



The Messenger

April 2019

Community Easter Egg Hunt



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS SAFE DURING TORNADO WARNINGS



A VIEW FROM THE FRONT

To begin this year, we have been highlighting what I call the 4 Most Important Things. I have spent several decades thinking about these tools to help us grow in faith. Each month I have been sharing one of the four things and some thoughts about it, and this month will be no different. So far, we have talked about the importance of Bible study and prayer. Now I want us to turn our attention to Christian fellowship.

The 4 Most Important things are essential for anyone who is serious about their Christian faith, and especially those who want to grow in their relationship to Jesus. I usually say that none of the four is more important than any of the others. Technically, I believe that to be true. But in terms of the reality of daily life in the US, fellowship may have a leg up on the others. Christians really need the support and accountability that comes from others who share our faith. I need someone else to challenge me to maintain my spiritual disciplines. I need others to come around and support me when I am tempted, when I am grieving, or when I have sinned. Not only do I need the help that Christian fellowship provides, I also need to be involved in supporting others with my fellowship.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... Acts 2.46

The earliest Christians were involved and invested in Christian fellowship. That is an indication that we should be too. It is easy to convince ourselves that we don't need to worship together, or to experience fellowship with other believers, but I believe that we should make this a priority for several reasons.

Fellowship is fun. This goes without saying for most of us. And sometimes there is food involved. That's a win-win.

The Bible teaches us to fellowship together with other Christians. (Hebrews 10.25)

Fellowship causes me to be a more faithful and committed Christian.

Fellowship helps me to support the ministries of the church and the spreading of the gospel.

Fellowship reminds me that I'm not the only one going through whatever I'm going through.

Christian fellowship strengthens my commitment to the church.

Fellowship inspires me to keep finding deeper levels of faith.

Fellowship allows me to help others grow in faith.

Christian fellowship is the basic model of life that Jesus exemplified with his disciples.

And we could go on...

Here is the bottom line. Lone Ranger Christianity is possible, but it is hard and not very likely to last. Fellowship allows you to maintain your faith, grow your faith and share your faith. And besides it is more fulfilling than doing it on your own. Why wouldn't you do that?

**PASTOR DEWEY
VISITING
DELORIS GIBSON**





Central Child Care will be experiencing Week of the Young Child the week of April 8-12.

- 8 - Community Helper Day
- 9 - Sports Day
- 10 - Western Wednesday
- 11 - Mary Jo Huff Story Telling
- 12 - Drive - In and Ice Cream Social

CLASSROOM 103 PET PARADE



SCHOLARSHIP

The Evansville North Civitan Club is accepting applications for the Kent M. Sunderman Memorial Scholarship now through April 15, 2019. Multiple scholarships of up to \$1500.00 are available. Qualified recipients must be a (1) a junior, senior or graduate student in the 2019-20 academic year maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, (2) attending a 4-year college or graduate school located in Vanderburgh County or else residents of Vanderburgh County attending any accredited 4-year college or graduate school, and (3) planning a career in Human Services. For questions, please see Steve Millay. To request an application, contact Charles Hewins, Scholarship Committee Chair, at charles@hewinslaw.com or by phone at 812-424-0650.

EASTER LILY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

This Easter remember your loved one with an Easter Lily to be used in our sanctuary as a decoration, then you may take it home after Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10.00 each. The last day to order is Sunday, April 14. Acknowledgment of all gifts and lilies will be printed in a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, April 21. Please attach payment.

How many? _____

Given by _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

(We are asking that you make SEPARATE checks, one for Lilies and one for Loaves & Fishes.)

LOAVES & FISHES GIFTS

Remember a loved one this Easter by making a cash gift to the Central Loaves & Fishes Account. Monies in this account are used toward the financial needs of the families in our neighborhood. The deadline for this gift is Sunday, April 14 for the acknowledgment of all gifts to be printed in a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, April 21. Please attach gift with this form.

I prefer to give a gift of cash in the amount of: _____

Given by: _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Family Ministry Update

It's 2 weeks away and it's an
All-Church Effort!



Join Us in Welcoming Community and

Childcare Families to our Sunday Service and Egg Hunt! **Sunday, April 14** (Palm Sunday)

We will need **everyone** here that morning to welcome people. Even a sentence or two of friendliness to an individual can make all the difference in how others perceive Central Church. Can you join the effort?

We need leaders for these areas:



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| ☐ Hot Dog Stand | ☐ Popcorn Stand | ☐ Music, Mics and Speakers |
| ☐ Hot Dog—Kitchen | ☐ Ice Cream Stand | ☐ Hunt Registration Table |
| ☐ Beverage Stand | ☐ Beverage—Kitchen | ☐ Prize Registration |

Ways anyone can help:



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| ☐ Bringing in Candy | ☐ Stuffing Eggs | ☐ Passing out Flyers |
| ☐ Preparing the Church | ☐ Hiding Eggs | ☐ Helping with food stands |
| ☐ Greeting people at service | ☐ Decorating | ☐ Helping in the kitchen |
| ☐ Greeting people at the hunt | ☐ Setting up boundaries | ☐ Registration Table |
| ☐ Passing out Easter Invite Cards | ☐ Helping Little Hunters | ☐ Cleaning Up afterwards |

Stop by the Sign Up Sheet at the back of the Sanctuary or call the church office to let us know your preference.

NOTE: **We still need Candy!**

Individually wrapped, nut-free, small enough to fit in a plastic Easter egg.

or **Tiny Toys**

Safe only!



Our Church is GROWING!

Have you noticed? The pews are filling up on Sundays! If you haven't been in awhile, we would love to see you at 9:15 this Sunday. Come check out what everyone is excited about and be a part of the spiritual movement happening within our church!

Time to Sign Up for Camp!

Middle School Santa Claus Historic Campground—June 16-21

Youth going into 6-9th grades can go to a traditional Jr. High Camp at Santa Claus Historic Campground, just an hours drive from Evansville. Because this camp is the same week as the high school camp at Epworth Forest, some of our leaders will be gone, along with the church van. We do have a volunteer driver lined up so that students don't have to get their own ride.

High School Epworth Forest—June 16-21

Students entering 9th grade to graduating seniors are welcome to join us for this fun week. This United Methodist High School Camp is located in the Northeast part of Indiana and requires youth leaders and chaperones to attend the week of camp alongside the teenagers. We will have our own cabin, attend nightly worship concerts with professional bands and speakers, have daily Bible Study and free block activities such as sports, crafts and all things lake-related!



Chaperones Needed for Youth Trips

Spring Retreat May 5-7 Temple Hills Retreat Center (1 hour north of Evansville)

Epworth Forest Camp June 16-21 in Northeast Indiana

Colorado Mission Trip July 13-21 in Denver with Group Missions

If you are interested in chaperoning or managing meals and snacks for any of the trips, please contact Cynthia Jones as soon as possible at 812-499-7446.



CONDOLENCES

To the family of Jack Schwartz who passed on March 17. He was buried in San Antonio Texas.

To Joe & Patti Easley on the death of his Father, John Joseph Easley. His funeral was March 16 in Clay City, IN .

Important dates for your calendars: April 8 CAJE Rally, 6:30 p.m., St. John Newburgh and May 6 CAJE Action, 6:30 p.m., ONB Events Plaza.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

For your visits, cards, love and prayers. I am so happy to be remembered by you folks. I enjoyed my visit with Pastor Dewey and pray you are enjoying him too. He's a good guy, so very friendly. I feel he is a good fit for our church and I am praying all goes well at Central. I miss you and love you all. God Bless!

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COMMITMENT

SUNDAY

COMING

MAY 5

2019 MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST 7:15 a.m.

CENTRAL UMC FLC APRIL 6
OLD NORTH UMC APRIL 13

**\$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for
Children under 16 years of age.**

Earning money for Central is Easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Stop in at Schnucks and pick up a *My Schnucks Card*.
2. Register your card online at escrip.com/schnucks or by calling 1-800-931-6258.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Online giving is easy by following these simple steps:

Visit the church website at 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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Eric Robinson
- 4 Aiden Hartz
- 5 Matt Hartz
Sabrina O'Bryan
- 7 Mildred Bruner
- 7 Joy Noel McDowell
- 9 Joan DeVillez
Gary Frazier
Mary Jane Schmitt
- 10 Ellen Daugherty
- 12 Peggy Huey
- 13 Brandon Daugherty
Dade Herring
Shanna O'Shaughnessy
- 15 Ellason Wissner
- 16 Pat Duncan
- 17 Melissa Counts
Linda Tribble
- 18 Michael Eggleston
Kim White
- 20 Sandy Koenig
Patti Wright
- 22 Pam Boyles
Carolyn Casper
David White
Julianne Wildeman
- 23 Isla Chappell
Dannie Wells
- 24 Holly Rosero
- 25 Todd Wambach
- 26 Evelyn Schreiber
- 27 Shelby O'Bryan
- 28 Emily Bruce
Don Cobb
Katy Swain

CENTRAL CALENDAR

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30 am Food Pantry	2 10:00 am Staff Meeting 4:30 pm Mission Team 5:00 pm Youth Group	3 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	4 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 a.m. Love & Grace Study- Library	5 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	6 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Family Life Center 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
7 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Love & Grace Study	8 9:30 am Food Pantry 11:00 am Deaconess Moms 6:30 pm CAJE Rally	9 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	10 4:30 pm Trad. Worship Team 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	11 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 a.m. Love & Grace Study- Library	12 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	13 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Old North UMC 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
14 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Community Easter Egg Hunt – Central Family & Life Group Sunday School	15 9:30 am Food Pantry	16 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Literary Ladies 5:00 pm Youth Group	17 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	18 Messenger Deadline 9:30 am Food Pantry Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. Love Feast – Garden Room	19 Church Closes at Noon 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	20 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
21 Easter Sunday 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School	22 9:30 am Food Pantry	23 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	24 11:45 am Wednesday Friends 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	25 9:30 am Food Pantry	26 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	27 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
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CENTRAL CHILD CARE

Monday thru Friday/6:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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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.