

# The Messenger

## Central

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### THE TOLL OF VIOLENCE – RESPONDING IN CHARACTER

We hear of violence every day in Afghanistan, Libya, Mexico, etc. Sometimes it comes closer or touches us in ways we cannot ignore or so quickly slough off. We experienced that in July.

After a wonderful and much appreciated celebration to honor local safety personnel July 3, a week later the sometimes high cost of that role came home to our neighborhood. Sunday afternoon, July 10, the SWAT Team was called to a house in our neighborhood, where a young man high on inhalants broke into the house he shared with his parents and fired shots that hit a patrol car and just missed an officer's head. At the urging of his brother via phone to surrender to the police, he walked out of the house, still holding to the phone, but the police did not know what he was holding. He still appeared threatening and, when he did not comply with repeated requests to drop it, he was shot dead in his yard two blocks from the church. What a tragedy! A life wasted at 29, a young son left behind. A host of factors played in (chemical dependency, drug-induced paranoia, behavioral choices and likely depression). Still, he was a beloved son, brother and father. My heart and prayers go out to his family, whom I met at the funeral home and will see again. My heart and prayer also go out to every officer who responded that day to a frightening scene, not knowing whether they might be shot or killed—one nearly was. They had to make split-second decisions with many lives hanging in the balance. I especially feel for the officer who fired the fatal bullet. While the circumstances justified his action fully, he will never forget taking a life that day. It is one of the worst nightmares for police.

Then days later we were rocked by news from Norway of a government building bombed and people systematically gunned down at a youth camp, apparently the work of one radical and deranged young man from a nice family. He killed children and adults, overwhelmingly at least nominally Christian, in the name of "Christian Europe." The carefully plotted but ultimately insane violence of terrorism, with this many victims, brings a deep wound to our human spirit. Violence extracts a heavy

price on us all. Indiana UM Bishop Michael Coyner spoke to this in an E-pistle the day after the event:

The sad news from Oslo and the youth camp reminds us once again of the reality of evil and the presence of danger even in places which have been so apparently peaceful. We have a United Methodist presence in Norway...already plans are set for a memorial service in Oslo to remember the victims. How can we help? We can at least join in those prayers for the victims, their families, and all who are so obviously distressed by this terrible situation. The Upper Room offers a resource called [Words of Comfort](#) and today's prayer is so very appropriate:

**Tender God** – by George Graham

Tender God,  
who embraces us with love,  
through the ages  
you have told us,  
"Fear Not."

Your Pastor

### UPCOMING COFFEE QUARTER HOSTS

August 21: Outreach Team  
September 18: Trinity Class  
October 16: Open  
November 20: Open

### 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 access our nursery with ease, and find our worship spaces.



- Aug 7 > Mary Street Doors: **Matt & Monica Schreiber**  
Canopy Doors: **Shane and Leitha Wilson**
- Aug 14 > Mary Street Doors: **Brandon & Suzy Daugherty**  
Canopy Doors: **Josh & Amy Barron**
- Aug 21 > Mary Street Doors: **Rhett & Amanda Schreiber**  
Canopy Doors: **Ron & Melissa Counts**
- Aug 28 > Mary Street Doors: **Cathy Ferris**

## IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- Aug. 7 Combined Communion Vision 2012 Report  
Rev. Jim Bushfield, preaching and presentation  
"Historian of the Year" **Stan Schmitt** recognized  
Scriptures: John 21:24-25 & Acts 2:42-47  
Sermon: "Making History"
- Aug. 14 Traditional Service Preacher: **Pastor Easley**  
First of Series: To God's Beloved in Rome  
Scripture: Romans 1:1-17  
Sermon: "Paul, A Servant of the Gospel"  
Casual Speaker: **Brandon Daugherty**
- Aug. 21 Traditional Service Preacher: **Pastor Easley**  
Scripture: Romans 1:18-23; 2:12-16; 3:21-26  
Sermon: "All Have Sinned but the Antidote Is Free"  
Casual Speaker: **Mike Warneke**, Outreach Ministries
- Aug. 28 Traditional Service Preacher: **Pastor Easley**  
Scripture: Romans 5:1-11  
Sermon: "Peace with God through Suffering"  
Casual Service led by The Holders

## MEET THE NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hi! My name is **Abby Warneke** and I'm very excited to fill the position of Youth Director here at Central. I am married to **Mike** and we have two boys, **Gideon** and **Abel**. I graduated from Hannibal-LaGrange College with a degree in Human Services and a minor in Missions. I have worked as a drug/alcohol counselor, a child development specialist, and am now currently a stay-at-home mom. While at our previous church in Quincy, Illinois, I volunteered alongside Mike with the youth group. I am eager to once again have the chance to work with youth and am excited at the opportunities in the future.



I would like to have a "Meet and Greet" on **August 7** to discuss the youth group's future and to hear your ideas. All youth and their parents are invited for a brunch following church services and Sunday School on August 7 at 11:30 a.m. Please come with ideas, opinions and schedules so we can get things started this school year! If you can make this event, please let me know by calling me at 604-2459..

## YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

The Monday and Wednesday small groups are continuing their break during the summer months and will 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. Please remember to check the greeter schedule as the Trinity Class continues this process in August. If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact **Mike**.

## BRING CANS FOR PANTRY AUGUST 7



This month's "First-Sunday Collection" item is "**Cans**." On August 7, bring in canned food for our pantry. You may also give by cash or check (to "Central UMC" noting "Food Pantry").

## JOIN CENTRAL'S TEAM-

*Komen Race for the Cure*

Join your church family in registering for the 2011 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The race takes place **Saturday, September 24** in downtown Evansville. Events that morning include the Survivor Recognition Program at 8 a.m., and the 3.1 mile/5K run/walk at 9 a.m. Online registration is now open by visiting [www.komenevansville.org](http://www.komenevansville.org).

- 1)Click the pink "register" box;
- 2)Click the second "register" box;
- 3)Click "Join an Existing Team";
- 4)Enter team name: Central United Methodist Church;
- 5)Click "Search". It will ask for more information, including payment by charge card.

Online registration is strongly encouraged; however, paper registrations will be available at church, or on the Komen website. Adult registration (ages 13 & over) - \$25.00. Children 12 and under - \$15.00. Timed participant - \$5.00 additional. Hope to see you at the Race for the Cure! If you have questions, contact Central's race chairperson, **Ruth Randall**, 425-0326.

## NEW ACOLYTE CHANGES!!

You may have noticed a change--the acolytes are now acolyting with a family member. This is a great way to see the multi-generational families within our church. Thanks to the Acolytes for the month of August:

- August 7--**Haley Worland**  
August 14--**Katy Swain**  
August 21--**Emma Schreiber**  
August 28--**Anna Schreiber**

## TRIVIA NIGHT ON AUGUST 19

With the success of our first Trivia Night back in April, we will be hosting a second event on Friday, August 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This event will have general knowledge trivia questions on a variety of topics, but please know that although the questions are challenging, the answers are multiple choice. You can reserve your table of six for \$50 or you can purchase individuals tickets for \$10 ahead of time, as ticket prices will increase at the door, with each ticket costing \$15. Prizes will be awarded, and there will once again be a plethora of appetizers and desserts for your enjoyment. All monies raised will be going to support Fields of Dreams, an organization aimed at helping the orphaned youth of Uganda reach their dreams through the vehicles of soccer and education. You will also have a chance to hear from our Sweet Sleep mission team as well. They will be sharing about their journey from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. and all are encouraged to attend this portion of the evening whether or not you are on a trivia team. Please contact **Mike or Abby Warneke** if you would like to purchase tickets in advance, reserve a table, or if you have any questions.

## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The Senior Citizen's Luncheon is Thursday, August 18 at 12 noon in the Trinity Room. Our guest speaker will be Administrator Cypress Rehab, Ann Morrow. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and if you have any questions, please call **Velma Berry**, 477-5871

## VOLLEYBALL

Continuing on Wednesdays in August we will once again have the FLC open for volleyball. With school starting on August 10 we will adjust our open gym time later in the month; we will play from 6 to 8 p.m. on August 3 and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on August 10, 17, 24, and 31. This time is open to all ages and skill sets that would like to come out and play, and childcare will be provided. If you have questions or would like more information please contact **Mike Warneke**.



## SWEET SLEEP TEAM UPDATE

Thank you so much for your support of our Uganda Mission team, as we will be excited to share about our journey with you in different ways in the coming weeks and months. We will have an in-depth presentation at 7:30 on August 19 at the Trivia night, and we would love for you to come and hear about our experiences.

**Mike** will also be sharing some details about this trip in his message at the Casual Service on Sunday, August 21. Please remember that **Mike Warneke** will be staying in Kampala for an extra week, returning on August 7. During this extra time **Mike** will be laying some groundwork for Fields of Dreams, a non-profit organization that both he and **Tyler White** have been working on since their return from Uganda last June. Your prayers and support are much needed and appreciated.



## U.M.W. MISSIONS AT WORK

### GOATS AT HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

Henderson Settlement is in the rural Kentucky Mountains where poverty is a way of life. The Mission took a leap of faith and purchased goats for the farm. It was an exciting time—they had triplets—and now are trying to build their herd to 100 does (nannies), producing 400 kids (young goats) each year. These goats are used for meat, milk, and cleanup. Instead of having to mow many acres, they fenced in areas, made some shelters, and the goats found their food. They eat hay and the cost of pellets for the goats is about \$200 every six months. Besides providing food for families, goats are also sold to help pay for their food and upkeep and provides financial support for the Mission.

**SAVE YOUR CAMPBELL SOUP AND BOX TOP LABELS.** Red Bird Mission was able to purchase a van from General Mills after furnishing the required amount of labels.

## SHALOM TEAM MEAL

Our Shalom Team will be sharing in a meal with our neighborhood on Sunday, August 28 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Lucas UCC on Virginia Street. We would love to have more people involved in this vital ministry of our church and community. This is an exciting time for our Shalom Team, and we would love to have new hearts and minds as we move forward serving alongside the residents of Jacobsville.

## CHILD CARE NEWS



Child Care is on the move again! Rooms 02, 04, 06 and floors 100 and 200 will be moving up to the next class on August 8. There will be a “Meet & Greet” for the parents of these rooms on August 4.

Summer Camp will be ending soon. It has been a great year with many creative new field trips for the 41 students in attendance.

Openings are at a premium in Child Care. There are a few openings in pre-school and the two year old rooms.

Enjoy the few days of summer that are left!

## AUGUST CONCERTS AT TRINITY

Trinity United Methodist Church is again hosting its “Arts in August” concert series at 3:00 p.m. each Sunday. Performing on August 7 are soprano soloist Andrea Drury and her husband Thomas Drury, who is a pianist, organist, composer and the new Music Director at Trinity. Clarinetist/saxophonist Thomas Josenhaus and cellist Jennifer Wingert will play with Drury on August 14. Tenor Luther Lewis and Friends sing on August 21. Dr. Douglas Reed, well-known Professor Emeritus of Music and University Organist at the University of Evansville is featured on August 28. See the folder of the bulletin board for more details.

## METHODIST BUILD FOR HABITAT

Central and several other United Methodist Churches in Vanderburgh County will build a Habitat home this fall. Volunteers will be needed over 4 weekends, beginning September 10 and during the intervening weeks. Donations and fund-raisers are still invited for the project, as the project is still a little shy of the \$57,000 cost. **Amy Barron** and **Mike Warneke** are coordinating Central’s part in this and will be sharing information on volunteer needs as time goes on.



**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Dorothy Erickson**, who died July 9. Dorothy’s funeral was Tuesday, July 12 at Boone Funeral Home with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. **Jerrine Robertson** was her overseer....and to the family and friends of **Franklin D. Gillespie**, a 73-year old former member who died July 9. His mother, **Marjorie Gillespie**, was a long-time member until her death in 2006.....and to the family of David Lasher, who died June 28. The funeral was July 4 at Nass Funeral Home in Jasper. Rhaechel and Joe Renner, his daughter and son-in-law will have Rhaechel’s youngest brother, Jesse living with them temporarily.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Polly Flener  
Mattie Woods
- 4 Brenda Miller
- 5 Doris Thompson
- 6 Amy Huey  
Joy Mundy
- 7 Emily Adams
- 8 Matt Schreiber
- 9 Barbara Brooks  
Flossie Wilson
- 10 Joseph O'Bryan  
Nicole Mitsopoulos  
Grace Patterson
- 12 Susan Herring
- 14 Pam Dugan  
Gideon Warneke
- 16 Kristy Broyles  
Alicia Deig  
Lynn Kratzer
- 17 Matthew Dillow  
Cameron Ferris  
Andrew Pfender  
Connie Romain
- 18 Hal Bootz  
Daniel Romain
- 20 Libby Pittman
- 21 Judy Boettger
- 22 Susan Gerding  
David Wegner
- 24 Elaine Barron  
Nellie Truitt
- 25 Anna Schreiber
- 26 Velma Berry  
Harold Pittman  
Gloria Simmons  
Chelsea Vonhor  
Ray Yonts
- 27 Jeffrey Romain
- 28 Robert Jarrett Jr.  
Mark Schmitt  
Letta Fraccaro  
Quentin Martin  
Stan Schmitt
- 31 Jacob Dillow



## FAREWELL FOR CAJE ORGANIZER

Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment is having a going-away party for Myeda Hussain, who has been CAJE's Lead Organizer since November 2009, to thank her for all she has done with CAJE and to wish her good luck as she begins I.U. Law School this fall. It will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 3 in Central's Garden Room. Everyone is invited to join in farewell, fellowship and food. If you can attend, please RSVP to **Linda Henzman** (867-0453) by August 1. You can also tell her if you would like to bring food that night or contribute toward a gift.

## THANKS TO AUGUST NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 7--**Heather Morse** and **Abby Warneke**  
August 14--**Beth Hatt** and **Amber Schreiber**  
August 21--**Cathy Ferris**  
August 28--**Jeff Bruce**

## CHILDREN'S ROTATION

During the month of August, we will be studying Moses. Any parent that would like to help would be greatly appreciated!

## THANKS

Thanks to all who helped restock our supplies in the church office for the hungry and homeless. We are now in good shape to help those in need that happen to come in when the Food Pantry is not open.

## STEPTO'S BAR-B-Q SHACK

Stepto's Bar-B-Q Shack in North Park will give Central 10 % of the sales for meal purchases every Sunday and Wednesday if you take a church bulletin to them when you dine there. Quarterly they will send us a check for 10% of the amount that was spent. This fundraiser will continue until the end of this year.

## STRESS


A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "When dealing with Stress Management, the absolute weight doesn't really matter as much as, how long I try to continuously hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, I'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later the burden becomes increasingly heavy, and we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, we have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, Let them down for a moment if you can. So, put down anything that may be a burden to you right now. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested a while.

Here are some great ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

- \* Accept the idea that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- \* Try to keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- \* Always wear stuff that will make you look good, if you die in the middle of it.
- \* Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be "recalled" by their maker.
- \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to be kind to others.
- \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- \* Nobody really cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- \* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep a little later on your days off.
- \* Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- \* Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- \* We could learn a lot from crayons...Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- \* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2011</h1>						
<b>9:30 A. M. Contemporary Service 9:30 A.M. Traditional Service 10:45 A.M. Sunday School</b>						
	1 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 10:00 Church Staff Mtg. 6:00 Trustee Meeting - Ch O 6:00 Casual Worship – Trinity 6:00 Staff-Parish – Library	2 6:00 National Night Out – Garvin Park 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	3 11:00 Wednesday Friends - Trinity Room 6:00 Volleyball	4 9:00 Quilting 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 3:30 Power Basketball 5:30 Staff-Parish w/DS - Lib	5	6 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 8:00 N A Mtg. – Trinity Room
7 Communion & Combined Service 11:30 Meet & Greet Youth & Abby Warneke – Trinity Room	8 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 10:00 Church Staff Meeting 4:30 Outreach Mtg. - Trinity	9 6:00 Church Council – Trinity 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group	10 12:00 JNIA - Trinity 1:00 Mary-Martha Circle - Nolte 5:30 Volleyball 6:00 Worship Mtg. - Library	11 7:30 JACC Mtg. - Library 9:00 Quilting 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 3:30 Power Basketball	12	13 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 2:00 Shower/ Williams - Garden Room 8:00 N A Mtg. – Trinity Room
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28 5:00 Shalom Dinner – St. Lucas	29 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 Rack Shack 10:00 Church Staff Meeting	30	31 5:30 Volleyball		