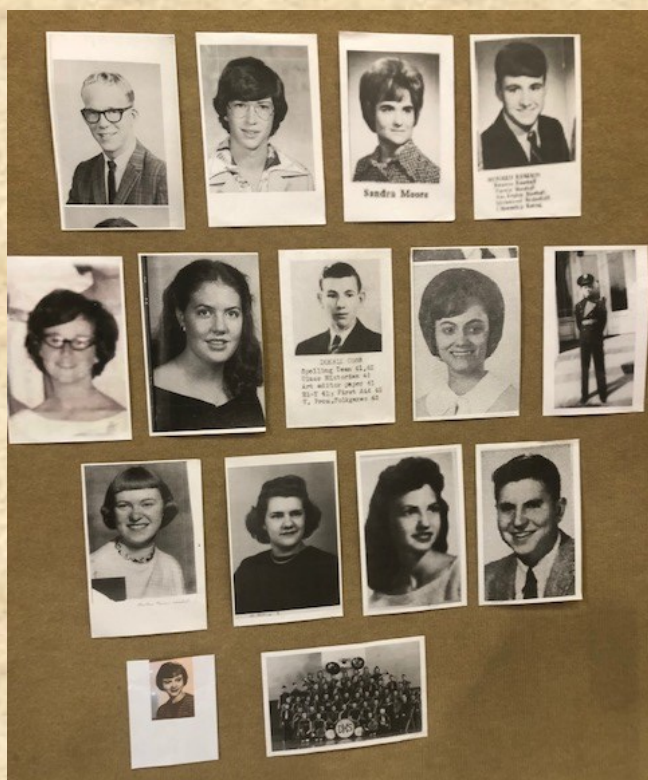




The Messenger

September 2019



OLDIES PARTY

SEE ANYONE YOU
KNOW?



CENTRAL THROUGH THE EYES OF REMODEL CHECK OUT THE PARLOR



A VIEW FROM THE FRONT

Tim is one of my oldest friends. We share many of the same values, beliefs and convictions. I have known Tim longer than almost anyone. We first met over 30 years ago when we were attending seminary together. We were both pastors serving small churches in rural communities. Being from the same denomination, making a connection made perfect sense. We had several classes together, and unfortunately, we skipped many classes together. We used to laugh that Tim had the spiritual gift of organizing meals. It was not uncommon to hear Tim say, "Let's skip Old Testament class today and go to Pizza King."

After graduation our families got to know one another. We would often visit in each other's parsonages. Tim and I were in the same ordination class. And our friendship continued to grow. There was a series of summers (we think it was 12 years) that we directed an elementary aged church camp together. We would bring our children with us for the week and had a great time each year. All of these years we would move from church to church. Sometimes our churches would be close together, at other times far apart. But through all the years our friendship has endured. And still, Tim is a trusted friend, spiritual mentor and confidant.

I wish that everyone had a friend like Tim. That's the point of this article. Get a friend like Tim. Let me tell you why.

Tim and I live about as far apart as we can in Indiana. He serves as pastor of Angola United Methodist Church in the northeast corner of the state, while I serve Evansville Central in the southwest corner. We don't see each other as often as we once did. Its not very practical to get together for one thing. But we try to make time for our friendship. (I must confess that Tim is much better at this than I am.) Our monthly lunches have turned into an occasional phone call and trying to make time for one another at conference events. But I still value my relationship with Tim because... he challenges me.

When we have an appointment, either in person, or by telephone, I begin preparing. You would think that I didn't need to get ready for a meeting with a dear friend, but I do. I need to think through and prepare for the meeting because Tim always asks me the most important question. At sometime during our time together, usually near the end when we are about to pray together, Tim will look at me and ask, "Dewey, how is your walk with the Lord?"

I try to care for my relationship with Jesus each day. I read Scripture. I pray. I meditate. I do all this regularly. Daily even. But Tim knows me. And he holds me accountable. I can't be lazy when I know that Tim is out there somewhere.



The end of the Pastor's article was omitted from last newsletter.

I still believe that people get saved in revival meetings, and that sinner's prayers are valid and effective. But I have come to believe that God is bigger than the box that I have designed for him. He can save people any way that he wants. And sometimes he wants to do it gradually.

I guess when I think about it, God is changing how I think and believe, the same way that he changes those who follow him. That's probably not a coincidence.

Family Ministry Update

New Programs for Fall!

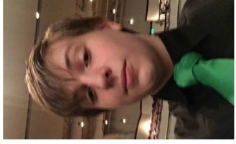
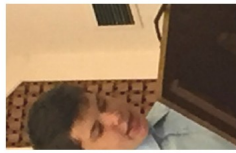
Kids’ Club Starts October 30!

After school fun, games, Bible lessons and food all add up to a great way for kids to grow in their faith! The first Kid’s Club will start October 30, with more information to follow. We want to get all kids of the church involved, so be sure to mark your calendar and keep Wednesday afternoon free for your kids!



Engage Youth Starts September 15th!

There are quite a few kids aged 6th grade and up who sometimes come on Sunday Mornings with their families, but haven’t been engaged with a group of their peers lately. We would love to draw those kids in with a safe and fun youth group time just for them! If you have a teen who you would like to see engaged, mark your calendar and bring them on Sunday, September 5 from 3-5 pm in the Youth Center!

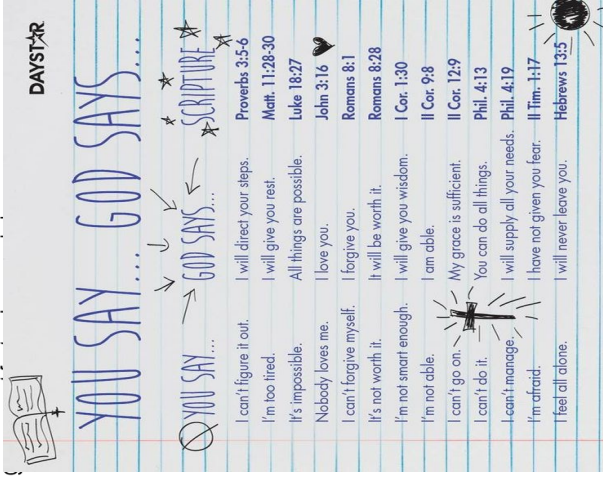


You, a small group leader?

Our Youth Ministry continues to grow and the need for small group Bible Studies is great!



Even if you feel like you don’t know the Bible well enough yourself, your lesson will be pre-planned for you and you can learn along with the kids! You could choose a time turning the week that fits your schedule, and let us know what type of group you would like to work with. Some small



basketball during the first hour, then eat either a simple meal or snacks, depending on the meeting time. We usually start the “devo” (short for devotional) at the end. Other groups only meet for one hour and it is mainly Bible Study/Devotional. Contact Cynthia Jones if you can help at 812-499-7446 (texts okay).

We have a lot of boys in small groups, but hardly any girls. It would be great to have a girls’ study with a fun activity such as crafts, sports or special interests. We also have several boys who have asked about being in a small group, so the need is definitely there! The harvest is plenty, but the workers are few, so please pray about it!

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matthew 9:37-38



OUR SYMPATHY Goes to Bill Wright and Family on the death of Evelyth on August 7. Her funeral was August 13 at Central. Burial was at Bethel United Church of Christ Cemetery.



Our new school year is underway! We are excited to welcome many new families to Central Child Care. The teachers and children are settling into their new routines. September will bring some exciting events. We have Parent-Teacher conferences for the classrooms that moved last February. Our grandparents will be recognized on Friday, September 6th with a special gathering in the FLC gym. We will have our fall school pictures taken September 23-

*Thank
you!*

Thanks to everyone that had anything to do with my going away party. The praying for my husband and I to the cleaning up after the reception, the cards, kind words, gift cards, plant, study Bible and money, it was all wonderful and meant so much to me. You are all such dear people and I appreciated my send-off greatly. I cannot say it enough that I miss you all very much. Pastor Dewey and Shannon you are such a blessing and Central you are a great church!

Lisa Miner

Fall Festival time is quickly approaching. We will need volunteers for the Fall Festival. It is the first full week of October and sign up sheets will appear after Labor Day.

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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.

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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.

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Tyler White
- 2 Jenny Dillback
Jerold Moore
- 3 Cole Ferris
Robert Francis
Charlotte Robinson
- 6 Matthew Slaubaugh
- 7 Michael Tribble
- 8 Frank Schwitz
Barry Thompson
- 9 Molly McDowell
William Sebree
Madison Jones
- 10 Regina Redd
- 11 Morgan Ayers
Grant Dugan
Malana Halbig
Drew Hartmann Jr.
- 12 Rosemary Jarrett
- 14 Shane Wilson
Bill Wright
Blair Buse
- 16 Beverly Ellerbruck
- 17 Richard Crow
Janet Duncan
Betty Myers
Charles Powers
Shane Unversaw
- 18 Aubry Hartz
Archie Wildeman
Darlene Rycroft
- 20 Cooper Willis
- 25 Dekajuan Halbig
Bob Dallas
- 26 Austin Halbig
- 27 Nicholas Wilson
- 28 Avery Adams
- 30 Amelia Guard
James Kluesner
Thomas Mirando

CENTRAL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 am Communion Traditional Worship Service Family & Life Group 10:30 am Small Youth Group 10:30 am Sunday School	2 Labor Day Church & Child Care Closed	3 10:00 am Staff Meeting 4:30 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Leadership Council 5:30 p.m.	4 4:30 pm Youth Small Group 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	5 9:30 am Food Pantry 4:30 pm Youth Small Group	6	7 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
8 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am Picnic Brunch	9 9:30 am Food Pantry	10 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group	11 4:30 pm Trad. Worship Team 4:30 pm Youth Small Group 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	12 9:30 am Food Pantry 4:30 pm Youth Small Group	13	14 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
15 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Small Youth Group 10:30 am Sunday School	16 9:30 am Food Pantry 11:30 am UMW - Trinity Room	17 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Literary Ladies 5:00 pm Youth Group	18 4:30 pm Youth Small Group 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	19 9:30 am Food Pantry 4:30 pm Youth Small Group	20 Messenger Deadline	21 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Family & Life Group 10:30 a.m.