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DOUBLE GOOD NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN JUNE

Mayor Weinzapfel held a press conference on June 13 that means a great deal to the Jacobsville area. Central United Methodist Church (in the heart of this neighborhood) along with its members and pastors for over 25 years has worked closely with other people and groups in Jacobsville for long-term improvement in the neighborhood. Since 2001, we have worked together through the Jacobsville Area Community Corporation (JACC), created to bring infrastructure and social improvements in the neighborhood that would improve the lives of people currently living, working, worshipping, owning property or having any other stake in the area, as well as planning for revitalization and redevelopment of the area that would make it a desirable place for new residents to live, new businesses to open and/or build, existing businesses to expand and new people to come for work, worship and leisure.

It has been a slow process, with many delays and discouragements along the way. Still, improvements have come in the last 10 years in some new businesses, new single-family homes and new specialized housing that meet real needs. Even some of the seemingly negative changes have actually laid the groundwork for new opportunities. There are still vacant buildings in need of demolition, but a good number of dilapidated buildings have been torn down and ground cleared for possible redevelopment. The biggest change in the last 10 years was the discovery of toxic levels of lead and arsenic in area soil that endangered neighborhood children and halted development. This allowed it to be designated an EPA Super Fund Site and brought a clean up. Much of the southern part of Jacobsville has been remediated over the past 3 years, and the remaining areas are to be cleaned up as more funds are appropriate—probably in the next year or two, for which all of us in the city will be pushing. The “ground” work has been laid and Jacobsville is ready for a new day.

The June 13 announcement means that the old chorus to Jacobsville of “NOT YET” has been changed to “**NOW YES!**” This proposal for major funding of a grass-roots planning and renewal process for Jacobsville is exactly what we need. I am excited about the approach of Comprehensive Community Economic Development that will be used in the process to get the stakeholders in the neighborhood involved in planning for our own future and leading to the recreation of a quality of life plan, about working with consultants that have effectively guided other communities in the process, in the leadership of Habitat for Humanity as a new partner in the area and the convening organization for the planning process, and for the city recognizing this opportunity and committing significant funds to get this process off to a strong start. We are convinced this is a most significant beginning to a long-term recovery of a great neighborhood. Jacobsville could become one of the most desirable places in Evansville for people to live who want a new future in a walking neighborhood and a sustainable community. We already have all the essentials in walking distance: medical services, excellent employment opportunities, places to buy all the necessities of life, good restaurants and public transportation. New development in mixed-income housing and business can make this an excellent urban area in which to live, work, worship and recreate.

A year ago, Mayor Jonathon Weinzapfel suggested to Habitat Director Lori Reed that Jacobsville would be the next area in which to use the housing-plus-development approach they spearheaded in Glenwood. In the meantime, JACC got a pro-

posal from Indiana Association for Community Economic Development to guide a planning initiative. They estimated the total cost for the planning package at \$65,000 to \$75,000. With add-ons to make the process stronger by funding more “early wins to build momentum” Lori thought it would be better to have \$100,000 and asked the city for \$75,000 of that. Instead the mayor proposed the city fund the entire \$100,000 and let other community groups use their funds on projects coming out of the process. We thank the mayor for his faith in Habitat and the people and organizations that make up the coalition of the Jacobsville Area Community Corporation.

A second piece of good news: On June 21, the Evansville Redevelopment Commission approved publishing a request for proposals for urban planning firms to work with JACC and the city on revising the master plan for an enlarged Jacobsville Redevelopment Area. This is a much smaller area of the neighborhood (north of the Lloyd but south of Virginia Street from First Avenue to North Main Street and then up that commercial corridor), but it can become the economic engine that would spur further improvement in housing and feed the process for neighborhood transformation. Hiring the urban planning group to work on this will be funded entirely by TIF funds collected in the redevelopment area! Bringing in expert professions in urban development for this part of the planning and the Grassroots people-center process led by Habitat will need coordination in their efforts, but they can complement each other and make the final product greater than the sum of the parts.

Central Church stayed in this neighborhood to serve its people and make it a better place. That faithfulness has paid off, as we begin to see a return on the investment. Through God’s grace this can make a difference for everyone, including Central Church.

Your Pastor,

WORLD ATLAS AVAILABLE

Anyone interested in a good quality (but 19-year-old) world atlas can contact **Pastor Joe**. He received a new atlas for Christmas and is interested in finding a “good home” for the old one. This National Geographic Atlas of the World, Revised Sixth Edition is large (12” x 18”), 300+ page, hard-bound and in good shape. Geographic features do not change, and very few national boundaries have changed since its publication in 1992. It postdates the breakup of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, so it shows the independent nations that emerged from them, except for the independence of Montenegro and more recently Kosovo from Serbia and the split of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The first person who asks can have this.

SHALOM TEAM TRAINING UPDATE

Our Shalom Team and its members had a wonderful day of training put on by Darren Cushman-Wood on Saturday, June 18. A huge thanks to the Center for Congregations and all that they provided to make this day possible. If you are interested in helping our Shalom Team move to new ground as we try and engage our neighborhood in new ways this fall please contact **Mike Warneke** or **Joe Easley**.

HOLIDAY VILLAGE WORSHIP

We will continue to lead worship at Holiday Village on any 5th Sunday of the year. Please contact **Mike Warneke** or **Joe Easley** if you are interested in assisting with worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 31.

IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- July 3 Honoring Community Servants Who Keep Us Safe
Communion
Pastor Joe preaching today & each traditional service the rest of month
Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1-4; 2:1-6. 11-13 & 17-18
Sermon: "Protecting and Serving the Common Good"
- July 10 Traditional Service: David Westfall, Special Music
Sermon: "Love Wins—If You Let God In?"
Scripture: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
Casual Speaker: Randy Moore, Channel 9
- July 17 Mission Fair at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Traditional Service Focus: "Our Goal: Growth in Service"
Sermon: "Church - Not an Arena, but a Practice Field"
Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Casual Speaker: Nancy Reid, Family Ministries
- July 24 Traditional Service Focus: "Our Goal: Growth in Discipleship"
Sermon: "Do Not Stay Children; Grow Up Into Christ"
Scripture: Ephesians 4:14-24
Casual Speaker: Jennifer Dick, Ruth's House
- July 31 Traditional Service Focus: "Our Goal: Growth in Membership"
Sermon: "Members Are a Result, Not the Objective"
Scripture: Acts 2:38-39, 41-43, 46-47
Casual Speaker: Barbara Jessen, Youth Home

HONORING THOSE WHO PROTECT US JULY 3

Next Sunday we will be honoring those who protect our community, particularly the church neighborhood. We have invited the police officers of the West Sector and the firefighters of Station 3, along with any other off-duty police or fire personnel who wish to attend worship and/or a reception following on July 3.



ENDOWMENT REQUESTS INVITED

July 24 is the deadline to request funds from the 2010-11 fiscal year earnings of the Central Endowment. Its Governing Board will meet shortly after that to evaluate requests and decide on how to distribute about \$45,000, the total of which is determined by the average fund balance over the three years ending 6-30-11. Per its by-laws earnings are divided between "Property Maintenance (Fund A)" and "Service to Others (Fund B)." It also suggests money would "normally be divided equally between these two funds," but allows in "emergency situations, the Governing Board...to vary the division...up to a ratio of" 70% for either fund. The Trustees decide on the use of Fund A, although per an agreement three years ago, half of their distribution goes to repayment of an emergency loan in late 2008 to fund the necessity of a new roof. Fund B is used for local missions that serve others, including Central's own outreach ministries (e.g. Loaves and Fishes), local United Methodist ministries (e.g. The Youth Home or Ruth's House), other local faith-based ministries with which we work (Outreach Ministries) or other non-profits whose goals align with the church's (usually agencies in which Central members are involved, such as Ark Crisis Child Care). Request must be submitted in writing (via hand delivery to the office, mail or e-mail) by Sunday, July 24 and should include the names of the ministry and the person(s) making the request as well as something about the nature of the need and how the funds requested will be used.

DAVID WESTFALL SINGING JULY 10

David Westfall will be bringing special music next Sunday in the traditional service. **Tyler Simpson**, our new pianist for the choir, is playing for the service July 10, as **Letta** is on vacation. Newscaster Randy Moore is speaking in the casual service that day.



METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISION

Trucks will be in our area July 11-13 to pick up donations, which need to be at the designated pick up site before July 11. Please see the church bulletin board for pick up sites and their urgent donation needs.

SUZY "RETIRES" AS YOUTH DIRECTOR

After nearly 15 years (an almost unheard of tenure for such a position) **Suzy Daugherty** is resigning as our Director of Youth Ministries, effective July 31. This was not a sudden decision or an easy one for **Suzy** to make but is based upon what she and **Brandon** feel is best for their family at this time. It has become increasingly difficult for her and **Brandon** to balance their other employment, their children's activities, their church committees, and those needs and activities of the Central youth group. After considering this for over a year, it became clear this spring to **Suzy** that this is the time. She talked with **Pastor Joe** and SPRC Chair **Kim White** in May and early June, shared this with our youth group while they were together for the mission trip/Ichthus festival June 12-19 and then notified the rest of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Because of her longevity, skills, personal faith and growth and love of youth she has touched the lives of many youth for Christ over these years. These youth, our church and our world are better for this. We express our thanks for this and wish her the best. She, **Brandon** and the family intend to remain an active part of Central. She will continue to have a heart of youth and be a great support to her successor. The kids will miss **Suzy** and **Brandon** very much, as will many of the parents who often sought her counsel as well. Please pray for **Suzy** and the students as they face this transition. In addition, also pray that the SPRC will find the right person to take on this very important ministry of our church.

HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR: STAN SCHMITT

Stan Schmitt was honored as one of three "Historians of the Year" for the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. The award will be presented to him in worship on August 7 by the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, Rev. James Bushfield, who will also preach that morning.



CAJE SUPPORT DRIVE

Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE) held a wonderful celebration on June 20 for its successes in working for justice, holding systems accountable and making needed change. In addition to commitments gained at the April 11 Nehemiah Action, another victory was announced: the bus route out US 41 north will begin operating this summer as a several-month pilot program, which it is hoped will prove itself. In addition to celebrating a great year, the goal was announced to become a self-sustaining organization. That night nearly 100 people turned in their investment to make this possible, because they believe in the work CAJE does and see the reason to personally invest in the work. Central's CAJE Team members will all be personally investing—and many have already done so. If you would like to support this as well, contact **Linda Henzman, Bill Seymour, Imogene Lutz, Dave Randall, Pastor Joe** or the church office.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

The Outreach Team and the Shalom Zone Team will once again be partnering up 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 1st from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and we will have food, music, inflatable's, 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.

MISSION MOMENT <> JULY 17 MISSION FAIR

The Missions Team will be hosting a Mission Fair on Sunday, July 17th during our regularly scheduled Coffee Quarter time. This event beginning directly following services will give our members the chance to visit the many different volunteer opportunities available at Central, and get some great food during the process. The parlor will be filled with information about the various ways that you can serve our members and community with details on how you can get involved. It is the prayer of Central's leadership that all of our members find ways to give back to God through service. If your service team would like to be represented please contact **Mike Warneke** during the first week of July.

METHODIST BUILD FOR HABITAT

Central will be participating with several other United Methodist Churches in Vanderburgh County in building a Habitat home this fall. Volunteers will be needed over 4 weekends, beginning September 10 and during the intervening weeks. When Central decided to disband further efforts on the Flood of Justice ministry, after 18 months of trying and with insufficient registration to hold this in either the summer of 2010 or 2011, the funds left in that account (\$2,500) were donated to the Habitat build, since it improves people lives in a similar way to what Flood of Justice was intended. Other churches have given more or less on the total cost of the build, but it is still a little shy of the \$57,000 needed, so additional money from fundraisers and gifts are being sought. **Amy Barron** and **Mike Warneke** are coordinating Central's part in this and will be sharing information on volunteer needs as time goes on.

NEW HOPE MINISTRY

New Hope Ministry at Methodist Temple was started to bring hope to those facing hard times in the changing economy of our community by offering various resources to those in need. It seeks to renew body, mind and spirit by building positive relationships in people from the church and community. It offers a monthly hot meal at no cost and provides company and encouragement to those in hard times, whether it's unemployment, loneliness or a spiritual struggle. The New Hope Meal takes place the last Saturday of most months, 11:30 a.m. in the Methodist Temple Fellowship Hall, best reached from the Kelsey St. entrance. Call 812 476-1306 with any questions. Remaining dates for 2011 meals are: July 30, August 27, September 24, October 29, November 19 and December 17.

SUBSCRIBING TO CONFERENCE E-MAIL WEEKLIES

The Indiana Conference United Methodist Church has three weekly E-mail newsletters that focus respectively on news from the conference and beyond ("e-HUM"), events offered ("e-Vents") and mission opportunities ("Mission News"), which tells about many mission work trips. Bishop Coyner (E-pistle) also has a (usually) weekly blog. You can sign up for these and other e-mails by going on the website (www.inumc.org), clicking on "Subscribe" in the second menu from the top and completing the information in the link.

BRING BOXES FOR PANTRY JULY 3

This month's "First-Sunday Collection" item is "**Boxed food.**" On July 3, bring in staple food in boxes for our pantry. You may also give by cash or check (to "Central UMC" noting "Food Pantry").

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Thank you to all of our wonderful Nursery Volunteers.

July 3—**Abby Warneke** and **Sheri Seymour**
July 10—**Jennifer Willis** and **Melissa Counts**
July 17—**Jo Wilson** and **Amanda Schreiber**
July 24—**Kim White** and **Sheri Seymour**
July 31—**Joelle Lynch** and **Amy Barron**

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 JULY

Thanks to the July Acolytes!

July 3—**Evan Lynch**
July 10—**Talon Counts**
July 17—**Hope Hartmann**
July 24—**Ethan Schreiber**
July 31—**Maddie Schreiber**

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



UMW INVITATION

On Wednesday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Garden Room, the Bea Conder Circle will host a "covered dish" luncheon for all United Methodist Women. A special program is being planned, and a joint meeting of the Circles will follow. Wednesday Friends and all Central members (men too) are invited to join us for delicious food, an interesting program and a special time of fellowship.

Linda Henzman

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 continue this process in July. If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact **Mike** at your earliest convenience.

VOLLEYBALL

Continuing on Wednesdays in July, we will once again have the FLC open for volleyball from 6 to 8 p.m. 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**.

UPCOMING COFFEE QUARTER HOSTS

July 17: Mission Team (Mission Fair in the Parlor)
August 21: Outreach Team
September 18: Trinity Class
October 16: Open
November 20: Open

SWEET SLEEP TEAM UPDATE

Thank you so much for your support of our Uganda Mission team thus far as we prepare to travel to Uganda with Sweet Sleep this July to build beds for orphans. Our team of **Melissa Counts**, **Amy Covington** (St. Anthony Parishes 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** cannot thank you enough for your generosity through our fundraising events. We ask that you keep our team in your prayers during our travels and our time with the precious kids that God has in store for us. We will be flying out of Washington D.C. with a flight through Brussels into Entebbe, Uganda. We will leave on July 22 with most of our team returning on July 31. **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.



CONGRATULATIONS to April Johnson and Vicente (Vincent) Zabala on their wedding that took place on June 11. The bride is the daughter of **Barbara and Millard Johnson**. The couple will reside at 88 Cleves Way, Dahlonga, GA 30533.

WELCOME to Noah Aaron Unversaw, who was born to **Shane and Christine Unversaw**. He was born on May 23 at 5 lbs 14 oz and 18 inches long.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of **Helen Lewis**, a long time member who died June 5 in Westminster, Colorado. Her funeral was Saturday, June 11 at Alexander North Funeral Home....and to Robert Gerding and his daughter Brittany on the death of their mother and grandmother, **Dorothy Gerding**. She died June 12 and her funeral was June 15 at Browning Funeral Home....and to the family of **Rev. John Cheesman**, who died Tuesday, June 14 at his home in Greenwood, IN. John served as senior pastor at Central from 1989 to 1994, among his 44 years as a United Methodist pastor. His funeral was June 18, at Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin, IN with burial at Gardens of Memory in Muncie, IN. Condolences can be sent to Alberta Chessman, 845 Fiesta Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The Senior Citizen's Luncheon and Annual Show and Tell is Thursday, July 21 at 12 noon in the Trinity Room. The guest speaker will be Dietitian, Lacy McNear. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and if you have any questions, please call **Velma Berry**, 477-5871.

Dorothy Shaw would like to **THANK EVERYONE** from the bottom of her heart for all the cards, visits and prayers through her recent hospitalization and surgery.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Nick Randall
Haley Worland
- 3 Lisa Boberg
Dan O'Bryan
- 4 Stephanie Bonenberger
Stacy Worland
- 5 Ryan Lynch
Ethan Schreiber
- 6 Beau Brandt
Jennifer Pusateri
- 7 Chase Boberg
Jessica Kluesner
Dixie Parker
- 9 Darren Halbig
Helen Lowey
- 10 Jeanne Brockelman
Alexander Garcia
Joshua Hendrickson
Steve Sanders
- 12 Barbara Beck
Joy Halbig
- 13 Elveda Beal
- 14 Geri Armstrong
Hazel Cantrell
Kevin East
Karen Moore
Scott Tribble
- 15 Rebekah Koves
Teenie Ann Kratzer
- 16 Jayne Dillow
Hilda Higgs
Jim Myers
Marilyn Patterson
Sheri Seymour
- 17 Betty Sue Roth
Evelyth Wright
- 19 Susie Sanders
- 20 Daryl Harris
Katherine Smith
- 22 Abbie Wilson
- 23 Brodie Duncan
Charles Long
Andrea Wiley
- 25 Doug Duncan
James Herring
- 26 David Miller
Aubrey Schucker
- 27 Trenton Herring
Christopher Millay
- 28 Virgil Ellerbruck
Bettye Hendrickson
Jo Anne Wilson
- 29 Charles Giesman
- 30 Donald Hillyard
Ronald Hames

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.

- July 3 Mary Street Doors: **Rhett and Amanda Schreiber**
Canopy Doors: **Ron and Melissa Counts**
- July 10 Mary Street Doors: **Cathy Ferris**
Canopy Doors: **Joelle and Ryan Lynch**
- July 17 Mary Street Doors: **Brandon and Jennifer Willis**
Canopy Doors: **Kim and David White**
- July 24 Mary Street Doors: **Scott and Amber Schreiber**
Canopy Doors: Bruce Armstrong
- July 31 Mary Street Doors: **Abby Warneke**
Canopy Doors: **Beth Hatt**

VBS THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's VBS a success! Thank you to those who helped with kitchen prep, clean-up, registration, nursery, teaching, shepherding, singing, acting, crafts, photography, etc. And a special thanks to Abby Warneke for directing this year's VBS. Our week was great because of all of you!

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. 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, and part of their experiences serving in Kampala during the month of July. Please contact **Abby Warneke** if you would like to reserve a table, or if you have any questions.

CENTRAL SUPPORTS THE UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME

Central has been stepping up in a big way to support the United Methodist Youth Home. Our assistance is being offered in a variety of ways:

Donation of goods and services: A big thank you goes to those individuals who frequently bring in items or provide services for the residents and their babies. A few of those folks who routinely contribute include Linda Sanders, Peggy Huey, and Sherri Seymour. Thanks also go to Suzy Daugherty and Abby Warneke for faithfully mailing birthday greetings.

Monthly activity: Many thanks to the Trinity Sunday School class for sponsoring an activity with the residents and their babies on a monthly basis. These activities take place at either the Youth Home, Central's Family Life Center/Youth Room, or at a community event. A meal is always provided and shared with the participants. The kids truly look forward to the time they spend with us. Individuals who consistently participate in these events include: Abby and Mike Warneke, Suzy and Brandon Daugherty, Bruce Armstrong, Beth Hatt, Barb and Rick Hubbard, and David White.

2011 Golf Scramble: We are truly grateful for all of the support shown for this year's Golf Scramble fundraiser. Romain Cross Pointe Auto Park sponsored a Driving Range, Chester Rycroft was a Hole Sponsor, and the Central Compass Sunday School class was a Cart Sponsor. This level of support is truly amazing!

On behalf of the residents and staff of the United Methodist Youth Home, thank you Central for being the face of Jesus to these youth who desperately need our love and assistance.

Kim White, SPRC Ambassador

NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE

Our Child Care is running strong and is as much fun as ever! Right now we have approximately 37 campers in our summer program enjoying many great activities, while our year-round kiddos are enjoying weekly events such as swimming lessons, trips to Zesto's, and most of all... sprinkler time!

All of these exciting happenings can now also be easily communicated to the public via our new sign at the Child Care parking lot entrance. We hope this sign will help in drawing fresh attention to our wonderful center and will also help promote special events and communicate important information to current church members and parents.

In fact, here is some of the important information to be aware of for July:

Center is closed July 4th

No enrollment fee for parents enrolling pre-school children to our center in the month of July!

Children will be advancing to their next room on August 8

We hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer days we are having. Please feel free to check out our center at any time. And, don't forget that church members receive a discount on tuition for any pre-school age children.