



The Messenger

July 2019



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 22-26 5:30-7:45 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School is for children 2 years through fifth grade. We will need lots of help during VBS week, There is a sign-up sheet in the Parlor.



EPPWORTH FOREST CAMP



CORY THORTON
ZACH PADDOCK



LILLY WELLER



CAROLINE & ELLIE
BARRON



BARRON GIRLS
JESSICA KLUESNER

SANTA CLAUS CAMP

A VIEW FROM THE FRONT

Disciplines for Discipleship

Over the past few months we have been considering the importance of spiritual growth in the life of the Christian. During this period, we have specifically looked at the practices that I have named the 4 Most Important Things: Bible study, prayer, Christian fellowship and ministry. Each of these fits into the broader category of what we call spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are practices that we do on a regular basis. The consistency of these activities is crucial to the development of spirituality in the believer.

There is not a correct combination of spiritual disciplines. In my last article I shared that my regular personal disciplines are Scripture reading, prayer, journaling and spiritual reading. I want to encourage you to find the disciplines that work for you. Among the dozens of spiritual disciplines that are available for the sincere believer in Jesus are the following.

Fasting- This is a personal period of abstaining from food (sometimes other items as well) for spiritual benefit. When we fast, we use the pangs of hunger to remind us of our hunger for God and his ways.

Meditation- This practice often gets a bad reputation because it is sometimes equated with some Eastern religion or New Age concept of emptying oneself. However, for the Christian meditation is not about emptying yourself of everything, but about filling yourself with God.

Hymn singing- Singing praises to God does not need to be limited to the Sunday morning worship service. We can be singing at other times throughout the week, and every day. Use your commute to work as a time to sing to the Lord. Offer a praise song while you are in the shower, or on the lawn mower. And don't be picky. Sing hymns. Sing contemporary praise and worship music. Turn on K-Love and sing along at the top of your lungs.

Listening to sermons- I know, this seems self-serving. But there is some truth to this. We live in a time when there are thousands (maybe millions) of sermons available online. You can listen for free. In fact, our church services can be streamed for free on the church website. Hearing the word of God can make a huge difference in your life.

Service- Doing good things (godly things) for others can be a great use of your time and energy. You will not only be helping others, but you will also be doing the work of God. When we serve others, it requires us to submit our own desires to the needs of those we serve. Loving and caring for those around us will help us grow in faith.

There are many more disciplines that you could try but pick one of these for starters. Give it a couple of weeks and watch what happens to your life. You will be filled with more joy and grow closer to God. I promise.





Did you know that 450 men, women and children
are homeless on any given night in Evansville?

Have you ever wanted to do something, anything to make a difference in someone's life, to help them to become a better person, have a better life or even just to make someone happy?

In the last month, Central's Loaves & Fishes a.k.a. YOU have made a difference in several people's lives. By opening your doors to a person in need or assisting Outreach Ministries and/or Aurora, you have helped relocate 3 people to a better situation and a better life. One person's address changed from a friends couch and a couple's address changed from under a bridge on Fulton Ave. They both were able to relocate to be with family where they can get the support they need and to leave the past struggles behind.

You were able to help a middle aged man keep his apartment so that he too would not be on a relatives or friends couch, on the street or in a shelter. And you were also able to keep a semi-retired person on Social Security from losing their home.

You, along with other agencies, helped a woman get her very own place after staying in a home with other people. She was so excited to have a place called home and not a shared space.

You have helped a young couple who had experienced some hard times. Him from an car accident, which caused him to be unable to work for several weeks. She also had missed several paychecks. They were to get paychecks soon but needed help to keep their electricity from being shut off.

When you give to Loaves & Fishes you are making a difference in someone's life. You may not see the smiles of appreciation, the look of relief from a load lifted or hear the tear choked voice but you have helped!

THANKS to EVERYONE who has or will give to Loaves & Fishes.

You, Central Church, is making a difference!

OUR SYMPATHY goes to the family of Lillian Suzanne Stone. She passed away June 15. She will have a visitation 12 to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 6, at Titzer Family Funeral Homes, Miller & Miller Colonial Chapel. A Celebration of life service will immediately follow.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to the Buse (Stephanie) and Millay families on the passing away of Mark's mother, Mary Lou Buse on June 24. Her funeral was June 28.

MISSIONARY—LISA KOENIG RADKE

The Compass Class has invited Lisa Koenig Radke to share a message about their mission work in Japan on July 28. We invite all to join us on that date to see one of Central's alumni and hear about their mission to bring Christ to people of the world.

CENTRAL CHILD CARE

Summer is in full swing at Central Child Care! The children are enjoying our typical summer activities of sprinkle time and visits to Zesto for ice cream. The summer camp children are busy with field trips to the pool, movies, and many other activities found in Evansville.

Omitted Graduate: William Andrew "Drew" Davis is graduating from Harrison High School. He attended Southern Indiana Technical School in 2019 and graduated with an Automotive Collision Repair Certificate of Excellence. Drew will be attending Indiana University South Bend studying Criminal Justice with plans to go into Law Enforcement. Drew is the son of Andy and Dawn Davis and grandson of John and Connie Maglinger.

ENDOWMENT REQUESTS

The Central United Methodist Church Endowment Fund Governing Board invites requests for funds from the 2019 annual distribution.

Requests should be made in writing by August 15, and submitted to:

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

Each year, the Endowment Fund Governing Board meets to review all requests for funding from the Church, the neighborhood and the community. Requests should include the amount of funding being sought and a brief description of the need. All requests will be considered depending on the amount of funding available for distribution.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Go to www.central-church.org; Click on the **Donate** button; click on the **Create Profile** button; follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Judy Wright
- 2 Haley Worland
- 3 Lisa Boberg
- 4 Cynthia Jones
Stacy Worland
- 5 Ryan Lynch
Ethan Schreiber
- 6 Beau Brandt
- 7 Chase Boberg
Jessica Kluesner
Karson Stofleth
- 9 Helen Lowey
- 10 Justin Canniff
Alexander Garcia
- 12 Barbara Beck
Joy Halbig
- 14 Karen Moore
Scott Tribble
- 15 Teenie Ann Boyd
Rebekah Koves
- 16 Jayne Dillow
Marilyn Patterson
Sheri Seymour
- 17 Evelyth Wright
- 18 Kaylee Glore
- 20 Daryel Harris
- 21 Hannah Harp
- 22 Abbie Wilson
- 23 Brodie Duncan
Charles Long
Andrea Wiley
- 25 Jim Herring
- 26 Aubrey Ellis
- 27 Trent Herring
Christopher Millay
- 28 Virgil Ellerbruck
Jo Wilson
- 29 Charles Giesman
Pam Sims
- 30 Don Hillyard
- 31 Ron Hames

CENTRAL CALENDAR

JULY 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 4:30 pm Youth Small Group	4 Independence Day	5 Church Office Closed	6 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
7 Communion 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Small Youth Group 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Engage Student Ministry	8 9:30 am Food Pantry 11:00 am Deaconess Moms	9 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	10 4:30 pm Trad. Worship Team 4:30 pm Youth Small Group	11 9:30 am Food Pantry 4:30 pm Small Youth Group	12	13 Youth Mission Trip 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
14 Youth Mission Trip 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Small Youth Group 10:30 am Sunday School	15 Youth Mission Trip 9:30 am Food Pantry	16 Youth Mission Trip 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Literary Ladies	17 Youth Mission Trip	18 Youth Mission Trip 9:30 am Food Pantry	19 Messenger Deadline Youth Mission Trip	20 Youth Mission Trip 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
21 Youth Mission Trip 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School	22 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m. 9:30 am Food Pantry	23 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m. 10:00 am Staff Meeting	24 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m. 11:45 am Wednesday Friends	25 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m. 9:30 am Food Pantry	26 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m.	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.

Tel. (812) 424-9461

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Family & Life Group 10:30 a.m.