

SWEET SLEEP TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Please clear your calendar for a fun-filled evening on Saturday, April 2. 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. during the first Saturday of April. You can purchase a single ticket for \$10 or a team trivia 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. There will also be a Uganda Market set up for you to purchase wonderful handmade items from Uganda, some wonderful appetizers and desserts, as well as many silent auction items. Please contact Mike Warneke (604-2458) to purchase tickets, or see a mission team representative following services on the 13th, 20th, and 27th of 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.

US 41 BUS ROUTE LETTERS STILL INVITED

Our justice ministry team is still collecting letters to support a new bus route along US 41 North between Lynch and Volkman Roads. Work continues with members of the County Council to put together a plan for funding for a pilot project on the route. Signing and turning in a support letter will be helpful. Copies of this letter on a white half-sheets and beige-colored sheets to explain the need are available on the tables at the east entrance. Learn more about efforts on this, youth homelessness and preventing recidivism at the Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment Rally, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 14 at St. Mary Catholic Church.

FAT TUESDAY FEAST

Old North UMC, 4201 Stringtown Road, is having a Fat Tuesday Feast on March 8 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Adults are \$12 and Children 10 and under are \$6. Everyone is welcome and reservations are required (423-2483).

CHILD CARE HAS OPENINGS

Central Child Care has pre-school (ages 3-5) openings. Church members get a discount and referrals are greatly appreciated.

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. – Choice of Casual or Traditional

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

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

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.-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 7 – 13*

Monday	4:30 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting – Trinity Room 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Church Office
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office 12:00 p.m. Prayer Lunch – Trinity Room 5:00 p.m. ERI Basketball – FLC 5:15 p.m. Shalom Team Meeting – Trinity Room 6:00 p.m. Executive Council/Charge Conference – Nolte
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. Mary-Martha Circle – Nolte Room 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room 6:45 p.m. Central Basketball – FLC 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	7:30 a.m. JACC Meeting – Library

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS (Continued)

- Friday 7:00 p.m. North Georgia College & State University Choral Concert
- Saturday 7:15 a.m. Men’s Lenten Breakfast – Aldersgate UMC
8:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting – Trinity Room
- Sunday Daylight Savings Time Begins



DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

**Barb Schmitt Connie Maglinger
Art O’Bryan (O.P.) Harold Pittman (Solarbron)**

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

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

Attendance February 27	190
Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$4,543
Needed Weekly	\$6,438
Giving Year-To-Date	\$53,625
Needed Year-to-Date	\$57,942

OUR SYMPATHY goes to Bob and Angie Francis, Billy Jines and family on the death of Bob’s mother, Lena Fodge, February 26. The funeral was March 1 at Alexander West Chapel with burial at Alexander Memorial Park.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to Marilyn Patterson and family on the death of her husband, Jim, on February 28. The funeral was Saturday, March 5 at Boone Funeral Home East with burial at Park Lawn Cemetery.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lonita Quirk! Great-granddaughters, Hope and Harper were born on February 22 to Jeremy and Joy Secrest. Lonita also wanted to say that she was so thankful for all the prayers, cards and visits for her recent hip replacement.

BOXES FOR PANTRY TODAY

Today’s “First-Sunday Collection” item for the food pantry is “**B**oxes.” Thank you for bringing in boxed food items for our pantry. You may also give by cash or check (to “Central UMC” noting “Food Pantry”).

USED COOK BOOKS NEEDED

Please bring 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.

NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR

This Friday, March 11, Central has the privilege of hosting the North Georgia College and State University Choir. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and we would love for you and your friends and family to be in attendance. We also could use a few host homes for the college students, directors, and accompanists. Please let Mike or Abby Warneke know if you are interested in hosting a few of these students for the Friday evening of the concert; you will simply need to take them home from the concert, give them a place to sleep and provide them breakfast before you bring them back to the church in the morning.

MARCH 8 CHARGE CONFERENCE TO ELECT TRUSTEE

Rev. Easley has been authorized to convene a special Charge Conference for the purpose of electing a Trustee to fill a vacancy. Kay Conder will be nominated at this meeting in the Nolte Room right before the Tuesday Executive Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MARCH 9 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE BEGINS LENT

Our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday gives us a great opportunity to reflect and reevaluate as we begin our Lenten journey. Rev. Easley will preach and the choir will sing. Our Lenten Theme this year is: “The Most Marvelous Gift.”

MEN’S LENTEN BREAKFASTS BEGIN MARCH 12

The Evansville/Vanderburgh County Men’s Lenten Breakfasts begins this Saturday, March 12 at Aldersgate and continues at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday through April 23. Central hosts the next to the last breakfast on April 16.

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES BEGINS MARCH 15

We also continue our series of Lenten Luncheons on “Spirituality and the Arts” with our Shalom partner churches. This year we look at how architecture reflects and inspires faith in the respective church buildings. We host the first one on March 15, and they continue March 29 at St. Anthony’s and April 12 at St. Lucas. Each luncheon is Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

If you have not done so already, pick up your copy of the Lenten devotion today “A Clean Heart Create in Me” includes daily reflections throughout Lent from C.S. Lewis.