

RECITAL BY ORGANIST'S STUDENTS TODAY

Our organist Carolyn Howard and her piano students, which include Evan Lynch, have a recital at 2:00 p.m. today at Northwoods Church, 9920 N. Green River Road. A reception follows. All are invited to both.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S MUSICAL TONIGHT

Our secretary, Lisa Miner, has put a flyer on the bulletin board to invite anyone interested to attend her church's Christmas Children's musical, "The Great Late Potentate". It is an excellent musical and she is proud to say that her daughter Christie is directing it.

PROGRESS ON PAYING FOR WILLIAM'S CAR

We have commitments for 3/4 of the cost of the car we bought William Mpere-Gyekye so he can fulfill his duties in the chaplaincy residency. Contact Pastor Joe, if you would like to help with the remainder.

DAVE CRAIG TO RETIRE

Dave Craig, who is the evening custodian for the Child Care, is retiring. Dave has been loyal, dependable and friendly and we wish him well on his retirement. We will miss him. His last day working is today.

2010 BUDGET ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Please pick up your 2010 Budget envelopes in the Parlor. We are trying to be good stewards of the Lord's money and feel that saving the costs of mailing the envelopes would be a wise thing. We understand that some are unable to get theirs and we can see that those get mailed.

U M YOUTH HOME HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Central members and organized groups have many opportunities to provide support to the Youth Home during the holiday season. Please prayerfully consider answering the call for one of the following:

- Run a collection drive for supplies or gifts
- Invite the girls to a holiday event at our church
- Visit the Youth Home for caroling
- Take a special offering to be sent to the Youth Home
- Purchase items from their Holiday Wish List (posted on the bulletin board)
- Sponsor a recreational outing for the girls during their holiday break from school (movie tickets, skating passes, Fired Up party, lunch out, etc.)
- Host a Live and Learn activity during their holiday break

If you or your group is interested in pursuing an opportunity, please contact Kim White at 459-5153.

Welcome

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Central is a family church, with generations of families making their home here. Central is also a mission-oriented church, sharing the love and good news of the gospel with one another, our neighborhood, our community, and the world, as you will see throughout our ministries, events, and announcements for this week. We would love to be your church home, but if you are just here for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey!

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Worship (One Service, Dec. 13, 20 & 27)

Sunday School: (Classes for all ages) 10:45 a.m. (Dec. 13, 20 & 27)

Prayer: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Emmaus Prayer Group - Parlor

Chancel Choir: Wednesday 6:15 p.m. - Choir Room

Hand Bell Choir: Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Hand Bell Room

Youth: Wednesday 5:30 p.m. - Youth Room

Quilting: Thursday 9:00 a.m. - FaHoLo Room

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Food Pantry: Monday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Rack Shack: (Used items/Clothes) Monday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tutoring: Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Power: (Neighborhood Children 5-11) Wednesday 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 4:00 p.m. Caroling & Chili Supper – Meet at Canopy Door

Monday 4:30 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting – Trinity Room

6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting – Trinity Room

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Full Church Staff Meeting – Church Office

11:15 p.m. Literary Ladies – Kennel Club

6:00 p.m. Child Care Christmas Program – Sanctuary

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. UMW Christmas Luncheon – Garden Room

Thursday 12:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon – Garden

5:30 p.m. Worship Task Force Meeting – Library

6:00 p.m. Evansville Chess Club – Trinity Room

Friday 12:00 p.m. Messenger Deadline

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MEETINGS & EVENTS THIS WEEK CONTINUED

Friday 6:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party – Easley’s Home
Saturday 12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library
Sunday 5:00 p.m. Shalom Neighborhood Dinner – FLC
6:00 p.m. Nativity Film – Garden Room



PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

Central, Fairlawn, St. John’s and Trinity UMC, plus St. Lucas UCC.

Budget Envelope Giving Last Week \$9,135
Giving Year-To-Date \$321,407
Needed Weekly \$6,680 Needed Year-to-Date \$327,320

TODAY BEGINS 3 SUNDAYS OF ONE SERVICE AT 9:30

Welcome to today’s special worship service with the Christmas Pageant our children have been preparing for us. For the remaining Sundays of December we will have one service at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday School at 10:45 a.m. The Choir will present a wonderful cantata The Mystery and the Majesty next Sunday. On December 27 the service will be led by our praise band.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & CHILI AT 4 PM TODAY

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. we will gather at the canopy entrance to go caroling at the Youth Home. The church van and other vehicles will take us there to sing and then return us to the church to share chili, etc. All are invited to share in this.

COMPASS CLASS COOKIE SALE

The Compass Class is again offering delicious home made cookies and candy for sale on Sunday, December 20 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The price is still \$5.00 a pound and gift boxes will be provided. Come and join us for some delicious treats.

THE NATIVITY STORY

You are invited to a special viewing of “The Nativity Story” next Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Room There will be light refreshments provided, so please come and enjoy this moving film as we inch ever closer to Christmas.

ANGEL TREE GIFT/FOOD BOXES TO NOLTE ROOM

Today is the last day to return your Angel Tree gifts or family Food Boxes. You may take these directly to the Nolte Room in the Family Life Center or you can leave these in the Office, if that is easier for you. If you forgot yours today, please arrange with Linda Sanders to get your gift here ASAP.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

There are envelopes in the pews to make a special Christmas Offering to honor Jesus’ birth and support Central UMC in its sharing the “Good news of great joy for all the people,” as sung by the angels (*Luke 2:10*).

SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon will be Thursday, December 17, at 12 noon, in the Garden Room. There will be music and games along with a catered meal. Please call **Velma Berry** at 477-5871 to RSVP.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION – 11:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship with us on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at our beautiful and traditional Candle-light Communion Service at 11:00 p.m.

LOAVES & FISHES GIVING DEADLINE

Today is the last day to make a gift to Central’s Loaves & Fishes Fund in honor or memory of someone and to have the donation listed in next Sunday’s bulletin. To do this, complete a form today and attach payment for whatever amount you want to give placing the form in either the offering plate or by leaving it on the secretary’s desk.

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL - DECEMBER 20

The Shalom Zone’s monthly free neighborhood meal will be next Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in our Family Life Center. St. Anthony Church will also be preparing some care packets for those community folks who attend the meal. They are in need of men’s deodorant for these packets and invite donations. They will be assembling these packets from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 19 at St. Anthony’s Family Life Center. Please call Lisa Covington (423-5029 work or 303-8865 home) if you can help with their assembly.

SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE WITH CHURCH COUNCIL DECEMBER 14

The Church Council meets tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. to set a budget for 2010 and conduct any other business needing attention this year. At 7:00 p.m. Rev. Alan Amstutz, Pastor at Trinity, will be here to conduct a very brief special Charge Conference, which is required to set pastoral support items approved as part of the final budget.

ROMANS STUDY RESUMES DECEMBER 30 & JANUARY 6

The last two sessions of the Romans study will be held at 6:10 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 30 and January 6.