



The Messenger

March 2019

In September, Pastor Dewey will be leading a mission trip with Kuandaa International (kuandaa.org) to the African nations of Uganda and Kenya. Kuandaa is an organization that is committed to the mission of equipping leaders for the church throughout the world (Ephesians 4:11-12). The trip for 2019 will be from September 10-23. Tasks of this team will include training pastors and church leaders, providing health, hygiene and business training to village women, and teaching children the stories of Jesus. If you have any questions or would like more information, you can call Pastor Dewey Miller at 260-336-2148 or email him at revdewey@central-church.org. There is room for everyone on this team.



Kuandaa International
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SEPT 10-23, 2019 EQUIP UGANDA

Location – East Uganda/Kenya

Whether you want to work with kids, work on building projects, or teach classes, we have plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer. We would love to have you join our team to Uganda in 2019. The cost for each person is \$3000 and includes airfare, accommodations, meals, in-country transportation, and mission costs. To learn more, please email us at kuandaainternational@gmail.com

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WITH BIBLICAL
KNOWLEDGE

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A VIEW FROM THE FRONT

Recently in a sermon, I made a reference to Nike's marketing slogan, "Just do it." I am a person who loves to plan. I study. I read. I go to conferences. I listen to sermons and lectures. I want to learn as much as I can before I get started on a project. And then I start to strategize. I consider options and worst-case scenarios. I think about potential outcomes and create timelines and deadlines. There is a lot of work that goes into most things I do, even before I do them. But eventually, I get to the place that I just do it.

Sometimes we can treat prayer that way. We want to learn as much as we can about it and how to do it. In fact, for most of us Christians we know that we should pray, but we are really not sure how to do it. And this leads us to what can be a lot of guilt and regret. We don't pray because we have become convinced that we don't know how.

I want to help rectify this problem. What follows are some simple suggestions for beginning an exciting and fulfilling life of prayer.

- You don't need to kneel to pray. I like getting on my knees, but it isn't necessary. God hears you no matter what position you are in.
- You don't have to use fancy or flowery language to be effective in your prayers. Simply talk to God the way you talk to your friends and family members. You wouldn't put on pretenses to have a conversation with someone else, so don't get worked up about talking to God.
- There is not a time or place that is better than any other to pray. You can pray anywhere you are at any time of day or night.
- Prayer should be a conversation. Spend time talking to God, but make sure that you also listen to what he has to say to you.
- Start out by praying for just a few minutes. Don't think that you have to suddenly be praying for an hour at a time. Spend 3-5 minutes with God and it will revolutionize your life.

One more suggestion: Use an outline to help you pray. I often find myself returning to the ACTS prayer method. Each letter represents a different section of prayer. So, begin your prayer time with the A. Adoration is the time that we spend worshipping and praising God. Follow that with C, confession. God promises to forgive our sins, but we need to confess and repent. T is for thanksgiving. Here is a chance to list all the blessings you have received and to thank God for them. Finally, we come to S, supplication. This is where we ask God to meet the needs that we have. Pray for one or two minutes in each of those categories, using the tips above and you will find that your spiritual life will grow substantially and quickly.

I am going to be praying. I hope you will join me.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY Virginia!



Virginia Sumner Hurt will be celebrating her **100th** birthday March 17, 2019. She has family coming from the East Coast to the West Coast and many states in between. They will celebrate with her for this special occasion at the Newburgh Country Club.

When you see her, please wish her a very Happy Birthday for this special milestone in her life.



The Child Care teachers had a wonderful training on President's Day. We reviewed requirements for our food program, Center and NAEYC policies as well as learning about the new NAEYC model for re-accreditation. We also continued learning about Conscious Discipline strategies to use in our classrooms.

Our first Valentine Dance was a hit with the families too. We were glad to see Pastor Dewey and Shannon as well as David and Cynthia Jones there!

March will bring the return of field trips to Inflatable Fun Factory and spring pictures. Hopefully it will also bring the return of outside play opportunities! I think we may even have a visit from the Cat in the Hat!



We will be selling our World's Finest Chocolate bunnies and other goodies again this year. The sale runs March 4-18 and the goodies cost between \$6-\$7. Order sheets are available in the church office and will be in the bulletin on 3/10 and 3/17. This is an easy way to support Child Care and get some goodies for your Easter baskets!

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.

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: _____

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Family Ministry Update

spring summer

- March 10—**Daylight Savings Time** begins

May 12—**Mother’s Day**

March 25-29—**EVSC Spring Break**

April 14—**Central’s Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt**

April 21—**Easter**

May 3-5—**Youth Spring Retreat**

May 22—**Last day of school—EVSC**

May 27—**Memorial Day**
- June 2—**Neighborhood Block Party**

June 16—**Father’s Day**

June 16-21—**High School Camp** at Epworth Forest

June 16-21—**Junior High Camp** at Santa Claus

July 13-21—**Youth Mission Trip**

July 22-26—**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

August 7—**First Day of School (EVSC)**

August 18—**Oldies Dance & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch**



Let’s Get Ready to welcome the community into our church!

Our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is Coming! 

Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) Write down your name to help with:

- Stop by the Sign Up Sheet at the back of the Sanctuary**
- Event Planning Team
 - Bringing in Candy
 - Preparing the Church
 - Music
- Stuffing Eggs
 - Hiding Eggs
 - Decorating
- Passing out Flyers
 - Helping with food
 - Registration Table
 - Helping Hunters

Sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary lobby. You will be contacted to coordinate a meeting time.

Chaperones Needed for Youth Trips

Spring Retreat

Each Spring and Fall, Central's Youth Group takes a weekend to "get away from it all" and focus on God. We drive about an hour out of town and stay in our own lodge at a retreat center. The dates of this Spring Retreat are May 5-7.



Epworth Forest Camp

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 and are looking for meal managers and general

chaperones for the week of June 16-21.



Colorado Mission Trip

Central's Youth Ministry is taking students from 6th-12th grades to Colorado this summer for our annual Youth Mission Trip. We need adult chaperones! The drive out west will be divided into two 8-hour days, with a stop in the middle to spend the night. We will have some fun excursions before and after the mission work, which will be Monday-Thursday in the afternoons. We will work with soup kitchens, ministries to the elderly, homeless shelters, food pantries, children's ministries and much more! The mornings and evenings will be filled with Bible Study, Worship, skits, talent shows and lots of bonding. The dates of the trip are July 13-21.

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.



Drivers Needed for Santa Claus Camp

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. There will likely only be a handful of younger students who qualify for this camp, so 1-2 cars will be sufficient. If you can help out, text Cynthia at 812-499-7446



CONDOLENCES

To the family of Sharon Stone. She died in North Vernon, IN on January 25 and was buried in Oakhill Cemetery.

To Patti & Joe Easley on the death of her mother, Mary Virginia "Ginny" Schurger. Her funeral was February 21 in Decatur, IN and a memorial service was held that evening at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Evansville.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW are meeting at Western Rib Eye at 11:30 a.m. on March 18.
Pastor Dewey Miller will be the guest speaker.

MARCH 10



Thank
you!

To everyone that brought in
items for the office that helps
feed the hungry.

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

TRINITY UMC	MARCH 9
ALDERSGATE UMC	MARCH 16
ST. JAMES UMC	MARCH 23
CENTENARY UMC	MARCH 30
<u>CENTRAL UMC FLC</u>	<u>APRIL 6</u>
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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David Jones
- 2 Jerrine Robertson
- 2 Abby Warneke
- 4 Joelle Lynch
- 6 Alan Eggleston
- 7 Lisa Miner
- 8 Pastor Dewey Miller
- 8 Ruth Randall
- 9 Gavin Wambach
- 10 Liz Garcia
- 12 Jennifer Brandt
- 13 Brent Hillyard
- 14 Heather Harris
- 17 Virginia Hurt
- 17 Martha Maier
- 18 Natalie Morse
- 19 Wayne Jones
- 19 Avont Shemwell
- 21 Richard Schnakenburg
- 23 June Davis
- 23 Nancy Frazier
- 23 Susan Guard
- 25 Josh Barron
- 25 Connie Hauser
- 28 Emma Brandt
- 28 Logan Brandt
- 28 Tom Halbig
- 28 Angeliqua Hartmann
- 29 Marsha Goldsmith
- 30 Karen Schnakenburg
- 31 Calvin Millay

CENTRAL CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	2 8:00 pm Carniff - Tunnels N A Mtg - Trinity
3 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Small Youth Group	4 9:30 am Food Pantry	5 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	6 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	7 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Youth Small Group	8 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	9 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Trinity UMC 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
10 Daylight Saving Time starts 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Small Youth Group	11 9:30 am Food Pantry 11:00 am Deaconess Moms	12 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	13 4:30 pm Trad. Worship Team 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	14 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Youth Small Group	15 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	16 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Aldersgate UMC 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
17 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Small Youth Group	18 9:30 am Food Pantry 11:30 am UMW – Western Rib Eye	19 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Literary Ladies 5:00 pm Youth Group 5:30 pm Leadership Council	20 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	21 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Youth Small Group	22 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	23 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – St. James UMC 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
24 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Small Youth Group	25 9:30 am Food Pantry	26 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	27 11:45 am Wednesday Friends 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	28 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:00 pm Youth Small Group	29 4:00 pm Youth Small Group	30 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Centenary UMC 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
31 9:15 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Small Youth Group						



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:35 a.m.