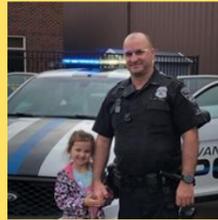




Sports Day

Drenching Ms. Penny



Community Service Workers



Drive-In Movie

**Week  
of the  
Young  
Child**



Story Telling By  
Mary-Jo Huff



Shriner Clowns At  
Ice Cream Social



Bonnie Hames  
(With Axl)  
Mission Team  
Volunteer



And they're off!



Horse Races

## A VIEW FROM THE FRONT

*All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Acts 2.44-45*

For the past several months we have been exploring what I call the 4 Most Important Things. In January I challenged you (and by you, I mean all of us) to make 2019 a year of spiritual growth. To that end I have suggested that we begin to take seriously the practices, or disciplines, of the Christian faith. For February we focused on Bible study. In March we learned about the importance of prayer. Last month we talked about Christian fellowship. And so now we come to most important thing number four: Ministry.

Now before you stop reading and decide that this topic is not for you, let me assure you that doing the work of Christ is for all people. There are different kinds of ministry that we can do, but all Christians are supposed to be carrying on the work of Christ.

For many Christians our tendency is to assume that the heavy lifting in ministry is to be done by the professionals. After all, we train our pastors and leaders to be experts at all things ministry-related. We pay them to do this work, in part so that we don't have to. And besides, they have the experience with various ministry functions that gives them a higher level of comfort and a greater degree of success. It makes perfect sense to leave the hard work to the professionals.

Except that is not at all what the Bible teaches. In Ephesians 4, Paul tells us that the function of the "ministry professionals" is to train others (including you) so that they (you/ we) can do the work of ministry. (Ephesians 4.11-12) This means that doing ministry is not reserved only for leaders, but it is for all people. The pastor, the church staff, missionaries, etc., are charged with equipping and preparing those who will be doing the nuts and bolts of ministry.

We see the culmination of this in the very first church of Acts 2. We see that all the Christians were sharing and giving to those in need, not just the apostles, or leaders of the church. Every believer did his part. Every member of the church was actively doing the work of ministry.

Before we finish, let me encourage you to not be intimidated. Ministry includes all sorts of activities - most of which anyone can do today. In our church there are a multitude of activities, programs and outreaches that will help you answer the call to be in ministry. You can volunteer in the food pantry, read stories in the Child Care or help with the youth group. Or, you can serve as an office volunteer or go on a mission trip. But there are also more personal ways in which you can do the work of Christ. You can share your faith with a neighbor, pray for a co-worker or bring a meal to an injured friend.

All of these things can be done in the name of Christ, and your faith will grow as a result.



### MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING SOON

If you are interested in joining the church, there will be a Membership Class offered by Pastor Dewey Miller on Sunday May 12, 19, 26<sup>th</sup> in the church office at 10:30 a.m.



The children enjoyed a great week of activities for the Week of the Young Child! We had Community Helper Day, Sports Day, Western Wednesday, Storytelling and PJ Day and Drive-in Movie/Ice Cream Social Day. Thank you to Marilyn Conder and the Mission team for helping with the ice cream social! We had a change war throughout the week to raise money for the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and together we raised \$850! Ms. Larissa's room won the honors of drenching Ms. Penny by raising the most money.

May brings the excitement of graduation for our Pre-K children and the arrival of our summer camp children! It will be an exciting, and possibly a little tearful month. Of our 30 graduates, 9 of them have been with us since they were infants. It is hard to see them go and spread their wings in kindergarten.

**CHURCH CHILDREN'S NEWS COMING YOUR WAY!**

- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating Cinco de Mayo
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Combining Children's Church w/Sunday School
- CANDYLAND Is HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
- July 7<sup>th</sup> – 12th JEDI CAMP for Grades 3rd - 6th
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26th VBS – Vacation Bible School



**MAY 19**

Since our daughter, Carly, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of seven, our family has decided to fight back against this horrible disease. We will participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk to Cure Diabetes held May 19 at Holiday World. Last year this walk raised over \$326,000 for diabetes research and education.

If you are interested, please consider making a donation online at [jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org) under JDRF One Walk (our team name is Carly's Cruisers); sending a donation to our home (please make the check payable to JDRF) at 5933 Stacer Rd., Newburgh IN 47630 or walking with our team at Holiday World on May 19. Please call us at 812-853-0261, if you have any questions.

*Thank You!*

Betty Martin has stepped down after 20 faithful years coordinating our offering counters. She has done an outstanding job. We appreciate that she will continue to fill in until we find someone to replace her.

**LOAVES & FISHES ASSISTANCE**

Recently, Central's Loaves & Fishes was able to help an 80+ year old gentleman. His kids had kicked him out of the house because they did not want to deal with him and he had spent a night in the park. We referred him to Aurora and they helped him get into an apartment. Loaves & Fishes, along with help from Marilyn, Ned Conder, Charlie Giesman and David Henzman, was able to provide a bed and other household items. After he was in his new home for a few days you could physically tell a difference in him like the weight of the world had been lifted off.

An 88 year old veteran, who had been in a shelter for several weeks had connected with Aurora. A case worker called Central to see if we would be willing to help him get into an apartment at Independence Square. All he needed was \$43. Central's Loaves & Fishes came through again. Typically it is very unusual to assist with people in this age group but we were sure glad to be a part of changing these men's lives.

Thanks for every gift given to our Loaves & Fishes or if you gave an Honor of or Memorial during Easter or Christmas. You are a blessing to our neighbors.



## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, May 5, 2019 we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship we will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Leadership Council

**Everyone is invited to a catered Old Tyme Deli meal provided by the church in the Garden Room after the service May 5.**

# Family Ministry Update

*Volunteers and Donors*  
**Thanks for your help!**  
**Our Community Easter Egg Hunt was a success because of you!**



## *New Youth Fundraiser in the Sanctuary Lobby*

**In order to augment funds for our Youth Mission Trip and Church Camp, the Youth are having a DIME DRIVE!**

Each youth and adult chaperone who is going on one of the trips has a 2-liter bottle marked with their name and picture. They were asked to draw scenes that depict what they will be doing on their trip. Some kids will have two bottles if they are going on both trips. Church members and attendees can drop their spare change (or dollars) in the bottles each week. You'd be surprised how quickly the money will be raised to send kids on these life-changing trips!



**OUR SYMPATHY** goes to Virgil Ellerbruck and Family on the passing of Beverly April 20. Her funeral was April 23 at Boone Funeral Home with burial at Park Lawn Cemetery , Pastor Dewey Miller officiating.

**To My Friends at Central United Methodist Church**

I wish to thank you for being a part of an important event in my life as I celebrated my 100th birthday, March 17, 2019. Your many cards and flowers were very much appreciated. I felt love that came my way.  
Lovingly, Virginia Hurt

**HAPPY 69TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
BILL & EVELYTH WRIGHT**

**HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY  
Richard Schnakenburg March 21st**

**MINISTRY ACTION PLANS - MAP**

Church Leadership Council is requesting MAPS for 2019 to be submitted to the church office ASAP. Involved persons should be receiving forms for updates or revisions soon. Please complete the forms so that the council can begin reviewing them. These plans allow for oversight and guidance by the council for the various activities and mission of our church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Charles Giesman, Council Chair

**May 6 CAJE Action, 6:30 p.m., ONB Events Plaza.**

**TRUSTEE REQUEST**

On the advice of the Skanska plumber and to avoid damaging the sink drains throughout our building, please avoid pouring out coffee, tea, and soft drinks in bathroom sinks. If you must use a bathroom sink, please ensure that an equal amount of water follows those beverages down the drain. This would be a good practice in the kitchen sinks as well.

Please note: The Bunn coffee maker downstairs is **only off** when it is unplugged and please clean it after each use.

**MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE**

Online giving is easy by following these simple steps:

Visit the church website at [www.central-church.org](http://www.central-church.org); Click on the **Donate** button; click on the **Create Profile** button; then follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

**MAY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- May 2 Lonita Quirk
- May 3 Robert East
- May 3 Emma Schreiber
- May 6 Betty Jo Adams
- May 6 Halle Dillow
- May 8 Chuck Renner
- May 8 Mary Wildeman
- May 9 Mariah Dillback
- May 11 Lila Barron
- May 12 Mary Isbell
- May 13 Brittany Wambach
- May 14 Brittany Stofleth
- May 16 Kylee Duncan
- May 17 Karen Renner
- May 20 Cathy Early
- May 20 Alton Reed
- May 21 Amanda Schreiber
- May 22 Wendelene Kluesner
- May 26 Emma East
- May 26 Linda Eggleston
- May 26 Tommy Lowey
- May 26 Jonathon Wright
- May 29 Andy Guard
- May 31 Jacob Kluesner
- May 31 Jordan Kluesner

# CENTRAL CALENDAR

# MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 am Chapel Sanctuary 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Small Youth Group	<b>3</b> 3:00 pm Youth Spring Retreat	<b>4</b> 3:00 pm Youth Spring Retreat 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
<b>5</b> Consecration Sunday Communion Youth Spring Retreat 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Consecration Lunch	<b>6</b> Youth Spring Retreat 9:30 am Food Pantry 6:30 pm CAJE Action	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 4:30 pm Trad. Worship Team 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Small Youth Group	<b>10</b> 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	<b>11</b> 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
<b>12</b> Mother's Day 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Small Youth Group 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>13</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 11:00 am Deaconess Moms	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Chapel Sanctuary 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Small Youth Group	<b>17</b> 4:00 pm Youth Small Group 6:00 pm Halbig Rental	<b>18</b> 8:00 pm Fresh Expressions - Bloomington, IN 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
<b>19</b> 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Small Youth Group 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>20</b> Messenger Deadline 9:30 am Food Pantry	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Literary Ladies 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>22</b> 11:45 am Wednesday Friends 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Small Youth Group 6:30 pm Child Care Graduation	<b>24</b> 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	<b>25</b> 12:00 pm Mandy Peters Rental 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
<b>26</b> 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Small Youth Group 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Church & Childcare Closed	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group CC Summer Camp Starts	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Chapel Sanctuary 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Small Youth Group	<b>31</b> 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	



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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:35 a.m.

Family & Life Group 10:35 a.m.