

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 Avenue. 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 Highway 41 North public transportation are the issues. Please come and ask family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join you. Central’s goal is to account for 100 people of the 1,600 people whom we hope will fill Crossroad’s worship center.

CHILD CARE FUND RAISER

You have an opportunity to help with Central Child Care’s playground improvements by supporting their spring fundraiser. They are selling geraniums for \$5.00 each through April 4th. These geraniums are in 4 ½ inch pots and are available in 5 different colors. They will be delivered and available for pick-up the week of April 25 just in time for spring planting and Mother’s Day gifts! There is an order form in the Church office or you can call Mary K at the Child Care office (424-9461).

OLD NORTH FISH FRY TO BENEFIT HABITAT - APRIL 15

Old North United Methodist Church will host a Fish Fry on Friday, April 15 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. with proceeds going to the United Methodist Habitat Build in September. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

ORGAN CONCERT AT TRINITY TODAY

Thomas Drury, newly appointed Director of Music and Organist at Trinity, will present an organ recital at Trinity United Methodist Church, 216 SE 3rd St. today at 3:00 p.m. Trinity’s new organist will be playing music by Buxtehude, Bach, and others. A freewill offering will be taken at the door.

CARING SHELTER SELLING RIBS & BUTTS

The United Caring Shelter is selling BBQ Pork Ribs (5lb/\$20) and Butts (7 lb/\$23) to be picked up this Saturday, April 9, as a fund-raiser. The bulletin board has a form on it giving information on how to place an order, which are due April 6. Additional copies of it can be found in the counter in the Office.

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

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 *APRIL 4 - 10*

Monday	10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Church Office
Tuesday	4:00 p.m. Missions Team – Library 5:00 p.m. Nurture Team – Church Office 5:00 p.m. ERI Basketball – FLC 6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Meeting – Library
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Wednesday Friends – Trinity Room 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room 6:45 p.m. Central Basketball – FLC
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Worship Team – Library
Saturday	7:15 a.m. Men’s Lenten Breakfast – Howell UMC 8:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting – Trinity Room
Sunday	12:00 p.m. Shalom Volunteer Luncheon – Garden Room



HOSPITALIZED St. Mary's: Doris Thompson

PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER

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

Attendance March 27221
Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$3,863
Needed Weekly	\$6,438
Giving Year-To-Date	\$79,127
Needed Year-to-Date	\$83,694

Congratulations to Lexi and Andy Hartmann on the birth of their daughter Angeliqua Faith-Church on March 28. She was 9 lbs 6 oz and 20_inches long. Angeliqua is the granddaughter of Nancy Reid and is welcomed home by her sisters, Katie and Hope and brother, Drew.

Congratulations to Nikki (Mahone) and Ryan Wissner who were married yesterday, with Danny Walker officiating. Nikki is the daughter of Libby and Rick Pittman.

Congratulations to Jennifer and Beau Brandt on the birth of Logan Joseph Brandt on March 28, the same day as his sister Emma 8 years earlier.

Our sympathy goes to the family **Don Koch who died March 26**. Don's family included sister-in-law Kay and brother-in-law Ned Conder. Don was married to Kay's twin Gay over 40 years. Gay's church was always his second home and returned here after her death. His memorial service will be 10:00 a.m. next Saturday, April 9 at Holy Rosary where he also attended.

Our sympathy goes to Shirley Martin (a member of Central until she and Tom moved to Lexington) on the death early last week of her father Sam Hayes of Shelbyville Kentucky. His funeral was Thursday.

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 bring items for our food pantry to worship with you next week and bring back your "Rice Bowl" banks on Palm Sunday.

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**.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 8:30 ON EASTER

On April 24, we will have a 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast. Children's Sunday School will be held at 8:30 a.m. that morning. Parents should be aware that there will not be children's classes or childcare following the 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship. Adult classes may want to meet at 8:30 a.m. instead of 10:45 a.m. that day as well.

JAPANESE CHRISTIANS BEGIN RELIEF WORK

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is working through relief and church partners in Japan to respond and provide immediate assistance and long-term rehabilitation. With these partners, UMCOR is meeting the most basic humanitarian needs in northern Japan such as providing clean drinking water, food, cooking and eating supplies, clothing, and fuel for heating. A new UMCOR designation, Japan Emergency Advance #3021317, has been created to collect funds for these needs. Gifts will go 100% to support relief now and rebuilding communities later, including the reconstruction of homes and churches. You may give directly to UMCOR or to Central with a designation for this purpose. Today's "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering also goes 100% to UMCOR for their rapid response whenever there is an emergency in the world.

LAST LENTEN LUNCHEON - APRIL 12

The last of the 2011 Lenten Luncheon series on "Spirituality and the Arts" will be April 12 at St. Lucas UCC. The soup luncheon is at Noon that Tuesday, followed by the presentation on the interesting sanctuary of St. Lucas from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST CONTINUE

The Evansville/Vanderburgh County Men's Lenten Breakfasts continue at 7:15 a.m. each Saturday. This week's breakfast is at Howell UMC. Central hosts the next one, April 16. Please gather at 7:15 a.m. each week. Tickets for the final breakfast (April 23), the annual combined UCC/UMC breakfast for Men and Women, are on sale for \$7.