

## OPPORTUNITIES

### M&M Childcare Workers Needed

There is currently a need for additional paid childcare workers for our Moms and Mentors program, which meets on Tuesday mornings. If you love kids and would like to be paid \$20 per morning to watch children while their moms are connecting in our M&Ms program, please contact Lesa at 395.3113 or [ibatema@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:ibatema@centralwesleyan.org).

### Central Kids Ministry

Please consider how you can serve and join the excitement on the preschool and elementary floors. Right now we have an urgent need for men to lead 3rd, 4th or 5th grade boys first and second hour. Would you consider how you can help? Visit any Children's Kiosk today or email [dheiser@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:dheiser@centralwesleyan.org).

### Hand 2 Hand Ministry

Did you know that 280 students from Jefferson and the Early Childhood Center at Maplewood School receive food each week from the Central's Hand 2 Hand Ministry? Hand 2 Hand provides healthy snacks for students who may be lacking in food on the weekends. We need help transporting the packed food to Jefferson school either Thursday afternoon after 3:30 p.m. or Friday mornings. You would need to physically be able to pick up heavy bins of food on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Please contact Chris at 395.3102 or email [chofland@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:chofland@centralwesleyan.org).

## FAMILY NEWS

### Dealing with a serious or long-term illness:

Mike Boerman, John Boersema, Phyllis DeWitt, John DeWys, Sandy DeWys, Beth DeYoung, Lucy

Geurink, Deb Grunst, Dan Heiberg, Amy Kamphuis, Joy Kirklin, Mel Kirklin, Jodi Lokker, Helen Matejka, Carmen Modrzynski, Chris Morren, Janice Mullins, Niko Pilafas, Renae Postma, Rosemary Reidsma, Mike Rotman, MaryLou Rutgers, Heather Stone, Loie VanDis, Marlene Walsh, Rod Webb and Lillian Westfield.

**Recovering:** Phyllis Looman, Norm Lyzenga, Bruce Panse and Darrel Turner.

**We extend our sympathy to:** Patrick (Robin) Gentry and Kelly (Ron) Webb for the loss of their father, Terry Gentry.

## THE NUMBERS

October 25, 2015

### Attendance

Worship Attendance	3,031
Online Attendance	589
La Roca Attendance	128
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>3,748</b>
Community Groups	461
Small Groups	890

### General Budget

Received Last Week	\$78,900
Received Since 6/15	\$1,903,500
Weekly Need	\$94,700
Need Since 6/15	\$1,944,700

### Missions

Received Last Week	\$13,500
Received Since 6/15	\$247,900
Need Since 6/15	\$258,500

### Beyond

Received Last Week	\$5,600
Received Since 6/15	\$94,900

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NOVEMBER 1, 2015

# Central WEEKLY

# Christmas STORE at Central

Christmas is approaching—fast!! Many of you have begun your shopping or are at least thinking of what you'll be giving your loved ones. Have you placed the gift of dignity on your list?

The Christmas Store is intended to give parents in our community the opportunity to purchase new gifts for their families at significantly reduced prices. Both parents and kids will be able to shop for each other, then spend quality time together while creating memories. The reality is, our community is not entirely made up of families who are able to provide gifts for their family. Simply giving them gifts for free often exposes a parent's shame by not being able to provide and a child can begin to feel insecure in the ability of their parents.

So, how does the Christmas Store help provide dignity? We will create a store! Last year we helped more than 370 families in our community by providing a low cost shopping experience. Parents come to the Christmas Store paying for the gifts with their own money, then their kids see them pay for the gifts. Picture this: On Christmas morning as the kids rip open their gifts they run to give their parents a hug... just like your kids do. The fact parents had the opportunity to provide for their family brings dignity.

It's a family experience. While parents shop the kids work with volunteers to do crafts, choose a gift for their parents and hear the story of Christ's Birth. Once all shopping and wrapping is finished the families will come together for an activity to bring them closer. It is truly a special day!

**How Do You Get Involved?** Starting today:

- 1. Donate a gift until December 6!** We are in need of 4,000 gifts. As you leave today you will receive a green bag with a gift suggestion. Please return the gift as soon as possible to the Main Lobby.
- 2. Volunteer:** Many volunteers are needed. Stop by the Christmas Store table in the Main Lobby to volunteer.
- 3. Give a financial gift:** Visit the Christmas Store table to make a donation.

Visit the Christmas Store table in the Main Lobby or contact Chris at 395.3102 or [chofland@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:chofland@centralwesleyan.org) with questions.

## GENERAL

### **New Member Class Today**

If you have been worshipping with us, and would like to learn more about our church, we invite you to attend our new member class this morning in the Student Room (D309) from 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church, so you can have the information to decide if you'd like to become a member. Stop by the Info Desk after first service if you need help finding the room.

### **YA Worship Night**

Are you 18–26 years old and looking for a place to connect? Join us on Monday night, November 2, at Simpatico Coffee from 7-8:30 p.m. for a night of worship! If you have any questions, email James at [jappelt@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:jappelt@centralwesleyan.org).

### **Special Needs Buddies**

Do you know families that include children with special needs? Our special needs buddies are eager to love on these treasured children and assist them to participate in Central Kids worship and small groups. Parents can register their family on our website and include their child's abilities so we are ready to accommodate them on Sunday morning. Contact Debbie at [dheiser@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:dheiser@centralwesleyan.org) or 395.3084 with questions.

### **Pieces of Time Scrapbooking**

If you like crafts, join us Friday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. in C162 for a fun fellowship and crafting opportunity (use Entrance D). This ministry is designed for fellowship with others who share the same desire to make lasting memories for future generations. The class begins with prayer and then each person works at their own pace, whether

it's paper crafting, sewing or beading, please feel free to come. Call Sandi to reserve a spot or to inquire more about this ministry at 394.3046 or email [potterstime@yahoo.com](mailto:potterstime@yahoo.com).

### **Surviving the Holidays**

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging evening, *Surviving the Holidays* on Sunday, November 8 from 6–8:30 p.m. in C161. This seminar will give you practical tools to help you cope with your loss during the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. This event is open to the public and free of charge. If you have questions, or would like more information, call Holly at 395.3138 or email her at [hleblanc@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:hleblanc@centralwesleyan.org).

### **Adoption/Foster Care Workshop**

Are you passionate about children in need? Come to a free His Kids Workshop Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the Wyoming Campus of Kentwood Community Church or Sunday, November 15, 5–8:30 p.m. at Ridge Point Community Church in Holland. There will be lots of interesting sessions about adoption, foster care, orphans, parenting and more, as well as informational fairs to connect your passion with the needs of kids. Visit [orphansundaywestmichigan.weebly.com](http://orphansundaywestmichigan.weebly.com) for details.

### **Christmas Desserts December 3 and 4**

Ladies, come decorate a table, bake (or buy) a dessert, and enjoy an evening of Christmas joy with other women. Hear our speaker, Wibke Rees, share her heart and enjoy beautiful music by Micah and Lisa Kephart. This is a great event to invite your friends, coworkers or family members! But we need more lovely hostesses and waiters to make our event

a success! Get more info and sign up at [centralwesleyan.org/christmasdesserts](http://centralwesleyan.org/christmasdesserts), or contact Lesa at 395.3113 or [lbatema@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:lbatema@centralwesleyan.org). If you've already signed up to be a hostess, please purchase your tickets in W282 (Off the Main Lobby) between services today, or come to the church office Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. If you'd like to be a hostess, we're happy to answer your questions as well!

### **Sacred Journey**

Women, save the date for a Sacred Journey on April 16, 2016. This event is based on Sharon Garlough Brown's second book, *Two Steps Forward*. If you haven't read her first book, *Sensible Shoes*, you may want to read it before starting the second book. Reading the books prior will enhance your experience for this event, but it is not necessary in order to attend. Books are available for \$15. Please contact Lesa at 395.3113 or [lbatema@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:lbatema@centralwesleyan.org) for information or to purchase a book.

## CHILDREN

### **November in Central Kids**

This month our preschoolers will learn that God made them special and has a plan for them. Using puzzles, they will learn about how each piece is needed to tell a story. It's all hands on deck as our elementary kids see how Jesus served others, how they can use what they already have to lend a hand, and trust God to supply what they need. Join us on Sundays at 9 or 10:45 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

## STUDENTS

### **Gather**

This Wednesday, November 4, from 6–8 p.m. Ignite (middle school) will be meeting at Engedi Church (710 Chicago

Dr.) with other area youth groups for a night of community wide worship. Pizza will be available for \$1 per slice.

### **Ignite at Neverrest**

The middle school Neverrest all nighter will be taking place November 20 and 21 at Ridge Point Community Church and 3Mile Project in Grand Rapids. Students will start out at Ridge Point with a dynamic speaker and live worship. After that they'll load up on buses and head to 3Mile where there will be reball, an indoor skate park, athletic courts and much more! Cost is \$30. Registration forms are available at Ignite.

### **Fuel: Students at the Water's Edge**

Join us tonight from 5:30–7 p.m. in the Student Room (D309) for the kick off of our new series "Students at the Water's Edge!" In this series we will be talking about what it means to be on mission—both globally and locally. We're excited! Come at 5 p.m. for pizza. Pizza is \$2 per slice or free if you bring a friend.

### **Fuel Community Groups**

Our midweek community groups will be meeting again this week! For details on where your group meets contact Taylor Perry at 395.3095.

### **Poinsettia Fundraiser**

High school and middle school students looking to raise money for camps and mission trips, poinsettia packets are now available for you to pick up at Ignite and Fuel! In each packet are five vouchers and instructions on how to sell them. You don't even need to worry about delivering them, you sell the voucher and the buyer is responsible to pick up the poinsettia! All orders, money and unsold vouchers need to be turned in November 15.