



# The Messenger

## Central

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### A GREAT CHURCH (BY JESUS' DEFINITION)

In June the Church Council of Central Church adopted the following statement:

*The Church Council affirms **Excellence** as a core value of Central United Methodist Church. In every ministry area, in each program planned, in every event offered, in the care of all church property and in the appearance of its physical facilities the intent will be to "Exceed Expectation," so that a church member would be proud to invite a friend or welcome a guest to the church. We want to exceed the expectations of a visitor or guest, so that they will leave the church with a positive memory and be inclined to want to return.*

The decision to make this part of our church's philosophy came out of a workshop called "A Place of Welcome" which five of us from Central had attended 3½ months earlier. This event sponsored by the Center for Congregations had an excellent leader who had served on church staffs—and so knew the territory—and had studied, spoken on and written about the dynamics of churches that create a sense of hospitality that led visitors to a positive first impression, tended to result in guests wanting to come back and led to the ultimate inclusion of more of these guests in the congregation. Several things have come out of this task force with support from Trustees, the Outreach Team and Church Council.

The impression we make on visitors is important, first of all because our welcome of a stranger reflects the message of Jesus and the grace of God. God wants all people to know their worth and be transformed for the best, as they experience God's love. As gracious as God is to us, how can we not want to reflect graciousness in how we meet and greet others visiting our church? When we cooperate with what God is doing, we become instruments of God's work and Jesus' mission. That is what we are called to do in the Great Commission. "Making disciples" is the heart of the church's mission.

Some would undoubtedly have questioned the need to even state such a value—of course we would want our church to be the best it can in every way. Others probably laughed—or cried—at what they saw as an impossible standard, one that was unrealistic to even mention. However, I look at it a little bit like the questions I had to answer when I was ordained—questions asked of Methodist preachers since the days of John Wesley: Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Are you earnestly striving after it?

The answer that is required and that I gave to each of these is, "Yes," which seems audacious, if not ludicrous. Reportedly, an ordination candidate asked by famed California Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy 50+ years ago, answered "No," whether in cynicism, trying to be funny or honestly looking at his life and seeing how far away from that he was. Bishop Kennedy replied, "If you are not going on to perfection, then **where** are you going? Toward what goal are you headed?" Among other things the point is that we are defined by our goals and by our hopes and efforts to be the best we can be.

Is any Methodist minister I have ever met—including the one in the mirror—perfect? Hardly! That is not news I need share with you. Is Central—let alone any church—excellent in every-

thing, and does it consistently exceed expectations? Like ministers, there are no perfect churches. But my "Yes" to Bishop Alton's question, sticks in my memory, challenges me and reminds me of the perfection in love to which God calls me. I—and others before and since—have had our lives shaped by those questions, and the very answers we have given over the years draws us closer to our goal and the values of Christ. I hope and believe in the same way that a conscious affirmation of our holding the value of excellence will shape the life of Central Church by setting our direction—not for pride but for the cause of Christ.

We want Central to be a great church. Central can exceed expectations. I believe we are "going on to" excellence. As I say that, I remember Jesus' definition of greatness. When James and John asked for places right beside Jesus in his Kingdom, which enraged the other disciples, Jesus called them all to him and said that greatness by the world's standards involves position, power and prestige, "But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." So the question to us is, can we be great at serving?

Your Pastor,

### THANKS TO OCTOBER NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

October 2	Sheri Seymour
October 9	Jennifer Willis and Joelle Lynch
October 16	Jo Wilson
October 23	Kim White
October 30	Cindy Schmitt

### 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 October:

October 2	Haley Worland
October 9	Madelyn Morse
October 16	Ethan Schreiber
October 23	Katy Swain
October 30	Emma Schreiber

### GREETERS

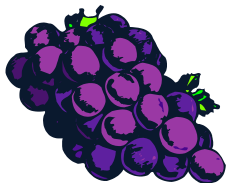
The Trinity Class will have representatives outside at our Mary Street and Canopy Doors greeting our members and guests as they arrive at Central for our Worship time together. We hope this will make our guests feel welcomed and allow them to access our nursery with ease, and find our worship spaces.

Oct. 2 >	Mary Street Doors: <b>Daugherty Family</b> Canopy Doors: <b>Barron Family</b>
Oct. 9 >	Mary Street Doors: <b>Rhett Schreiber Family</b> Canopy Doors: <b>Counts Family</b>
Oct. 16 >	Mary Street Doors: <b>Ferris Family</b> Canopy Doors: <b>Lynch Family</b>
Oct. 23 >	Mary Street Doors: <b>Warneke Family</b> Canopy Doors: <b>White Family</b>
Oct. 30 >	Mary Street Doors: <b>Scott Schreiber Family</b> Canopy Doors: <b>Bruce Armstrong</b>

## IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- Oct. 2 World Communion Combined Service  
Consecration Sunday  
Scripture: Romans 12:1-8  
Sermon: "Giving with No Strings Attached"
- Oct. 9 Rev. Easley concludes Traditional Service Roman's series  
Sermon: "Welcoming Each Other Like Christ"  
Scripture: Romans 14:1-10, 13-19 & 15:7, 13  
Casual Speaker: **Josh Hendrickson**
- Oct. 16 E-vent Sermon 1: "The Paul Problem"  
Scripture: Acts. 9:1-19  
Traditional Service: David Westfall, music & drama  
Casual Speaker: Sharing as a Community
- Oct. 23 E-vent Sermon 2: "The Prayer Plunge"  
Scripture: Luke 5:1-10  
Casual Speaker: **Abby Warneke**
- Oct. 30 E-vent Sermon 3: "The Converted Community"  
Scripture: Acts 2:14, 32-39  
Casual Speaker: **Suzy Daugherty**

## WORLD COMMUNION & CONSECRATION SUNDAY



October 2 is World Communion Sunday. We will join in one service in the Sanctuary led by our choir. It is also our Consecration Sunday, when each of us has the opportunity to make a specific commitment of time talent and treasure for 2012. How

wonderful in the most sacred context of communion, where we celebrate God's greatest gift to us and the joy of our relationship in God's family, to have the chance to offer the response of our lives to God, God's family and God's Kingdom in specific, concrete ways. We hope as many as can will be present that Sunday and share in this, but for any unable to attend that day or those who need further time to think about their commitments, we will also receive these on October 9.

## ALL-CHURCH E-VENT BEGINS OCTOBER 10 YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR A GROUP

No one will want to miss participating in a great all-church E-vent beginning October 10. It will change us and our church for the better! We hope every member will be part of this 6 week E-vent by getting a copy of the book Unbinding Your Heart to read, sign up for a small group studying it, share in the daily 40-Day Prayer Journal in the book and attend worship on October 16 through November 20 when the sermon and service will focus on the themes of this valuable study. Five adult classes as well as our children's and youth classes will be studying this theme on those same 6 Sundays. We have also set up several additional small groups at other times during the week: 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and at least one day-time group, most likely early afternoon Wednesday. Sign up and get your book Sunday morning, at the office during the week or by calling the church.

## HOLIDAY VILLAGE WORSHIP

It is the continued goal of the Outreach Team to provide a worship experience for our friends at Holiday Village on each fifth Sunday of the year. We'll be leading worship once again on Sunday, October 30 at 1 p.m. for those residents and would love to have additional volunteers assist with this time of worship, fellowship and community building. Please contact Mike Warneke if you're interested in taking part in our October event.



**THANKS** to worship team and music department for special 911 service. It was beautiful and very touching.

**Jack and Linda Wambach**

**OUR LAST** Hacienda Fundraiser was a success with a total of \$207.71 raised for the Building Fund. Thanks Central for supporting the church and getting to enjoy good food and fellowship at the same time!

## TAKING SABBATH DURING THE E-VENT

The church has declared the 6 weeks of October 10 through November 20 as a "Sabbath." As part of the 10 Commandments received by Moses the 7<sup>th</sup> day was made a Sabbath for the people of Israel. On that day everyone was to rest from their labors of the other 6 days. In this they were to remember they were creatures, reconnect with their creator, and allow their bodies and spirits to be recreated. Our busy world long ago forgot Sabbath observance. Individually we often think we have too many important things to do to restrict them to 6 days and even the church gets caught up in frantic activities that we promote. We are going to reverse this for six weeks. From October 12 through November 20 we are taking a Sabbath from church programming and meetings, so we can re-connect with God through prayer, study, small groups and worship around Unbinding Your Heart. Like Israel's Sabbath, the period of rest is to remind us of who we are, whom we truly depend upon every day, and re-enter our labors with a greater sense of energy and purpose. After the Church Council meeting October 11, we are asking all church committees and teams to postpone all meetings until November 20, so we can concentrate on "being" instead of "doing," so that we may remember that all of our "doing" comes out of our "being" God's children.

## FAIR TRADE FAIR

Please come and support your mission team as well as a number of wonderful vendors from the area, and allow your purchases to bless various corners of the world. The third annual Fair Trade Fair will take place in the Family Life Center from 10:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6. There will be appetizers and ethnic refreshments served throughout this event, and we invite you to stop in to shop from our Fair Trade Market throughout the morning. There will be coffee, cocoa and tea available from Equal Exchange in partnership with UMCOR, crafts and toys from Red Bird Mission, Ugandan jewelry and stitched items from Ekisa Designs, and Fair Trade items from the Old North Fair Trade Market. Invite your family or grab your Sunday School class and make your Christmas shopping mean a little something extra this year!



## TOGADOR CLASS HONORED AS IT DISBANDS

The Togador Class has decided to disband, because health issues prevent the regular attendance of nearly all its members. The class was organized in the 1930's for young women. For the last several years it has been our class with the longest history. We want to honor the faithful ministry of this class and the service that the women who were part of it have given in the church and community for many years.

## HELP WITH FALL FESTIVAL? CALL ABBY

The Fall Festival is October 3-8. Help in the booth is still needed for some shifts. Call the church (424-3574) or **Abby Warneke** at home (962-5755), if you would like to volunteer for this church project. Profits will go to the 2012 church budget, which will in turn fund youth ministry expenses.

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to be a volunteer at the Fall Festival. Please remember to arrive to your shift on time in order to relieve the previous group of volunteers and to make this another successful year! If you are still wanting to help, please contact Abby (604-2459) and there will be a spot available for you!

Also a big thanks for the work of **Bob Clayton** and his task force (**Abby, Kurt Koenig, Charlie Long, Suzy Daugherty and Mary Schreiber**)

## SENIORS CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The senior citizens will meet Thursday, October 20 for their Halloween Party, 12 noon in the Trinity Room. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and dessert will be provided. Please contact **Velma Berry**, 477-5871, if you have any questions.

## "THANK YOU"

## TO CENTRAL'S RACE FOR THE CURE TEAM

Saturday, September 24 marked the 14th annual Komen Evansville Race for the Cure. Central's 23 team members can be proud of the part each played in making the 2011 race a success. In spite of frequent downpours race morning, Team Central showed up in support of the Komen cause. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds from the race remain in the Greater Evansville area, funding breast cancer education as well as treatment services to many who cannot afford exams and/or treatment services. The remaining 25% is used to fund research on a national level. We are one year closer to finding a cure for breast cancer!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW INTERN

Welcome to Jennifer Sanders! Jennifer will be serving as an intern at Central for 16 weeks this school year. Jen is a student at Ivy Tech and her internship is a requirement for a degree in Human Services. Jen will be assisting with the Power Program, the Saturday morning playground, establishing our new computer lab and much more. One of the ways Jennifer will be getting acquainted with our neighborhood is with a Fall Carnival. (see related article). Jennifer is the daughter of **Linda Sanders** and step-daughter of **Rich Crow**.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to **Virgil Ellerbruck** and family on the death of his brother, Walter A. Ellerbruck Sr., who died August 15. Services were August 19 at Corn-Colvin Funeral Home in Oakland City.....and to Scott Evernham and family on the death of his wife Robin on September 10. Her Celebration Mass was September 16 at St. Mary Catholic Church followed by a burial at St. John the Baptist Mausoleum in Newburgh. Please keep the **Evernham, Lynch, and Rycroft** families in your prayers during this difficult time.

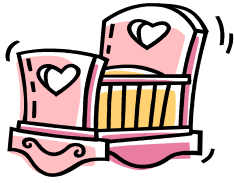
### Dear Central Family,

Thank you so much for all your cards, calls, prayers and support throughout my illness and journey back to health. I love my prayer shawl and feel your love wrapped around me.

**Margaret & Larry Whicker**

### WELCOME to Blair Elizabeth Buse

who was born September 14 to **Mark and Stephanie Buse**. Weighing 6.14 lbs and 21 1/2 inches long, Blair was welcomed by brother **Brandon**, grandparents **Steve and Gloria Millay**, great grandmother **Betty Romain**, uncle and aunt Chris and Joy Millay, and her uncle and aunt **Eric and Kristin Millay**, as well as her many other aunts, uncles and cousins.



## FALL CARNIVAL FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN

There will be a Fall Carnival on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Family Life Center. During my time here, I will be involved with starting some new and expanded community programs as well as assisting with some current programs. One of my first goals is to meet more of our neighbors, and what better way than with a party! The plans are falling into place, but I need a little help from you. We need some volunteers to run the games as well as some donations of wrapped candy, small gift cards or coupons and some homemade baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.) for the cake walk. I appreciate your support and look forward to meeting you.

Jennifer Sanders

## CHILD CARE NEWS

A big THANK YOU to **Jim Herring** for improvements made on the outdoor classroom. A soft "edging" was placed between the sidewalk and grass. Now, students and teachers no longer trip on the edge of the sidewalk. Also, thanks to **Dawson Schmitt** and Trustees for help provided to the play areas.

Plan ahead for Christmas! Child care students will be selling cookie dough for a fundraiser during the month of October. Mmmmmmmmm-it's good-and easy to prepare!!

Field trips are in the planning for the 100 floor. In September, there will be a trip to the zoo. Floor 200 will visit T.J's orchard. In October, the students (floors 100 & 200) will visit Goebel Farms. Sounds like fun!

**SPORTS FRIDAY** – Fridays at Child care are now going to be **Sports Fridays**. Each child may wear any type of sports jersey; this includes football, baseball, hockey or NASCAR. The **Sports Fridays** will continue throughout the year. So, no matter what your favorite sport may be-get out the jersey!!

## SECOND ANNUAL SINGSPIRATION

The Holder Family will be doing their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Singspiration at Bethel Temple Community Church on Saturday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door or at Bethel Temple's Church Office, and The Vineyard. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

A **SPECIAL NOTE of THANKS** is extended to the **4 C'er's Sunday School** class for their recent donation to the United Methodist Youth Home. These funds were used to assist with personal items for the youth who reside there. Your generosity is much appreciated.



## THIRD GRADE BIBLES

It is time to present Bibles to our third graders. If you have a child in third grade, please be sure to notify the church office.

## DARAJA CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF AFRICA

First Christian Church of Evansville invites our congregation to a night of worship with the Daraja Children's Choir of Africa. The worship concert will take place at First Christian (121 Walnut St.) begins at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, October 14.

## FALL FUN DAY IS OCTOBER 30

Fun for all ages at the Fall Family Fun Day! We will travel to the Harris Ranch in Boonville for an afternoon of fellowship and relaxation. This annual event is a favorite of many and will run from about 4:30 p.m. until the last hayride. We'll roast hot dogs over an open fire, toast marshmallows for s'mores and sip hot chocolate and warm apple cider. There will be a hayride for all brave souls through a "haunted" cemetery and games for kids. This is a wonderful event for all!!

Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Please call or e-mail **Nancy** in the church office to register your attendance.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The kids will be participating in their own version of "Unbinding Your Heart." The material is written with the Workshop Rotation Method in mind, so it should be very easy for us to follow along. As always, though, we could use a few more volunteers. If you are doing your own personal "Unbinding" group at a time other than the Sunday School hour and would like to help, please let Nancy know.

## UNITED METHODIST HABITAT BUILD

Central is once again participating in this year's United Methodist Habitat for Humanity Build. We are blessed to be working with Vicki Jones and Reggie Smith, our Partner Family, along with 11 other area United Methodist Churches.

You can volunteer your time and skills to help construct this new home for this much deserved family, with the build site located at 1719 S. Linwood Ave. A huge thank you to the Compass Class, Trinity Class and various volunteers that have helped with construction and by providing meals for the volunteers.

Build days will be on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with shifts from 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m. There is a detailed list of tasks for each build day, so you can ensure your skills will be used accordingly. All volunteers must register online at [www.evansvillehabitat.org](http://www.evansvillehabitat.org) using the "volunteer tab" to the left, then choosing "construction" and "volunteer now." You will next click on the "All Events" tab and see a list of all of the current construction builds. Simply scroll down until you find the United Methodist Build day that you would like to volunteer for.

Volunteer opportunities through Habitat for Humanity are available throughout the year; however the United Methodist Team Build will end on Saturday, October 8th. If you have any other questions or need further assistance in signing up to assist with this build you can contact Amy Barron or Mike Warneke, the Central representatives for this Habitat build.

## HABITAT BUILDS GOOCH HOUSE

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is currently building a house in memory of John Horace and Margaret Lucille Gooch. Lucille set up a charitable remainder trust from money from the sale of a farm in Illinois that had been in John's family. It's proceeds were divided four ways: 30% each to Habitat, Central UMC Endowment and the White County (IL) Historical Society and 10% to Center UMW for scholarships at Albert Academy in Sierra Leone. Sharon Goldston is the "Partner Family," whose house is at 1913 Shadewood Avenue, which is part of Habitat's Glenwood project. You can see her picture by clicking on [www.evansvillehabitat.org/partner/current.php](http://www.evansvillehabitat.org/partner/current.php); then click on her name to read her story.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Christina Mirando  
Austin Bruce  
Kay Conder  
Dorothy Zapp  
3 Rick Hubbard  
4 Jerrienne Bonenberger  
5 Sarah Houghton  
Terri Pennington  
Max White  
7 Makenna Counts  
8 Naomi Dill  
Cathy Ferris  
Brenda Lowey  
Joe Renner  
Madelyn Schreiber  
9 Arthur O'Bryan  
10 Clay Boylls  
Tressa Strouse  
11 John Maier  
13 Brittany Gerding  
Bill Seymour  
14 Robert DeVillez  
Steve Sanders  
15 Linda Harris  
16 Tony Graham  
17 Amy Barron  
Bob Dillow  
Hannah Houghton  
18 Millard Johnson  
19 Mike Davis  
Timothy Lowey  
20 Katie Boylls  
21 Connie Maglinger  
Larry Whicker  
22 Bonnie Hames  
24 Reginald Morgan  
Verna Viets  
Marilyn Conder  
Scott Schreiber  
Sommer Wambach  
26 Lynn Brower  
Kurt Koenig  
27 Ashley O'Bryan  
28 Andrew Dillow  
Linda Paris  
Dawson Schmitt  
Mike Warneke  
29 Elizabeth Riestler  
Brian Schnakenburg  
30 Carolyn Brockelman  
Beth Hatt  
31 Pam Clayton



## FOSTER PARENTS SOUGHT

Regional Youth Services is recruiting new foster parents to help children in need. If you are interested, please call Rene at 422-4741.

## PRAY FOR "THE CLUSTER"

Please pray regularly for Central Church and the churches in "The Cluster": Fairlawn, Howell, St. James West, St. John's, Salem, Simpson and Trinity UMC. Pray for the ministries of each, for mutual support among the churches, and for discerning any new or continuing ministries we do more effectively together.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

The youth group is off to a great start so far this year! We are meeting on Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. On October 16, we will be hosting the Coffee Quarter in the Youth Room--come check out our space! We are planning our first overnight on October 28 which will include a lot of fun and a continued time of getting to know one another. We will be helping with Children's Church every 5th Sunday which will be October 30. We can always use volunteers for various activities and events. Please let me know if you're interested! **Abby Warneke**, Director, Youth Ministries

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION BAZAAR

On Saturday, October 1 join us for a taste of international culture and cuisine shared by Evansville area churches and mission groups. This event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Barn, located at 2225 Kansas Road, just past the Evansville Regional Airport, turning west on Kansas Road. Mike Warneke will have his Ugandan items from Ekisa Designs on display and for sale during this event.

## BRING TOILETRIES FOR PANTRY OCTOBER 2

This month's "First-Sunday Collection" item is "Toiletries." On October 2, please bring in toiletry items to distribute in our pantry. Cash gifts or checks (to "Central UMC Food Pantry") are also welcome.

## YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Our young adult small groups will meet regularly once again during the month of October. Our Monday group will meet on the 10th and 24th at 5 p.m. in the Trinity Room and they will be discussing a film series by Francis Chan entitled, BASIC. Our Wednesday group will meet on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Trinity room on each Wednesday of the month, and they are currently studying a Parenting Series entitled, Parental Guidance Required. Both of these groups are always open to having new members join us for this time of food, fellowship, discipleship and community building.

## UPCOMING COFFEE QUARTER HOSTS

We are in need of committees, Sunday School classes or families to assist with our third Sunday of the month fellowship time by providing light refreshments and coffee. This will typically take place in the parlor, however to showcase some changes to the youth room, we will be inviting the congregation upstairs to the youth room located on the top floor just inside the Child Care wing. Please join us this October and get in touch with **Mike Warneke** if you would like to host a future coffee quarter.

October 16: Youth Room Open House  
November 20: Open  
December 18: Open

## 2012 SWEET SLEEP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

We are once again planning on making the journey to Uganda next summer with the goal of providing new bedding, mosquito nets and Bibles for a group of orphans living in the Kampala area. We will have coffee to sell once again as a way of raising funds, and you are invited to an informational meeting in the parlor of the church on Sunday, October 23 to find out more information about this trip following Sunday School at 11:45 a.m. We will discuss the general logistics of this mission trip, fundraising ideas and I can hopefully address any concerns that you may have. Please contact **Mike Warneke** if you have any questions or plan on attending.

## SHALOM TEAM MEAL

Our Shalom Team will be sharing in a meal with our neighborhood on Sunday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Lucas UCC on Virginia Street, and we could use volunteers at 4:00 p.m. to assist in meal preparation. 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.

## YOUTH HOME BOOK FAIR - OCTOBER 22-28

The Evansville United Methodist Youth Home is having a book fair at Barnes and Noble, October 22-28. Purchases can be made at the local store or on-line Saturday, October 22 through Friday, October 28 and by using the book fair ID the Youth Home will get a portion of the money spent back. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details, and take a certificate that has the ID # necessary in order to help the Youth Home. Note that among the special events at the store on October 22 is that Central's Praise Band will be playing at 2:00.

## "THE ART OF ITALY" - OCTOBER 5

Kitty Savia and Susan Caufield will share a rendition of their recent adventures through the countryside of Tuscany, Le Marche and Umbria 11:45 am-1:00 pm Wednesday, October 5, at the Thomas Kinkade Signature Gallery, 5700 Vogel Road. Cost is \$8 and includes a light lunch, with the proceeds donated to United Caring Shelters. Please RSVP to Deb or Susan at the Gallery (477-2455) by October 3.

## DARTT AUTOMOTIVE WINS TORCH AWARD

The Better Business Bureau of Evansville recognized four area businesses on September 15. Each was given a Torch Award based on their ethical character within the community. Among the four this year was Dartt Automotive Service, 301 W. Franklin Street, 2 blocks from the church. Dartt Automotive is owned and operated by Dale and Ladonna Dartt. Many can testify to the fact that Dale (the brother of **Connie Romain**) is an excellent mechanic. The shop treats customers right, giving great service at a reasonable price. Dale and Ladonna are also wonderful people who live out their deep faith and excellent community