

## COLLEGE DINNER AND VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

Our college aged young adults are invited and encouraged to attend a night of food and volleyball in the Family Life Center, on Thursday, December 30 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a chance to eat, have some fun, and touch base on how you are currently doing with your transition into this new stage of life. Please contact Mike Warneke if you plan on attending, or would like for him to contact your children or grandchildren for this event.

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## FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND UGANDAN JEWELRY FOR SALE

If you are currently looking for that one of a kind Christmas gift, please do not overlook the Ugandan items and Fair Trade coffees, teas, and cocoas that are on display in Mike's office. You are free to stop by and see the beautiful Ugandan items made by widows and artisans living in and around Kampala, Uganda following services on Sunday or during regular church hours. Please contact Mike if you have any questions on pricing or availability of any products.

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## LOAVES & FISHES AND POINSETTIAS NEW DEADLINE

Remember your loved one(s) with a gift to Central's Loaves & Fishes Ministry or with a pink, white or red poinsettia (\$10.00). The last day to order poinsettia(s) will now be Sunday, December 12.

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## GERMANIA MAENNERCHOR PROGRAMS DEC. 3-4 & 5

See the flyers on the bulletin board about two special programs of Germania Maennerchor. They offer a "German Christmas" with great music and food for \$25 per person on December 3 & 4 at 7:00 p.m. There is also a choral program "Sing for the Sisters" at St. Benedict Cathedral on December 5 at 2 p.m., which is free but an offering will be taken for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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## EVENTS TO BENEFIT THE UM YOUTH HOME

**FIREWOOD SALE:** The United Methodist Youth Home is selling firewood. Delivery is free in Evansville. They are asking \$85. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**COOKIE WALK:** Their Annual Cookie Walk will be held at Epworth UMC next Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST:** Please consider making a cash donation or purchasing one or more of the items on the Christmas Gift List on the bulletin board for the Youth Home residents.

Gifts need to be at the Youth Home, *no later than Monday, December 6. Please do not wrap the gifts.*

# 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:** 9:30 a.m. Combined Service

**Sunday School:** (Classes for all ages) 10:45 a.m.

**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

**Prayer:** Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Emmaus Prayer Group - Parlor

**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 a.m.-12:00 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 NOV 28-DEC 5

Today	5:00 p.m. Shalom Neighborhood Meal – St. Lucas
Monday	10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office
Tuesday	5:00 p.m. ERI Basketball – FLC
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Wednesday Friends – Trinity Room 6:45 p.m. Central Basketball – FLC
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting – Library
Friday	5:00 p.m. 4 Cer's Christmas Party – Trinity Room
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Potato Drop – Franklin St. Parking Lot 12:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Library 8:00 p.m. N. A Meeting – Trinity Room
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Combined Service 11:30 a.m. Advent Brunch – FLC



**HOSPITALIZED Deaconess: Lynn Brower**

Budget Envelope Giving Last Week .....	\$4,406
Needed Weekly .....	\$6,456
Giving Year-To-Date .....	\$288,734
Needed Year-to-Date .....	\$303,432

**ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree is now located in the back of the sanctuary. Please stop and select your angels so that you can help make Christmas a little brighter for some of our area families. All families are cleared through First Call for Help so that we are sure the only assistance they get at Christmas is what they receive from us. After you select your angel(s), please make sure to give the information to one of the Angel Tree committee members at the table. Thank you for all your generosity.

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**“POTATO DROP” AT CENTRAL THIS SATURDAY**

This coming Saturday December 4, a truck full of free potatoes will arrive in Evansville for distribution to the Tri-State Food Bank, local food pantries, shelters and other places that feed hungry people. This event is coordinated by the UM Men’s Group of Old North UMC and Central will be the distribution site. The truck will arrive between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. that Saturday and park in our Franklin Street lot, with distribution between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. by volunteers from both churches. If you can help, call Central’s Church Office, put a note on the secretary’s desk or give one to Rev. Easley.

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**9:30 WORSHIP BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday December 5, we begin a new schedule with worship at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:45 a.m. Throughout December and on January 2, we will have one combined service. The two simultaneous services at 9:30 a.m. start on January 9.

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**BRING CANS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY**

This month’s “First-Sunday Collection” item is “Cans.” Please bring in cans of food for our pantry December 5. You may also give by cash or check (to “Central UMC” noting “Food Pantry”).

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**ADVENT BRUNCH NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, December 5, we will be offering an Advent Brunch immediately following Sunday School in the FLC. There will be crafts for the kids and a Christmas Carol sing-a-long for the adults.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DECEMBER 8**

All are invited to the United Methodist Women Christmas Lunch on December 8 in the Garden Room. Wonderful food – your covered dish (Please bring one.) Fried Chicken provided!! Child Care Children will provide a brief musical selection to begin the meal. Don’t be late or you will miss them. At the conclusion of the lunch, Nancy Reid will share a Christmas story of Mary. Don’t miss this special day - bring a friend.

10:30 a.m. Executive Meeting      11:30 a.m. U.M.W. Lunch

Reservations: 423-2490 Kay Conder, 401-7606 Linda Eggleston

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**Congratulations to Ron Romain** on being one of three new members to the Evansville Business Hall of Fame.

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**MUSICAL “CHRISTMAS JUBILEE” AT CENTRAL DEC. 10**

The congregation at Central experienced the gospel music of Valor III during last year’s Thanksgiving Sunday service. Valor III will join with The Dixie Melody Boys to present a **Southern Gospel Christmas Jubilee** on Friday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. These two gospel groups, both well-known in the Tri-State, will fill our sanctuary with the sounds of traditional Christmas carols and gospel Christmas songs. Plan now to come and invite others you know. The event is free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken.

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**CHILDREN’S PAGEANT - DECEMBER 12**

We will be blessed by our annual Children’s Pageant on December 12 at 9:30 a.m. In the play, written by Patti Wright, the children give us a new perspective on the Magi.

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**COMPASS CLASS COOKIE WALK - DECEMBER 19**

The Compass Class Cookie Walk will be Sunday, December 19 in the Family Life Center from 9:00-9:30 a.m. and beginning again after church until 12:00 p.m. Be sure and stop by and let the Compass Class do your baking for you!

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**CHOIR CONTATA - DECEMBER 19**

The Choir Cantata “Night of the Father’s Love: The Awe and Mystery of God with Us” by Pepper Choplin will be December 19 at 9:30 a.m.

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**CHRISTMAS CAROLING - DECEMBER 19**

Everyone’s invited to Christmas Carol at the homes of some of our senior members, followed by a chili supper on December 19 at 3:00 p.m.