we also inherit tangible resources from the past. Our beautiful and useful building is a great asset. Most of it is a gift from the past: those who built the Sanctuary building in the 1920's and paid for it; those who built Finke Hall in the 1950's and paid for it; and those who envisioned Child Care's Infant/Toddler wing in the 1990's, the cost of which will be fully paid by the end of this year.

Our other greatest tangible resource is our Endowment Fund, the principal of which has now grown to \$1,000,000+. A quarter century ago, visionary leaders, who loved Central and wanted to insure that its ministries would continue, set up the Endowment for gifts to support the ongoing mission and ministry of this church. The concept of endowment is that the gifts are invested, and the earnings from the investments are used for their dedicated purpose, but the gifts themselves (the principal of the account) are not spent, so that it can continue to provide annual earnings in support of its purposes.

The By-Laws of Central Endowment specify that the earnings will be divided in a roughly equal way between "property maintenance" (Fund A) and "service to others" (Fund B). Fund A is to be used for capital improvements and additions to the land and buildings of the church or major/infrequent repairs. Fund B is to provide income for programs that give service to others with special consideration given to providing services to those in our community. The Endowment Board with Church Council support now follows a formula most endowments use to determine the annual earnings to distribute: 4% of the average principal of the past 3 years (the ending balance for the prior twelve quarters

those years). Central Endowment Fund now distributes over \$40,000 annually between the funds.

The Endowment Fund Governing Board invites requests for gifts from this year's distributions. If you have an appropriate idea for their use, please submit a request with the amount and how the gift would be used, no later than July 31, to the Church Office to the attention of Endowment Fund Requests.

We are blessed that Central UMC members and friends have generously contributed to the Endowment Fund. This generosity enables us to give back to the ministries of our Church and to provide financial support to groups and organizations within our community. The faithfulness and generosity of these have given us broad "shoulders" on which to stand and minister on behalf of Christ. We are not only grateful for this but also rightly inspired to reflect on what legacy we will leave the church a generation from now. We will leave the resource of a wonderful Family Life Center, built in a more affordable way because the volunteer labor of many and the Endowment Fund having enough prior gifts to make a low-interest loan. Through continued generous giving to Vision 2012, that loan should be nearly paid off in three years and the Director of Outreach Ministries position should be funded through 2011. Our capital gifts to wipe out the debt and fund new growth are ways we give "shoulders" on which the next generation at Central can stand.

In addition to what we give during life, we can also include an estate gift to Central at our death. If not specifically designated, 50% of a bequest to the church goes to Endowment and generally the other half goes to other capital needs; however, you can designate your gift to go 100% to Endowment or some other church use or come up with your own formula for dividing a gift among purposes you want to support. People who write such gifts into their wills say it is a great feeling to know that what they believe in will continue stronger even after their death because of their planned estate bequest.

Your Pastor,



**REV. EASLEY AWAY IN LATE JUNE**

Rev. Easley will be away from normal pastoral work at the end of June and in early July. He and **Ned Conder** will attend Annual Conference at Ball State University in Muncie June 25-28, leaving Wednesday late afternoon and returning Sunday late afternoon, but beginning vacation immediately after that. If there is a pastoral need while he is gone, call the church office (424-3574) or **Carol Crabtree** (402-1809).

## IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- June 7 Trinity Sunday Communion  
Youth Mission Work Camp Send-Off  
Scriptures: John 3:1-17  
Sermon: "Papa, Jesus and Spirit in the Shack"
- June 14 Scriptures: Mark 4:26-34  
Sermon: "Alternative Wisdom: Why Jesus Is Not Clearer"
- June 21 Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
Sermon: "Alternative Power: God for the Underdog"
- June 28 **Mike Warneke** preaching (**Rev. Joe** at Annual Conference session in Muncie)  
Scriptures: Psalm 23; Matthew 28: 16-20; Jude 17-23  
Sermon: "Your Story to Share"

## GRADUATES

**Clay Boylls** is graduating from Central High School. While at Central, **Clay** was on both the football and track teams and was on the Homecoming Court. He will be graduating Magna Cum Laude and will be attending USI. **Clay** is the son of **Mark and Pam Boylls** and the grandson of **Betty Romain**.

**Alexis Blythe-Meece** graduated in December from Western Kentucky University. **Alexis** will begin graduate work in Social Work at the University of Louisville this fall while interning in a Louisville middle school. Alexis is the daughter of **Tracy and Mike Meece**

**Danielle Meece** is graduating with honors from Castle High School. She will be going to Western Kentucky University. **Danielle** is the daughter of **Tracy and Mike Meece**

**Andrew Wilson** is graduating from North High School with an Academic Honors diploma with a cumulative GPA of 3.85. He is a two year member of the National Honor Society and he earned his Eagle Scout Award in October. **Andrew** was a four-year member of the Spanish Club and student council, and was a Link leader for three years. He ran cross country his sophomore year, earned a varsity letter in soccer all four years, and a varsity letter in swimming his sophomore through senior years. **Andrew** was also awarded the N-Men's award for swim his junior and senior years. He is going to attend Indiana University and major in biology with plans to become a dentist. **Andrew** is the son of **Shane and Leitha Wilson** and the grandson of **Jo and Earl Wilson**.

## YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP UPDATE

A men's and women's young adult small group study will continue to meet during the month of June. We will be meeting at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. We will begin each meeting by sharing a meal at 5:30 and breaking up into our small groups at 6:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided here at the church at the cost of \$2 per child. Our first study on the book **Soul Cravings**, by Erwin McManus will continue through the month of June. Please talk to **Mike Warneke** if you would like more information on upcoming studies.

## PRAY FOR CLUSTER CONGREGATIONS

When you pray for Central, remember to pray for the other churches in our Center City Cluster: Fairlawn UMC, St. John's UMC, St. Lucas UCC and Trinity UMC.

## 1ST ANNUAL MEN'S CREATION EXPERIENCE

It is time to hit the road and enjoy the beauty and grace of West Virginia. The men of the church are invited to attend an action packed weekend in the New River Gorge area of West Virginia. This will be a time of getting in touch with God through his creation and building fellowship and accountability with one another through Bible study and shared experiences. We will be spending some time white water rafting, taking a canopy tour through the beautiful surroundings, and enjoy time spent in God's creation. The dates of this trip will be September 10-13, and the cost will depend upon the number of those attending. Please talk with **Mike Warneke** if you are interested in pursuing this venture, and get your name on the list as soon as possible. The trip roster will need to be finalized by the end of June to ensure reservations for all activities.

## WORSHIP TASK FORCE

The Worship Task Force will have its first meeting on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Library following the second service. We invite everyone that has shown interest in serving on this team to attend with an open heart and an open mind as we move forward together. It is our goal at this meeting to lay the groundwork of what our task force hopes to accomplish and set up a basic structure in hopes of achieving our goals to ultimately better meet the needs of our Central family. If you would still like to serve on this task force please talk with **Mike Warneke** or **Brandon Daugherty** prior to our June meeting.

## FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT JUNE 16 PICNIC

Free fun, food and fellowship can be found at an Ecumenical Picnic Pot-Luck sponsored by CUMC, Parke Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Anthony Catholic Church and St. Lucas United Church of Christ on Tuesday, June 16 in our Garden Room. Arrive between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. The fun begins with entertainment by the SWIRCA Kitchen Band at 5:30 p.m. For children there will be supervised play and face-painting in the Shalom Play Area. Food will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bratwurst, sauerkraut, hot dogs, soft drinks, place settings and soft ice cream will be provided. Central folks are asked to bring a hot side dish. Other churches are bringing other items. You will not want to miss the great fellowship.

## RE-KEYING CONSIDERED AFTER DISAPPEARANCES

Over the last few couple of years every once in a while small items have disappeared from the church. The latest was a box full of donations members had brought in for our Youth Group's "Teens Helping Teens" collection for the Evansville Youth Home in May. The disappearances have often been small items in Child Care rooms and several times batteries out of air fresheners. Nearly all have happened on weekends, usually after 5:30 p.m. Friday and before Sunday morning. We are looking into additional security measures, including getting a bid on re-keying the outer doors of the church. It is not an uncommon problem with churches, because so many different people need keys for one reason or another, that a key eventually falls into the wrong hands. With as much use as this building gets it is not surprising, after new locks 10 years ago, that this may have happened here. Even as the Trustees consider putting new locks on the outside doors, please be more careful about leaving items of value in the building.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gage Root  
Rob Updyke
- 3 Claire Dugan
- 5 Mary Schreiber
- 8 Monica Schreiber
- 9 Al Kaltofen  
Tim O'Bryan
- 10 Brent Huey  
April Johnson  
Michael Turner
- 12 Leitha Wilson
- 14 Carlen R. Gant  
Adam Herring
- 15 Jayne Aki  
Gayle Bain  
Madelyn Morse
- 16 Sharon McGuire  
Debbie Wagner
- 17 Chastity Johnson
- 18 Ron Counts
- 19 Charles Emsweller
- 20 Doreen Woundy
- 22 Barbara Barthel
- 23 Mollie Affolter  
Robert Gerding  
David Schnakenburg
- 25 Amber Schreiber
- 26 John Dillow  
Vanessa O'Bryan
- 27 Kelsey Brown  
Paul Rice
- 28 Allison Morgan  
Victor Stone
- 29 Patti Easley  
David Henzman



**WELCOME** to **Henry Matthew Schreiber** who was born on April 28 to **Scott and Amber Schreiber**. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 21 1/2 inches. He was welcomed by his sister, **Aubrey**, his grandparents, **Ken and Mary Schreiber**, aunts and uncles, **Rhett, Amanda, Matt, Monica** and cousins....and to **Kylee Marie Duncan** who was born on May 16 to **Doug and Krystal Duncan**. She was welcomed by her grandparents, **Pat and Janet Duncan**, uncle and aunt, Jeff and Amy, cousin, Nathan, great grandmother, **Kathryn Duncan** and great uncle and great aunt **Jack and Linda Wambach**.

### HACIENDA DAY – JUNE 7

The 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Hacienda will give back to Central 20% of sales on June 7, if the person has the proper “coupon” from the church at the time the bill is paid. Please follow the rules on it. Covered are food purchases (eat in or take out) anytime that day and gift cards bought then. The “give-back” amount will go to the Family Life Center Building Fund. If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase Hacienda gift cards, please see **Gloria Millay, Hilda Higgs, Imogene Lutz** or **Bob DeVillez**. They will take your order and money to purchase them for you and it will go towards the 20% earned for the FLC. By the way, if you see **Steve and Gloria Millay** that day wish them a Happy Anniversary.

### SENIOR CITIZEN’S LUNCHEON

The Senior Citizen’s Luncheon will be Thursday, June 18 at 12 noon, in the Garden Room. It will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Tell and a carry-in. Please call **Velma Berry** if you have any questions, 477-5871.



Teacher Appreciation Week was May 4-8. Every day teachers were recognized for their hard work and dedication.

The preschool graduation for Ms. Karla's, Ms. Larissa's and Ms. Sharon's rooms was held on May 14. A reception followed the commencement in the Family Life Center.

### SANTA CLAUS GOLF SCRAMBLE – JUNE 18

The Santa Claus Camp Golf Scramble is 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18 at Christmas Lake Golf Course. \$65 covers 18 holes, cart, prizes, range balls, and food afterwards. Sponsors (\$100 and up) are also sought. Send registration or sponsorship by June 5 to David and Connie Nigg, 1200 N. Bluegrass Lane, Jasper, IN 47546 with a check to “Santa Claus Campground Trust, Inc.” Contact David or Connie at 812-482-9337 or [davcon@netsurfusa.net](mailto:davcon@netsurfusa.net).

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Dan Norton, son-in-law of former members Jim and May Ella Bruner, who died April 20 at home in Indianapolis. His wife, Barbara, was a member and they were married here. The funeral was Saturday, April 25, in Indianapolis with a remembrance service in Evansville. Barbara is also the niece of **Carolyn Brockelman** and cousin of **Bill and Jeanne Brockelman** and **Lynn Kratzer**....and to **Josh and Amy Barron and family** on the death of **Josh’s** mother, Susie Gardner, who died Sunday, May 3. The funeral was held Thursday, May 7 at St. Joseph Church with burial being at St. Joseph Church Cemetery....and to **Alan and Linda Eggleston, Michael Eggleston, Carrie Slaubaugh, Mary Ellen Hasenmyer and family** on the death of their son, brother and grandson, **Steve**, who died Monday, May 11. The funeral was Friday, May 15, at Browning Funeral Home. ....and to the family of **Don Schwitz**, who died, Wednesday May 13. The funeral was at Browning Funeral Home with a private burial. **Don** and his wife, **Lavern**, became members of Central on March 17, 2002. **Lavern** died November 27, 2008.

### MISSING DRINK CONTAINER

A drink cambros (brown drink containers) is apparently missing from the kitchen. It is a large insulated container for either hot or cold liquid that is tall and rectangular with a recessed dispenser spigot under which a cup or glass can be placed and be filled with hot or cold drink. If you borrowed one of these or happen to see it somewhere in the church, let the office know.

### THANK YOU

We want to thank the anonymous donors for their generosity and also the church committee for making the decision to give us the \$1,000 scholarship towards our college education. This was an unexpected award which we appreciate very much. We will be using the money to help pay for this fall’s semester. Thank you very much!

**Jacob and Jordon Kluesner**

Dear Central friends and family,  
We want to thank everyone for their presence, cards, flowers, and prayers during this especially difficult time in our lives. Susie was a very special person and will be missed beyond belief. We are so grateful for our friends and family at Central and cannot thank everyone enough.  
In Christ, **Josh, Amy, and Caroline Barron**

## SCHNUCK'S GIVES BACK TO OUR CHURCH

Stop by the customer service counter of your favorite Schnuck's Grocery Store and sign up for an "eScrip Customer Card." Present the card every time you shop and Schnuck's contributes a percentage of your monthly purchases back to Central. Just make sure and tell them you want your percentage back to go to the church and don't forget to use your card every time you shop at Schnuck's.

## SUMMER CAMP STAFF ADDITIONS:

Ashley Eberhard, **Matthew Hartz**, Brittany Rice, Cynthia May, Laurie Hall and **Cynthia Hamon**.

**SPECIAL THANKS...** to **Bob Romain** and **David Romain** for installing the fire doors between the existing building and the Family Life Center.

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to **Joy Noel Halbig** and Aaron McDowell. Their wedding was Saturday, May 30 at Central. **Tom and Joy Halbig** are **Joy's** parents. They will be making their home at: 2059 E. 84<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 1B Merrillville, IN 46410.

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY CHANGE FOR SANTA CLAUS CAMPGROUND

May 31<sup>st</sup> all change collected will go to the Santa Claus Campground Trust.

## FRIED CHICKEN DINNER AND GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

Saturday, July 11 Salem Church of Darmstadt 14134 Darmstadt Road will have a Fried Chicken Dinner and Gospel Music Concert to benefit the Weekday Christian Education. Dinner will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Southlanders Gospel Quartet will be singing at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for Adults (meal and concert), \$8:00 Adult meal only, \$4.00 (concert only), and \$5.00 Child (10 & under no extra charge for the concert). Order tickets by calling the Weekday Christian Education office (425-3524) or purchase at the door.

## POSTCARD MAILED APRIL 28, 2009

***Billy Jines** (the son of **Angie and Bob Francis**, one of our young adults and a student at USI) is studying this semester in northwest Spain. Near there is the famous church, where supposedly St. James' bones were taken and buried. In medieval times it became a major pilgrimage site. Billy walked half the long trail (about 100 miles, we think) leading to it this April as part of a major annual pilgrimage during Holy Week. See on the bulletin board a postcard he sent us. On the front is a picture of the church; on the back he describes his spiritual experience:*

Hi Joe,  
I hope everything is going well back home. Doing the Camino de Santiago was the best decision I ever made. It was so hard on me. God broke me down mentally, physically, & emotionally. This trip was the best thing that could have happened to me. It really made me grow with my relationship with God. I had a lot of time to talk to him. I would have never made it those 200 miles without him. I can't wait to get back to church. Take care & God bless!

**Billy Jines**

## MEET YOUR MISSION THE RACK SHACK AND FOOD PANTRY

The Rack Shack is on the move. The Garden Room stage is being remodeled into a spacious show room. This space and the storage room across from the stage will become the new Rack Shack. This new location places the Rack Shack next to the Food Bank. The convenience of this, for both workers and those we serve, is very helpful. The move will be soon --so save your household items and clothing until after the grand opening. Your household goods and clothing provide a wonderful service for the neighborhood.

The Food Bank is also always in need of your gifts of food and paper products. At the moment, cereal products are in great demand. Toilet paper and paper towels are, of course, also needed. So, fill a sack with these desired goods and drop it off at the food bank or in the grocery cart in the rear of the sanctuary.

These are two tremendous missions that you, Central, provide. Thank you! The Missions Team

## NEW ROOFS ARE LEAK-FREE

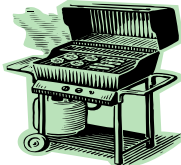


Work to install a complete new roof on the original church building and Finke Hall finished in February. It costs \$123,200 but was done very professionally and has a 20-year guarantee. \$23,200 was paid from Trustee Major Maintenance funds, and \$100,000 was borrowed from the Endowment Fund. This will be paid back with interest over the next five years, from the Trustees annual distribution from Endowment.

The roofing company had also agreed to patch leaks in a section of roof on the Child Care Infant/Toddler wing, where it connected with Finke Hall. That building is just 10 years old, but the hallway had frequent leaks, even after a partial new roof (costing about \$2,500) was put on by another company in early 2008. After more patching there were still leaks, sometimes days after rain; we also found that water collected under the new partial roof. Midwest Roofing discovered after thorough investigation that the source of the water was not the roof itself but that the flashings where the roof ended could not properly seal against the Finke Hall brick that had grooves in them. Counter-flashings were needed at the connection for a good seal. At a cost of \$8,200 with a 20-year guarantee they stripped the old roofs from this area and installed a new roof with the proper counter flashings. Child Care paid half this bill and the Trustees could cover the other half from Major Maintenance—thanks to a recent \$5,000.

Good news! Since this was completed in late April, the roof got good tests with a couple of heavy rains with strong winds. It did not leak, nor have there been any leaks in the church or Finke Hall since they got new roofs. With a manufacturer's warranty and the extended guarantee of the top commercial roofer in the area, we should not have any more problems on these roofs for 20 years. (Trustees will seek to plan and budget for the 11-year old roof on the rest of the Child Care wing could wear out in a few years.)

## WORLD VISION EXPERIENCE: AIDS

Come walk in the steps of a child living in an AIDS-affected community in Africa. This interactive exhibit features a stirring audio tour combined with captivating photography that will transport you to the heart of Africa. You'll gain a completely new perspective on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time. The Experience will be open from May 31 to June 7, at the campus of Christian Fellowship Church. Free tickets and additional information is available online at [www.worldvisionexperience.org](http://www.worldvisionexperience.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>JUNE 2009</h1> 						
<b>Services Every Sunday: 8:30 A. M. Contemporary Service 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service</b>						
	1 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack  6:00 Trustee Meeting – Ch O	2 9:00 Church Staff Mtg. 10:00 Martha Elizabeth Cir. – Library 6:00 Post Partum Group – Library 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	3 11:00 Wednesday Friends - Trinity Room 6:15 <u>John</u> Study - Library 7:30 Men's Basketball - FLC	4 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 11:00 VBS Mtg. – Library 6:00 Worship Mtg. – Library	5 Staff Dress Down Day	6 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N A Mtg. - Library
7 Communion Hacienda Day   Youth Mission Trip/Ichthus →	8 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack  4:30 Outreach Mtg. – Ch-O →	9 9:00 Church Staff Meeting 2:00 Small Accountability 5:15 Shalom Team – St. Lucas 6:00 City 5 Yr Plan Hearing – Garden Room 6:30 Mission Team - Library 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	10 11:45 JNIA – Trinity Room 6:15 <u>John</u> Study - Library 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Men's Basketball - FLC	11 4'Cs Work Shop – Garden 7:30 JACC Mtg. Library 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 11:00 Minister's Mtg. - Library 2:00 Mary-Barb Brooks Cir. -Library 5:00 FLC Rented for Basketball	12 5:30 Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room	13 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N A Mtg. – Library 2:00 Lutz Wedding Reception - Garden Room
14 2:00 Pre-Conference Briefing – Lynnville  Youth Return from Ichthus	15 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 6:00 Executive Church Council – Nolte Room	16 8:30 Full Church Staff 11:15 Ladies Book Club – Hacienda 5:30 Ecumenical Picnic - Garden Room 6:00 Post Partum Group – Library 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	17 10:00 Executive UMW -- Library 11:00 Wednesday Friends – Trinity Room 6:15 <u>John</u> Study - Library 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Men's Basketball - FLC	18 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 12:00 Senior Citizens - Garden Room 6:00 CAJE Celebration Dinner & Kick Off – Garden	19 12:00 Messenger Deadline  5:00 Peterson/Hartz Wedding Rehearsal	20 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N A Mtg. – Library  5:00 Peterson/Hartz Wedding
21 Father's Day   Bell Choir to Perform	22 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 6:00 CAJE Mtg. - Library	23 9:00 Church Staff Mtg. 5:45 Nurture Team Mtg. – Church Office 6:15 Staff-Parish – Library 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	24 10:00 UMW Luncheon – Bea Conder Circle - Garden 6:15 <u>John</u> Study - Library 7:30 Men's Basketball - FLC	25 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 5:00 FLC Rented for Basketball 5:15 Flood of Justice – Ch-O ← Annual Conference	26 5:30 Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room  in Muncie June 25-28 →	27 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N A Mtg. – Library  → →
28 11:45 Worship Task Force – Library 5:00 Shalom Neighborhood Dinner – St. Lucas  Annual Conference Last Day	29 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack	30 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group			