

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.

United Methodist Youth Home Update

The annual Spring Tea for the Evansville United Methodist Youth Home is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2-4pm at Clearcrest Pines Country Club. Now is the time to make your reservations for this event, ticket prices remain at \$25 per person which includes an English style Grande tea complete with quiche, soup, finger sandwiches, scones, dessert and of course your choice of more than 22 different varieties of tea.

Once again, a silent auction of various gift baskets will be held during the event. The area UMC congregations are being asked to donate gift baskets for the auction. If you, your Sunday School class, or other small groups/individuals are interested in donating a basket or purchasing tickets to the Tea, please see Kim White or call her at 812-459-5153.

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.

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

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 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

12:00 p.m. Staples Shower – Nolte Room

Monday 4:30 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting – Nolte Room

5:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team Mtg. – Church Off.

6:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting – Nolte Room

7:15 p.m. Flood of Justice Team Meeting – Church Office

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

5:15 p.m. Shalom Team – St. Anthony's Life Center

6:30 p.m. ARC Church – Trinity Room

6:00 p.m. CAJE Housing Com. Meeting – Nolte Room


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

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. UMW Unit Meeting – Nolte Room

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

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

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Thursday 7:30 a.m. JACC Meeting – 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 – St. James UMC
 12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library
 Sunday  One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
 12:00 p.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Ralph Miller 90th Birthday Party – FLC
 6:45 p.m. Flood of Justice Preview Night – Sanctuary

HOSPITALIZED St. Mary’s: Ruth Gosnell & Hal Bootz
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL Jake Lowey & Mark Boylls

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$2,935
Needed Weekly	\$6,552
Giving Year-To-Date	\$56,083
Needed Year-to-Date	\$58,104

We celebrate the memory of Bertine McGuire, age 99, a member since 1953, and send sympathy to her family and friends on her death March 1. Her daughter Sharon, also a member, lives in a group home.

RALPH MILLER 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY - MARCH 14

Rev. Ralph Miller will be honored at a 90th birthday celebration next 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.

REMEMBER TIME CHANGE SATURDAY

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday night, as Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM this Sunday, March 14.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MARCH 28 EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday is just around the corner, March 28. We will appreciate candy donations for our annual egg hunt. Candy should be individually wrapped pieces which are suitable for toddlers. Please bring donations to the church office anytime between now and March 25th. Also, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the 25th we will be stuffing the eggs. We will meet in the Parlor and stuff until all the eggs are filled! It is a time of great fellowship and we sure appreciate the help!

ARC CHURCH BUILDING

A Renewed Compassion Church of God in Christ (ARC Church), led by Rev. Hezekiah Murphy, is renting space here: the Garden Room and basement Sunday afternoon for worship, Sunday School & youth group; the Trinity Room Tuesday evenings for Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; and the Garden Room on Friday evenings for evangelistic services.

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

USED COOKBOOKS SOUGHT BY WEEKDAY

Please bring used cookbooks that you are willing to part with to the church for resale by Weekday Christian Education at their Spring Fair. Put these in the box marked “Cookbooks” in the Parlor.

SPRING CLEANING BLITZ – APRIL 3

Please mark Saturday, April 3 on your calendar and plan to help with our Spring Blitz. We'll be raking, trimming and mulching all around the church property. We'll also have a few interior jobs for those who are not so outdoorsy! If you love this wonderful old building, please consider donating a morning to help keep it beautiful.

TOILETRIES FOR PANTRY TODAY

Our “First-Sunday Pantry Collection” item this month is “Toiletries.” Please put deodorant, soap, etc. you have bought for our food pantry in the grocery cart at the back. You may also give cash or check (written to “Central UMC” and noted on it “Food Pantry”).

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES STUDY UNDER WAY ON WEDNESDAYS

Rev. Easley is leading a 6-week study of “The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church,” held on Wednesday night, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. 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.