

SWEET SLEEP COFFEE, TEA AND COCOA SALES AND BLACK GOLD FILM

Thank you so much for your recent purchases to help Tyler, Alexis, Danielle, and Mike travel to Uganda to build beds for orphans. The products that you ordered will be ready for pick-up next Sunday, February 21 following both services down in the Garden Room. We will also be showing a film entitled Black Gold at the end of both services that sheds light on the coffee system that often leaves the coffee farmers on the other end of our lattes in utter poverty. You are encouraged to stay and watch some of the film as you pick up your orders. Due to the format of ordering these products, we will also have quite a bit of overstock, so even if you did not get the chance to order, please stop by and pick something up on the 21st.

FREE CLASSROOM TRAINING

If you or someone you know is interested in up to 300 hours of free training in a manufacturing facility in Evansville or Mt. Vernon, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

22ND ANNUAL YMCA PANCAKE DAYS

Help the YMCA provide scholarships for children and families that are unable to afford program fees by supporting the YMCA Pancake Days. Next weekend, you can eat all the pancakes you want on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20 from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 21 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults (13 yrs. and older) and \$3.00 for Youth (Under 3 yrs. free). Additional details are on the bulletin board.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Worship Team has Lenten devotions for your use during this season of reflecting. Each day has a short scripture, words or a story to accompany it and a prayer. The devotions will be available to pick up in the back before and after both services today. These devotions are a fund raiser for the Society of St. Andrews (UMCOR Advance # 801600), a grassroots, faith-based, hunger relief nonprofit working with all denominations to bridge the hunger gap between 96 billion pounds of food wasted every year in this country and nearly 40 million Americans live in poverty. So please bring a few dollars for a devotion and prepare to explore *Who Is Jesus To You?* during Lent.

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: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary & 10:30 a.m. Traditional

Sunday School: (Classes for all ages) 9:30 a.m.

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 3:00 p.m. Center City Cluster – Fairlawn UMC

Monday 7:00 p.m. Bee Conder Circle – Gloria Millay, Hostess

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

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Friends – Trinity Room

Thursday 3:00 p.m. Child Care Team Meeting – Library

6:00 p.m. Justice Ministry Network Mtg. – Nolte Room

6:00 p.m. Chess Club – Trinity Room

Friday 12:00 p.m. Messenger Deadline

Saturday 7:15 a.m. UM Men's Lenten Breakfast – Simpson UMC

12:00 p.m. Prayer Lunch – Trinity Room

12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library

6:00 p.m. Young Adult Christmas Party – Log Inn

Sunday 9:45 & 11:45 a.m. Coffee & Tea Pickup – Garden Room

9:45 & 11:45 a.m. Black Gold Film – Garden Room



HOSPITALIZED
Deaconess: Jake Lowey
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL
Hazel Cantrell Susan Rideout

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER
 Central, Fairlawn, St. John's and Trinity UMC, plus St. Lucas UCC.

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| Budget Envelope Giving Last Week | \$11,414 |
| Giving Year-To-Date | \$42,687 |
| Needed Weekly \$6,552 | Needed Year-to-Date \$38,736 |

ALTAR FLOWERS were given by Peggy Huey – I send out all my love to my family, my friends, and my church family. Happy Valentines Day!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Bunny & Mollie Affolter. They are celebrating their 69th Wedding Anniversary today! They were married on Valentines Day, February 14, 1941.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - FEBRUARY 17

This Wednesday begins Lent, a time to reflect on the unlimited love of God and the meaning of following Jesus Christ. We will begin Lent with Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m., where we will impose the traditional sign of ashes used to help us acknowledge our limits and be humble before God. The choir will sing and Rev. Easley will preach on “Honestly Facing Ourselves—and God”.

“SOCIAL PRINCIPLES” STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 24

Rev. Easley will lead a 6-week study of “The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church” beginning Wednesday, February 24 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. The study will challenge us to think faithfully about the issues of the world around us and discern our response to the cultural pressures and social structures that is grounded in a biblical perspective. We will share honestly, listen respectfully and dialogue about our different perspectives. We will also dialogue with the “Social Principles,” which represents the best thinking of a majority of elected representatives of our denomination on the issues. All are invited and study books are \$4.

RURAL KING FUND RAISER

Please save your Rural King receipts dated today, February 14 – February 21 and turn them into the church office by February 28. Central will receive 5% of the total net sales.

MARRIAGE RENEWAL & CELEBRATION TODAY

With this being Valentine’s Day, we are celebrating marriage and offering husbands and wives the opportunity to renew their marriage vows. All who would like to renew their vows are invited to gather at the front at the end of either service, per Pastor Easley’s direction. Couples may join hands for this, and persons wanting to share in it, although a spouse is not present, may grasp their wedding ring. The whole congregation is invited to join in celebrating afterwards at a small cake and punch reception hosted by the Nurture Team.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE

Relief and rehabilitation effort continue in Haiti with the United Methodist Committee on Relief a key player, working through Haitian churches and with many other organizations. For timely, relevant information on how United Methodists are responding to the tragic earthquake and how you can help, visit the website of United Methodist Communications (www.umc.org). Gifts to the Haiti Emergency (UMCOR Advance # 418325) may be made directly over the phone, via the website (www.umcor.com), through the mail or through Central by making a check to “Central UMC” and noting on it “Haiti.” 100% of gifts to UMCOR through the Advance support the designated project.

PRAYER LUNCH THIS SATURDAY

We will have a Prayer Lunch on Saturday, February 20 at 12:00 p.m. in the Trinity Room. We encourage others to join us. We will order box lunches from the Old Tyme Deli on 1st Ave. for \$6 each. During Lent we plan to have times for prayer in the Narthex. We will discuss this at the lunch to find the time best suited for all who are interested. Please join us for lunch, prayer and fellowship. Carol Crabtree, Prayer Team Leader

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME

A special thanks to several members who have graciously donated goods and money to the Youth Home this past week. The residents will have a wonderful Valentines celebration, some snacks for recognition, and the boys will have some toiletries suitable for them. Many others have let me know they are praying over ways to reach out to this mission. Your prayers and donations are much appreciated!