



# The Messenger

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### WHAT IS THE USE OF GOALS?

The leadership of the church has been working to define and refine its goal. It has been a long process, and nearly everyone would say, "Too long!" I can understand that impatience—Patience is a gift of God I greatly desire, and I want it now—especially, if we feel like the process is producing no results. Some will say: "What is the use of all this time on goal-setting? Instead of talking about it, let us just do it." Talking instead of acting is pretending "the emperor in fact has clothes," but it is likewise foolish to act without first thinking, what we are doing and why. "Ready, fire, aim" is no better a strategy than endless talking without purpose or action.

Goals are important! Goals clarify where we are heading and give us a standard by which to measure what we do—i.e. "Is what we have done, advancing us toward the goal?" However, goals are important only if they are the right goals, and if we focus and act on achieving them.

In the goal-setting process over the last few years we have struggled and disagreed. Some of that has been difficult, but struggle and disagreement are not necessarily bad. I used to fear conflict and do everything in my power to avoid conflict, but I have come to see that conflict is both inevitable and can often be creative. No two people think exactly alike, so there will be differences, but that is also good, because through sharing different ideas, we can come to the best idea, which may not be one that any one of us would have come up with on our own, but which arises out of our dialogue.

Often I have seen churches get so specific in goal-setting that it makes into "goals" what are in fact "strategies" to move toward and, ultimately, achieve a goal. As a pastor I have sometimes been part of that confusion. I confess, I can get "lost in the details," sometimes in ones that do not relate to what is most important. That is why I like the congregation-wide study we did two years ago on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." Its author Bishop Richard Schnase clearly identifies the five key foci of a fruitful congregation. In it he offers a pithier-worded—and perhaps a more United-Methodist—version of what Rick Warren offered 15 years ago in The Purpose Driven Church. Both outstanding pastors make it clear that there are certain basic areas of ministry in which the church must be involved. While different congregations may approach these a little differently, all five need focus in every congregation and are together a sufficient focus—any other focuses tends to take away from these that are central: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith-development, risk-taking mission and service and extravagant generosity. These became our 2009-2010 goals.

However, thanks to other helpful voices, I have come to see that there is something that comes even before these 5 practices, as important as they are, and that is the overall mission that lies behind them. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church defines this well, when it says, "The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Making disciples is clearly about winning new people to faith in God, to following the path of Christ and to the fellowship of the church. Others

have said it more succinctly than I: We are called to grow! I believe that growth is a very important focus, which is becoming the one over-arching goal for Central Church. Jesus' commission to the church is "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (*Mt. 28:19-20a*) Living that out certainly brings growth in, but the growth is not for the sake of "numbers" but for the sake of God's Kingdom and those who need it finding "Good News" for their lives. Also, in addition to "baptizing" new persons into membership, biblical growth is also about "making disciples," which includes deeper faith in current members, and "obeying Jesus' commandments, which includes giving ourselves in service to our neighbors.

We are moving toward getting a good, clear statement of this goal for growth in membership, discipleship and service, which I believe can keep us focused on what is important and oriented toward the goal of our "practices." But we can't stop here. We must now concentrate on specific strategies to reach our goal of growth, implement our plans, evaluate the results, and from that evaluation refine plans and implement new strategies. It is crucial to hold ourselves accountable to what is not just our goal but the mission God has given the Church. We will make some mistakes along the way, and it is OK to try and fail, as long as we learn from it and try again more wisely. What is at stake? Helping all find new life in Jesus Christ and continuing to deepen the faith walk. Let us join in prayer for the church and in personal practice, that by God's grace, we may grow in every way into Christ.

Your Pastor  
*Joe Easley*

### PASTOR REAPPOINTED AT INDIANA UMC CONFERENCE

Lay Member **Ned Conder** and **Pastor Joe** attended the second session of the Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, held at Ball State University in Muncie, June 10-13. The conference focused around teaching by Bishop Richard Schnase (5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations), an afternoon of community service and inspirational worship. The business items were mostly routine and/or follow-up from the merger. The three former foundations of Indiana United Methodism were merged into one. The Conference approved its Trustees' recommendation to offer a voluntary conference insurance program to congregations, while it continues to study what saving might be gained by a mandatory conference-wide progress. Most churches appreciate the spiritual and practical benefits of the conference tithing model, but there was concern that some congregations (including some larger ones) continue not to fully share in this, and lower revenues have meant decreased support of basic general church mission funds; reduced conference programming; the elimination of budgetary support for campus ministry and church-related hospitals, homes and universities; and retired pastors' having to pay a larger share of health insurance costs. Conference will return to Ball State June 9-11 next year, but not include a Sunday. **Rev. Easley** was reappointed as pastor at Central.

## IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- July 4 Independence Day Communion  
Scripture: Proverbs 14:26-34  
Sermon: "One Nation, Under God"
- July 11 Celebration of Vision 2012 Halfway & FLC Completion  
One Service at 10:30 (dress casually)  
Picnic & Dedication follow in Family Life Center  
Scripture: Luke 12:22-34 & 16:13  
Sermon: "God or Greed"
- July 18 Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40  
Sermon: "Our Priorities? The Great Commandment"
- July 25 Weekday Christian Education Quilts Displayed  
(July 25-August 1)  
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46  
Sermon: "Our Standard? The Great Equivalence"

## JERRY WISE IN CONCERT

Please mark your calendars for July 7. Jerry Wise, a recording artist from Austin, Texas will be performing at Central from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Jerry is a University of Evansville graduate and native of Nashville, Tennessee. We will simply be taking a love offering for Jerry during the concert, so please tell your friends and invite your neighbors. It will just be Jerry and his acoustic guitar, and you will be blessed by his lyrics and his heart. Let's make this an incredible event together and fill our sanctuary with worship, fellowship and song.

## SWEET SLEEP TRIP

We are happy to report that we had an incredible experience during our time in Uganda. We were able to provide 176 new beds, 186 new mattresses, 92 mosquito nets to cover all of the beds, and 196 new sets of sheets and blankets for the children of Blessed Hope Orphanage. We were all changed and blessed by our experiences with these beautiful children. The hope, joy, trust, and faith of these children is a true testament to the redemptive and restoring power of Christ, and we are better people for having been in their presence. We want to invite everyone to come to services at Central on August 8 where we will be sharing about our experience in Uganda with Sweet Sleep, and what God is doing in our lives and in our hearts as a result. We are hoping to organize an additional trip with Sweet Sleep next July in Uganda, so please speak to **Mike Warneke** if you are interested in the possibility of attending. Thank you all for your love, prayers and financial support that have enabled us to have this opportunity of a lifetime.



## SIGN UP NOW FOR PICTURES FOR DIRECTORY

On August 13-14 and 23-25 we will have pictures taken for a new directory of our church family. We want every household included. The charts to sign up for a time that fits your schedule are located in the Parlor. Each household photographed will get a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory later in the year. Call **Lisa** in the office (424-3574) or **Linda Sanders** (471-3044), if you have questions.



## ORGANIST SOUGHT BY CENTRAL UM CHURCH

Central UMC seeks an organist to play for its 10:30 worship service. Salary is \$6,500+, depending on education, experience and the amount of vacation to be taken. Applicants may bring or send a resumes to Central UMC, 300 Mary St. IN 47710, jeasley@central-church.org or (812) 424-3575 (fax).

## BRING TOILETRIES FOR PANTRY JULY 4

This month's "First-Sunday Collection" item is "Toiletries." On July 4, bring in toiletry items for our pantry. You may also give by cash or check (to "Central UMC" noting "Food Pantry").

## TRINITY'S ARTS IN AUGUST SERIES

Our downtown neighbor, Trinity UMC, will again have an "Arts in August" series with concerts at 3:00 p.m. Sunday on August 1, 8, 15 and 22. The renown Dr. Charles Webb, Bloomington First UMC organist and long-time Dean of the Indiana University School of Music, is featured August 1 & 8. Harpist Mary Dicken plays August 15. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

## MISSION TRUCK IN AREA JULY 12-14

Methodist Mountain Mission trucks will be in our area July 12-14. See the flyer on the bulletin board about clothing and household items they need. Please have anything you wish to leave at one of the following United Methodist churches **before July 12**, so it all can be picked up: Boonville Main St.; Chandler; Newburgh; Epworth; Aldersgate; Methodist Temple; McCutchanville; Bluegrass; Centenary UMC; Old North; Fairlawn; Simpson; Howell; St. James West; St. Paul; or St. Peters.



## HAITI GIFTS EXCEED \$1,500

Central members gave \$1,563 in special gifts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief to help in Haiti after the massive January 12 earthquake. The gifts are greatly appreciated. Because of our support, UMCOR is able to help address not only the immediate needs there but the long-term recovery as well. See the letter from UMCOR on the bulletin board or go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) for the latest update on efforts. Additional gifts are always welcome for the great work UMCOR continues to do in this and other sites of natural or human disasters. Work teams may shortly be going to Haiti as well as the US Gulf Coast because of the oil spill.

## YOUTH HOME NEEDS

The residents of the United Methodist Youth Home are in need of swimwear during their summer break. Modest, one piece suits for the females and trunks for the males are requested. Sizes range from small to 2X. If you are able to contribute a suit or monetary donation toward purchase, please contact **Kim White** at 459-5153. Thanks so much!

## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

There is a Senior Citizens Luncheon Thursday, July 15, at 12 noon in the Trinity Room. The program will be Keep America Beautiful. Please bring a covered dish and let Velma Berry, 477-5871, know if you cannot attend.

**WELCOME** to Madison Skylit Pratt who was born May 12 in Lusby, Maryland to Jecce Pratt. She weighed 8 lbs <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> oz. and was 20 inches. Grandparents are Preston Pratt Jr. and Carrie Judy. Great-Grandparents are **William Jr. and Kathleen Brockelman**. Great-Aunts are **Lynn Kratzer** and Jeanne Brockelman. Great-great Grandmother is **Carolyn Brockelman**.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

Thanks to our nursery volunteers for the month of July:

- 4th – **Joelle Lynch**  
11th – **Krystal Duncan**  
18th – **Sheri Seymour**  
25th – **Jo Wilson**

## YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Our Friday Small Group will be taking the summer off from our normal routine and we will be having some social gatherings scattered throughout the summer. Please look on our website for more information, or contact **Mike Warneke** if you are interested in attending any events, or would like to help plan an event.

The Wednesday night small group will continue to meet sporadically during the summer as a lead into our volleyball nights. This group will share a common meal, spend time in discussion and sharing and work with the NOOMA film series. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. during the scheduled days. This time is open to anyone or any couple in the church that would consider themselves "young adults." Please let **Mike Warneke** know if you plan on attending, so he can plan and coordinate meals for this time. Childcare is available for this time, and we will meet on July 28.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of John David Schnakenburg, who died of a heart attack June 15. A memorial service was held June 19. Survivors include his wife Debra (married at Central 1999); children, Sam, John II and Olivia; parents, **David and Sherri**; brother Brian; sister, Jennifer Emsweller; grandfather, Richard; and aunts **Linda Tribble** and Karen....and to the family and friends of **Luna Wambach** who died on June 26 at Heritage Center Nursing Care. Survivors include **Jack and Linda Wambach**, her son and daughter-in-law as well as grandchildren **Todd and Connie Wambach**, **Lisa and Bill Pendleton** and **Shannon Wambach**.

### **ANTI-HUNGER LEADERS SHARE 2010 WORLD FOOD PRIZE**

Two leaders of anti-hunger programs that receive support from United Methodists will share the 2010 World Food Prize. The prize recognizes the Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, and Jo Luck, president of Heifer International, for leading "two of the world's foremost grassroots organizations leading the charge to end hunger and poverty for millions of people around the globe." Bread for the World works with churches to write letters to Congress and other decision makers on issues related to hunger in the United States and abroad. Heifer International provides food and income-producing animals as well, as animal husbandry training around the globe. Beckmann is an ordained Lutheran minister and Luck is a United Methodist. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made the announcement June 16 at the State Department. Beckmann and Luck will formally receive the 2010 World Food Prize at a ceremony on Oct. 14 in Des Moines, Iowa.

### **HOLIDAY WORLD/ SPLASHIN' SAFARI TICKETS**

Holiday World/Splashin' Safari tickets are still available in the church office. The \$30 tickets are good from July 2 - July 20 (note: Children 2 and under are admitted free). This is a savings of \$12 off normal gate admission. The purchase of your ticket benefits the Santa Claus Campground Corporation in maintaining the campground. As always drinks at the park are FREE.



**THANKS** to those at Central for giving \$273.26 through the Schnucks EScript program. If you have not signed up and are interested, please ask at the service desk in the store where you shop for the information. It costs you nothing but Central benefits because a percentage is given to the church from Schnucks for every purchase you make.

### **WEEKDAY QUILTS DISPLAYED JULY 25-AUGUST 1**

Colorful quilts designed and created by the Weekday Christian Education children and the Eastminster Quilters will be on display in the rear of the sanctuary from July 25 through August 1 (two Sundays). The children from 21 EVSC schools decorated the blocks with bright colors and inspiring pictures and words. The Eastminster Quilters turned them into lovely, cheerful lap quilts for sick children at St. Mary's and Deaconess Hospitals. These quilts will be on display at various church and hospital lobbies over the 2010 summer, then presented to the hospitals in September. Also included in the quilt display will be a collage of pictures showing the children creating their quilt blocks. Please stop by and see what wonderful work Weekday is providing through the word of God.



### **RACE FOR THE CURE: SEPTEMBER 25**

Save the date of Saturday morning, September 25 for the 13th annual Komen Greater Evansville Race for the Cure. Central will be forming a church team, so invite your family and friends to join the downtown run/walk, all the while supporting a great cause. Registration information will be made available in July. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Central's team captain, **Ruth Randall**, 425-0326.



**LOST KEYS** found in a bag in the sanctuary. Please call 424-3574 and identify them if these may be your keys.

**SANTA CLAUS CAMP** has been an amazing adventure for many of our neighborhood kids this year! We have sent 10 kids to summer camp this year and we could not have done it without some special donations. Thanks to all of you who helped make this life changing week a possibility for my kids!

**Nancy**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

"Thank You" to everyone who made our VBS such a huge success. We had wonderful meals, delightful crafts, joyous music, and meaningful stories. Our groups were large, but we had special shepherds who walked the kids from room to room and kept an eye on all of them, and we had nurturing babysitters for the wee ones. Thanks also to our fine actors who made our closing skits so much fun. We may have studied Bible heroes, but VBS week was a reminder that we have heroes right here in our church!

Thanks also to those who contributed money and supplies, and to Aldersgate UMC for loaning us their amazing set decorations!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Nick Randall  
Haley Worland
- 3 Lisa Boberg  
Dan O'Bryan
- 4 Stephanie Bonenberger  
Stacy Worland
- 5 Ryan Lynch  
Ethan Schreiber
- 6 Beau Brandt  
Jennifer Pusateri
- 7 Chase Boberg  
Jessica Kluesner  
Dixie Parker
- 9 Darren Halbig  
Helen Lowey
- 10 Jeanne Brockelman  
Joshua Hendrickson  
Steve Sanders
- 11 Lucille Gooch
- 12 Barbara Beck  
Joy Halbig  
Jane Ann Hines
- 13 Elveda Beal
- 14 Geri Armstrong  
Hazel Cantrell  
Kevin East  
Karen Moore  
Scott Tribble
- 15 Rebekah Koves  
Teenie Ann Kratzer
- 16 Jayne Dillow  
Hilda Higgs  
Jim Myers  
Marilyn Patterson  
Sheri Seymour
- 17 Betty Sue Roth  
Evelyth Wright
- 19 Susie Sanders  
Michelle Muller
- 20 Daryel Harris  
Katherine Smith
- 22 Abbie Wilson
- 23 Brodie Duncan  
Charles Long  
Andrea Wiley
- 25 Doug Duncan  
James Herring
- 26 David Miller  
Aubrey Schucker
- 27 Trenton Herring  
Christopher Millay
- 28 Virgil Ellerbruck  
Bettye Hendrickson  
Jo Anne Wilson
- 29 Charles Giesman  
Bennett Mullins
- 30 Donald Hillyard  
Ronald Hames



### INFO: THIS SUMMER'S "LINCOLN EXPERIENCE"

"Lincoln: Upon the Altar of Freedom" is the drama on our 16<sup>th</sup> president that will be performed this summer at the Lincoln Amphitheatre. See the bulletin board for info on the drama, including dates it will be performed and other elements that can be combined with it for the "Lincoln experience" this summer.



## YOUTH HOME VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

Since the month of April the Trinity Sunday School Class has been making a monthly trip to the United Methodist Youth Home to share in games, pizza and friendship with the residents. On Thursday, July 22 we will be inviting the residents of the youth home to Central to the Family Life Center for an evening of pizza, volleyball and fellowship. If you would like to be a part of this evening please contact **Kim White** or **Mike Warneke**.

### VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS

Continuing in July, we will be hosting a Volleyball night each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Our Volleyball nights are open to all age groups and skill levels, and it will be an opportunity for exercise and fellowship for our congregation. Join us on the 14, 21 and 28 of July from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



### ALTOONA, PA CHURCH WORKING WITH FLOOD OF JUSTICE MISSIONS

2nd Avenue UMC from Altoona, PA will be coming to Evansville during the week of July 11-17 and working in the community on 3 to 4 houses during their stay. There will be 30 volunteers from this congregation painting, doing a little bit of demolition work, and constructing a wheelchair ramp. This church is connected with **Danny Walker** at Centenary UMC and our Flood of Justice Team has once again agreed to coordinate their supplies and building projects. If you would like to volunteer or help out in any way during their work week, please contact **Mike Warneke** at the church office.

### HOLIDAY WORLD

The young adult group will be getting a group together to head to Holiday World on Thursday, July 15. This is a chance for us to support the Santa Claus Campground Corporation and also have a fun day at the park together with other families from Central. Tickets can be purchased from the church office for \$30 and please know that children 2 and under receive free admission into the park. Please call **Mike Warneke** at the church office if you are interested in attending this Central Family Day at Holiday World to arrange for carpooling to and from the park.

### UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME

Thank you to all who have supported the residents of the UMYH over the past few months. Central has truly shown its love and concern for these at-risk youth. A special thanks go to the following individuals for their consistent generosity:

**Linda Sanders**- for the delicious birthday cakes that the kids absolutely love!




**Peggy Huey**- for the frequent donations of goods and snacks that are so needed

**Trinity Class**- for the monthly "game dates," food, and fellowship that have been a big hit with the kids. Upcoming events that have been scheduled with the residents of the Youth Home include:

**July 10:** Christmas card making with **Linda Sanders** to be sent to members of the armed forces (2:00-4:00pm)

**July 22:** Monthly game date with the Trinity Class - Central Family Life Center – volleyball and dinner (6:00-8:00pm)

Anyone who would be interested in participating is certainly welcome! If you are interested in supporting the Youth Home with donations of goods or your time, please contact **Kim White** at 459-5153.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>JULY 2010</h1>   <p><b>Services Every Sunday Except July 11: 8:30 A. M. Contemporary Service 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service</b></p>						
				1 7:30 JACC Mtg. - Library 9:00 Quilting 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 6:00 Worship Team – Lib.	2 Staff Dress Down Day	3 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library
4 Communion  12:00 ARC Church Garden/ Basement	5 Church Office Closed	6 9:00 Church Staff Mtg. 4:00 Mission Team - Library 6:00 Trustee Mtg. - Ch -O 5:00 Nurture Team – Ch-O 6:00 Staff Parish - Library 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	7 11:00 Wednesday Friends - Trinity Room 6:30 Jerry Wise Concert – Sanctuary	8 9:00 Quilting 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack	9 5:30 Worship Task Force – Library	10 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library
11 <b>No 8:30 Service</b> 11:40 All Church Picnic - FLC FLC Completion & Vision 2012 Halfway Celebration	12 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 4:00 Outreach Team - Trinity 5:00 Children’s Ministry - Ch-O 6:00 Executive Church Council - Trinity	13 9:00 Church Staff Mtg. 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	14 1:00 Mary-Martha Circle – Trinity Room 6:00 Volleyball – FLC 6:00 Child Care Board – Trinity Room	15 9:00 Quilting 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 12:00 Senior Citizens - Trinity Room 3:00 Child Care Team – Library	16	17 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library
18	19 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 7:00 Bea Conder Circle – Hostess: Evelyth Wright	20 9:00 Full Church Staff Mtg. 11:15 Literary Ladies – Kennel Club 12:00 Messenger Deadline 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	21 11:00 Wednesday Friends - Trinity Room 6:00 Volleyball - FLC	22 9:00 Quilting 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack	23	24 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library
25 Weekday Quilt Display 5:00 Shalom Neighborhood Dinner – St. Lucas	26 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 5:30 Flood of Justice Team - Church Office	27 9:00 Church Staff Mtg. 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	28 6:00 Volleyball - FLC	29 9:00 Quilting 9:30-12:00 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack	30	31 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library