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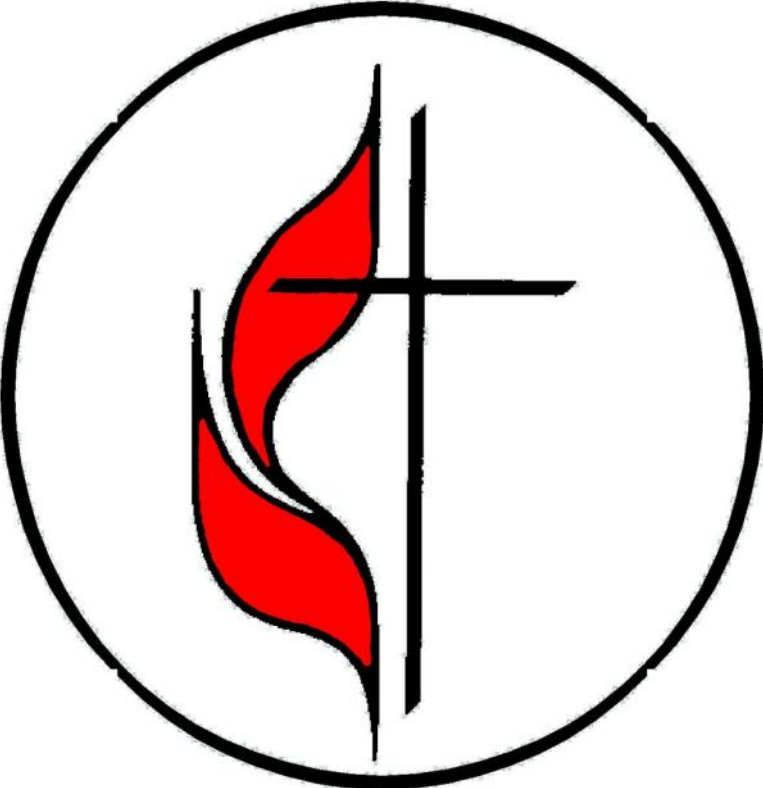
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
INFANT – 3 YEARS ROOM #107 4 YEAR OLDS – 5TH GRADE ROOM #106
YOUTH AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE UPSTAIRS
YOUTH 6TH – HIGH SCHOOL ROOM #204
ADULT CLASSES
4-CERS ROOM #211, COMPASS CLASS #212, LIBRARY CLASS HELD IN THE LIBRARY

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 26, 2026



GROWING.

LOVING.

RELATING.

WELCOME

Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

PRELUDE *You Are the Seed*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CENTERING MUSIC *Woman in the Night*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purpose.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

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 *Just You Wait*

*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)	"Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God"	No. 405
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MESSAGE	“Small But Mighty” Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 Romans 8: 26-39	Michael Tooley
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*HYMN	"This is My Father's World"	No. 144
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Love Lifted Me*

*Stand as you are able

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY
SUNDAY, July 26

9:15 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms

TUESDAY, July 28

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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THURSDAY, July 30

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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SATURDAY, August 1

8:00 p.m.	N/A Meeting	Garden Room/FLC
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SUNDAY, August 2
Communion

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



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



To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with" Refrain

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush - as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.