

MEET THE FRAZIERS

Phil and Dorothy Frazier began attending Central church in 1954 and they have been an integral part of the Central family ever since. All three of their boys, Greg, Gary and Garth were baptized here and were actively involved as youth. Phil and Dorothy worked with the youth group and also with many committees and organizations within the church. Phil has been greatly missed since his death in 1999. Gary and Greg were two of the first children to attend the childcare program. Gary is still a very active member of Central. He and Kristi were married here and now have a sweet daughter, Carly, to carry on the family tradition of making Central church an important part of their lives.

“DRUGS” NEW CAJE ISSUE & DECEMBER 8 FOCUS

“Drugs” is the new CAJE issue for the next year. Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment will bring the power of faith-based citizen’s collaboration to bear on this growing problem, research proven ways to prevent and treat substance abuse and seek public commitments to better community solutions. All are invited to the Research Kick-Off on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC.

SOUNDS OF GRACE CONCERT TONIGHT

The Sounds of Grace Gospel Choir presents, “**The Light Before Christmas**” musical program at 5:00 p.m. tonight at Grace & Peace Lutheran Church at 200 S. Boeke Road. Songs, stories, poetry and fun for everyone will be included. The program is free but an offering will be accepted. Refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall.

CONCERT AT ST. JOHN’S EAST – TUESDAY

The Kallenbach Concert Series presents a free event, “Radio Holly Days” by Five by Design at St. John’s East UCC on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. For more information see the bulletin board.

DEDICATION SATURDAY OF UM HABITAT HOUSE

The 2011 United Methodist Habitat Build, built in partnership with Vicki Jones and Reggie Smith, will be dedicated Saturday, December 10, at 12:00 p.m., at 1721 S. Linwood Avenue. An opportunity to tour the home will take place following the dedication ceremony.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 3:00 P.M. TODAY

The District Conference for the UMC Southwest District will be held at 3:00 p.m. today at Newburgh UMC.

Welcome

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Central is a family church, with generations of families making their home here. Central is also a mission-oriented church, sharing the love and good news of the gospel with one another, our neighborhood, our community, and the world, as you will see throughout our ministries, events, and announcements for this week. We would love to be your church home. If you are here just for the day, we pray God’s blessings on your journey!

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Pageant

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

Chancel Choir: Wednesday 6:15 p.m. - Choir Room

Hand Bell Choir: Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Hand Bell Room

Youth Group: Sunday 4:00 p.m. - Youth Room

Prayer: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Emmaus Prayer Group - Parlor

Quilting: Thursday 9:00 a.m. - FaHoLo Room

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Food Pantry: Monday 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.


Rack Shack: (used items/clothes) Monday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Power Basketball: (Jr. High Age) Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Power: (Neighborhood Children ages 5-11) Wednesday 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS *DECEMBER 4-11*

Monday	10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office 6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Meeting – Library 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Church Office
Tuesday	4:00 p.m. Mission Team – Library 5:00 p.m. Nurture Team – Church Office 5:15 p.m. ERI Basketball – FLC
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Wednesday Friends – Trinity Room 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group – Trinity Room 6:15 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	7:30 a.m. JACC Meeting – Trinity Room 6:30 p.m. Child Care Christmas Program – Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Flick Basketball – FLC
Friday	11:30 a.m. Bee Conder Christmas Party – Kennel Club
Saturday	8:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting – Trinity Room

 **HOSPITALIZED** Deaconess: Elveda Beal (Hospice)

DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL Bob Romain

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH CLUSTER

Attendance November 27	184
Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$7,548
Needed Weekly	\$6,438
Giving Year-To-Date	\$293,849
Needed Year-to-Date	\$309,024

THANKS for all the visits, cards, and prayers and an extra special thanks to Parish Nursing. Mollie Affolter

COOKIE WALK – DECEMBER 18

The Compass Class Cookie Walk is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. in the Parlor. The delectable goodies will be \$5.00 per pound and boxes will be provided.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET GIFT

Copies of “The Lord Is Near: Advent Meditations from the works of Henri J.M. Nouwen” are available to pick up near each Sanctuary exit and in the church office. Nouwen is a favorite spiritual writer of Pastor Joe and Patti, and these are gifts from them. You may use this resource for daily reflection and prayer.

ANGEL TREE – LAST DAY

This is the last day you may pick a clothing, toy, or food basket Angel from the tree to help make someone’s Christmas a little brighter. Please make sure you sign the form indicating which Angel you took. You must have your gifts returned to the church no later than December 11.

ANGEL TREE DELIVERY

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 24, at 8:00 a.m. to help deliver Christmas Joy to the many families who appear on our Angel Tree. You won’t want to miss this morning of fellowship and Christmas cheer.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 11:00 P.M.

On December 24, we will offer a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 11:00 p.m. This traditional service touches all the senses to involve us in the holy mystery of God entering our world.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP & ADVENT BRUNCH

We welcome all to worship today and to our Advent Brunch immediately following the service in the Family Life Center. In addition to wonderful food (by Schmitt Catering) the brunch will have great fellowship and some music. Please come and enjoy the experience.

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP HERE AGAIN THIS MONTH

We invite guests who have come today to worship with us again. On most Sundays of the year Central offers two different services, but we are having one combined service each Sunday this month in the Sanctuary. Next Sunday, December 11 our children will bring us an original musical drama, “It’s Christmas Everywhere.” The following Sunday, December 18, our Chancel Choir will lead us in worship with a beautiful cantata, “Night of the Father’s Love, The Awe and Mystery of God with Us” by Pepper Choplin. Services both Sundays are at our usual worship time of 9:30 a.m. On December 25 and January 1 we will start worship an hour later, 10:30 a.m. to accommodate the later schedules of many the evening before. On Christmas we will have a Service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary. Then on January 1, we will focus on renewing our relationship with God as we enter the New Year. It will be held in the Family Life Center, with a more contemporary and casual style.

Sunday School classes for all ages are normally offered at 10:45 a.m. Most classes are not meeting today because of the brunch. Childcare will continue in the nursery until 11:30 a.m. Most adult classes will not meet on Christmas and New Years and there will be no Sunday School those days for children or youth, however children’s worship and the nursery will still be available.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

We hope you will arrange your schedule to join us for our Family Christmas Eve Service, Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. as we celebrate the nativity and the birth of our Lord. This year we will enact a version of Las Posadas, a Latin American tradition that focuses on the journey of Mary and Joseph as they look for lodging. We will start our service in the Family Life Center, proceeding from there to the Sanctuary. The procession will involve some walking and standing, but the elevator can be used in lieu of the stairs if that is more comfortable for you. After the close of our service, there will be a piñata for the children, which is typical of a Las Posadas celebration, and great fellowship as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.