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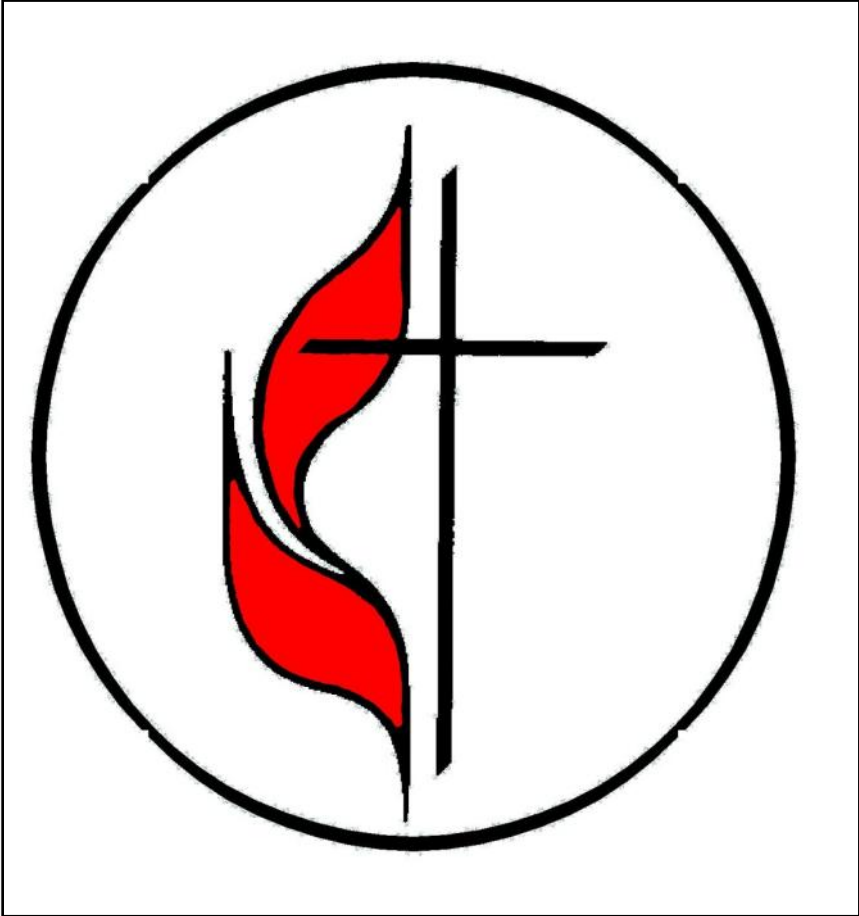
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
INFANT – 3 YEARS ROOM #107 4 YEAR OLDS – 5TH GRADE ROOM #106
YOUTH AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE UPSTAIRS
YOUTH 6TH – HIGH SCHOOL ROOM #204
ADULT CLASSES
4-CERS ROOM #211, COMPASS CLASS #212, LIBRARY CLASS HELD IN THE LIBRARY

MISSION STATEMENT
Making disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.

VISION STATEMENT
We are a Christ-centered,
scripturally grounded
community, growing in
loving relationship with God,
our local children and
community, and our world.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 19, 2026



GROWING.

LOVING.

RELATING.

WELCOME

Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

July 19, 2026
“If-Then”
Matthew 13:24-30
Genesis 28:10-19a
Guest Speaker
Michael Tooley

PRELUDE *Christ is Coming*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.

CENTERING MUSIC *The Kingdom of God*

*HYMN “Blessed Assurance” No. 369

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

OFFERTORY *O God, Great Father*

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC (Hymn) “Nearer My God to Thee” No. 528

MESSAGE “If-Then” Michael Tooley
Matthew 13:24-30
Genesis 28:10-19a

*HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” No. 206

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory*

*Stand as you are able

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY		
SUNDAY, July 19		
9:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
MONDAY, July 20		
5:00 p.m.	Leadership Council	Church Office
TUESDAY, July 21		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
THURSDAY, July 23		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
SATURDAY, July 25		
8:00 p.m.	N/A Meeting	Garden Room/FLC
SUNDAY, July 26		
9:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms

Joys & Concerns

Fill in the **Joys** and give your **Concerns** to share. Call or email the Church office.
812-424-3574 cumc@central-church.org

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR JULY

John Hogsett, District Superintendent	July 5, 2026
Randy Moore	July 12, 2026
Michael Tooley	July 19, 2026
Michael Tooley	July 26, 2026

WIFI PASSWORD: WWJD2014

2026 REQUESTS ENDOWMENT FUND

The Central United Methodist Church Endowment Fund Governing Board invites requests for funding from the 2026 distribution. Applications should be submitted in writing with the amount requested and a brief statement of the need; requests must be received by August 1, 2026, and may be submitted to the church office, mailed to the church or submitted electronically to LTribble@gmail.com. Be sure to mark ‘Endowment Request’ on the envelope or subject line. The church address is:

Central United Methodist Church
Endowment Fund Request
300 Mary Street
Evansville, IN 47710

All requests should be received by **August 1, 2026** and will be considered based on the amount of funding available for distribution.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Central United Methodist Church Endowment Fund Governing Board invites applications for scholarships to be awarded from the 2026 distribution of funds. A summary of the scholarship guidelines is detailed below: Applicants should be high school graduates or scheduled to graduate at the end of the current academic year and be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution (2-year, 4-year, or graduate). The applicant must be classified as full-time and degree-seeking although a specific program of study (major) need not be declared. Successful applicants will be affiliated with Central United Methodist Church or its youth group. Up to \$10,000 may be distributed to qualified applicants with the maximum amount of \$1000 per student. This scholarship is intended for students with financial need.

Applicants should submit a short essay (500 words or less) detailing their plans for post-secondary education with a statement relating how their relationship to God has impacted their life and their academic goals. The deadline for applications is August 1, with awards to be made for the fall semester. Distribution of funds will be in September each year. Awards are unrestricted; that is, the money may be used for any expense directly related to the student’s academic program (tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, etc.). Recipients are eligible to reapply in subsequent years, if full-time, degree-seeking enrollment is continued.

Applications may be submitted to the church office, mailed to the church or submitted electronically to LTribble@gmail.com. Be sure to mark ‘Scholarship Application’ on the envelope or subject line.

Rev. Wellington Chiomadzi (goes by Pastor Wellington) is an ordained Elder of The United Methodist Church. He recently transferred his membership from the Zimbabwe West Annual Conference (UMC) to The Indiana Annual Conference (INUMC). He is currently serving as an Associate Pastor at St Andrew UMC (West Lafayette) as well as Community Organizer with Lafayette Ubuntu International Community at Purdue University under a grant offered by the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church (INUMC).

Pastor Wellington is married to his beautiful wife, Felicia, for 33 years and together were blessed with 3 handsome sons, Anesu (32), Panashe (28) and Kudzaishe (20) and 2 granddaughters (Felicia and Rose), and a grandson Kyle.

Pastor Wellington served his pastoral appointments in Zimbabwe for 14 years before transitioned to the USA in 2017. In Zimbabwe he served congregations in rural, peri-urban and urban centers. He also held several leadership positions in the church from local, District and Conference levels. Prior to joining the pastoral ministry, Rev. Chiomadzi worked as a Relief Teacher with The Ministry of Higher Education (Zimbabwe), as a Banker (Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe), and as an Entrepreneur (Director - Laburnum Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd.

Pastor Wellington holds several diploma certificates as well as a Bachelor of Divinity (Hon.) – Africa University, Master of Science Degree in Development Studies (National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe) and a Master of Spiritual Formation and Evangelism (Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, USA). He has served at 3 congregations in the Indiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist church.

Pastor Wellington is passionate about Evangelism (sharing the Good News of Christ) and describes himself as a “people-person”. He thrives well in a community where interpersonal relationships are valued and cherished and life is shared communally.

Pastor Wellington is excited about his recent appointment to Evansville Central UMC and can't wait to experience what God has in store for us all.



Join Us In Welcoming

OUR NEW PASTOR
*Wellington
Chiomadzi*

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 2
@ 9:15AM

COME MEET PASTOR
WELLINGTON IN THE
ANNEX IN REAR OF
THE SANCTUARY,
FOLLOWING THE
CHURCH SERVICE



BRENT HEEKE WANTS TO SHARE COMMENTS MADE BY YOUTH DYLAN, ON THE RECENT YOUTH TRIP TO SEATTLE

PURPOSE > PLEASURE

-Focus on what you are called to do before putting your own satisfaction first and you will be rewarded. Working for something is much more rewarding than being given it without putting in any effort

-I found this to be true in different ways. Whether it be a tough hike to a beautiful view or a day of mission work for an evening of fun activities, I found myself more fulfilled when I felt like I earned it.

Serve others and you will be compensated in many ways

-Banking off the last point, I would go as far to say that the treatment we received before, during, and after helping others was more than we deserved. From the countless meals we were provided, to a place to lay our head at night, and the extra adventurous activities we were offered, we were blessed in a variety of ways.

SMALL CONVERSATIONS CAN LEAD TO BIG IMPACT

-Although I was not directly involved in these conversations, we ran into a worker at a gas station whom Brent interacted with on a couple different occasions throughout the day. From my understanding the first time was more casual conversation, during which she shared an amazing spot at the national park we later explored. Then God brought us back down the same path later in the day in which Brent conversed with her again, this time more intensely about God, and moved her nearly to tears. He then prayed over her and she was thankful and even offered us free food. I have faith that her needs will be met by God, especially after seeing the work God did in others lives from these conversations on past mission trips.

MAKING LIGHT OUT OF UNIDEAL SITUATIONS IS CRUCIAL

-On this trip we certainly learned that not every day in our lives will be sunshine and rainbows, in a literal and metaphorical sense. There's always gonna be cloudy days, but there is always a way to make light of them, and brighter days ahead. We could barely see our feet in front of us at Mount Rainier but we still had a packed day of appreciating the beauty around us by hiking trails and chasing water falls. The clouds even added to the ambience at times. I believe everything happens for a reason. Two days later more clouds were forecasted at the North Cascades for the entire day and yet we felt the desire to go anyways and it ended up being perfectly clear and the best day yet. Remain calm and trust in God in sticky situations

-The Bible tells us to lean not on our own understanding, and if we trust in him, he will make our paths straight. There were several incidents on this trip that we may still not understand why happened, but putting our trust in God and remaining calm helped get through them. The first example I could never forget is when two members of our group were held up at the airport and going to miss the flight.

At the time there seemed like no solution but to be late to our trip and potentially spend extra money, but after praying for things to work out, the two of them were able to catch a separate and even quicker flight for completely free. Although a lot of us were not entirely calm in this situation, one of the members who had been left behind was not quick to anger at the rest of the group for running behind at the airport and instead handled it with composure and was rewarded in the end. Another smaller example I can think of is when we received a hefty parking ticket in Seattle for mistakenly not paying on time. If I were in this position, I would be angry at God and not know what to do, but Brent stepped up and quickly and calmly found someone to talk to and got the ticket removed and we got the parking for entirely free. I have no doubt Brent had full faith God would work this situation out and he did. Even when things don't go our way, trusting that God's path is the straighter one is always the right decision.

GODS' BEAUTY IS ENDLESS

-I feel that I have already traveled a lot of places in my lifetime, and yet I am very aware I have barely caught a glimpse of the world. With every new place I discover, I become more appreciative of God's creation and the gift of life I have been given. Just within the less than two weeks of being in one single state in one country on Earth, I have seen countless mountains, waterfalls, beaches, rivers, climates, and more. The diversity in such a small portion of the earth displays the endless amount of beauty God has created.

Chat gpt will never replicate God's image like humans

-Although chat gpt may be a very resourceful tool at times, it is important to understand it was created at the hands of real breathing humans made in God's image, and to not let it consume or control us. We learned that it is not ALWAYS reliable and that making decisions through God's callings and our own free will should always be at the forefront.

BRENT NEVER FAILS

-Over the past couple years, it has become quite apparent that Brent is capable of pretty much anything. His calm demeanor, his extremely outgoing personality, and most importantly his love for God allow him to accomplish more than most in life. I was amazed by how much he was able to raise for the trip on his own, much due to what people see in him and the work he is doing. I am also amazed at how much he is able to coordinate in such a short amount of time. Our trips would not be what they are without him. Anytime I thought something wasn't gonna work out, Brent has found a way. I remember driving to a new state last year with zero knowledge of where we were gonna sleep that night and within one call Brent had it figured out. On this trip he was flexible and I feel that everyone was able to experience the different things they wanted to. He always has a positive outlook on situations and reminds us of the importance of the different aspects of our trip, from the mission to the adventure. He never seems to get angry and his passion for serving the Lord is evident. There isn't enough good things I could say about Brent, and I'd like to thank him for allowing us all to be able to go on such an amazing trip and serve others while also exploring God's amazing creation.

Help Us Fill Backpacks &
Brighten a Child's School Year!



Sunday, August 9th | 9:15am

@ CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOLLOWED BY
**Ice Cream Treat & Back to School
Gift Stations** @ FAMILY LIFE CENTER

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We're collecting new school supplies to support students as they prepare for the new school year.

DROP OFF DONATIONS:

- At the church office during regular business hours
- Before or after Sunday worship services (collection area at the back of the sanctuary)

Most Needed School Supplies

- #2 Pencils
- Large Erasers
- Child Safety Scissors
- Crayola® 24-Count Crayons
- Washable Markers
- 12-Count Colored Pencils
- Play-Doh
- Glue Sticks

- Plastic Art Boxes
- Black Dry Erase Markers
- Yellow Highlighters
- Clorox® Wipes
- Kleenex® Tissues
- Gallon-Size Zipper Storage Bags
- Sandwich-Size Zipper Storage Bags

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