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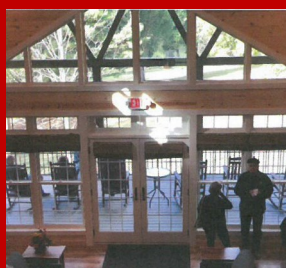
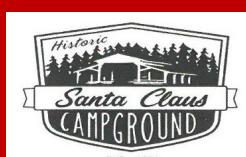
February 2019



Growing.
Loving.
Relating.

Central

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



Norm & Jane Schmitt recently toured the new lodge at the Santa Claus Campground and appeared in their newsletter.

Maryjane Brittingham, Judy Heilman, Kathy Reinke, Jane and Norm Schmit. Maryjane, Jane and Norm served as faithful members of the Camp Board at one time.



A VIEW FROM THE FRONT

We are embarking on a journey of spiritual growth throughout 2019. Because of that I want us to focus on what I call the “4 Most Important Things.” These things are not necessary to become a Christian, or even to be a Christian. But each of these items is crucial if we are going to grow in our Christian faith. Recently I had a sermon based on these things: Bible study, Prayer, Christian fellowship, and Ministry. For the next few months I want to spend some time looking at each of them. So, let’s get started with Bible study.

Tips for Reading the Bible

Part of the problem with reading the Bible is that we convince ourselves that it is too big to read. Or that it is too hard to understand. Or that it doesn’t really have anything to do with our lives in the 21st century. I disagree with all of those. I believe firmly that if you simply start reading the Bible, all of those concerns will quickly disappear. But to help you get going, let me suggest a few things.

- You can read the entire Bible in one year by devoting about 15 minutes each day. That may seem like a lot, but that is about the amount of time you spend watching commercials in one hour of prime-time television. 15 minutes is not that much. And this year we are reading only the New Testament together. You can do that in less than five minutes daily.
- Morning devotions are not more spiritual than evening prayer times. You need to find the time that works for you to do your Bible reading. If your brain works better late at night, do your Bible reading then. There is no right or wrong way to read God’s word.
- Find a version of the Bible that you enjoy reading and that is easy for you to understand. There is not a translation of the Bible that is more sacred than any other. All of our English versions are not the original language anyway. Try the Message, the New Living Translation, or my personal favorite, The Voice.
- Don’t beat yourself up or feel guilty if you miss a few days of reading the Bible. I try to read the Bible every day. But it doesn’t always happen. There are times when I am sick and can barely open my eyes. There are days that emergencies happen. And other times, I forget. Here is the key, though, get back to it as soon as possible. It is easy to get overwhelmed if you get too far behind.

The Bible has 66 books. There are over 100 chapters. There is a lot of information that comes in almost every genre of literature. It is easy to get discouraged and to feel defeated. Don’t let the enemy do that to you. Keep going. Make a commitment and then do the best you can. I know that we can all do it!



CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL UPDATE

With the New Year, changes in Leadership Council chairs have taken effect. We would like to express our appreciation for the services of two leaders that have completed their terms of service.

Josh Barron has dutifully provided financial leadership during his term. Working with his team to guide our church financial resources to best serve our mission in our community, he has been very successful. He is being succeeded by Chet Rycroft. Chet will be assuming a challenging task to keep our church finances in condition to serve.

Jim Herring, as Trustee Chair, has devoted his ability to oversee maintenance of our buildings and facilities including our Child Care and parsonage properties. Jim has devoted countless hours of his time in the maintenance and care of our church with its aging and complex facilities. A special thanks goes to Jim and Susan for preparing the parsonage so our new pastor could move into a refreshed and attractive home. Replacing Jim will be Dave Henzman. Dave brings experience and dedication to the Trustee Chair position.

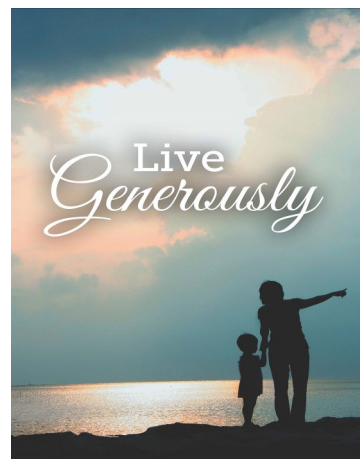
Please express your appreciation to our outgoing leaders and offer your support to our new leader as we work together to ensure Central's service to His kingdom.

Leadership Council Chair
Charles Giesman



Child Care has started the year off with a bang! We had a field trip to CMOE and Parent Teacher Conferences for most classrooms in January. We also opened our doors for a meet and greet for our 8 new infant families and the children that will move to a new classroom on February 4.

We are excited to hold our first ever VALENTINE DANCE fundraiser on February 8. It will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center gym. Tickets are \$5 and our church family is invited to attend. Make plans to join us for a fun evening!



**STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN
2019**

The Finance Committee and Leadership Team will be sharing our 2019 stewardship campaign soon, which will align with Pastor Miller's vision. Prayerfully consider how God is calling us to support His ministry at Central in the future.

Family Ministry Update



Small Groups Build Connections

Try one **THIS SUNDAY** after service.
If you're not already involved in a small group, you're missing out!

All groups and classes meet on **Sunday Mornings at 10:30**, after our 9:15 Service:

- **Family & Life Group**—Room B2, lower level
- **Library Class**—Room 100 (library), first floor
- **Compass Class**—Room 212, second floor
- **4-C'ers**—Room 211, second floor

Children's Sunday School meets at the same time, from 10:30-11:15 am:

- **Babies –Preschoolers**—Room 107 (Church Nursery)
- **Kindergarten - 2nd graders**—Room 106
- **3, 4, & 5th graders**—Room 206

Help Bring Young Families into our Church

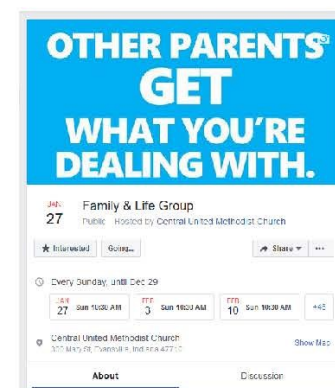
Tell them about our **Family & Life group**—on [Facebook](#) or in person!

See ad on the next page for details and you can **give it to someone** you know who would like it.

If you are on Facebook, you can invite people that way:

- Go to our church's Facebook page
- Click on "Events"
- Click on the "share" button
- Click on "Invite Friends"
- Your friend list will come up
- You can choose individuals who might be interested in this group

This will expose the group to hundreds more potential young families than just the friend lists of the event hosts. Thanks!





Come be a part of the conversation.

The Family & Life Group

Sunday mornings
10:30-11:15 am
Room B2 (Trinity Room)
lower level

email
beccascott1329@gmail.com
for more information

**WHAT ON EARTH
AM I HERE FOR?**

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

Free & Open to Everyone!

Free Childcare
during group time:

- Babies -pre-schoolers
Room 107 (Nursery)
- Sunday School for kids
Room 106 for K-4th grade
- Room 206 for 3, 4, & 5th
grade students

Youth Group Night Changed **Now Tuesdays!**

Youth are meeting in the gym at 5pm on Tuesdays, where they can choose a free time activity: basketball, games, cards or crafts. Then the group moves upstairs for supper in the youth room and devotional in the youth worship room.



Small Groups for Youth

Small groups of friends are forming afternoon groups for Bible Study and fellowship. The smaller group benefits everyone when it comes to faith formation, as it is much easier to pay attention to what you're learning if there are not so many distractions that you get in a large group. If you or someone you know would like to be in a small group, contact Cynthia Jones at 812-499-7446.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to the family of Frank Schwitz, who passed away on January 24. His visitation will be January 31 from 3-7:00 p.m. at Boone Funeral Home. The funeral will be Friday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. with burial at Sunset Memorial Park.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to John Schwartz and family on the passing of his wife, Shirley in San Antonio, Texas on January 14.

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

TRINITY UMC	MARCH 9
ALDERSGATE UMC	MARCH 16
ST. JAMES UMC	MARCH 23
CENTENARY UMC	MARCH 30
CENTRAL UMC	APRIL 6
OLD NORTH UMC	APRIL 13

The price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 16 years of age.

STAFF MEETING

This is a reminder that the church staff meets from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the church office. Please call or stop in anytime in the event of an emergency, but to minimize interruptions during the meeting, we would appreciate your calling before or after the staff meeting for non-emergency topics.

CENTRAL FOOD PANTRY

Anyone willing to serve as the leader of our Food Pantry is asked to contact the church office for additional information. Please continue to bring in your food pantry donations as listed in the church bulletin.

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Allison Harp
- 2 Margie Singer
- 4 Nancy Reid
- 7 Alexander Herring
Danny Redd
- 8 Terry Raymond
- 10 Rebecca Morgan
Julie Reed
Diane Walker
- 11 Wesley Lynch
- 12 Ray Brower
Elise Lynch
Megan Tribble
- 13 Julia Emsweller
Andrew O'Bryan
- 14 Kira Pusateri
- 15 Tim Boyd
Carly Frazier
Heather Morse
- 19 Remington Adams
Sue Halter
- 20 Mark Georges
- 22 Linda Henzman
- 25 Kristi Frazier
- 26 Deloris Gibson
Barbara Johnson
- 27 Kevin Reed
- 28 Eric Millay
Andrew O'Bryan Sr.

CENTRAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	2 12:00 pm Conklin - Tunnels 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
3 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service 10:35 am Family & Life Group 10:35 am Sunday School	4 9:30 am Food Pantry	5 10:00 am Staff Meeting 4:30 pm Mission Team 5:00 pm Youth Group	6 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:45 pm Bell Choir	7 9:30 am Child Care Set up FLC Food Pantry	8 4:00 pm Youth Small Group 6:00 pm Child Care Valentine Dance	9 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
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Tel. (812) 424-9461

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.