

## ARC CHURCH TO BEGIN USING OUR FACILITIES

Beginning this Friday, February 26, A Renewed Covenant Church of God in Christ (ARC Church) will begin using our church facilities. The Trustees recently approved their use of our building, at the urging of the Church Council. Rev. Hezekiah Murphy is pastor of the Pentecostal church, which will be using the basement on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and Sunday afternoon beginning with a kick off event this Saturday.

## SOUP, SALAD AND STYLE AT PATCHWORK CENTRAL

Help support Patchwork Central on Thursday, February 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 100 Washington Ave. Details are on the bulletin board.

# Lenten Spirituality Series

Sponsored by

Central United Methodist Church

St. Anthony Catholic Church

St. Lucas United Church of Christ

This Year's Theme

## *Lent Through the Arts: Cinema*

Come and join us as we discuss Lenten themes as depicted in popular films.

**Tuesday, March 2**

at St. Anthony; presenter: Rev. Joe Easley

**Tuesday, March 16**

at Central United Methodist; presenter: Rev. Lynn Martin

**Tuesday, March 30**

at St. Lucas; presenter: Lisa Covington, Pastoral Associate

Vegetarian soups, crackers, coffee, tea, lemonade served each Tuesday beginning at noon; presentations begin at 12:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but a free-will offering for the monthly neighborhood Shalom Zone meals will be accepted. If you have any questions, call Lisa at 423-5209, ext. 104.

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

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Monday 6:00 p.m. CAJE Team Assembly – Aldersgate UMC

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

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

6:45 p.m. Worship Task Force – Library

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Outreach Ministries Meeting – Garden Room

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

11:00 a.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement

12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library

Sunday 12:00 p.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement

5:00 p.m. Shalom Neighborhood Meal – FLC



**HOSPITALIZED Deaconess: Jake Lowey Mark Boylls**

**DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL Jennifer Emsweller Andy Davis**

**PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER**

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

<b>Budget Envelope Giving Last Week</b> .....	<b>\$5,556</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b> .....	<b>\$6,552</b>
<b>Giving Year-To-Date</b> .....	<b>\$48,243</b>
<b>Needed Year-to-Date</b> .....	<b>\$45,192</b>

**Our sympathy to Patti Easley** on the death of her aunt Ruth Braun, her mother's last sibling on Friday. The funeral will be in Decatur, IN this week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jennifer & Charles Emsweller on the birth of their new daughter Julia Elaine Emsweller, who was born February 15 weighing 6 lbs, 9 oz and 20 inches long. Her aunt and uncle are Linda and Mike Tribble and her Great-grandpa is Dick Schnakenburg.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Larry and Margaret Whicker on the birth of their new granddaughter, Isabelle Mae who was born to Amy and Ryan Hallam on February 15, weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. and 19 1/4 inches long.

**We join Connie and John Maglinger** in thanks to God that their son Andy Davis survived a serious 4-car accident Wednesday afternoon. He was unable to avoid hitting a car that turned in front of him on US 41 and bounced into 3 other vehicles, smashing his car on all four sides. It took 30+ minutes to cut him out of the car. The attending officer said Andy must have an angel riding with him to have survived. He had no broken bones or organ damage and went home after being kept overnight at St. Mary's.

**“SOCIAL PRINCIPLES” STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 24**

Rev. Easley will lead a 6-week study of “The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church” beginning this 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 cultural pressures and social structures that is grounded in a biblical perspective. 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. We will not all agree on these but we can share honestly, listen respectfully and learn from our different perspectives. All are invited and study books are \$4.

**RUTH’S HOUSE GIFTS STILL WELCOME**

The 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Pastor Ruth Milgate went about halfway toward matching the \$40,000 challenge gift that Blue Grass Church and its members had made to Ruth’s House. Additional gifts are still invited this month to meet the challenge. That \$80,000 will be enough additional to fund the operation of Ruth House for a year and allow it to reopen. If you need further information please call Jennifer Dick, Executive Director of Ruth’s House at (812) 455-2007 or e-mail her at [jennifer@reflectingwaters.org](mailto:jennifer@reflectingwaters.org).

**HEALTH AND LAYETTE KITS**

The Missions Team will be collecting both health kits and layette kits for UMCOR on March 21. Layette kits provide basic supplies for the needs of babies and the health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Copies of the kit instructions have been placed in the mail boxes for all Sunday school classes and can also be found in the church office and parlor. Please bring all completed kits to services on March 21 and leave with a Missions Team representative.

**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 who live in poverty. So please bring a few dollars for a devotion and prepare to explore *Who Is Jesus To You?* during Lent.

**COFFEE DISTRIBUTION AND BLACK GOLD FILM**

Thank you so much for your recent purchases to help Tyler, Alexis, Danielle and Mike travel to Uganda this June to build beds for orphans. The coffee, tea and cocoa are ready for pick-up today, in the Trinity Room downstairs following both services. There is also quite a bit of overstock, so come and check out what is available. We will also be showing the film *Black Gold*, in the Trinity Room during the Sunday School hour, and following the second service as well. *Black Gold* sheds light on the coffee system that often leaves the coffee farmers on the other end of our lattes in utter poverty.