

**Flossie Wilson** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and visits due to the death of my grandson. It was greatly appreciated.

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**THANKS** to all of my church family for the cards, phone calls, thoughts, and prayers. My ankle is healing nicely! Also, thanks to all the UMW ladies who worked so hard to make Ralph Miller's birthday party such a success while I just sat back and watched! Ruth Gosnell

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### **EASTER LILIES & LOAVES AND FISHES**

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 next Sunday, March 28.

Honor or remember a loved one by giving to the **Loaves & Fishes** program, which helps assist neighborhood families. The last day to donate and to get an acknowledgement in the bulletin on Easter Sunday is, March 28. *Please write separate checks for each account.*

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### **HEALTH AND LAYETTE KIT COLLECTION – TODAY**

The Missions Team is collecting both health kits and layette kits for UMCOR today.

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### **SPRING FAIR**

This benefit for Weekday Christian Education will be held Saturday, April 10 from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Indiana National Guard Armory with free admission and free parking. There is a Pre-Sale Event on Friday, April 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a \$5.00 admission fee. Saturday, food options include; breakfast from 7:00-9:00 a.m.; and soup & sandwiches from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pie & beverages are available after 10:00 a.m.

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### **UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME UPDATE**

The annual Spring Tea for the Evansville United Methodist Youth Home is Sunday, April 18, 2-4 p.m. at Clearcrest Pines Country Club. Ticket prices are \$25 per person. A silent auction of various gift baskets will be held during the event and area UMC congregations are being asked to donate gift baskets for the auction. If you, your Sunday School class, or other small groups are interested in donating a basket or purchasing tickets to the Tea, please see Kim White or call her at 459-5153.

# 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. If you are here just 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

**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 am-12:00 pm

**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

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

6:30 p.m. ARC Church – Trinity Room

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

6:15 p.m. “Social Principles” Study – Library

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Egg Stuffing – Parlor

5:30 p.m. Worship Task Force – Library

Friday 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room

6:30 p.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement

Saturday 7:15 a.m. UM Men's Lenten Breakfast – Methodist Temple

12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library

Sunday 11:40 a.m. Easter Luncheon – Family Life Center

12:30 p.m. (approx.) Easter Egg Hunt – Willard Library

1:00 p.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement

5:00 p.m. Shalom Neighborhood Dinner – St. Lucas



**HOSPITALIZED**

**St. Mary's: Rev. Charles Robertson Kathryn Duncan**

**Deaconess: Jake Lowey**

**DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL Mark Boylls**

**PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER**

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

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<b>Budget Envelope Giving Last Week</b> .....	<b>\$5,364</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b> .....	<b>\$6,552</b>
<b>Giving Year-To-Date</b> .....	<b>\$69,604</b>
<b>Needed Year-to-Date</b> .....	<b>\$71,016</b>

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Ashlee and Frank Kirk** on the birth of their baby, Corbin Arthur Kirk, who was born February 21 in Colorado Springs. He weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. Andrea and Danny Wiley are his grandparents, Art Barr his great-grandfather, and Devon and Reagan Wiley are his aunt and uncle.

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**Remember the Warneke family** as they are on the road this weekend. Mike is preaching at his father-in-law's church in Missouri in morning and evening services today. They return tomorrow.

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**"FAITH AND POLITICS" LECTURE AT U.E. TOMORROW**

The University of Evansville Ethics Lecture series sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religion has Dr. Ellen Ott Marshall speaking at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow night on "Faith and Politics: Ethical Considerations" in Smythe Lecture Hall. Dr. Marshall teaches at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Her father was on the U.E. staff for many years. See the flyer on the bulletin board for further information.

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**DONATIONS TO EASTER BREAKFAST**

We are seeking food donations from those willing to bring something for the Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service on April 4. Cindy and Mark Schmitt have agreed again to help coordinate the breakfast and make some of their wonderful food. They will have a sign-up sheet at the back of the church that lists needed items.

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**SPRING CLEANING BLITZ – APRIL 3**

All are invited to help with the Spring Cleaning Blitz Saturday morning, April 3. Many will rake, trim and mulch all around the church property, but there will be a few interior jobs. If you love this wonderful old building, please consider donating a morning to help keep it beautiful.

**CANDY NEEDED FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S EASTER EGG HUNT**

Candy donations are needed now for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, next Sunday. Candy must be able to fit in a plastic egg, be individually wrapped and be suitable for toddlers. Please bring donations to the church office anytime before this Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, when beginning at 9:00 a.m. volunteers will be stuffing the eggs in the Parlor, until all the eggs are filled! It is a time of great fellowship, and volunteers are appreciated!

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**PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER TEAM NEWS**

You may call prayer requests to Carol Crabtree (402-1809) or Lisa (424-3574) in the church office or complete a card from the pew rack and put it in the Prayer Request Box on the altar rail anytime. During the 10:30 prayer time, you are invited to pray at the railing, where you are invited to pray for the concern written on the card nearest you, which you may take to pray for during the week. You are invited to join the prayer team at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent for prayer in the Narthex.

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**RACK SHACK UPDATE**

The Rack Shack has moved into our new space near the Franklin Street exit across from the Food Pantry and is ready for spring! Our United Methodist Women volunteer and help the neighborhood families and others with needed household items and clothing. We are always in need of sheets, towels, blankets and kitchen items. Clothing should be clean and gently used. Unfortunately, we have limited space and cannot accept out of season things or rummage sale leftovers. Come see us on Monday and Thursday mornings. If you would like to volunteer, just call Connie Romain at 867-6000.

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Worship Committee would like to offer you the opportunity to help in providing the funding needed to furnish special music in our services. Additional musicians and soloists add so much to our worship time but the funds needed exceed what the church can afford. Any help you are able to provide to enhance the worship experience will be greatly appreciated. Contact Joe, Letta or Patti if interested or if you have a special music request.

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**USED COOKBOOKS SOUGHT**

Please bring used cookbooks that you are willing to part with to the church for resale by Weekday Christian Education at their Spring Fair. There is a drop box marked "Cookbooks" in the Parlor.