

5th SUNDAY CHANGE COLLECTION

The total collected for the 5th Sunday of January was \$47.88. Attendance was down because of the weather, which was why the offering was way below normal. The next 5th Sunday change collection will be May 30. This offering is collected to benefit Santa Claus Campground.

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

Your last chance to buy coffee, tea and cocoa from the Uganda Sweet Sleep Team (Tyler White, Alexis Blythe-Meece, Danielle Meece, and Michael Warneke) will be following both services today. Boxes of tea are \$6, a tin of cocoa is \$9, and all bags of coffee (purchased in drip grind or whole bean varieties) are \$10. All profits from these sales will help this group in raising support for their trip to Uganda, and the beds they will provide for the orphans that they will be serving. All coffee, tea and cocoa will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, February 21. We will also be showing the film Black Gold (which sheds light on fair trade products and the coffee system that leaves its farmers poor and on the brink of survival), in the Garden Room at 11:45 a.m. on distribution day Sunday, February 21.

PAPER GOODS FOR PANTRY TODAY

We hope you have brought “Paper goods” (toilet paper, etc.) for today’s “First-Sunday Pantry Collection.” for our food pantry. You can give by check (to “Central UMC” with the note “Food Pantry”) any time.

PRAYER LUNCH

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We have a need for someone to volunteer to sit with a church member while her husband works. She will need someone to sit with her 4 hours a day, four days a week. We may need more than one volunteer a week depending on the volunteers’ schedules. Please contact Carol Crabtree (402-1809) or Lisa (424-3574) in the Church Office.

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	11:45 a.m. Confirmation Lunch – Trinity Room 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Super Bowl Party – Ferris Home
Monday	4:30 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting – Nolte Room 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting – Trinity Room 7:15 p.m. Flood of Justice Meeting – Church Office
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office 2:00 p.m. Small Accountability Group – Library 5:30 p.m. Worship Task Force Meeting – Library
Wednesday	11:45 a.m. JNIA – Trinity Room 1:00 p.m. Mary-Martha Circle – Nolte Room 7:00 p.m. Endowment Fund Governing Board – Library
Thursday	7:30 a.m. JACC Meeting – Library 5:30 p.m. Three Arts Meeting – Garden Room

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS CONTINUED

Friday 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room
Saturday 12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library
Sunday 3:00 P.M. Center City Cluster – Fairlawn UMC



HOSPITALIZED St. Mary's: Hazel Cantrell

DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

Betty Jo Adams (Health South)

Ellie Barron

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

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

Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$3,242
Giving Year-To-Date	\$31,273
Needed Weekly \$6,552	Needed Year-to-Date \$32,280

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday Luna Wambach, who had her 100th birthday on February 5! Luna has been a member at Central since 1971. Mary Ellen Hasenmyer also celebrated a happy birthday, her 90th, on February 6!

RUTH'S HOUSE BENEFIT SATURDAY

This Saturday, February 13, at 1 p.m., Pastor Ruth Milgate, her family, & the Board of Reflecting Waters, Inc. invite you to celebrate Ruth's 80th birthday and raise funds for Ruth's House! The event to celebrate her life, ministry, and dedication to the vision of Ruth's House will be held at Blue Grass United Methodist Church, 14240 Petersburg Road. There will be live music, food, and an auction of some great items. In lieu of presents, Ruth is asking that donations be made to Reflecting Waters/Ruth's House. The goal is to raise at least enough money to meet the gap in annual operating funds for Ruth's House, about \$80,000 so this vital ministry for homeless women in chemical dependence recovery can reopen. A \$40,000 matching funds donation from one local church puts the goal in view and makes other donations go twice as far. No RSVP is needed. Pastor Joe invites you to join him there—or contact him, if you can't go but want to send a gift.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME NOW CO-ED

The United Methodist Youth Home in Evansville has opened its doors to teen boys in need. Previously it had housed only teen girls and their children. Contact Kim White for further information on how you or your group can help with new items they need immediately or donations to their mission.

SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 8

We will have a special Charge Conference at the beginning of Monday's regularly scheduled Church Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. to elect a replacement Trustee.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE

Go to the website of United Methodist Communications (www.umc.org) to get timely and relevant information on how United Methodists are responding to the tragic earthquake in Haiti and how we can support the efforts. Support for relief efforts can be made to Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance # 418325, 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.

MARRIAGE RENEWAL OPPORTUNITY – FEBRUARY 14

With Valentine's Day falling on a Sunday this year, we will be offering the possibility for you and your spouse to renew your vows following both services. We want to honor the covenant of marriage on that Sunday, and celebrate the many grace-filled marriages here at Central. The Nurture committee will also be hosting a small cake and punch reception following both services.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - FEBRUARY 17

Lent is a time to reflect on the unlimited love of God that we see in Jesus' life and death for humanity and what it means for us to follow Christ. This season begins at Central with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. February 17. Rev. Easley will be preaching on "Honestly Facing Ourselves—and God." The traditional sign of ashes will help us get in touch with our mortality and experience humility.

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 24

Rev. Easley will lead a study of "The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church" on 6 Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., beginning February 24. The intent of the study is to think creatively about the issues of the world around us and what is a faithful response to the cultural pressures and social structures. We will seek to ground ourselves in a biblical perspective as we approach issues, share honestly, listen respectfully, and dialogue in ways that let God's Holy Spirit lead us. The "Social Principles" represents the best thinking on these issues by a majority of elected representatives of our denomination. The study books are available for \$4 and all are invited to attend.