

2010 BUDGET ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Your 2010 Budget envelopes are in the Parlor ready to be picked up. We are trying to be good stewards of the Lords 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.

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST COOKIE WALK

Simpson UMC has invited us to attend their Cookie Walk. The proceeds will benefit Weekday Christian Education and the United Methodist Youth Home. The date is December 12 and it is from 9:00-11:00 a.m. There is a flyer on the back bulletin board for all the details.

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) 10:30 a.m. (Next 3 Sundays)

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 6:00 p.m. Family Advent Night – Garden Room

Monday 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Church Office

7:00 p.m. Bea Conder Circle – Kennel Club

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

2:00 p.m. Small Accountability Group – Library

5:15 p.m. Shalom Team Meeting – Trinity Room

6:00 p.m. US Class Christmas Party – Garden Room

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Mary-Martha Circle – Trinity Room

Thursday 7:30 a.m. JACC Meeting – Library

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

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting – Library

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MEETINGS & EVENTS THIS WEEK CONTINUED

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Kiwanis Breakfast for Power – FLC
12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library
3:00 p.m. Rupp Family – Garden Room
Sunday 4:00 p.m. Caroling & Chili Supper – Canopy Door



DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

Sheri Seymour

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

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

Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$6,761
Giving Year-To-Date	\$312,272
Needed Weekly \$6,680	Needed Year-to-Date \$320,640

**SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
WITH CHURCH COUNCIL DECEMBER 14**

At the conclusion of the Church Council meeting, which is 6:00 p.m. next Monday, December 14, we will have a very brief special Charge Conference to officially set pastoral support items as part of the 2010 budget.

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT TONIGHT

Tonight is Family Advent Night — a great way to start the Advent Season. We’ll have Santa with us for pictures, plenty to eat, crafts for young and old and beautiful music! There will be games for the little ones and freshly baked cookies to decorate. Something for all ages!! Just bring a finger food to share and come join the party from 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Garden Room.

BOXES FOR FOOD PANTRY TODAY

Today you were invited to bring one or more boxes of staple food items for distribution through our food pantry. You may also write a check to “Central UMC” and clearly write on it “Food Pantry.”

PROGRESS ON PAYING FOR CAR FOR WILLIAM

We have commitments for 2/3 of the cost of the car bought for William Mperre-Gyekye to help him fulfill his duties in the chaplaincy residency. Contact Pastor Joe, if you would like to help with the final \$900.

COMPASS CLASS COOKIE SALE

Too busy to make your Christmas baked goodies? 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.

PAGEANT BEGINS 3 SUNDAYS OF ONE SERVICE AT 9:30

Next Sunday, December 13 our children will share the Christmas Pageant they have been preparing for us. For that day and 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 their Cantata on December 20 and the December 27 service will be led by our praise band.

LOAVES & FISHES AND POINSETTIAS

Remember your loved one(s) with a gift to Central’s Loaves & Fishes Ministry or with a pink, white or red poinsettia (\$10.00). Wednesday, December 9, is the last day to order a poinsettia. More order forms are available on the back table.

ONE SERVICE 11:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Christmas Eve at our beautiful and traditional Candle-light Communion Service at 11:00 p.m. It will be our only service that day. The Worship Team will continue to consider offering an earlier family service in future years, but there was not enough interest this year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new members Flossie Wilson, Carolyn Howard and Stephanie Orth, all of whom were received at our 10:30 service last Sunday. Flossie had attended Central for over 10 years, but she was recently “inspired” by Dorothy Wittmann transferring her membership to Central, since both had first come to Central through the Senior Citizen’s group. Carolyn is our new organist and Stephanie is her daughter, who is a sophomore at Signature School. All three come by transfer from congregations of other denominations. We are so glad they want to live out—and grow in—their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ through the Central UMC community of faith. Welcome!

ROMANS STUDY CONCLUDING DEC. 30 & JAN. 6

Because of preparation for the Christmas Cantata and other holiday commitments, the last two nights of the Study of Roman on Wednesday nights are being postponed until December 30 and January 6.