

CENTENARY UMC AUTUMN “FEASTIVAL”

Centenary UMC will have an Autumn “Feastival” on Saturday, September 18th, from 12 – 8 p.m. They are featuring inflatable adventures, carnival games, food booths, a petting zoo, tractor rides, live entertainment (Duke Boys – 4:30-7:45 p.m.), a country store, silent auction, and a live auction (5:45 p.m.).

GET READY! GET SET! BAKE!

The Nurture Team is sponsoring the first Central Methodist Church Pie Bake-off on September 19 at 11:30 a.m. A delicious lunch will be served by the Compass Class. There will be pie activities for children and even a pie throwing event! Rules for the pie contest can be found in the Narthex at the back of the church. All church members are invited to enter their favorite homemade pie(s). There is a \$10.00 entry fee per pie. Enter as many pies as you like. The winning pie will be auctioned off. All proceeds will go towards the debt of the Family Life Center. Even if you don't bake, come and join in the fun.

Sign up to be part of Team Central’s Komen Race For the Cure! Race Day is Saturday, September 25 in downtown Evansville. The Survivor Recognition Program begins at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K run/walk at 9 a.m., and the 1 mile walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Register online at www.komenevansville.org, or pick up a registration form in the church office. The registration fee is \$25 (ages 12 and younger are \$15). Paper registrations are due in the church office no later than Friday, Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. You can register online until midnight on Wednesday, September 15. Race T-shirts will be available at church Sunday, September 19. For more information, contact Central’s team captain, Ruth Randall at 425-0326 or randall5356@insightbb.com.

ALEX HUCK WALK FOR ALD – OCTOBER 16

Marcus and Tracy Baker’s nephew, Alex Huck, passed away June 17 this year from Adrenoleukodystrophy or ALD. There is a walk to raise funds for this disease at Garvin Park (Little League Field) on October 16 at 9:00 a.m. Please see the bulletin board for details.

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
Quilting: Thursday 9:00 a.m. - FaHoLo Room

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Food Pantry: Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Rack Shack: (used items/clothes) Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Youth: Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Tutoring: Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Power: (Neighborhood Children ages 5-11) Wednesday 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6 – 12

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| Monday | Labor Day – Church Office & Child Care Closed |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office 4:00 p.m. Mission Team – Library 5:30 p.m. Nurture Team – Church Office 6:00 p.m. CAJE Team Meeting – Nolte Room 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Church Office 7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Meeting – Library |
| Wednesday | 1:00 p.m. Mary-Martha Circle – Nolte Room 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study – Trinity Room 5:15 p.m. Long Term Finance Meeting – Church Office |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. JACC Meeting – Library |

Friday 6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force Meeting – Library
 6:30 p.m. Rental Set-up – Family Life Center
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. Military Reunion – Family Life Center
 12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library
 8:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Trinity Room
 Sunday 5:00 p.m. Center City Cluster Pitch-In – Family Life Center



PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

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| Budget Envelope Giving Last Week | \$1,402 |
| Needed Weekly | \$6,456 |
| Giving Year-To-Date | \$210,408 |
| Needed Year-to-Date | \$225,960 |

Our sympathy to the Steve Millay and family on the death of his great-nephew, Cole Humpherys, grandson of Steve’s sister Carol. He was born in May, diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in August and died September 1. The parents live in Connecticut, and Cole was their first child.

Brissa Alicia was born early on September 2 to Fabiola and Dylan Easley. Mother and baby are both fine. This is the first grandchild for Patti and Pastor Joe.

**WILLIAM RETURNS TO GHANA,
 GIVES THANKS FOR CENTRAL**

Pastor William Mpere-Gyekye left August 31 to return to his family and home country of Ghana. He returned the car that donations from the church had helped him buy. The car was purchased so that he could meet the requirement of his Clinical Pastoral Education program at Deaconess Hospital. After selling the car and paying for expenses to ship back books and personal belongings, \$705 remained, which he asked to be donated to the Loaves and Fishes Fund. See the bulletin board for the beautiful letter of thanks William wrote.

PITCH-IN WITH CLUSTER CHURCHES SEPTEMBER 12

Central will host a pitch-in dinner for our fellow cluster congregations (Fairlawn & Trinity UMC plus St. Lucas UCC) at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 12. Plan to share good food, enjoy fellowship and get better acquainted with our fellow Christians in Evansville.

SERVICE SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

We thank everyone who participated in Service Sunday a week ago. It was a meaningful experience for the 86 people involved in some way. Counting members of the Compass Class already working at Frog Follies, nearly 100 people served in the community that day. During the announcements you will see some pictures of people at various sites. As we will return to our usual Sunday morning schedule today, we hope some will have a new sense of the connection between worship of God and serving people in God’s world.

OFFERING FOR PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF

Flood-affected areas of Pakistan are equal to the “entire size of England, Bangladesh, or Cuba” and continue to grow, according to the United Nations. 17.2 million people are “significantly affected” and 1.2 million homes have been destroyed. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing clean drinking water, food, temporary shelter, and medical aid to tens of thousands of people in collaboration with the Church of Pakistan and relief groups. You may donate toward the relief effort through the church offering (marked “Pakistan Flooding”) or directly to UMCOR.

DIRECTORY PICTURES MAKE-UP DAY SEPTEMBER 23

Olan Mills has announced that they will be back for a make-up day on Thursday, September 23 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone who missed the earlier opportunities to have their picture taken for the directory is asked to call Olan Mills as soon as possible. Call 800-866-2263 and give the church account number 47192, to schedule your appointment.

THANKS FOR CANS FOR PANTRY TODAY

This month’s “First-Sunday Collection” item is “Cans.” Thanks for any canned goods for our pantry. You may also give by cash or check (to “Central UMC” noting “Food Pantry”).

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME BOWL-A-THON

The Youth Home will be having its 1st Annual Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Arc Lanes. More information and applications are in the Church Office. There are also sponsorships available. If interested in sponsorships, donating a door prize or becoming a bowler, please call Kelly or Anna at 479-7535.