

SWEET SLEEP TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday, the six individuals that will be heading to Uganda this coming July will be hosting a trivia night and silent auction in the Family Life Center from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. In addition to the many silent auction items, there will also be a Ugandan Market set up for you to purchase handmade items from Uganda. Complimentary drinks, appetizers and desserts will be served. Single tickets are \$10 or a team table of 6 can be purchased for \$50. All of the proceeds and profits will be used toward the trip costs and purchase of beds for our Sweet Sleep Team. Please contact Mike Warneke (604-2458) to purchase tickets, or see a mission team representative following services through March. Also, if you would like to donate an item, gift certificate, or gift basket for the silent auction, donations can be dropped off at the church anytime during the month of March.

CAJE NEHEMIAH ACTION APRIL 11

The 2011 Nehemiah Action of Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE) is on **Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.** at Crossroads Christian Church, 10800 Lincoln Ave. While our Justice Team works on this year-round, April 11 is when we want to bring out our whole congregation as Central joins other congregations on this night to “do justice.” Youth homelessness, ex-offender re-entry and transportation are the issues. Please come and ask family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join you. Central’s goal is to have 100 people of the 1,600 whom we hope will fill Crossroad’s Worship Center.

SERVICE SUNDAY

The Outreach Team is currently organizing another day of service as we join the worldwide United Methodist Church for the 2011 Change the World event on May 15. There are forms available in the Sunday School classes and in the back of our worship spaces if you have suggestions for work projects or organizations to partner with. Please simply fill out the forms and get them back into the church office on or before April 3rd for consideration. We will close this wonderful morning of worship and service with a church picnic at Garvin Park, so please plan on being a part of this exciting day.

GERANIUMS TO BENEFIT WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The DEADLINE to purchase geraniums at a reduced price to benefit Weekday Christian Educations is Wednesday, March 30. Forms may be found in the back of the Sanctuary. Please see Janet Duncan if you have any questions.

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 Communion Service – April 2
- 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 Group:** 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.-11:30 a.m.
- Rack Shack:** (used items/clothes) Monday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Power Basketball:** (Jr. High Age) 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

MARCH 27 – APRIL 2

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| Today | 5:00 p.m. Shalom Dinner – St. Lucas |
| Monday | 10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office
5:30 p.m. Child Care CPR – Trinity Room |
| Tuesday | 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon Series – St. Anthony’s
5:00 p.m. ERI Basketball – FLC
6:00 p.m. Child Care Board Meeting – Nolte Room |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room
6:15 p.m. Psalm Study – Library
6:45 p.m. Central Basketball – FLC |
| Saturday | 7:15 a.m. Men’s Lenten Breakfast – McCutchanville UMC
6:30 p.m. Sweet Sleep Trivia Night Fundraiser – FLC
8:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting – Trinity Room |

 **PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER**
 Central, Fairlawn, St. John's and Trinity UMC, plus St. Lucas UCC.

Attendance March 20	188
Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$5,671
Needed Weekly	\$6,438
Giving Year-To-Date	\$75,264
Needed Year-to-Date	\$77,256

OUR SYMPATHY goes to Kathy Smith and family on the death of D.E. Smith March 18. His funeral was last Sunday, March 20, with burial at Alexander Memorial Park.

GIFTS FOR LENT

To respond to God's most marvelous gifts that have been given to us, you have been asked to bring in gifts to be given back to the Lord during each Sunday in Lent in the Casual Service. Please consult the following list and be sure to grab a magnet to place on your refrigerator at home so you don't forget what to bring in each week. Also, if you did not get a "Rice Bowl" bank for loose change you can pick one up in Mike's office anytime throughout Lent. Please bring in the following gifts as noted: Today – bottled water <> April 3rd – old eyeglasses <> April 10th – food pantry items <> April 17th – bring back your "Rice Bowl" banks.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS CONTINUE MARCH 29

The Lenten Luncheon series on "Spirituality and the Arts" continues with architecture as this year's focus. This week's is March 29 at beautiful and historic St. Anthony's. The soup luncheon will be served in the cafeteria of St. Anthony's Family Life Center, entered off Delaware St. or through a door between this building and the church. The last one is April 12 at St. Lucas. Both are on Tuesdays, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS CONTINUE

The Evansville/Vanderburgh County Men's Lenten Breakfasts continue at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday through April 23. This week's breakfast is at McCutchanville UMC. Central hosts the next to the last one on April 16. Please gather at 7:15 a.m. each week.

USED COOK BOOKS NEEDED

Please bring in your used cookbooks to be sold at the Spring Fair on April 9 for the benefit of Weekday Christian Education. You may put them in the marked box in the Mission Center at the back of the Parlor.

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

It's that time again! It's time to start collecting candy for our super-duper egg hunt. We don't need quite as many eggs this year, but we will need lots of wrapped candy that is suitable for toddlers (and will fit into plastic eggs!). Please bring your donations - either candy or money if that's easier for you - to the church office. Also, please consider helping us stuff eggs this year. We will meet in the parlor and **begin stuffing at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 14th.**

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. Forms are in the back of the sanctuary and the last day to order is April 17.

You may also honor or remember a loved one by giving to the **Loaves & Fishes** program, which helps assist neighborhood families in their time of need. The last day to donate and to get an acknowledgement in the bulletin is April 17. Forms are in the back of the sanctuary.

Acknowledgement of all gifts will be printed in a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. Please write separate checks since we have an account for each.

CHILD CARE FUND RAISER

You have an opportunity to help with our playground improvements by supporting our spring fundraiser. We will be selling geraniums for \$5.00 each through April 4th. These geraniums are in 4 1/2 inch pots and are available in 5 different colors. They will be delivered and available for pick-up the week of April 25th. Just in time for spring planting and Mother's Day gifts! We have an order form in the Church office or you can call Mary K at the Child Care office. Our number is 424-9461.

RON ROMAIN INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Life-long Central member Ron Romain was one of three inductees into the Evansville Business Hall of Fame at a breakfast on March 17. Ron is Founder, President and CEO of the United Companies. Sharing the honor with Pat Koch of Holiday World and the late Mayor and 20th century businessman Benjamin Bosse, Ron was in good company—or should we say, *they* were in good company with **him**. USI President Linda Bennett said of Ron, "He gives to the community the same way in which, I imagine, he gives to his own family." We see his passionate commitment to family, community and Christ, as an active member and leader at Central.