



# The Messenger

## Central

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### DO WE WANT TO **THINK** WE ARE FRIENDLY OR BE SURE WE ARE?

Two weeks ago I read an article entitled, “So You Think You’re a Friendly Church?” It was sent out to about 100 folks from different Southwest Indiana churches who had attended a workshop sponsored by the Center for Congregation on “Places of Welcome” in February. Five of us from Central were there. The workshop was excellent, and so was the article. Its author shared that he had “never come across a congregation that bills itself as the ‘unfriendly church.’ Every congregation likes to think of themselves as friendly and welcoming to visitors...I have found that churches are not always as welcoming to first-time visitors as they think they are.” He went on to describe the experience of one of his students who took up his challenge “to put on their ‘visitor hat’ and attend a local church service to find out for themselves.” The ways in which she was ignored would make any of us cringe.

I **think** Central is a friendly church—and probably you do too—but we want to be sure we are. I want us to be intentional and make sure Central Church is a place of hospitality to every person who comes through the door, especially a first-time guest. Suppose for a moment you had just moved to a new community and not attended any church for several years; struggles in your life made you feel like maybe you needed to get closer to God but you weren’t sure if God could help you—or would want to. In that case, how hard do you think it would be to walk into any church for the first time? How important would it be that people spoke to you, welcomed you, introduced themselves and offered to help you if you had any questions? Would the hospitality help you sense God’s grace is here for you?

Hospitality is serious business, because it is God’s business, and we want it as a hallmark of Central. That is why we are putting a priority on welcoming “guests.” Rather than calling people “visitors” (who can be folks “who just happened by”), we are calling them “guests”—meaning we have been eagerly waiting for their arrival and preparing to host them. The Golden Rule applies here: “Welcome others as you would want them to welcome you.” Most of us know how to do that, we just need to remember and practice it when we get to church. Central is trying some things to support us in this:

**Name Tags:** Beginning June 5 we ask everyone to wear a church name tag each week. Please locate and use your name tag. If you need one (or need a new one), our wonderful Administrative Assistant Lisa will gladly make you one, so just let her know (via phone call, e-mail or note left on her desk Sunday). Wearing your name tag will let others know who you are. It will also help you know others “whose name you should know” so you are too embarrassed to ask. Finally, it will help you pick out our guests: the ones **without** a name tag. Now you know who to welcome! See how easy that is.

**The 5-Minute Rule:** Three months ago we introduced the idea that the first five minutes after the benediction, you

look for and speak to the people around you **who you do not know**. Sure you want to talk to friends and family—and will have plenty of time for that—but **first** pay attention to those don’t know. Your family and friends will hang around, but visitors likely won’t unless they are treated like guests. To avoid embarrassment say, “I am not sure I have met you. I am \_\_\_\_.” If you meet long-time members this way, you get to know them—and can point out they have forgotten their name tag.

**The 10-Foot Rule:** A second similar concept is: while at church, simply speak to everyone of whom you pass within ten feet. I heard this at the workshop too, but it’s value was confirmed a few days later, when with no mention from me a successful executive told me that a practice their business continually emphasized was the “10-Foot Rule.” Just acknowledge people around with a friendly word. They feel better, and so do you. It puts everyone in a better frame of mind, shares the joy and creates a good habit.

Welcome and hospitality characterized Jesus’ ministry. He spent so much time eating and drinking with people that he was accused of being a glutton and a wine-bibber. He ate with anyone who would share a table, without regard for their status or reputation, even inviting himself to the home of the tax collector Zacchaeus. Everywhere he went, he graciously greeted, welcomed and treated people from all walks of life with respect. His mission was “God so loved **the world** that he gave his only Son, that **whosoever** believes should not perish but have real life;” his message was “Come to me, **all you** that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest;” and his commission was “Go into **all the world**, making disciples of **all peoples**.” No wonder one of the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations is “radical hospitality.” Jesus was hospitable/gracious. He calls us to be the same—not because “the church needs people” but because “people need the Lord,” and we can help connect them.

Your Pastor,

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 8-11

The third session of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet at Ball State University in Muncie from June 8 through June 11. Sessions begin Wednesday evening and continue through Saturday morning and possibly into the afternoon. Central’s Lay Member **Ned Conder** will be attending along with **Pastor Joe Easley**.

### EASLEY VACATION JUNE 24-JULY 1

**Pastor Easley** is taking a week’s vacation June 24 through July 1. **Joe and Patti** will be going to San Francisco (again) to visit Brissa and her parents. **Kim White** will be speaking in the traditional worship service on June 26. If there are pastoral needs during this time, please call the church office or **Carol Crabtree** (402-1809).

## IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- June 5 Graduate Sunday Communion  
Scripture: Mark 3:1-6  
Sermon: "When Christians Get It Wrong"
- June 12 Pentecost 11:30 - All-Church Birthday Party  
Traditional Sermon: "One Spirit, One Body, Amid Diversity"  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
Casual Speaker: Mike Warneke
- June 19 Trinity Sunday Fathers Day  
Traditional Sermon: "Like Son, Like Father"  
Scripture: John 14:8-17, 25-27
- June 26 Traditional Speaker: Kim White  
Scripture: 1 John 4:21; Eph. 4:31; 1 Thess. 5:12-13  
Sermon: "Encourage and Uplift Them"  
Casual Speaker: Ed Higgs

## VBS

Vacation Bible School will be June 27 thru June 30, followed by the Block Party on Friday. We will have classes for 3 and 4 year olds through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are currently recruiting volunteers, so please call **Amanda Schreiber** at 437-2234, or **Nancy** in the church office, if you can help! Also, we plan to have prayer buddies this year. We will be looking for people to be here at church to pray for VBS and the participants, and we will also be looking for volunteers who will be available at scheduled times to pray for the program. Please call **Nancy** in the church office if you are available for prayer.


## NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

The Outreach Team and the Shalom Zone Team will once again be partnering to provide a neighborhood block party for our community and to help celebrate our Vacation Bible School week. This event will take place on Friday, July 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will have food, live music, inflatables, a neighborhood yard sale, the Weed and Seed trailer, and did I mention a whole lot of food? Please plan on joining us for this great event of getting to know the residents in our neighborhood, and a fun time for all involved.

## NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

You are welcome to bring in clothing and other small household items any time during the last week of June, as our Mission Team will be organizing them for a neighborhood yard sale to bless those that attend the Neighborhood Block Party on Friday, July 1. All items will be marked at 10 cents for our neighborhood families to be blessed by your generosity. We ask that you bring in nice, clean items that will bless others. Clothing, small household items and toys are suggested for this sale. This is not an attempt to make money, but to bless our community instead. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please talk to **Linda Eggleston** or **Marilyn Conder** if you have questions.

## CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY



Get your palate ready for a wonderful time of fellowship at our annual Church-wide Birthday Party on Sunday, June 12, which just happens to fall in line with the Birthday of the Church, Pentecost Sunday. The Nurture Team will be sponsoring this wonderful time of food, fellowship and interaction and we would love for one and all to attend. The Trinity Class will be providing a Baked Potato Bar starting at 11:30 a.m. followed by our Church-wide Birthday Party. You are encouraged to sit with others from the church that share your birthday month and enjoy the wonderful desserts that will cover the tables. We are in need of decorations and desserts for each month of the year. Please contact **Nancy Reid** or **Linda Harris** if you would be willing to provide a dessert (cake or another dessert of your liking, or one that goes with the given month) and the necessary decorations to make the month you choose stand out!

**GRADUATE SUNDAY** will be June 5. There will be a reception following worship to honor our graduates. Here are this year's graduates.

**Kady Zoe Breeze** has graduated from Bosse High School, where she was active in choir and theater. Kady plans to attend USI in the fall. Kady is the granddaughter of **Dave and Linda Henzman** and the niece of **Heather**

**Morse Kelsey Crow** has graduated from Castle High School. Kelsey was a cadet student teacher in high school and she was also the lead vocalist for our youth group band, Odd Man Out. **Kelsey** will be going to Ivy Tech and majoring in Elementary Education. **Kelsey** is the daughter of **Rich Crow** and **Linda Sanders**.

**Michael Eggleston**, who already as a B.S. in Theatre from Indiana State, has now completed his B.S. in Radio/Tele-vision from USI.

**Michael** will also receive another B.S. degree this summer from USI in English Rhetoric and Composition. **Michael** is the son of **Alan and Linda Eggleston**.



**Brock Aaron Martin** graduated Saturday, May 14, 2011, from Indiana University School of Medicine with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Martin will commence training in July as a Resident Physician in Pathology at Stanford University Medical Center in California. Dr. Martin is the grandson of **Betty Martin**.

**Sydney M. Patterson** graduated Sunday, May 22, 2011 from American University Washington College of Law. She is the granddaughter of Marilyn Patterson and the late Jim Patterson.

**Collin Pfender** has graduated from North High School. While at North, Collin participated in the marching band for four years, he was in the EVSC Honors Jazz Band for 3 years, and he was the recipient of the Downtown Kiwanis Arion Award for the North Band. Collin was a two year member of the National Honor Society and a three year member of the North Lacrosse team. He will be attending Indiana University and is entering the College of Arts and Sciences. **Collin** is the son of **Bob and Mary Pfender**, the brother of **Andrew Pfender**, and the nephew of **Tracy and Terri Pennington**.

## SHALOM ZONE TRAINING AND RETREAT

Central Shalom Zone just passed its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday! On Saturday June 19, the Shalom Team will have a retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. led by Rev. Darren Cushman-Wood, the pastor who led our original training in early 2001 and did a training update five years later. He will review the basic concepts of Shalom Zones for the United Methodist Church, help the team evaluate progress since 2001 and facilitate its planning for the future. The team has had nearly a complete turnover since the original training and most members now were not involved in 2006. St. Lucas UCC became involved fairly early and has several members active on the team. St. Anthony Catholic Church has become more involved in the last few years, and Lisa Covington, one of its members, is co-leader of the team with **Mike Warneke**. A few individuals from other churches also help with Shalom. The retreat will be held at the Center for Congregations, beginning with a continental breakfast and including lunch. Anyone interested in joining in the Shalom training should let the church office know by June 12, so proper plans for food can be made.

## CAJE CELEBRATION – JUNE 20

Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment will hold its annual celebration at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. All Central Justice Ministry Network Members are encouraged to attend, and others who have attended CAJE Actions in the past are welcome as well. For more details, please contact **Pastor Joe, Linda Henzman** or **Bill Seymour**.

## CHANGE THE WORLD SUNDAY RE-CAP

Thank you to those from the Outreach Team and our service teams that gave of their skills and energy on Change the World Sunday. We sent out four service teams around the Evansville community and were able to serve in a variety of ways. We were also able to raise \$181 for the Imagine No Malaria campaign sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Thanks again for your efforts.

### UMCOR NEEDS OUR SUPPORT IN SPRING DISASTERS

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) needs our support in assisting thousands of residents of southern states in cleaning up after devastating storms this spring. The Council of Bishops is appealing to United Methodists across the United States to receive special offerings for U.S. Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670. Even as cleanup is under way in those areas hardest hit by April's historic tornado outbreaks, and as the muddy Mississippi River rises today to levels unseen in more than seven decades, the work of UMCOR is just beginning... This spring, the sheer magnitude of storms and other emergencies has far out-paced UMCOR's financial ability to respond. Already UMCOR is drawing on reserves in order to fulfill its unshaken and absolute commitment to the annual conferences and communities that have been directly affected by this year's historic spring storm season. Although, UMCOR has replenished that money thanks to generous offerings, our U.S. Disaster Response fund remains perilously low. UMCOR may not have started the real work of recovery in the wake of current disasters. Even more troubling, UMCOR now stands as the door of the 2011 hurricane season... In the spirit and power of Christ's resurrection, please consider a special offering in your congregation to assist UMCOR in its work of compassion and concern. Also remember that 100 percent of these funds is used for disaster relief. Thank you for your generous response.

Bishop Michael J. Coyner, Indiana Area U.M.C.

*We'll take special offering June 5. Make your check to Central UMC and note "UMCOR Disaster" on it.*

### YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

The Monday and Wednesday small groups will take a break during the summer months and start up again in September. There will be social outings for our younger families throughout the summer, so please stay tuned to upcoming invitations via email and Facebook messages in the future. Please remember to check the greeter schedule as the Trinity Class will begin this process in June. If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact **Mike** at your earliest convenience.

### VOLLEYBALL



Starting on Wednesdays in June we will once again have the FLC open for volleyball from 6 to 8 p.m. This time is open to anyone who would like to come and play. Childcare will be provided. We will start on June 1 and play each Wednesday except June 29 due to Vacation Bible School being in session that week. If you

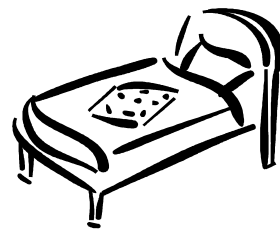
have questions or would like more information please contact **Mike Warneke**.

### UPCOMING COFFEE QUARTER HOSTS

June 19: Library Class  
July 17: Mission Team (Mission Fair in the Parlor)  
August 21: Outreach Team  
September 18: Trinity Class  
October 16: Open

## SWEET SLEEP BED SUNDAY - JUNE 26

Thank you so much for your support of Uganda Mission team thus far as we prepare to travel to Uganda this July to build beds for orphans. Our team of **Melissa Counts**, Amy Covington (St. Anthony Parish and Shalom Volunteer), Rebecca Redd (friend of **Alexis Blythe-Meece** who went last year), Caitlin Taylor (granddaughter of **Ned and Marilyn Conder**), John Warneke (Mike's father) and **Mike Warneke** still have a way to go to meet our fundraising goal for this trip; so we are asking for your help on Sunday, June 26. We will be celebrating a "Bed Sunday" and as a way of showing your gratitude for the many blessings in your life, we are asking that you bring \$10 for every bed that you have in your home to donate to Sweet Sleep and our mission efforts this coming July 23-31 to provide beds for orphans in need in the Kampala area of Uganda.



### HACIENDA DAY - JUNE 5

The First Avenue Hacienda will give back to Central 20% of sales on Sunday, June 5 if the person has the proper "coupon" from the church at the time the bill is paid. Please follow the rules on the coupon, which are also located in the back of the sanctuary. Covered are food purchases (eat in or take out) anytime that day and gift certificates bought then. The "give-back" amount will go to the Family Life Center Building Fund.

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Thank you to all of our wonderful nursery volunteers.

June 5—**Claire Dugan**  
June 12—**Kay Conder**  
June 19—**Ruth Randall**  
June 26—**Kristi Frazier**

If you would like to be a volunteer on a quarterly rotation for the nursery, please contact **Abby Warneke** at 962-5755.

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Thanks to our June Acolytes!

June 5—**Haley Worland** and **Maddie Schreiber**  
June 12—**Katy Swain** and **Carly Frazier**  
June 19—**Anna** and **Ethan Schreiber**  
June 26—**Emma Schreiber** and **Emma Brandt**



Please contact **Abby Warneke** (962-5755) or **Nancy Reid** if you have a child who would like to acolyte.

### GREETERS

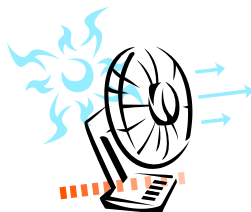


The Trinity Class will have representatives outside at our Mary Street and canopy doors greeting our members and guests as they arrive at Central for our Worship time together. We hope this will make our guests feel welcomed and allow them to most easily access our nursery, and find our worship spaces.

June 5 Mary Street Doors: **Scott** and **Amber Schreiber**  
Canopy Doors: **Bruce Armstrong**  
June 12 Mary Street Doors: **Mike** and **Abby Warneke**  
Canopy Doors: **Beth Hatt**  
June 19 Mary Street Doors: **Matt** and **Monica Schreiber**  
Canopy Doors: **Shane** and **Leitha Wilson**  
June 26 Mary Street Doors: **Brandon** and **Suzu Daugherty**  
Canopy Doors: **Josh** and **Amy Barron**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rob Updyke
- 3 Claire Dugan
- 5 Mary Schreiber
- 8 Monica Schreiber  
Mikayla Smith
- 9 Al Kaltofen  
Tim O'Bryan  
Abel Warneke
- 10 Brent Huey  
April Johnson
- 12 Leitha Wilson
- 14 Carlen R. Gant  
Adam Herring
- 15 Jayne Aki  
Gayle Bain  
Madelyn Morse
- 16 Sharon McGuire  
Cindy Schmitt  
Debbie Wagner
- 17 Chastity Johnson
- 18 Ron Counts
- 19 Charles Emsweller
- 20 Doreen Woundy
- 22 Barbara Barthel
- 23 Mollie Affolter  
Robert Gerding  
David Schnakenburg
- 25 Amber Schreiber
- 26 John Dillow  
Vanessa O'Bryan
- 27 Kelsey Brown  
Russ Daugherty  
Paul Rice
- 28 Allison Morgan  
Victor Stone
- 29 Patti Easley  
David Henzman



**WELCOME** to **Taite Elyse Huey** who was born to Brent and Lisa Huey on April 20. She weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and was 19 1/5 inches. **Peggy Huey** is the proud grandmother. Taite is also the great niece of **Charlie Guard** ....and to Sophia Mehnaz Myers who was born in Chicago to Richard and Sarah Myers on April 20, weighing 9 lbs 4 oz and 21 inches long. **Jim and Betty Myers** are her grandparents. Anne Myers is her aunt and Lily is her cousin....and to Grant Andrew Willoughby born on April 23 to Christa and Nathan Willoughby, who were married at Central in 2007. Grant is the grandson of "Bill" (William Grant) Cummings and great nephew of Rollanda Montgomery, both of whom attend regularly. Grant is the great grandson of **Mary Helen Brame**.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to **Amanda Schreiber** and family on the death of her grandmother, Irene Lampkins. She died Sunday, April 3. Her funeral was April 7 at St. Teresa Catholic Church.....and to the family and friends of **Bennett Mullins** who died April 15 after a stroke. He was beloved by his family: **Doris Mullins, Karen and Connell Jones, Emily Le Ray and Jamie Calderwood** and friends, the US Class, and Baker's Chapel UMC, where he served 12 years as a lay pastor, and by many others who knew him.....and to the family and friends of **Paul Watterson** on his death May 4. He became a member in 1974. His funeral was Saturday, May 7.

**THANK YOU** for your cards, calls and visits after **Bennett's** stroke and then death. We have greatly appreciated your support.  
**Doris Mullins**



## SUMMER CAMP

Age: Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (age 11)

Hours: 6 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

5 two-week themed sessions offered  
Cost: \$25.00 deposit for each session due in advance

\$260 tuition fee per session  
Includes 2 snacks, breakfast and lunch, all field trips and activities

Tuition discount for church members.  
If interested, call [424-9461](tel:424-9461)

## GREAT BIG THANKS

Thank you very much to all who gave donations to the Endowment Fund in memory of **Rev. Bennett Mullins**. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

**Doris Anderson-Mullins, Karen Jones and Family**

**THANKS** to **Pastor Joe, Central's Staff-Parrish and Staff** for remembering me so wonderfully this Administrative Assistant's Day. It was greatly appreciated!  
**Lisa Miner**

## HOLIDAY WORLD/SPLASHIN' SAFARI TICKETS

Holiday World/Splashin' Safari tickets are now available in the church office. The tickets (\$31) are good only July 1 – July 19 (note: Children 2 and under are admitted free). This is a savings of \$12 off normal gate admission. The purchase of your ticket benefits the Santa Claus Campground Corporation in maintaining the campground. As always drinks at the park are FREE.

## SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

A Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Thursday, June 16 at 12 noon in the Trinity Room.

## ST. LUCAS RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE JUNE 10-11

St. Lucas U.C.C. will have a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale on June 10 and 11. They will be open 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday. See the poster on the bulletin board for details.

## SANTA CLAUS CAMP GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Golf Scramble for Santa Claus Campground will be Thursday, June 16 at Christmas Lake Golf Course, beginning with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A donation of \$60 covers 18 holes, cart, range balls, prizes and food at the golf course afterwards. Sponsors (\$100 for hole, and up) are also sought. Send registration or sponsorship by June 4 to Joe Kamman, 495 W. Evergreen Plaza S., Santa Claus, IN 47579 with a check made out to "Santa Claus Campground, Inc." Let **Rev. Easley** know if you would like to join him on a team. Contact Joe Kamman (812-544-3879 or [jpkamman@yahoo.com](mailto:jpkamman@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

