

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.

During the last month there have been 14 new residents placed with the youth home, and they expect additional placements in the near future. They are currently need the following items for females: Slippers (sizes 5-10); Underwear (sizes 6-9) and PJ bottoms (sizes S-XL). For males they need: Slippers (sizes 7-12), Underwear (sizes S-XL), PJ Bottoms (sizes S-XXL), Socks, Shaving Cream and Deodorant.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER TEAM NEWS

Call prayer requests to Carol Crabtree (402-1809) or the church office (424-3574) or complete a Prayer Request card from the pew rack and put it in the Box on the altar rail anytime. During the 10:30 a.m. prayer time, you are invited to pray at the railing, including for the concern written on the card nearest you and take it home for continued prayer during the week.

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.

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 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.

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 APRIL 4-11

Today	6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service (<i>replacing 8:30 Service today</i>)
	7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast - Garden Room
	1:00 p.m. ARC Church in Garden Room
Monday	4:00 p.m. Mission Team - Library
	5:00 p.m. Nurture Team - Church Office
	6:00 pm. Trustees - Church Office
	6:00 p.m. CAJE Team - Nolte Room
	7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Library
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office
	6:30 p.m. ARC Church – Trinity Room
	7:00 p.m. Worship Task Force - Library
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Wednesday Friends - Trinity Room
	5:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room
	5:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Library

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS CONTINUED

Thursday 7:30 a.m. JACC Meeting - Library
 7:00 p.m. Worship Task Force - Library
 Friday 5:00-7:00 p.m. Weekday Ch. Ed. Spring Fair - Armory
 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room
 6:30 p.m. ARC Church – Garden Room/Basement
 Saturday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Weekday Spring Fair - Armory
 12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library
 Sunday Return to usual Sunday Schedule



HOSPITALIZED: Evelyth Wright – St. Mary’s

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

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

Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$5,453
Needed Weekly	\$6,552
Giving Year-To-Date	\$80,796
Needed Year-to-Date	\$85,176

Congratulations to Sarah and Brett Esselburn on the birth March 24 of Graham Matthew. Grandparents Ray and Lynn Brower report that he is beautiful. Brett, Sarah and Graham live at 651 Edge Hill Road, Glenside, PA, 19038.

HELP ADVERTISE CHILD CARE SUMMER PROGRAM

Yard signs to help advertise Central Child Care’s Summer Program will be available for pick-up after services on April 11. If your house or business is located where a sign might be seen by parents looking for a program, we invite you to take one and put it up to help spread the word.

CAJE ACTION AT ST. BEN’S - APRIL 22

Micah 6:8 says, “*What does the Lord require you but to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*” People from Central and faith communities will come together to do justice at the Nehemiah Action Assembly of Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment at 6:30 PM Thursday, April 22 at St. Benedict’s Cathedral on Lincoln Ave. Public officials will be present to make commitments on specific ways to improve two critical community issues: affordable housing and public transportation. We have committee to have 80 people there help fill St. Ben’s with 1,000+ people. For more information contact the church office (424-3574), Linda Henzman (867-0453) or Bill Seymour (437-3907).

RACK SHACK UPDATE

The Rack Shack has moved into our new space near the Franklin Street exit across from the Food Pantry. 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.

WOMEN’S MEDITATION RETREAT - APRIL 9-10

Old North UMC is offering a “Women’s Meditation Retreat” April 9-10 in New Harmony. \$70 is the cost per person and includes overnight accommodations at the Barn Abbey, dinner Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, plus meditation, yoga, fellowship with new friends in Christ, and time to wander New Harmony. See bulletin board for details.

XYZ SENIOR DAY – APRIL 22 AT ALDERSGATE

XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Senior Adult Day will be held on Thursday, April 22 at Aldersgate UMC, 5120 Lincoln Ave, Evansville. Registration is \$12 and includes a lunch and 2 interest group sessions. The schedule is:
 8:30 am Check-in at Aldersgate with coffee and light refreshments
 9:00-9:30 am Gathering in the Sanctuary
 9:45-10:45 am First Interest Group Choice
 11:00-12:00 Second Interest Group Choice
 12:15 pm Lunch

Registration is limited so be sure to sign up early! Brochures are available in our church offices. Call 812-477-7816 for more information or to register for this event. Final day to register is April 16! This event is sponsored by Aldersgate, Centenary, Central and Methodist Temple.

PATCHWORK PANCAKE EXTRAVAGANZA - APRIL 17

Patchwork Central invites all to its annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Extravaganza on Saturday, April 18, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00, Noon. In addition to a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fried apples, coffee and orange juice, there will also be a sale of unique art from Patchwork artists, a deluxe custom bicycle auction, and free 10-minute massages by Atlas Chiropractic. You can purchase tickets at the door or by calling 424-2735.

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.