

LAST DAY OF RURAL KING FUND RAISER

It is not too late to turn in your Rural King receipts dated, February 14 – February 21. They have to be turned in **this morning** personally to Rev. Easley for Central to receive 5% of the total net sales.

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.

EASTER LILIES & LOAVES AND FISHES

The sanctuary always looks so beautiful decorated with **Easter lilies**, so be sure to order lilies to honor or remember a loved one. The lilies are \$10.00 this year. The last day to order is March 28. Acknowledgement of all gifts will be printed in a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday.

Honor or remember a loved one by giving to the **Loaves & Fishes** program. This helps assist neighborhood families in their time of need. The last day to get an acknowledgement in the bulletin is April 8. You may always give to the Loaves and Fishes program anytime of the year though.

Please write separate checks since we have an account for each.

THANK YOU

I am most grateful for all the cards, telephone calls, and all the good wishes that I received for my 90th birthday. It was all very wonderful, thank you.

Mary Ellen Hasenmyer

Dear Friends,

There are not any words made to express my THANKS to you for all the love, cards and words of encouragement, but most of all your prayers which has kept me going! On days that are down, I can feel your prayers for us and you'll never know how much that means! Jim has been fighting deep depression for the last two years which resulted in serious incidents in December and January. In light of this and his physical decline, he will not be able to live at home. He has been in a home in Dale and will remain there unless they can find a place closer that will take him. I LOVE YOU ALL!

Mary Helen Brame

His Address is: Jim Brame 510 W. Medcalf Dale, IN 47523

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

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

Monday 4:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting – Nolte Room

5:00 p.m. Nurture Team Meeting – Church Office

6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Church Office

7:00 p.m. Staff-Parrish Relation Meeting – Library

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

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch – St. Anthony's Church

6:30 p.m. ARC Church – Trinity Room

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Com. Meeting – Library

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

5:00 p.m. Small Group – Trinity Room

6:15 p.m. "Social Principles" Study – Library

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

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS THIS WEEK

Friday 6:30 p.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement
Saturday 7:15 a.m. UM Men’s Lenten Breakfast – Old North UMC
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast – Black Buggy
12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library
Sunday 12:00 p.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement

 **HOSPITALIZED Deaconess: Jake Lowey**
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL Mark Boylls

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$4,905
Needed Weekly	\$6,552
Giving Year-To-Date	\$53,148
Needed Year-to-Date	\$51,648

Our sympathy to Opal Newboles on the recent deaths of two brothers, Don in late January and Curt in mid February. These were her last two siblings from 7 children originally.

CONGRATULATIONS to Linda and David Henzman on the birth of their new grandson, Colton Stuard Gilles, who was born January 29th. His parents are Michelle and Joe Gilles.

RALPH MILLER 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY - MARCH 14

Rev. Ralph Miller will be honored at a 90th birthday celebration on Sunday, March 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All who have known Rev. Miller are invited to attend this reception in our Family Life Center. Rev. Miller has blessed many lives in 69 years of pastoral ministry. March 18 is his actual birthday.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERING FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY

Indiana United Methodist Churches are taking a special offering this month in support of UM-related campus ministry at 8 sites across the state, including the University of Evansville. They provide vital ministry with young adults.

PRAYER TEAM NEWS

We have moved the Prayer Request Box to the altar rail to make it more accessible. Also we will place cards on the altar rail with requests for prayer. When members go to the rail for personal prayer we ask that they pray for the request on the card and take the card for continued prayer at home. A few of us will be meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Narthex during Lent for prayer. All are invited to join us there. Please continue to call me at 402-1809 or Lisa in the church office with your prayer requests.

Carol Crabtree, Prayer Team Leader

BRING TOILETRIES FOR PANTRY MARCH 7

Our “First-Sunday Pantry Collection” item for March 7 is “Toiletries.” Please bring deodorant, soap, etc. for our food pantry. You may also give by cash or check (to “Central UMC” noting “Food Pantry”).

ARC CHURCH WELCOMED TO BUILDING

We welcome a new congregation that is renting space from us temporarily as they get started. Yesterday, Rev. Hezekiah Murphy was installed by his bishop as the pastor of A Renewed Compassion Church of God in Christ (ARC Church). They will regularly use: the Garden Room and other basement space Sunday afternoons for worship, Sunday School, youth group, etc.; the Trinity Room Tuesday evenings for Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; and the Garden Room on Friday evenings for evangelistic services.

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES STUDY UNDER WAY ON WEDNESDAYS

Rev. Easley is leading a 6-week study of “The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.” It is held on Wednesday night, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. It began last week, but people are still welcome to join. The study seeks to ground participants in a biblical perspective in approaching social issues; support honestly sharing, respectfully listening and dialogue; and be guided in understanding by God’s Holy Spirit.

RUTH’S HOUSE GIFTS STILL WELCOME

Additional gifts this month to Ruth’s House will let it fully match a \$40,000 challenge gift from Blue Grass Church and its members. This \$80,000 infusion would allow Ruth’s House to reopen and fund its operating costs for a year, while it seeks ongoing support. If you need further information on this faith-based ministry assisting homeless women in recovery from chemical dependency, contact Jennifer Dick, Executive Director of Ruth’s House at (812) 455-2007 or 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.