

GRADUATE SUNDAY – JUNE 5

Graduate Sunday will be celebrated on June 5th and we would like to list all of our high school and college graduates in the bulletin and in the June Messenger. If you have a son or daughter (or a grandchild) who will be graduating in May or June, please contact Nancy in the church office at 424-3574 or e-mail her at nreid@central-church.org by May 22.

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP

Imogene Lutz will be at a table in the Parlor with information on the wide variety of summer church camps from which to choose. The Southwest District Camps have been moved to Camp Indi-Co-So, near Bedford for better facilities and more resources. Campers who went to Santa Claus last year can attend one of these camps at a significant discount with the discount code. You can register online or via mail. Imogene has information she can give you on how to do either and have ¼ of the fee, which Central pays for all campers, billed directly to the church. Two weeks of church camp planned by local UM churches will still be held at Santa Claus and are open to those from other churches.

The May 14 Child Care Rummage Sale has been cancelled.

VOLUNTEERS & HELP NEEDED

New Harmony is in need of volunteers for sandbagging to prevent the town from being inundated by the Wabash River. Volunteers should report to the parking lot of the Red Geranium restaurant during daylight hours only. The Emergency Management Agency trailer is coordinating activities from that location. The **American Red Cross** is in need of volunteers (around the clock) and the following items: food, gift certificates, water, sport drinks, and cleaning supplies (including gallon jugs of bleach, scrub brushes, paper towels, brooms, empty spray bottles). Donated items can be dropped off at the back of the American Red Cross building at 29 South Stockwell Road, Evansville. If you can help, call Jody at 471-7200.

A GOOD SENSE WORKSHOP HELPS

Good \$ense is a financial stewardship ministry course based in the local church for clergy and laity. It is being offered in our area for *any who wants to take control of his/her finances* at Santa Claus United Methodist Church. The one day course is offered on May 20 and May 21, from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. day for only \$25. You must register in advance, as there is preparatory work you will be mailed in advance. Those attending will be encouraged to return to our congregation to offer the 6-week session here. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more 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: 9:00 a.m. Service Send Off; 9:30 a.m. Traditional

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

Chancel Choir: Wednesday 6:15 p.m. - Choir 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 MAY 8-15

Today	Mother's Day & Native American Ministries Sunday
Monday	10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office 4:30 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting – Trinity Room 6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Meeting – Library
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. Unbinding the Gospel Study – Library 5:15 p.m. Shalom Team Meeting – Trinity Room 6:00 p.m. Executive Church Council – Nolte Room
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. Mary-Martha Circle – Nolte Room 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room 6:00 p.m. Unbinding the Gospel Study – Library
Thursday	12:00 p.m. Unbinding the Gospel Study – Library 6:00 p.m. Unbinding the Gospel Study – Library
Saturday	8:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting – Trinity Room
Sunday	Change the World Sunday & Church Picnic

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Next Sunday – 12:00 Noon Church Picnic – Garvin Park

June 12 – 11:30 a.m. Church Wide Birthday Party Luncheon – FLC

HOSPITALIZED (Deaconess) **Harold Pittman Karen Schnakenburg**

DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL Edith Rough Betty Jo Adams



PRAY FOR THE CENTER CITY CHURCH CLUSTER:

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

Attendance May 1	146
Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$8,339
Needed Weekly	\$6,438
Giving Year-To-Date	\$115,968
Needed Year-to-Date	\$115,884

THE ALTAR FLOWERS were given in memory of Charlotte Johnson and in honor of her birthday by Larry and Margaret Whicker.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Paul Watterson on his death May 4. He became a member in 1974. His funeral was Saturday, May 7, at Browning Funeral Home with burial at Sunset Memorial.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Betty Myers on the birth of their new grand daughter. Sophia Mehnaz Myers was born in Chicago to Richard and Sarah Myers on April 20, weighing 9 lbs 4 oz and 21 inches long. Anne Myers is her aunt and Lily is her cousin.

Additional Loaves & Fishes were given by **Al & Doris Kaltofen** in memory of **Their Loved Ones**.

THANKS to Central’s Staff-Parrish and Staff for remembering me so wonderfully this Administrative Assistant’s Day. It was greatly appreciated!

Lisa Miner

WEAR NAMETAGS TO HELP OUR GUESTS

A goal of Central is to be prepared to welcome guests on every Sunday. Instead of asking guests to identify themselves to us (“Name, rank and serial number!”), we want to introduce ourselves and welcome them. One way of doing that is to wear **our** nametags. We ask that you please locate your church name tag and begin to wear it again. If you have lost yours or never had one let the church office know (by written note, e-mail or phone call), so that one can be made for you. By June 5, we want every member to have a name tag and to wear it.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK MAY 6-12

For National Nurses Week, we honor all nurses for the work they have done and still do. Today we recognize nurses in our own membership, including: Mollie Affolter, Lynn Brower, Mildred Bruner, Angela Brower Cooley, Paula Giesman, Hilda Higgs, Peggy Huey, Karen Jones, Tracy Mosley, Susie Sanders, Leitha Wilson, and Carol Crabtree, who has served as our Parish Nurse over 11 years. If we have missed anyone, please let us know.

WALK TO CURE DIABETES - SATURDAY

Gary, Kristi and Carly Frazier invite you to join them in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk to Cure Diabetes this Saturday, May 14th at Holiday World. You can donate online at www.jdrf.org under Walk to Cure Diabetes (their team name is “Carly’s Cruisers”) or by sending a check payable to JDRF to their home at 5933 Stacer Rd., Newburgh, IN 47630. You may also walk with their team at Holiday World on Saturday. Call them at 853-0261 with questions.

YOUTH HOME GOLF SCRAMBLE - MAY 23

A Golf Scramble to benefit the United Methodist Youth Home will be held Monday afternoon, May 23, at Rolling Hills Country Club. It will begin with a lunch buffet at Noon and followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Brochures are in the office for individuals and church groups who would like to sponsor a hole (\$150) or a cart (\$100). Folders are also there to register to play in the scramble: \$80 per person or an entire team of 4 for \$300. Please contact Rev. Easley if you would like to play on his team.

HACIENDA GIVE BACK DAY - JUNE 5

The First Avenue Hacienda will give back to Central 20% of all food and gift certificate sales made on Sunday, June 5 with the proper “coupon”. The “give-back” amount will go to the Family Life Center Building Fund. Covered are food purchases (eat in or take out) and gift certificates bought any time that day. Please follow the rules on the coupon, which can be picked up in the back of the sanctuary.

CALLING URBAN GARDENERS

The US EPA is working with ECHO Housing to create some Urban Gardens on vacant lots in our neighborhood that were part of the Jacobsville soil clean-up. Interested community people will be instructed on how to tend them at a later date. They are looking for one lot to be a vegetable garden, one an orchard, one a butterfly garden with native plants, and one an herb and spice garden. Currently they are looking for people to become trainers and will train sometime the week of May 23-27. If you are interested call Michael at ECHO Housing (423-8422).